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Fishermen forced to negate actions

by Martin Langille

Last month, the seven-month strike of Canso Strait fishermen was concluded when trawler fishermen signed an "agreement" with Booth Fisheries of Petit de Grat and Acadia Fisheries of Mulgrave and Canso.

One of the issues raised by this strike, as in other strikes, is the granting of court injunctions forbidding picketing of plant sites. This tactic, so often employed by the companies with the ready compliance of the Courts, denies workers their most effective bargaining weapon — the ability to withdraw their labour power and prevent the company from bringing in scab labour to replace them. Even after much of the storm and publicity roused by the fishermen's strike has died down and the strike ended, the legal repercussions of the injunctions are still being felt by the fishermen.

In June of this year, Chief Justice Gordon Cowan sentenced fishermen to jail terms of 20 and 30 days for defying a Court injunction ordering them to stop picketing fish plants in Canso, Mulgrave and Petit de Grat. But the fishermen, always a bit suspicious of the efficacy of Judicial Wisdom, displayed a most irreligious disregard for the Divine Inspiration of the Courts, declaring instead that they were quite ready to go to jail rather than give up their rights or abandon their principles.

This act of heresy caused Our Lady of Justice such a fit of apoplexy that She actually dropped Her precious Scales. Justice Cowan, in an attempt to teach the Labour movement the peril of defying the edicts of the Supreme Court, sentenced fisherman Everett Richardson to nine months in jail.

A new reign of Inquisitional Terror appeared imminent for the rest of the fishermen still awaiting trial. Fortunately, however, 7,500 workers throughout the province, having observed the distress in which Lady Justice found herself, walked off their jobs in an effort to rouse the Justice Department to Her assistance. Finally awakened, the Attendants of Justice managed to gather up the Scales and restore them, albeit in a somewhat battered condition, to their Lady's hand.

The sentences were suspended pending a Supreme Court appeal, and the Justice Department went back to sleep, having forgotten, as usual, to restore the damaged

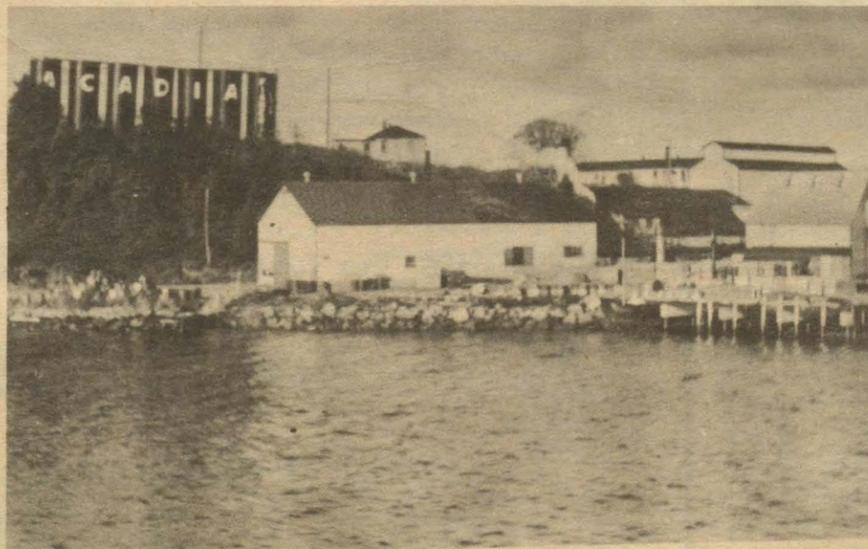
Scales to their proper condition.

The fishermen are now back at work, having eeked out a meagre settlement from the fish companies. But the Court proceedings still remain. The replacing of the old Attendants of Justice with a new entourage has left the Justice Department remarkably unchanged, and the High Priests of Justice remain as they were, their ruffled dignity beginning to re-assert itself now that the attention of the public has been removed from them.

On Monday, Nov. 23, three inshore fishermen were back in Court on the same contempt charges, again facing Chief Justice Cowan. Justice Cowan demanded that the fishermen either apologize to the Court, on the grounds that they had not known what they were doing when they defied the injunction, or face new sentences. This, in spite of the fact that the fishermen had already gone on record during the previous trials stating that they knew exactly what they were doing. They were fighting for their rights against a biased system of Justice. It is the Courts themselves not the fishermen who are ignorant of this fact. Like Galileo at the hands of the Inquisition the fishermen were asked, in effect, to commit purgery or face sentence.

The fishermen were given time to leave the courtroom and make their decision. There were several considerations to be made: the possibility of jail sentences if

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Acadia's Mulgrave plant was one of the centers of a seven month fishermen's strike this year. The strike is now over, but the effects linger on.

Disputes over hiring

Sociology splits

The widely-heralded student parity system in the Sociology department appears to be in trouble.

Despite chairman Don Clairmont's optimism in last week's Gazette that "parity will help in the debureaucratization" of department policies, the faculty's hiring of UBC graduate Peter Clark on Friday over stiff student opposition has caused open divisions in the department.

A Sociology Students' Course Union meeting has been called for today (Dec. 3) to discuss the apparent break-down in decision-making and decide what position the union will take.

Students have parity within departmental meetings and its committees on all issues except hiring and firing of faculty and evaluation of students.

But the hiring of new faculty — as many as seven may be added — has become the central issue facing the department this year and many students think that faculty are making arbitrary, unilateral decisions.

The conflict flared Tuesday when the Students Union representatives presented a motion to the department asking that new candidates be discussed openly at the departmental meetings and that the faculty immediately proceed to a vote. They still recognized that the faculty has the ultimate vote on hiring.

A further clause asked that the new candidates be discussed in groups to allow a more representative choice.

Several days earlier, faculty had suggested that the potential faculty members be discussed and voted on in a secret faculty meeting. Students felt this was in contradiction to the spirit of openness and trust the faculty was advocating.

After 90 minutes of vigorous debate the faculty decided to caucus to consolidate their opinion and discuss the admissibility of the student motion.

Meanwhile, the students decided on a compromise position.

When the faculty returned, chairman Clairmont said that the student motion was out of order. He refused to table the new student motion for further discussion and rejected a plea to delay the hiring procedure until an agreement could be negotiated.

On Thursday the faculty had their own secret meeting to work out a new hiring mechanism but did not consult the Students' Union.

The faculty invited interested students to their special meeting on Friday to discuss the two potential candidates Clark and Dick Metzoff from York University.

More than 20 students attended, but made clear that it was another compromise on their part. They regarded the hiring procedures as open to further negotiations.

Student after student spoke against the two candidates and questioned the urgency of making a decision im-

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Groups protest planning scheme

Halifax neighbourhood organizations and anti-pollution groups are organizing opposition to several contentious development plans slated for presentation by the Metro Area Planning Commission at a meeting this week. At a meeting Thursday (today) at 8:00 p.m. in the Oxford St. School, the Commission will unveil schemes aimed at intensive industrial development and high density living on the peninsula of Halifax within four years. The plans centre around container shipping and sewage disposal.

The initial planning, under the aegis of the Tory regime, was conducted in secret, and the meeting Thursday is the first open session for the Commission. Several community groups are expected to voice strong opposition to the plans. At a

meeting last week Halifax Mayor Allan O'Brien told the groups that at least one of the planners involved thinks industry should have top priority in Halifax, and the development proposals reflect this view.

Included are container piers at Mill Cove on the Halifax side of Bedford Basin, Navy Island on the Dartmouth side, more piers at the site of the new container terminal at Point Pleasant Park, and a container facility where the city dump now sits (raising the question of a new dump location). The plans also call for a sewage plant at Point Pleasant and two large research developments behind Purcell's Cove in which Dalhousie and the Bedford Institute of Oceanography are involved.

The most vocal opposition is coming from and through the Bedford Basin Pollution Committee. They see the proposed container facilities as a direct threat and the resulting increase in rail traffic around the basin as a further deterrent to use of the Basin for recreation.

The proposed sewage treatment plant would be located on a reef just off Point Pleasant (presumably to circumvent park regulations) and would provide less than secondary treatment, necessitating the use of barges to remove the sewage on a weekly basis. The opposition feels such a plant would ruin the park aesthetically and create an offensive odor in the area.

The Pollution Committee is one of many groups opposing the plans. Others include the North End Tenants Association, the Neighbourhood Centre, the Halifax Welfare Rights Committee and the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

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PLAYS

John Whiting's "Saints Day" will be presented by the Department of Theatre in the Studio Theatre, Library Annexe on December 2-6 at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free, and tickets may be reserved at the theatre house, 6188 South Street.

BIRTH CONTROL

The Health Education

Department at Dal is sponsoring a discussion on "The many ways to prevent pregnancy", Monday, December 7 at 8 p.m. in the Killam Library Auditorium. Panelists will be Dr. E. Belzer, Prof. Ruth Engs, both members of the department, and Dr. J. Johnson, of the Dalhousie Student Health services. Everyone is welcome.

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they refused to apologize; the effects this would have on their families, on top of the hardships already sustained during the seven-month strike; the effect of their actions on the trial of trawler fishermen, on the same charge scheduled for Dec. 29; and, finally, the possibility of again arousing labour support for their cause. Leo MacKay, Vice-President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, recommended that they apologize. Why rock the boat for the sake of a few

words for which no one would blame them anyway?

So the fishermen decided to apologize. Even then they attempted to work out a statement which would not compromise them completely and at least leave them free of the lie that they did not know what they were doing. Justice Cowan accepted the apology and freed the fishermen, reiterating for a final time his lament that he had never wanted to prosecute them at all.

The compromise was minimized as much as possible, but it remains a compromise. It was a compromise of the human dignity of the three fishermen to have to apologize and so become part of the hypocrisy of the Court. It also implied a compromise of the whole labour movement on the subject of court injunctions.

Justice Cowan attempted to defend the use of the injunction in the fishermen's strike on the grounds that it was not, as has

been maintained, an ex parte injunction. The fishermen had been informed that the injunction was being applied for and so it was not ex parte. What Justice Cowan omitted to say, however, was that the fishermen had lost their regular legal counsel and had to engage a new lawyer from Port Hawksbury one day before the injunction hearing. There was little time to acquaint him with even the most fundamental aspects of the strike.

On the grounds that he had not had the time to gain sufficient knowledge of the strike on which to base a defence, the lawyer applied for a postponement of the hearing. His appeal was denied and the injunction granted.

Not an ex parte injunction — by legal definition. But it is equally effective in placing fishermen in the position of "criminals" for having done no more than fight for their rights as working people.

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Welfare faces off with city

by Tim MacIntyre

The Halifax Welfare Rights Committee have made arrangements with social planner, Mr. H. Crowell, to hold a public meeting in the city of Halifax to discuss welfare. The HWRC is hoping that people from all segments of society will use the opportunity presented by this meeting to present their views.

This will be the first time in Halifax when hopefully, poor people will be able to thrash it out with the Aldermen, the Mayor, social planners and social workers, as well as the premier of Nova Scotia. It is hoped that all those interested in seeing a change in the poor community will attend.

On November 23, the HWRC met with 30 students from St. Mary's University to explain the need for this organization, as well as its function and the philosophy of its members.

These students have shown great concern for the community, and will be using HWRC assistance for their help line, when needed. It is hoped that these students, along with all other interested parties from the Universities will attend the meeting on welfare.

The time and place of the meeting is not yet finalized, but will be released when it is confirmed.

Would you believe . . .

We have student power

by Brian Smith

Brian Smith is the new SUB Affairs Secretary.

On November 5-8, I had the pleasure of attending the AUC-I, (Associated College Unions — International) conference at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., the Dalhousie delegation, drawn from the Student Union and SUB Operations Board.

I suppose I left Halifax with apprehension of what I would learn at the forthcoming conference. Well, I learned! Just what I learned I will tell in a moment, but first, a little about the conference and what goes on.

The conference is made up of delegations of students and staff from colleges in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Atlantic Canada (only delegations from Dal and Acadia were there).

The conference consisted of dinner meetings with guest speakers and a series of informal rap sessions on relevant topics.

At the opening dinner, we were treated to a speech by a Dr. George Taylor, reputed to be one of America's leading educators. He struck me as a man for all seasons, with a little for everyone and nothing concrete for anyone. His speech, discussed at a rap session later set the unofficial

topic for the rest of the conference — Student Helplessness.

The sessions covered topics like entertainment on campus, the alienated student, theft, the financing of Student Unions, etc. and always returned to the question — "what can we do about it, we have nothing to say."

Now to return to what I learned. I learned that we (at least the students of this university, as well as Acadia), do not have to take a back seat from anyone as far as student power is concerned. I learned that in fact, we are so far ahead of our American

neighbours that they can't even see our dust, so to speak. I learned that before we criticize our own system, to take a good look at others, and maybe, just maybe, we may be struck with the realization that our system isn't so bad after all.

A good example is the situation at the host school, U. of Mass. They have a campus centre, a beautiful structure reaching 11 stories, housing, among other things, a hotel, bar and restaurant, auditorium, college shop and cafeterias. Although this college is sponsored by the

State of Mass., the building was built with student fees, dating back to the 1930's. However, the Board of Trustees, the governing body on campus, decided that this beautiful structure was much too nice to turn over to students. So they didn't.

Another instance: The President of the Union, a student, is invited to attend the Trustee's meeting. He is allowed to speak on any issue he desires, during the final fifteen minutes of the meeting, providing the trustees don't use his time. Isn't that great? The topping on the cake is that there has been a filibuster to prevent him from speaking about the use of the Campus Centre, or in fact, anything else, for 2 1/2 semesters.

And again. Students had reserved meeting rooms for a conference through proper channels, only to find, when they arrived, that the rooms had been given to The Fruitsprayers Association of America for their annual convention. Reason — the FA of A were revenue producers and students were not.

As for the student areas of this building; the building consists of 11 floors, two of which are open to students. One of them contains a coffee shop, called the Concrete Coffee Pot, and the other the Auditorium.

The aforementioned situations were reiterated constantly by the students attending the conference. Only the scene and characters were changed to protect the Board of Trustees. In most cases, the Student Council and elected officers of that body were nothing more than the equivalent of our junior high school councils. They decided on whether to charge \$1 in coin, or \$1 in paper for a dance, and many other important issues, concerning the masses of students.

All in all, the conference presented a rather disheartening insight into Student Union government, American-style.

I could not help feeling a sense of pride in the sophistication of our Student Union, compared with those south of the border.

Even more satisfying is the knowledge that this sophistication has been the result of student decisions and student leadership, as opposed to total university control. Our reception by the other participating universities was a recognition of our status as a leader in Student Union government.

It's nice to be a part of that inheritance.

NOTE: I would like to add that these are my own impressions and comments of the AUC-I Region I conference, and do not represent the collective views of the Dalhousie delegation.



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At School for the Blind

Student-staff solidarity needed

by Martin Dalley

"What is needed is more awareness in the problem in the education of the blind, and a more concerted effort of all Atlantic Provinces to make amends for a hundred years of neglect," said Christopher Stark, a member of the Blind Rights Action Movement.

"I think the school has been honestly trying to make the government respond for over a decade and, if they become frustrated and disappointed from time to time, no one can really blame them."

When BRAM drew up their brief, they too were trying to get not only the government to respond, but also the staff and administration of the school. However, as a result of the brief, which deals with the improvement of the blind educational system at the Blind School, many of the staff members appear to be taking their frustrations out on BRAM, when they should be presenting the needs to all who will listen.

"We are not questioning the

sincerity of any present or former staff member," said Stark, "but they should double their effort for what they want. They are doing with what they have, which is an old army cliché, "If you don't have it and need it, crochet it."

The staff members are not in agreement with the method approach, said Stark. They are in rough agreement with the overall objectives presented by BRAM, but disagree in tactics. The Board of Governors appear to be concerned, but there is a lack of communication between the government and the Board. "We are trying to get the staff to come out and fight for what they want," he added.

It is hoped that courses be set up on the local level, geared to training of special teachers to teach the blind and the deaf and mute. Members of BRAM also feel that courses should be set up to train houseparents. "We are not trying to tear the school down," said Stark, "but improve it."

Meetings have been planned

with both the Minister of Education and Premier Gerald Regan in January. In the near future, BRAM will take their case to the other three Maritime governments and it is hoped that a real examination of the educational system for the blind will be accomplished.

Negotiations are also underway with the CYC to explore the possibilities of having a member of BRAM trained as a CYC volunteer.

BRAM is not an exclusive club

although, "we are not out soliciting members, because at the present time, a small group can operate more efficiently than a large group." However, we would welcome any people who would like to work with us.

"We do not claim, and never have claimed to speak for the blind community, we are only offering our comments and suggestions in an effort to help, and anyone who wants to disagree, can and should do so", concluded Stark.

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mediately. Four more candidates are coming in the next ten days.

Professor Herb Gamberg suggested that there was a possibility of a financial cutoff on hiring and that we should proceed with all haste.

Students and several faculty said this only substantiated their position. If only a few posts were open, they said, the department

should be especially careful to hire the strongest candidates.

The faculty then voted to end discussion and exclude the assembled students. They hired Clark and narrowly voted 5-4 against also hiring Metzoff.

Both sides wish to avoid further polarization and the issue will again be debated at Tuesday's departmental meeting.

The great price war put-on — 1970

by LESLIE MACDONALD

"The customers don't understand what's involved in pricing," said the grocery manager of one of the eleven Sobeys stores in the Halifax area currently involved in the much flaunted price war.

"It's a great advertising gimmick," said one of those incomprehending customers.

For three weeks now, Halifax consumers have been the object of a price war which originated with Steinbergs in Quebec last winter, spread to Ontario where Steinbergs and Dominion are the main contenders and was transported to the Maritimes by the Dominion head office in Toronto.

Individual store managers and personnel had no say in the decision to 'go discount', neither do they determine the amount of discount on each item.

Yet they are the one's who must deal with customers who see inconsistencies in the deep discount policies which the stores are claiming.

"Once it starts, you have to continue if you want to maintain business." In fact, the head offices of both major chains are keeping a check of the advertised prices of their competitors, and, they claim, lowering

theirs in response.

One Dominion grocery manager claims that if a customer complains that he or she could buy an item cheaper at another store, he will mark it down to that price "if she is a good customer." Another added that "in that case, the price would be lowered by the end of the week.

Sounds great in theory.

When challenged on a 20¢ per pound difference on

Items which are not sold by weight, like lettuce or cucumbers, can be sold for reduced prices. But a glance at the size of the items makes it obvious that there is little to the bargain.

However, the price war has performed a real service to the consumer, a service which was not its original aim. It has helped to clarify the price games which the chains are playing with their customers. Many shoppers are now more aware of the city-slicker tricks

In fact, when store employees in New Brunswick tried to unionize two years ago, Sobeys' closed down one of its St. John's stores, to demonstrate their feelings about the issue. Needless to say, the strike was smashed, and Maritime employees are still non-union. So why is Dominion stabilizing or decreasing its operations down east. In the past few years they have opened no new stores, in fact they have closed out all their branches in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

Partly because they are attempting to run their whole chain from two main warehouses, located in Montreal and Toronto, rather than decentralizing operations. And partly because neither Dominion nor Sobeys' is in this business for the fun of it. The grocery business is a multi-million dollar industry, but not as multi-million as many. So it is often more profitable for the chains to keep their expansion to the point at which they will be making the highest percentage of profits, and channel other investments into areas with a higher rate of return. That's business.

However, this is not to say that running a super-market is a losing proposition. This is obvious in the cooperatives which operate throughout Nova Scotia.

The Dartmouth Co-op, in operation for two years, has a membership of 750 families, with a waiting list of 300.

The new Northern Cooperative Limited, in operation for only three weeks, already has a membership of 150 families, half of its capacity.

There are no signs in the window, screaming of bargains and discounts, only the discreet green and red Co-op insignia, which can be seen in stores around the province.

Inside, a crayoned sign on the wall says "Remember, this is your store. Customers must pack own groceries."

Co-op is not a put-on.

The store does belong to its members. And it provides the lowest, most consistent prices in town.

Members join the co-op by buying two shares of stock, at \$5 per share. They also agree to buy one share each quarter year until they have purchased at least ten shares. This money provides the capital base any store needs to purchase stock and equipment.

In addition, members pay a two dollar per week service charge, which covers all costs of operation, salaries, rent, light and heat.

In return, the Co-op Supply Depot, located on Gottingen Street across from the Neighborhood Centre, buys merchandise which it sells to its members at cost price. And cost price is a far cry from deep discounting.

A quick look around the store confirms this. Light

bulbs, which regularly sell for 69¢, are marked at 38¢. Ben's cakes and cookies are reduced in one instance from 19¢ to 15¢, in another from \$1.49 to 88¢.

Soups, canned fruits and juices, many of them Co-op brand, dry goods are all substantially lower than any specials around town. And prices will stay this way, because Co-op is not a money-making venture.

The store has a board of directors drawn from the group of citizens who helped to organize the venture.

COMPARATIVE PRICE LIST

	Dominion	Sobeys	Co-op
Honey, 2 lb.	.81	.79	.67
Cheddar Cheese (Medium)	.89	.85	.69
Cream of Mushroom soup	.21	.21	.18
Nescafe Coffee (10 oz.)	1.85	1.85	1.57
Apples (5 lb. Macs)	.63	.65	.43
Raisins (2 lbs.)	.73	.75	.64

Store policy, as expressed by the manager, is to buy the best and cheapest products available. Primarily they buy their canned and dry stock from Maritime Co-op in Moncton. With produce, they try to support local farmers, and buy their eggs from a man in Falmouth, apples from a valley farmer, and all dairy goods from Brookfield dairy.

Several things may account for the fact that membership is not yet filled to capacity; the lack of parking facilities, no delivery service, and no fresh meat. However, these are being eliminated one by one. A delivery service was instituted last week, at the going rate of 45¢.

Stocking fresh meat is a larger problem, but indications are that if the store reaches its capacity, they will start looking for a larger place where they can deal in meat as well.

Even given these considerations, Co-op offers a saving of about 20% on the average grocery order at deep discount chains or other stores.

(As a note, there are several places in the city to buy meat at substantially less than the larger chains. Capitol usually provides good bargains, as does Bailey's out on Oxford towards the shopping centre, and several of the smaller stores on Cunard and Gottingen in the North End.

For the thrifty shopper, there are also the Ben's Thrift stores, for day old breads and cakes at large reductions.



PRICE WAR QUIZ

or how well do you know your grocery stores

"Nobody but nobody undersells Sobeys'" or "Nobody undersells US" (Dominion) means:

- (a) these stores have the cheapest prices in town
- (b) it doesn't much matter where you shop
- (c) well, nobody who's anybody
- (d) not very much

Sobeys Stores is:

- (a) a small family business
- (b) part of a multi-million dollar international chain
- (c) a good alternative to Dominion because it adheres to the "buy Maritime" philosophy

The people who get most satisfaction from the price war are:

- (a) the consumer, of course
- (b) the stores, which more fully serve the people
- (c) the Chronicle-Herald-Mail-Star which carries all the advertising

I would rather be exploited by:

- (a) an upper Canadian chain store
- (b) a maritime chain store
- (c) both of the above
- (d) none of the above

If the chain grocery wholesalers were, before price war, running on 2% profit margin with 24% mark-ups, and are now reducing their mark-ups up to 15%:

- (a) there will soon be many co-op grocery stores
- (b) there will soon be no grocery stores
- (c) the price war isn't going to last long
- (d) something is fishy somewhere
- (e) something is fishy everywhere

"There's room for everybody, there's no point in pushing anybody out" (the philosophy of one of the major chains):

- (a) is an example of the virtues of free enterprise
- (b) means there's lots of room in our store aisles
- (c) should be a lesson to those overpopulation freaks
- (d) "if we can keep our prices high, we'll keep our prices high."

one item between his store and one of the smaller chains, one Sobeys' manager claimed it was a matter of quality. (This was later found to be untrue). His attitude towards the "Nobody but nobody undersells Sobeys'" signs which festooned his store was that it was just sort of a general policy, but when brought to specifics was not always applicable. This is easy to verify.

A Ben's driver who delivers products to the super-markets said that he was instructed to mark down every item 1¢, whether it be a 22¢ loaf of bread or a \$1.49 cake. So much for deep discounts.

While the object of the price war was to win over new converts to loyalty to the individual chains, it seems to have had a contrary effect.

Many shoppers, initially attracted by the advertising splashed across the papers, came to investigate the great price war. And most found it a great put-on.

Not suspicious, but curious, many pried the Now — labels off the newly discounted products to determine what they were actually saving. One woman reported, "It said 'Now \$1.15', and underneath the original price was \$1.15. And you can get the same thing in Bedford for \$1.02"

Others reported similar experiences. Some items were noticeably discounted, namely cat food, potato chips and raisins, but most remained approximately the same if not more. A gallon tin of Crisco oil, for example, was raised from \$3.19 to \$3.29 a week after the great discounts went into effect. Bacon, which at first dropped from 99¢ a lb. to 69¢ is back up to its original price.

And there are all sorts of other gimmicks. In the weeks before the price war, several items disappeared from the shelves. For instance, Dominion stocked several brands of 1 lb. bags of popcorn, one selling for 31¢, the other for 19¢. Before the war, the 19¢ brand was discontinued but the 31¢ brand was deep discounted to 30¢.

The same occurred with brown bread; one brand selling at 29¢ for 20 oz., the other 30¢ for 18 oz. Now, only the more expensive remains, selling for the great saving of 29¢.

Other ways of discounting mean little in reality.

in both pricing and advertising.

One woman, a Capitol stores regular, came to Dominion to check out the price war. "I've never been a price watcher", she declared, "but you can be sure I'm going to be now."

A cashier at Woolco added her analysis. "Sure, they may discount some things, but not the things an ordinary family uses. They discount things like chips and pop."

Two girls shopping at Dominion and comparing prices found they had saved two cents on their weeks groceries, one on corn starch, the other on cereal.

Both Dominion and Sobeys' report an increase in volume since the war went into effect. Yet one manager claims that the increase in volume will not make up for the decrease in prices, the extra advertising and staff they have hired to take care of the increase in customers. Purportedly, the 2% profit margin which the stores earned before discounting in now reduced to 11/4% after all expenses are deducted.

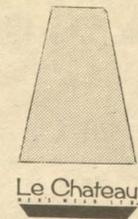
So why continue in the grocery business?

The price war has a strange history. Originally Dominion went discount in its Ontario stronghold in response to discount pricing by Steinbergs, another chain store. In addition, Super City, an IGA chain, and one of the large western chains were moving in and threatening its market.

Once started in Ontario, the war was bound to spread. If not, Maritimers would have been in the position of subsidizing an Ontario price war, an alternative which would be hard for any consumer to stomach.

It is easy to see why the stores are not making exorbitant profits of some of the country's bigger industries, the paper mills, mines and fisheries. At least in Ontario it is. There, store employees are unionized, and cashiers receive a starting salary of \$120 a week, while clerks start at \$125. They are forced to keep their prices in line with competition from other large chains, both Canadian and American.

But the Maritimes is another story. Cashiers get close to the minimum wage (\$1.00 per hour for women, \$1.25 for men). As for unionization, Sobeys' 'support your own' policy doesn't go quite that far.



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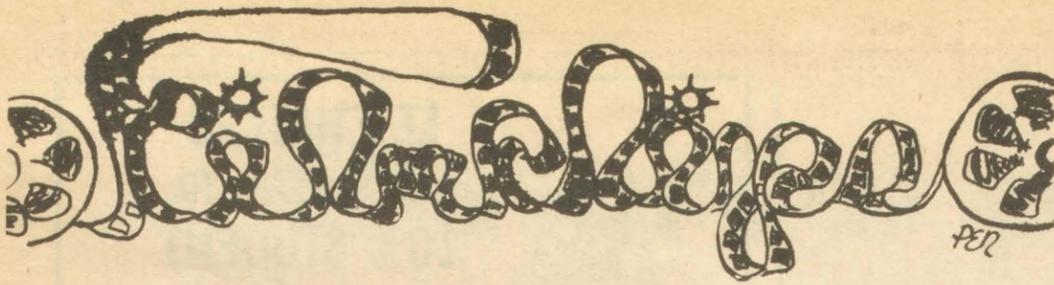
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by Steve Mills

If you see "Soldier Blue", which is playing now at the Paramount Theatre in Halifax, and the Mayfair in Dartmouth, you will either be (a) disgusted by the violence at the beginning and the end, or (b) disgusted by the incredible plot in the middle, or (c) disgusted by the picture as a whole. I chose possibility (c), and I would like to explain why, in hopes of discouraging you from wasting your money on this film.

The key to my detest of this film lies, I think, in the fact that what could have been so good is so bad. You see, director Ralph Nelson made the picture to demonstrate on one level the unbelievable horrible treatment Indians were given in the days of the Wild West and on a higher level, man's inhumanity to man. Unfortunately, Nelson got fouled up somewhere along the line and what finally emerges is a routine creation, albeit somewhat more cruel than what we are used to, but routine all the same.

Take a look at the plot. A paymaster's wagon and its escort are attacked by a band of Cheyennes who massacre all but two of the party — one soldier and a girl who was on her way to meet her fiance at Fort Reunion.

The soldier, Peter Strauss, is appalled by what the Indians have done to his comrades, i.e. killed, and dismembered them. He wanders in a daze through them, finally falling on his knees, and amidst cuts of crying, recites "The Charge of the Light Brigade".

The girl, Candace Bergen, is unaffected by the slaughter because, we learn, she has lived among the Indians for two years and is used to such sights. While Strauss emotes, Bergen takes from the bodies anything they might need to make their way on foot to the fort.

They start out, the tough experienced girl, and the inexperienced soldier. Along the way, the soldier is told the U.S. Army treats the Indians worse than the Indians treated his comrades. He doesn't believe it. They go on. Several incidents occur, none of which are that entertaining or informative.

Finally, they make it to an army camp, where 700 troops are preparing to attack the village where (waddayaknow) Miss Bergen spent her two years among the Indians. She warns the Indians, but too late. They are attacked and 500 of them (men, women and children) are shot, stabbed, beheaded, dismembered, raped, etc.

Strauss again wanders through the carnage, but, this time utters no poetry. He encounters Miss Bergen, who in effect says, "I told you so", and he barfs all over the screen. The fadeout shows the surviving Indians moving out with the U.S. troops, who believe they have done a glorious thing.

Now, that isn't a bad plot. It should get the point across; the audience should come out of the theatre feeling a monstrous guilt for what has occurred on the screen.

But, they don't.

Who failed? Well, it wasn't Buffy Saint-Marie, who wrote and sang the title song. It wasn't the guy who composed the score. It wasn't the cameraman who handled most scenes well.

The script writer was somewhat to blame. The dialogue was not good. Miss Bergen and Strauss were not to blame. They played their parts well. (It is not their fault the parts were so incredibly inappropriate).

The fault must be Ralph Nelson's. "Soldier Blue" blows it because Nelson fails to realize that mass violence just does not mean anything to people. So, if you are going to use violence to make your point, you had better do it on a very personal level.

(I thought "A Man called Horse" did this very well. The point was not the same as Nelson wants to make, however, so perhaps no comparison between these two films should be made.)

I find it difficult to understand how Nelson failed to realize this fact, since two of his previous films, (Lilies of the Field, and Charly) proved he can work, and work effectively on the individual level. I guess even film directors can't win them all.

The world's a stage



As production continues for "Inherit the Wind", Stephanie Reno and Hedi Kraus talk about themselves, in real life, and in the play.



STEPHANIE RENO

Mark Roza Photo

Stephanie Reno plays Mrs. Brady, wife of the prosecuting attorney. It is not her first role in a play, but she feels that she will become more involved in this role than others she has played.

Mrs. Brady is a difficult part, for she has a lot of stage time, and few lines. Therefore, the character has to come across more through her actions than the lines.

Stephanie is a former Engineering Physics student, now in the Theatre department. She is enthusiastic about the many facets of theatre, "as it is almost, or completely, a new field."

She is optimistic about the coming production because: "I think the cast and direction can come together to produce an united effort."

Hedi Kraus has another difficult part. She plays Rachel Brown, the daughter of the Rev. Brown, a fundamentalist. At the same time, Rachel is very much in love with the defendant, Bert.

"It's a new experience for me," she said. "The part is



HEDI KRAUS

Mark Roza Photo

difficult because throughout the play she is completely in love with Bert, yet must manifest this love in varying ways. Her life offstage has to be a continuation of the role she is playing, if she is to understand her character completely.

Hedi was born in Graz, Austria, and has lived in Halifax since the age of five. She is now a second year Arts student at Dal, studying German and French.

As a postscript, more production staff are required. Also needed are old clothes, pre-1940, three male actors, and some extras for crowd scenes.

Words from the wise . . .

Dear Sir:

As vice-president of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students and as a member of its council, I feel the need to reply to the letter by Harold Harnarine in the November 27th issue of the Gazette.

I am disappointed that Mr. Harnarine did not make any attempt to contact the President, the Executive or the Council of DAGS with any of his comments about how the Association was being run. Had Mr. Harnarine wanted to know the answers to any of his questions, he might have made some attempt to go to any of the three general meetings that we hold each year. It is a

well-known procedure, and one that we follow, that the financial statement is made available at the general meetings of an Association. We have always followed this procedure. It would appear from the general lack of attendance at the general meetings that many of the membership are content with criticising the actions of others but are not willing to contribute otherwise to the activities of the Association.

I do not agree with Mr. Harnarine's statement that non-attendance at meetings is irrelevant. In fact, it is most relevant to the discussion. By not attending meetings or otherwise communicating criticism, he has abdicated his right to speak. The

members of the Council cannot hear a silent voice! They are not telepathic!

Since Mr. Harnarine has not attended any of the Association's fortnightly beer parties, he does not realize that the commitment of the council is the supplying of free pretzels, and that whoever comes to these parties pay for their own drinks. These parties serve a very useful function in getting the membership together so that they can discuss problems of mutual concern and make these known to the council. At the cost of a few pretzels this is good return indeed!

It will also please Mr. Harnarine to know that for the past month the council has been discussing the problem of the

graduate house preliminary to contacting the general membership about the question. IF ONLY MR. HARNARINE HAD ATTENDED A MEETING. It seems obvious also that he has also underestimated the problem that the council has in contacting its membership. The Council's recent one page statement on the Faculty Scholarship's committee has obviously not reached Mr. Harnarine and this was sent out through the Graduates Studies Office. This shows him the burden that the council has to work under.

The council has always had a policy of letting the membership know, through written statements and by other means, of important issues of interest to

graduate students and of decisions pending (witness the brief note on the Scholarships committee and the teach in on Quebec that we sponsored). Lack of paper flowing from the council does not mean lack of concern for graduate students or their interests. We like feedback but despite asking in our scholarships brief for comments, not a single letter was received!

We want to know problems, we beg of you to deluge us with mail, bitching and hollering. As usual, however, this plea will go unanswered and leave us with an empty mailbox at the SUB.

Sincerely yours,
Derek Hook,
vice-president, DAGS

Pucksters crush SMU, UPEI

Striped machine takes two

by Chuck Moore

It was an enthusiastic capacity crowd, who watched Dalhousie Tigers defeat St. Mary's Huskies 7-4 last Friday night. One fan remarked after the game, "the tension could have been cut with a knife." At the end the teams were given a standing ovation for their performances. Five minutes after the game was over fans were still shouting "D-A-L-H-O-U-S-I-E."

S.M.U. scored first and looked like they would run away with the game, but Dal promptly tied the score. It was 2-1 for the Huskies at the end of the first period. The Tigers scored early in the second to tie the game for the second time. Then Dal went ahead! by one goal, and then two! At the end of the second period, the score was 4-3 for Dal. In the third period Dal scored three more goals and S.M.U. one.

Doug Chapman on defense for Dal played a most outstanding game defensively. Sean Boyd had 2 goals and 2 assists and scored a very pretty seventh, and final goal for the black and gold. Greg

McCullough added two goals and also had one assist. Ken McDonald scored one goal and connected with a goal post on another clear shot. Whip Thompson was a real asset to Dal's defense, clearing the front of the Dal cage of blistering hard shots from the point. Ted Scrutton's hard work paid off for him with a goal.

St. Mary's Richie Baye showed his powers as a puck-carrier and play-maker. He was in my opinion the best player on the ice. Dale Turner scored two goals for St. Mary's and also had one assist. O'Byrne's misconduct appeared to hurt St. Mary's. Passing finesse of the Huskies made their every play dangerous and the complexion of the game could have changed anytime. Needless to say an inch closer could have meant more goals for S.M.U.

John Henry, the Tigers goalie was No. 1 star of the game. Dale Turner was seen weeping after being robbed by the Dal net-minder.

The Tigers defense deserves a lot of credit for this win. A remark was made that "University spirit around Dal has never been so high for years" — Let's keep it up!!!

TAKE TWO

With only 29 seconds remaining Dalhousie Hockey Tigers scored their fifth goal to give them a 5-4 victory over the U.P.E.I. Pan-

thers. It was Ken McDonald who lit the light with his second goal of the game.

With the team hurting physically after Friday's game with St. Mary's Huskies, the Tigers gamely fought a rugged U.P.E.I. team. It was extra effort entirely that beat U.P.E.I. Penalties were costly to both teams.

Tom McDonald had two goals for Dalhousie with Sean Boyd adding one more. Ted Scrutton added three assists to his total with Pete Gagne having two assists. Greg McCullough, suffering with an injured leg, also played well. Doug Chapman, who was on crutches until just before game time, stood up to everyone who challenged. Dan Sangster must be very disappointed because he missed several chances to score.

Bill Adams for the U.P.E.I. squad scored 2 goals and had one assist. He was a real trouble-maker in more ways than one. Linc MacKenzie, who is always a threat, played hard. Paul Jelley, who played with Ch'town Islanders last year, was outstanding in the Panthers net. Luc Bedard on defense received several penalties for his rough play.

This is Dal's 5th win in 6 starts placing them in a first place tie. Congratulations to coach Gerry Walford and company, but don't wait so long next time.

Bingley Rides Again

The Sports Desk

by Phil Bingley

It's been a long time since my old typewriter ribbon's danced to the clicking keys, spelling out another story of victory or defeat in the world of sport. The old thing and the sportswriter on the end of it retired a while ago under the pressure of changing times, part of a vanishing and I guess old-fashioned breed of newspaper hacks who could see beyond scores and statistics and get into the real goings-on whenever two teams squared off on a rink or playing field.

The young blood that replaced me and my cronies at sports desks across the country go in for a less emotional product. They think all that's important is a play by play history of who scored, when, penalties, and a list of other figures as long as your longest arm, and they don't care too much for the human factors that make those beloved "stats" happen. Or maybe they just can't see.

At any rate, me and my sticky-keyed old typewriter have come out of that forced retirement maybe for just this once, because we don't like the new approach, and we ain't going to take this lying down.

I'm going to talk about hockey, the way it should be played — the way it was played last weekend in the Dal rink when St. Mary's Huskies and the U.P.E.I. Panthers were sent home packing.

To talk about those games you have to talk about the kinds of things that get into a team's head, the things that decide whether you're gonna have a team or a collection of individuals playing for themselves.

Now, I don't want to preach or get long winded but it seems to me that when a team's going all out and giving everything they've got then it's a team. When they don't, they aren't.

Friday night they were a team from the opening faceoff till they skated off with that 7-4 win that broke the back of the league leading Huskies, a team suffering, by the way, from too many "super-stars" and too many super-star complexes. They out-checked and out-played SMU, they dug in and sweated, and they won. It took a couple of periods on Sunday before they realized UPEI wasn't a second-rate bunch of patsies, but when they had to work they did, and won that game too. As a result, the fans are right for a change. They are indeed "number 1".

Somebody else's statistics can give you a more detailed look at how the games went. Right now I want to talk about a few things that emerged from the weekend games.

First of all, the officiating at intercollegiate hockey games is atrocious and must be upgraded if the calibre of hockey is to improve (and it can). The referees (Jollimore in particular) miss as many infractions as they call and half of what they call shouldn't be called in the first place. I may be exaggerating a bit but the point still holds. Another thing here is that the players are still getting a lot of penalties they shouldn't and doing a lot of damage to their teams in the process. James Cagney and Edward G. Robinson never made it as hockey players, and neither will their latter day imitators.



TED SCRUTTON

If I had to single out one player for plaudits (and I want to) it would be Ted Scrutton. I say Scrutton for many reasons, all adding up to an outstanding contribution to a team effort. Hustle is an overworked word but Scrutton has it and he never quits. He's a raunchy hockey player who hits hard and clean, a digger in the corners and a fine playmaker. Honourable mention here to Pierre Gagne, whose calm efficiency has kept the Dal machine from derailing time and time again.

Well, that's about it. The slide rule wizards and statisticians are in the wings waiting to move in for the kill again, and the dust is already starting to settle back in on my old Underwood. I have a feeling it's getting ready to settle in on me too.

P.S. Have a look at the latest McLean's magazine for some interesting ideas on bringin' it all back home . . . hockey, that is. Somebody's finally noticed that our national game's been stolen. So long for now.

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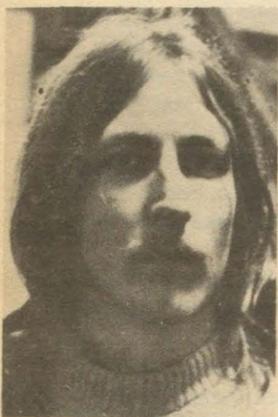
The pros invade basketball

by Glenn Wanamaker

Sports is a lot of things to a lot of people, but to Trevor Parsons, sports has a different meaning.

Now an Honours Theatre student at Dal, Parsons used to play basketball — because he liked it — and he was good. But after playing through tough training schedules in high school and university and watching professionalism creep into college basketball, Parsons decided to quit.

He feels that college sports should be played for the enjoyment rather than the money and the glory.



"I was shown ways to break an opponent's back."

Trevor Parsons

Because, as he's found out through experience, playing on a varsity team means "living and sleeping that sport".

Even though sports scholarships are "no-no's", according to the rules of the A.A.U. (the Atlantic Athletic Union), they are very much in existence throughout the Maritimes, and of course, the rest of Canada.

"I know of several individuals," says Parsons, "who received academic scholarships when their marks were certainly not high enough to even be considered

for a scholarship. They would then be given special preference in choosing their courses, and if they were not doing well someone would talk to their professors."

At the last university Parsons played for, no more than three of the members of the basketball team were Canadians. The others were recruited from U.S. institutions.

The more valuable players "would be given certain jobs like handing out towels in the locker room, for which they would be paid more than one would expect."

Training schedules were very rigorous, though more so in high school than in university. "In high school, we practiced from six to eight o'clock in the morning, had weight-lifting for an hour at noon time, and then practiced again from four until six after classes. We also had practices on Saturdays and Sundays."

Parsons became disgusted with the dictums of "win at all cost". Injuring an opponent became a part of the game.

"I was shown ways to break an opponent's back, which was fine, because all I wanted to do was get the ball."

Such policies have forced Parsons to quit organized college basketball. "Enough institutions in our society are brainwashing people into believing that competition is the only way of life. I don't think sports should do this".

"If I were to play basketball again, it would be at Dal. Coach Yarr gave me help many times in high school, and he seems to have brought more of that human element here."

Parsons believes that Dal doesn't practice 'professionalism' as much as other universities. That's probably the reason, he notes, why Dal hasn't done too well for awhile, even though they've had good players.

"I played basketball because I enjoyed it. To play it the way some people want it to be played, is a waste of time."

Interfac Roundup



After last week's interfac hockey, some of the players who sustained injuries went directly to Student Health and from there they were sent to the V. G. Hospital. If you are injured playing ANY interfac sport, report to the training room in the gymnasium and arrangements will be made there as to where you should go for treatment. This will avoid confusion, i.e. "medical excuse notes."

The D.A.A.C. Committee is cracking down on un-sportsman-like conduct in the interfac sports. One player has been suspended from interfac hockey for the rest of this year (70-71 season).

HOCKEY SCORES

Nov. 23 — Commerce 2 - Science "A" 2; Law "B" 3 - Phys. Ed. "B" 1.

Nov. 25 — Med "A" 4 - Phys. Ed. "A" 2; Science "B" - Dents - Postponed.

The following sports are not being covered yet: Floor hockey, basketball, curling, paddleball, squash, handball, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, skiing, novelty skating, broomball, bowling or swimming. If anyone is interested in writing articles on any of these, please leave article at the Gazette office, 3rd floor of S.U.B. and it will be included in the sports.

This week the interfac basketball schedule is included:

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

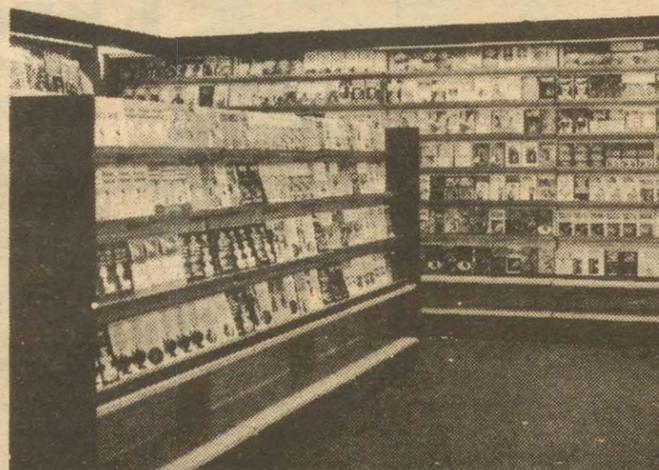
- 12:00 — Pharm. Ed. II 2 vs 6 Engineers II
- 1:00 — Law I 4 vs 5 Grads I
- 2:00 — Dents II 7 vs 9 Arts II
- 3:00 — Commerce II 8 vs 1 Science II
- 4:00 — Pharm. Ed. II 2 vs 5 Meds II
- 5:00 — Phys. Ed. I 1 vs 3 TYP I
- 6:00 — Engineers II 6 vs 4 Law II
- 7:00 — Dents II 7 vs 1 Science II
- 8:00 — Commerce II 8 vs 3 Phys. Ed. II

Coming EVENTS

- Thursday, Dec. 3 — Basketball. Dal at Acadia, 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 4 — Women's Volleyball. Dal Invitational, 6:00.
— Men's Residence Dance with Melody Fair, 9:00
- Saturday, Dec. 5 — Women's Volleyball, Dal Invitational, 9:00 a.m.
— Basketball. Mt. "A" at Dal. 8:00 p.m.
— Open Dance. McInnis Rm. 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 6 — Coffee House — Sunday Purgatory. Sub caf. 9:00 p.m.

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