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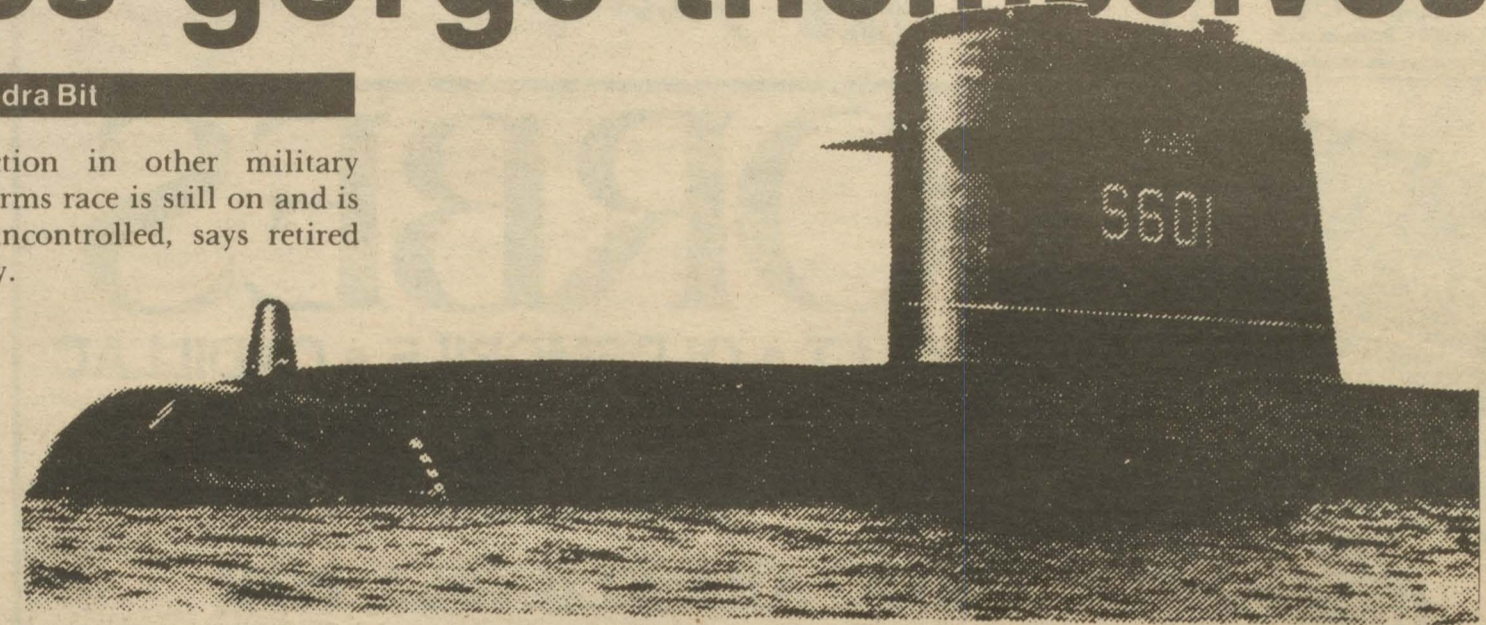
by Sandra Bit

Despite arms reduction in other military spheres, the naval arms race is still on and is becoming increasingly uncontrolled, says retired navy captain, R. A. Creery.

At a press conference held at the Defense Research and Education Centre, Feb. 13, Creery reported on the recent Moscow seminar on naval arms limitation.

Initiated by Soviet non-governmental organizations such as the Soviet Maritime Law Associations, the seminar involved nearly 120 public activists, government representatives, military personnel, and scholars from more than 40 countries, as well as over 250 Soviet delegates.

N. I. Ryzhkov, chair of the USSR Council of Ministers, Javier Perez de Cuellar, United Nations secretary-general and a number of Soviet and foreign organizations and institutions sent messages to the seminar. In



total, over 100 people spoke and a variety of useful and constructive proposals were advanced.

All the delegates welcomed the trend toward disarmament manifested by such efforts as the implementation of the treaty between the USSR and the USA on the elimination of interme-

diate and shorter-range missiles, the substantial progress achieved during the talks on conventional armed forces and the 50 per cent cut in US-Soviet strategic nuclear forces.

What is of continual alarm, Creery said, is the unceasing naval arms competition and slow

progress toward naval disarmament. Surprisingly, naval forces are not covered under general arms control negotiations and new destabilizing systems of naval armaments are still being developed.

The lack of representation from the Canadian navy was, Creery said, a sign that "it is keeping itself out of the mainstream of modern thought on arms control, although whether or not this is deliberate or the result of traditionalist thinking, is difficult to answer."

In contrast to our navy's poor showing, Creery said, the United States sent five retired admirals, two from RAND, an independent military think-tank, and three from other independent organizations studying defense policy. Other non-military delegates from Canada did attend, two of

whom presented papers on naval arms control.

Creery stressed that the aim of the conference was to adopt new ways of dealing with the "overcapacity" of many of the world's navies. This excess of armaments can be disastrous, as Admiral Hyman Rickover, "father" of the U.S. nuclear navy, has proven, Creery said.

Rickover has documented a number of naval accidents involving nuclear weapons: the sinking of several British ships carrying nuclear weaponry off the southern tip of South America during the Falklands War in 1982; the explosion and sinking of a U.S. destroyer at anchor in Valletta, Malta, when a merchant ship ran into it, damaging a nuclear weapons storage site; and the explosion and sinking of a

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## Taking a byte out of porn

by Alistair Croll

Last week, Dalhousie's University Computing and Information Services removed two message bases from the school's VAX network. UCIS had received complaints about the distribution of pornography and hate literature on the network.

The removal follows a similar deletion by the University of Toronto on Jan. 22, which was also the result of complaints about pornography.

Dalhousie and U of T's computer networks are connected by permanent phone lines to most universities in continental North America, as well as Australia, Great Britain, and several other countries. Users of university computers can communicate via a program called NEWS, which allows discussion on a variety of topics.

A recent series of messages in two message areas which commonly deal with sex presented graphic portrayals of rape involving sodomy, corrophilia (sex involving excrement) and sadism.

UCIS executive director Peter Jones removed the two areas from Dalhousie's NEWS program following complaints by Professor Susan Shaw.

Shaw complained to the UCIS director on Feb. 14. She said the

system was "not an excuse to allow propagation of violence and hatred."

Shaw, who is president of the Dalhousie Women's Faculty Association, explained that she was "not trying to get rid of stuff because of sexual content; it's because of hatred against women."

Jones, who hadn't heard of the

**"...graphic portrayals of rape, involving sodomy, corrophilia and sadism."**

U of T removal, said, "In my view, this was hate literature." Normally, he explained, there is no censorship imposed on the NEWS system or any of the computer network.

Jones will report the deletion to a senate committee. He does not normally have the authority to remove message bases from the system but, he explained, this was

"a dilemma for which I took extraordinary action."

Users of the NEWS system called the stories "inhuman" and "indicative of condoning rape and torture." Several other universities in the U.S. have also removed the two bases from their NEWS directories. Dalhousie's NEWS system still contains stories about bestiality and incest, but no complaints have yet been made concerning these.

A message about rape and fraternities also caused complaints from users.

The stories in question did not originate at Dalhousie. They were distributed throughout the world on the UseNet system, and Canada's NetNorth computer network. Both were written by anonymous authors.

The messages raise the question of what is decent use of Dalhousie's computer systems, said Jones. "We are in danger of souring reasonable use of a system for healthy discussion," he cautioned, noting that there are many other message areas discussing a variety of important issues.

Jones plans to raise the question of censorship and pornography with other computer administrators at a communications conference in June. Ironically, the same network that distributed the pornography will allow Jones to discuss it with his colleagues.

## Cold, alien environment

### "access" defined

by Alistair Croll

On Monday, Feb. 26, the Dalhousie Senate redefined "accessibility." Following a motion by the student union, Senate members voted unanimously to accept a two-page definition of accessibility.

In an earlier meeting, the DSU had tabled a motion defining access. Ralph Bastarache, senator for the faculty of science, explained that the definition was important to the DSU because "any arguments we make about making Dalhousie accessible would be shot down without it."

The definition is a modified version of one suggested by *Breaking the Barriers*, a study commissioned last September by Dalhousie president Howard Clark into physically and socio-

economically disadvantaged students.

The DSU motion defines accessibility in terms of affirmative action for those "students who, for social, economic, and other reasons beyond their control, have been unable to pursue their university education."

Clark objected to parts of the motion that called Dalhousie a "cold and alien environment" for some students. He also criticized a section of the motion that proposed changing "Dalhousie's elitist image," saying Dal doesn't have such an image.

Despite these objections, the definition of accessibility was accepted unanimously by the Senate, and will not have to be forwarded to academic administration for approval.



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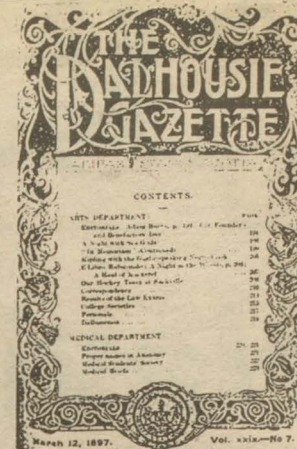
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# Imprisoned in El Salvador

by Joey Goodings

Canadians must pressure the Canadian and American governments to stop supporting the government of El Salvador, says Karen Ridd of Peace Brigades International, an organization promoting non-violence.

"How dare we give aid to the government of El Salvador?" asked Ridd at her lecture at St. Mary's last Thursday. Ridd, who made national headlines last November when she was incarcerated in El Salvador, is lecturing across Canada to raise awareness about the country.

According to Ridd, the Canadian government gives \$8 million a year to the government of El Salvador, while the American government gives approximately \$1.5 million of aid *per day*. Ridd says this legitimizes the government of El Salvador and its killing of innocent people.

Ridd began her lecture with a slide show. She paused at a pic-

ture of her Salvadoran friend, Daisy, who was working with unemployed people. Ridd explained how Daisy was taken by the military to be tortured, raped, and beaten many times only to be released later without any charges being laid. She returned to work, fully aware that this endangered her life, only to be taken by the military again. This time Daisy was killed.

"The whole world is a little less bright when people of such life and light are lost," said Ridd. She said her experience of being jailed for fourteen hours was "just a shadow of that."

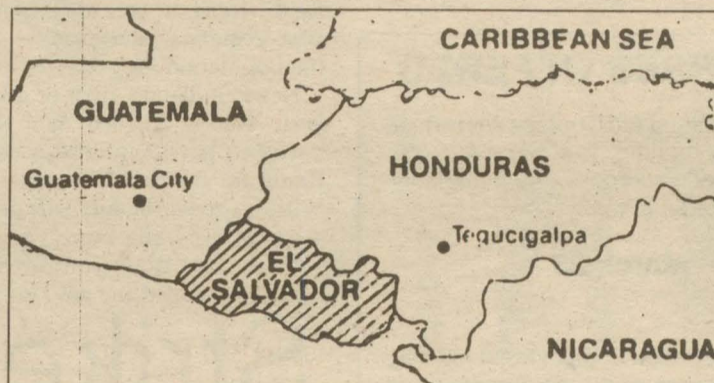
Ridd said the presidential election was not as democratic as the North American media portrayed it, criticizing the process for not reaching enough of the electorate and for not being confidential. "You must go to a table where people can watch, you must mark an X with a black felt pen, and then you have to put it in a plastic bag. Everyone can see how you

voted, and the army is present." Behind Ridd was a slide of a plastic bag filled with ballots, and the black X marks were clearly visible to the audience.

Ridd described the problem of "disappearances" in the country as an "insidious act" that breaks

maybe the person, if alive, is being tortured, she explained.

Ridd emphasized the importance of non-violent organizations such as the Committee of the Mothers of the Disappeared, Peace Brigades International and many others. She believes that the



families and communities apart. "At least with assassinations there is proof, but with a disappearance there is the friction of hope and no hope," the hope that the person is still alive and the "no hope" at the thought that

present situation is militarily unwinnable, and that there needs to be more pressure for negotiations.

"We oversimplify it as an armed struggle, but we don't consider the non-violent struggle," said Ridd. The FMLN has been fighting the government of El Salvador since the early sixties. Their principle demand is land reform.

El Salvador, she said, has had approximately 500 years of repression, beginning with the Spaniards up to the present day. The main crop is coffee, which is a labour-intensive crop that depends on cheap labour for sale

on the world market. The peasants, who supply this cheap labour, are landless and must work for a wage. According to Ridd, the maintenance of a society divided between the rich landowners and the poor peasants requires tremendous repression.

Ridd was humble about her own experience in El Salvador. She refused to leave the jail unless her colleague Marcela was also released. "It wasn't courageous," she said, "but just seeing what had to be done." While in jail, she asked the soldiers to put her in the same cell as Marcela. She appealed to the soldiers' sense of comradeship, asking them to understand. "Yeah, we do understand," was their response," she said, and the soldiers took her to Marcela's cell.

Due to the international pressure, Alfredo Christiani, the president of El Salvador, phoned the police, and Ridd was released before the curfew that night. "This speaks to the kind of influence we can have if we choose to use it," said Ridd.

Ridd urged people to do something, whether it is writing letters to the government, giving money through a non-governmental organization, or even volunteering with an organization such as Peace Brigades International. "We need to be aware of the power we can have," she said.

## Referendum off to cold start

# DSU Annual General Meeting

by Alistair Croll

The McInnes Room was filled with students concerned about the upcoming referendum on abortion when DSU chair Royden Trainor called the Annual General Meeting to order yesterday.

Trainor asked students present to vote on the mature students' society's application for "A" status, which passed despite some questioning of the need for another representative on the student council.

The meeting then moved on to the upcoming referendum on abortion policy. Trainor emphasized that the referendum was to decide whether or not the DSU should adopt a policy or remain indifferent to the issue. There were heated arguments from several students attending the meeting.

In order for a referendum to pass, eight per cent of the student body must vote on the issue. If there is a majority of this eight per cent, the DSU accepts the motion as a "Binding Opinion". According to Trainor, this means the DSU has a position on the issue, but does not necessarily mean the student union will actively campaign in favour of its views.

Several students attending the meeting voiced their concern over the effects of such a policy. Were the DSU to adopt a policy, asked one student, would societies that were opposed to the DSU position be banned from DSU funding?

Trainor pointed out that the distinction between constitutional policies — such as the DSU position against sexism, racism, and homophobia — and binding opinions like the position on abortion did exist, but the audience greeted this with skepticism.

Another student expressed his concern about the lack of student involvement in the process of the referendum, saying the DSU was acting beyond its mandate. Other students claimed the need for the referendum had been pushed through the DSU by an interest group made up of DSU members.

**"Better dissatisfied and informed than happy and ignorant"**

Trainor questioned his wisdom in discussing the referendum before it took place, but said it was "better to have you somewhat dissatisfied and informed than to have you happy and ignorant".

According to Trainor, the DSU won't act on its policies, but will use them when it must take a stand on an issue. As some of the students in attendance said, if the DSU adopts a policy on abortion,

and then allows student societies which promote the opposite view, it should theoretically fund organizations which promote racism, sexism, and homophobia.

Trainor's explanation of the distinction between policy and constitution didn't satisfy many of the people who attended the meeting. "I have a tough time with this," said the DSU chair. "I don't think I should be in the position to decide on this."

In contrast to the discussion on the abortion referendum, the rest of the meeting went very smoothly. Ralph Bastarache spoke out in favour of the Mature Students' Association promotion, whose delegates were conspicuously absent from the meeting. Trainor's explanation of Dal's Public Interest Group and the South African Education Trust fund passed without a hitch, as did the report on the Union's finances.

Trainor affirmed his views on the abortion referendum after the meeting, saying this referendum was to decide if the student body wanted the DSU involved — or if they should "stay out because it isn't our business".

The referendum will take place as part of the upcoming DSU elections. Students will present valid ID cards at a voting booth, at which point they will be presented with a ballot and a referendum question sheet. Voter turnout is often influenced by controversial referendum topics such as abortion, said one DSU representative.

## Fears grow as loans shrivel

by Stuart Flinn

There is a growing fear among many students that loans and bursaries will be adversely affected as the government moves to privatize the system.

Lara Morris, chair of the Student Union of Nova Scotia, said many students she had spoken with were "shocked" by what could happen to the loans and bursary system if it is privatized.

On Dec. 15, the federal government announced a plan to privatize the loan administration system in post-secondary education and add a three per cent tax on all student loans. The government already has a collection agency to collect on overdue loans.

"Nova Scotia could be hard hit by the new plans of privatizing the loans system, since nearly 50 per cent of students in post-secondary education receive some form of student aid assistance," said Morris.

At present, the maximum student loan available is \$3,360 per year, plus a \$2,000 bursary. Morris sees this equation as lopsided. "The balance between loan and

bursary should be 50-50, not the one-third bursary and the two-thirds loan that we're seeing now," she said.

The move to privatize the loan system, with banks becoming more involved, could result in higher interest payments for students.

"Right now, the loans are interest free until the student graduates or leaves university, but that could change when the banks become involved. They are interested in the profit motive and that could mean that students would have to pay interest on their loans while attending university," said Morris.

The proposed three per cent tax on student loans could also hurt accessibility, according to SUNS. The tax will come into effect in 1991. It is intended to deter loan defaults by making borrowers more responsible, while putting an estimated \$60 million into government coffers.

"This new three per cent tax is regressive and could further jeopardize the ability of students from marginal socio-economic backgrounds to attend university," said Morris.

# Students screwed in latest cuts

HALIFAX (CUP) — Students in the Atlantic provinces may face increased tuition fees and decreased quality, thanks to the latest Michael Wilson budget.

The Feb. 20 federal budget cut \$70 million from Atlantic Canada's post-secondary education system — equivalent to four times

the operating grant given to Saint Mary's University last year.

Lara Morris, chair of Nova Scotia's student federation, said the budget will directly affect students in her province, because the provincial government may raise tuition to help offset the lost funding.

"(Nova Scotia) students are already paying the highest tuition fees in the country," she said. "There will be students eliminated from the system if they go up again."

The budget freezes the growth of federal transfer payments — used by the provinces to subsidized health service and post-secondary education — to the population growth rate.

Newfoundland's finance minister, Hubert Kitchen, said the payments have been steadily declining for the past 20 years, but Wilson's recent budget will produce the worst cuts ever.

"Since 1981, the federal government has capped the amount of

money it gives to the provinces through transfer payments and (the amount) has declined steadily since then," he said.

Although he wouldn't rule out a tuition hike, Kitchen said his government isn't considering it yet.

"Raising of tuition is conceivable, but (it) has not been proposed," he said. "We don't want to raise (them)."

Paul Connolly, Prince Edward Island's education minister, said his province's options are limited.

"The bottom line is that islanders — through taxes, tuition fees or user-pay fees — will

have to shoulder the costs for compensating this reduction," he said.

The budget was not well received by the Canadian Federation of Students either.

Irene Tremblay, a CFS representative, said the effects will be severe, and called on provincial governments not to raise tuition to make up for the cuts.

The cuts in federal payments "will result in fewer courses being offered, increased student/teacher ratios and higher loads for students."

But, she said, an increase in fees would make universities "accessible only for the rich."

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# Strike to stop cuts

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Canadian students should walk out of their classes and strike to protest recent federal government education cutbacks, says the president of Memorial University's student council.

"If the federal government is planning to get re-elected next time, they better smarten up," said Robin Russell.

Russell is calling for a coast-to-

coast student rally.

"Students always seem to be the last on the list. The federal government must think (we) can't do anything because we're so diverse."

"If students realized other students across Canada were marching at the same time, it would create an atmosphere of 'yes, we can do something'."

The call for action is in response

to two recent federal cutbacks. The budget for Challenge '90, the program that helps fund jobs for college and university students, will be slashed by 35 per cent.

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## Chemicals on CD

Dalhousie has installed a new computer system to catalogue its chemicals. The system is the first of its kind in Canada, and other Canadian universities are using the system as a model from which to design their own.

The low-cost system, which uses CD-ROM technology to store information on compact discs, allows users to check the nature of chemical with which they are working, and can help prevent dangerous reactions.

## Race workshop at MSSW

In an upcoming workshop at the Maritime School of Social Work, Dr. Clare Brant, assistant professor of psychiatry at Western, will speak on the effects of culture and race on members of the helping professions. Brant, a clan member of the Mohawk tribe Bay of Quinte, is the chair of the Canadian Psychiatric Association's Native Mental Health section.

Dr. Carole Christensen, a professor at McGill, will examine the development of cross-cultural awareness.

## Dal's Rhodes Scholar

Dalhousie law student Rick Southcott has been named a Rhodes Scholar. Southcott received an undergraduate degree in science at St. Francis Xavier, and has been awarded two scholarships at Dalhousie. Southcott will now interrupt his study of law to take an undergraduate arts degree at Oxford.

This is the sixth consecutive year a Dalhousie student has been named a Rhodes Scholar.

## Hemophilia and AIDS

Health and Welfare Canada has funded a \$60,000 study into hemophilia and AIDS. The study, which should be complete by March of 1991, will be evaluated by Dal's School of Nursing.

Hemophiliacs face a high risk of contracting the HIV virus due to broken skin which heals slowly and frequent blood transfusions. The study is being conducted in Halifax, Ottawa, and Vancouver.

# Canada's private U

by Mike Adler

TORONTO (CUP) — Canada's first private university may be part of a massive development planned for a Toronto suburb.

On Jan. 12, a local group announced a plan to build a privately-funded, secular university in the township of East Gwillimbury, 40 kilometres north of Toronto. The provincial government is expected to announce sometime in March whether it will allow the institution to open.

The new university would be located in Queensville, a small rural hamlet in the centre of East Gwillimbury. A crossroads with a few buildings, it is easy to miss. A new town of 30,000 would be built around the institution.

A development consortium called Queensville Properties has set aside 100 acres of land for the university, on the condition the university gets government recognition, said a spokesperson for the consortium.

Building a privately-funded, secular university in Ontario has been prohibited for 30 years. But a group fronted by former colleges and universities minister Bette Stephenson has spearheaded the East Gwillimbury project.

"The opportunity to develop a university town does not come around every day," said local mayor Bob Featherstonhaugh. He described reaction to the plan from the township's 17,000 residents as "very positive."

A private university is needed because government funding of public universities has not kept pace with increased student demand, Stephenson said.

Her group believes the area around East Gwillimbury needs a university because it is "one of the most rapidly-growing regions in the country, but it has no post-secondary education (facilities)."

An Ontario government advisory group heard presentations from Stephenson's group a year

ago, and released a discussion paper on private universities last October. The group's review of the government ban should be completed soon.

Stephenson said the university would be self-sufficient.

But Greg Elmer, an official with the Ontario Federation of Students, said a private university would set a "dangerous precedent" in Ontario, because its tuition would be beyond the reach of most students. The OFS is dedicated to universal access to post-secondary education in Ontario, and supports the idea that tuition should be free.

Stephenson said she "hasn't the vaguest idea (how high the tuition would be)," adding it would be significantly higher than at public universities.

Retired University of Toronto mathematics professor David Anderson, another driving force behind the private university, said they are considering "free tuition," where students would pay their fees after graduation.

Will Sayers, who represents university administrators in Ontario, cautions that private universities in the U.S. eventually ask for public money.

Ontario's public universities are more concerned with the quality of potential programs and graduates and how they would be regulated, he added. "We would like employers to know that a BA or BSc is of equal value no matter where you get it in Ontario."

Sayers said Ontario's public universities, which have traditionally opposed private ones, are "fine-tuning" their response to the government paper.

When a universities working group suggested last month that Ontario universities drop their opposition to private institutions "in principle," reaction from

members forced the committee to start revising its report.

Stephenson said the quality of education at the private university will be reviewed regularly by an external committee.

"The only goal of this institution is excellence. We will make that apply to faculty and students," she said. "If they don't live up to it, they don't stay."

Stephenson said there are already a large number of people interested in making donations, although benefactors are still being sought.

But ministry official Jamie Mackay said it may be impossible for Stephenson's group to raise the money necessary for even a small university. "You have to get an awful lot of donations," he said. Ontario will give its universities \$1.8 billion next year.

All universities in Ontario are really "private," because their boards of governors have legal autonomy, Mackay said.

"We really have a system of private universities which are publicly financed. They are not creatures of the government."

He added the ministry would not consider any proposal unless a private member's bill to establish the university is actually introduced in the legislature.

Anderson, who campaigned for private universities for 15 years, promised in 1988 to establish one by last September, using church basements and empty classrooms if necessary.

Stephenson said the university would open before the end of the decade, and would specialize in science and environmental engineering.

Anderson wanted to name the university after Canadian poet John McCrae, but McCrae's relatives opposed the idea, Stephenson said. His current favourite is James Wolfe University.

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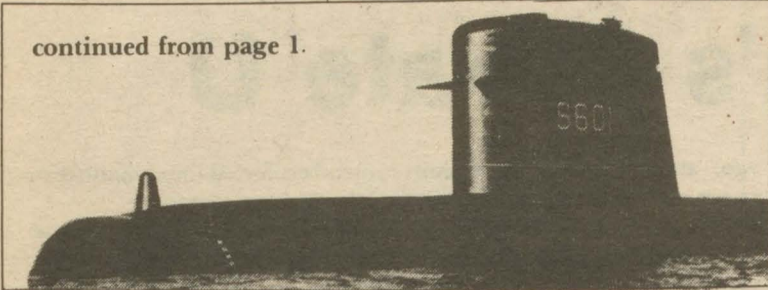
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One proposal, advanced by Canada, Norway and the USSR, is to create a United Nations Maritime Police Force, which would enforce the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and strengthen legal order in the world's oceans by enforcing treaties, protecting territorial zones and fishing limits, regulating mining extractions, policing piracy and drug-running, and carrying out search and rescue, marine science and hydrography.

Despite the negative perception of the Canadian navy's competence, Creery stated that, "our capacity to help protect shipping is still extremely good, and we also have the capacity to aid a UN Maritime Police force in the development of non-offensive defense strategies." Such strategies would rely less on aggression and more on cooperation between the world's navies, he added.

Creery stressed that humanity has two choices: either to be destroyed from land or sea in a

nuclear-missile disaster, or to find practical forms of agreement to preserve life on Earth. The seminar adopted a variety of recommendations centred on increasing dialogue to reduce naval confrontations. They suggest bilateral agreements on the prevention of incidents on and over the high seas, and a reorientation of international naval strategies to purely defensive purposes.

Reducing pollution in the world's oceans, prohibiting radioactive pollution, and establishing a balance of interests rather than a balance of forces were also high on the list of recommendations.

In order to do all this, Creery emphasized, a high degree of cooperation between nations is a must. Regular meetings would have to be scheduled to encourage the exchange of information on force levels, building programs, funding levels, and strategic doctrines. All non-strategic naval nuclear weapons would have to be eliminated, while other nuclear weapons would have to come under stricter controls.

One result of these changes would be a decrease in naval budgets, Creery said. The savings could be spent on social, economic, and ecological problems. Ultimately, to avoid major conflict and global disaster, all nations must focus on confidence-building through cooperation rather than destruction through aggression.

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## Green Party to stay

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — The Green Party isn't "mainstream" enough for Memorial University's student council.

In a unanimous vote Feb. 7, the council decided not to give the party official status, which would have made it eligible for a budget and an office.

Council executive Wade Brake said the council decided to ratify only groups representing "mainstream" parties because they would have more clout when it came to educating politicians on issues that concern students.

"Once we ratify one minor political party everyone will come to us," Brake said. "We had to put a cap on it somewhere."

"Our funds are limited," he said. "If we were to ratify every group that approached us, we'd have to raise student fees."

But the group trying to set up the chapter says it will continue to fight for recognition.

"It's important to have another political party coming from an entirely different point of view than that of the three big parties," said Michael Stowe, a member of the group.

Stowe also questioned the council's assessment of the Green Party's influence.

"There are at least nine university campuses in Canada with ratified Green Parties, and some of them are very large groups," he said.

"We're here to stay, and the sooner people realize that the better."

## 84 per cent said "yes"

MONTREAL (CUP) — 84 per cent of Bishop's University students said yes to a campus newspaper free from student government control Feb. 13 and 14.

Bishop's students were asked in a referendum to decide the fate of *The Campus*, whose editor, Elliott Soifer, was impeached last month after the paper published articles critical of the student council.

Alix Kroeger, a *Campus* staff member who resigned after the impeachment, said the results — 510 in favour of autonomy and 99 opposed — clear the way for an independent student newspaper.

"Students have sent a clear message to the council. They don't want to see this happen again," Kroeger said.

"A lot of people understood that unless they voted yes, there would be no student paper at Bishop's," she said. "And if there was a paper, something like this would probably happen again."

The new paper will be editorially and financially independent of the student council, and will be responsible to a publishing board made up of students and paper staff members.

The staff of *The Campus* has been publishing an underground paper, *The Independent*, since they walked out en masse in support of Soifer.

Kroeger said the staff of *The Independent* will be meeting with the student council within two weeks to negotiate the return of office space and *Campus* equipment, including a computer.

## Male pedophilia complex

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — The gay and lesbian community in Newfoundland has suffered as result of the inquiry into child abuse at the Mount Cashel orphanage.

This message was delivered at a panel discussion held Feb. 13 by the Gay and Lesbian Studies Group at Memorial University.

"The distinction must be made between male homosexuality and pedophilia," said Peggy Keats, a St. John's feminist activist with the Rape Crisis Centre.

The other panel members also said there has been a tendency in both the media and some of the testimony at the inquiry to imply that the problem of sexual abuse at the Mount Cashel Orphanage was a problem of homosexuality.

"The blame must not be shifted onto already oppressed groups," said Keats.

Memorial sociologist Gary Kinsman said the mass media focus on sexual abuse of young boys by the clergy has created a misperception that the nature of child sexual abuse has changed.

Keats said she was disappointed that the media had not also drawn attention to the problems of abuse girls and women face in this society.

Ron Knowling, activist and student at Memorial, suggested the media tends to sensationalize the problems in the Roman Catholic Church by focusing on the sexual aspect of the crimes instead of attempting to analyze the context the crimes were committed in.

He suggested sexual abuse and violence in families is also a result of the disproportionate power of men which exists in the context of the traditional family.

# School spirit needs work

by Brian Lennox

Numerous opinions are offered as to why Dalhousie, essentially, has little school spirit. Many students consider that there is no atmosphere on campus, i.e. too many commuting and mature students. Students believe that the Halifax night life is too good and campus activities — not necessarily sports — are unexciting.

I have great difficulty in understanding why students do not participate in school activities. My view is that athletic events,

advocating that we be like American universities — the environments are different — but each basketball and hockey game should be sold out, or with very few tickets left. Attending a varsity game is one of those inexpensive leisure activities.

Generally speaking, universities today seem to be producing apathetic leaders. If students cannot use the resources available to them, how can they expect society as a whole to use the available resources? Let me give a few examples.

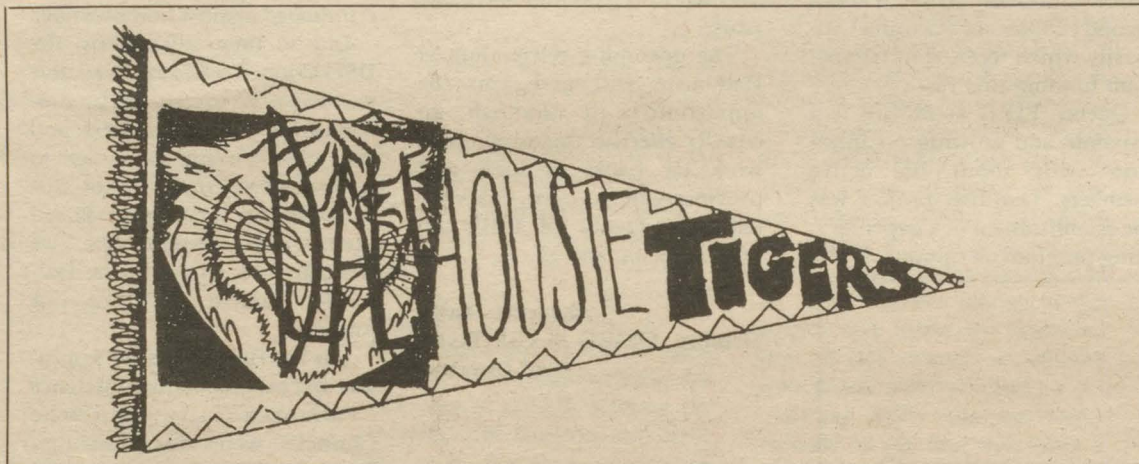
● Recently the Winter Carnival was held at Dalhousie, and participation was, in a word, sad. Of the 78 societies on this campus, two participated in the Winter Carnival. Some people went to great efforts to put together this year's Winter Carnival, and they had to be disappointed. Many of the activities during Winter Carnival were of little or no cost.

● Super SUBs at Dalhousie are becoming extinct as well, and this is unfortunate, since the cost to the student is reduced because the SUB sponsors these parties. The

my plea for things to change. Unfortunately, I am not sure how quickly things will improve. Next year's tuition could increase by 20 per cent, but at a recent forum at the SUB, fewer than 100 people attended. This is an issue in which students must become involved, because what is to stop tuition from rising another 20 per cent the following year? Think of the cost two or three years down the road. Many of you will be fin-

ished, but what if you plan to continue? Will you be able to afford it?

Ultimately, the question becomes one of participation not just in campus activities, but in life. If we are tomorrow's leaders, we have to become involved in a variety of activities that affect society. I chose participation at Dalhousie because in many ways it reflects participation in society or the lack of it.



intramurals and various other social events are the core of extracurricular activities on campus. These activities are inexpensive, and students who are concerned about the cost of their education should be aware of inexpensive entertainment. Students usually attend university for four or five years. If they do not participate during their university life, they will never get that opportunity again. Think about it; students are in an environment where people are relatively the same age, with many of the same aspirations. Not involving yourself in extracurricular activities at university is not taking advantage of the resources available.

Having been at Dalhousie for a number of years, I have been involved in a number of activities where I have witnessed the lack of student participation. As a varsity athlete from 1984-87, I saw how the students rarely supported the athletic teams. Even when teams were having successful seasons, the majority of the fans came from the community. I am not

● During the academic year, there are numerous lecture series that are for the most part free to the students. In fact, part of your student fee goes to the student union, which puts on these lecture series.

ironic thing is that part of your academic fees are used to put these activities on.

I strongly believe something must be done now if things are to change. This is my last year at Dalhousie, so I can only convey

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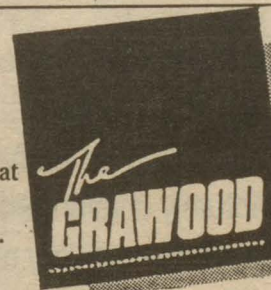
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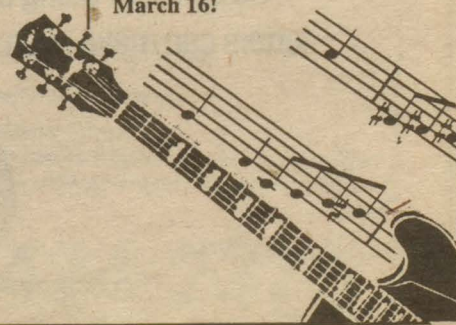
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## Walls of bigotry

To the editor:

While the Gazette has been maintaining its policy of not printing racist, sexist or homophobic material, a policy which I agree with, some of the worst racist, sexist and homophobic material imaginable is to be found all around this university. Death threats against gays and lesbians, messages advocating the sexual assault of women and racist epithets are all commonly found around campus. The fact that these messages are found on library desks and washroom walls makes them no less reprehensible and does not excuse this university of the fact that they are being left in place for years to continue spreading hatred and bigotry.

Joseph Peterson

## More PIRG

To the Editor:

Hopefully by now you will have heard that a group of Dalhousie students has been organizing a Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) over the course of this year. In a few weeks, you will have a chance to cast your vote for the establishment of an active new voice for Dal students on issues of public concern.

We write from McGill University, where Quebec PIRG was established just over a year ago. While all PIRGs are run independently of each other, we would like to express our support for PIRG at Dalhousie. We think that the successful petition drive conducted by PIRG's many volunteers shows that the PIRG model can work in Nova Scotia as it has elsewhere.

Since the PIRG idea was first conceived in the early seventies,

PIRG chapters have been organized at over 120 universities across North America. PIRGs are typically student-directed, student-funded, non-profit organizations conducting research, educating both the student body and the community, and working to effect social change. By offering a structure that can focus the potential power of a university community, a PIRG give students an influential voice on issues of public concern.

McGill students voted in 1988 to establish QPIRG by funding with a \$3 per semester student fee. The fee is refundable — but despite extensive advertising, only seven students claimed their refunds last term. There is also a second chapter at Concordia University which received its referendum funding this year.

Quebec PIRG at McGill is a dynamic and growing organization with about 100 active members. Our first project was the establishment of a paper recycling program on campus. While

continuing research, education, and action on waste management, we have also started a tenants' rights project. With the assistance of a full-time community organizer, students are knocking on doors in a local neighbourhood with the aim of establishing a tenants' association.

Some of our other projects include internships by which students do research in the public interest and get credit for it; establishing a resource centre with materials not otherwise available on campus; and a quarterly sixteen-page newsletter produced entirely by students. Last summer we hired three students to do research into recycling and other issues.

The upcoming referendum at Dalhousie will give you the opportunity to establish an equally effective organization to work on issues of local and province-wide concern. Cast your ballot in favour of PIRG on March 13, 14, and 15.

Shannon Dodge  
Member, QPIRG-McGill Board  
of Directors

## DSU speaks out

To the Editor:

Recently the New Beginnings Ministry held a conference entitled "Homosexuality and the Church". As many of your readers know, this weekend was marred with controversy. Foremost among the complaints was that some subject matter presented during the conference discriminated against homosexuals.

Due to these allegations, the DSU Council asked its Executive to discuss the content of the conference with its organizers and persons attending in order to determine whether or not discrimination occurred. Based upon these conversations, we were then to report to the Dalhousie student body of our findings.

It is the DSU Executive's opinion that aspects of the conference "Homosexuality and the Church" were discriminatory. From the discussions, it appeared all organizers held a sincere belief this conference could bring people to a better understanding of themselves and improve their relationship with God. The result, however, found a group of people singled out because of their sexual orientation and made to feel dehumanized and/or less than equal to their citizen peers.

A position presented by some persons at the conference (and that which the DSU finds most problematic) was that, according to scripture, God's ideal relationship is heterosexual. Also, all persons on earth are inherently sinful.

The unavoidable extension of this logic is that while all persons may be fallen, lesbians and gay men have, in the eyes of God, fallen further than all other persons. With meeting God's ideal as a stated objective, lesbians and gay men are relegated to a position of second class in a hierarchy arbitrarily imposed.

The DSU, therefore, is opposed to the view, as presented at the conference, that gay and lesbian people do not share equally with any of God's ideals. We hope sexual orientation is irrelevant to a fulfilling and harmonious relationship with God, however S/He is manifest. Indeed, sexual orientation must not be seen as a barrier to the love and peaceful union one has with him/herself, community, or God.

We also hope members of the New Beginnings Ministry consider the opinion of the DSU with regards to the content of the Homosexuality and the Church conference.

Dave Shannon  
DSU President

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## Braking out

To the editor:

In reference to an article by Padraic Brake in your February 1, 1990 edition, I would like to comment on the article "\$\$\$ for AIDS line?"

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Our provincial toll-free AIDS line (INFORM-AIDS) has responded to calls from all parts of Nova Scotia. Callers have included educators, parents, gay men, university students and Persons with AIDS/HIV. Our organization also provides both individual counselling and group support for PWAs and families, friends, lovers and caregivers.

While our core funding initially came from the federal government's Health Promotions Branch, we have seen a rise in funding from the Provincial Department of Health and Fitness and from private sector donations.

It is unfortunate that as we all try to address the AIDS crisis in Canada that journalists and the media still report inaccuracies in available services. One of our major client bases is university students — it is our hope that this letter will ensure them that our telephone line, resource library and counselling services are available to all.

Paul D. McNair  
Executive Director



# Education vs. Student Government

## Andrew Murphy — candidate for Board of Governors

- \* Currently management studies representative on Senate
- \* Academic Administration committee
- \* Student Life sub-committee
- \* DSU finance/SUB operations committees
- \* Final year studying economics in Commerce

1. I've spent a year on the DSU working with the Senate already, and I've seen how the administration runs and I've seen how it can attempt to stonewall any activities or any student efforts to financially at least improve the situation at Dalhousie.

I'm also quite willing to go head-to-head with anybody on the board about anything. They're not going to make me go away by saying, "You're just a student. We don't really care about student affairs."

I am just going to say, "No, you are going to deal with this now."

I know everyone, I know if there's trouble with something, I come and talk to the Gazette, I publicize everything, I go and write letters to the Dal News, there's no way they can shut me up or make me go away.

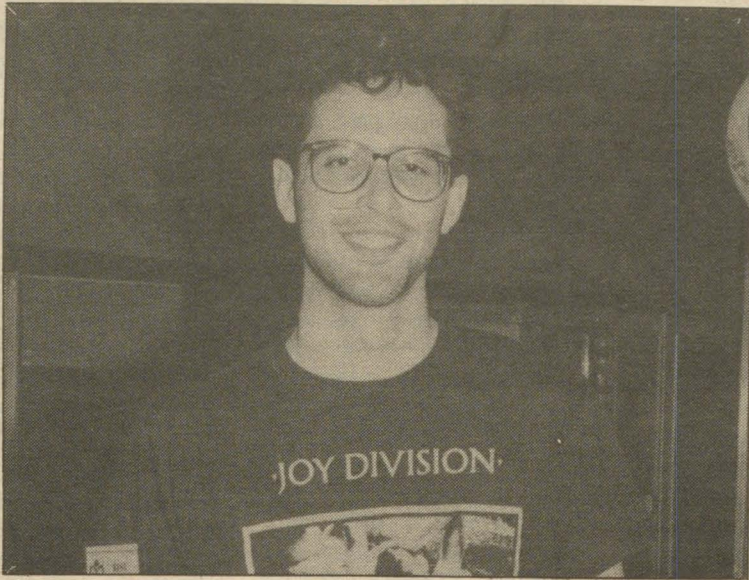


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2. One never really knows what the BOG is going to spring on the students. Right now we know that we have to fight to keep the tuition increase to a minimum. We know there's no way we are going to get a tuition fee agreement that keeps it to CPI, but we're going in screaming for that.

You have to keep saying, "No. No increase" for people to say, "Well, we'll give you this." "No, we want NO increase." Eventually, they say five per cent and we say two and a half and we get a decent number.

We can't be going in yelling,

"Well, you offered us fourteen so we'll give you sixteen and we'll all be friends for the next year."

Other issues: accessibility isn't just tied to tuition fees, it's tied to other funding, it's tied to bursaries, to scholarships. We have to figure out who needs scholarships. Right now, we know that scholarships all go to middle-income people. They don't go to the poor. We have to figure out how to get the lower- and working-class people who are capable and who need to go to university into this place.

## Don Manson — Candidate for Board of Governors

- \* Returning student, 2 1/2 years at Melaspina and Langara Colleges, B.C.
- \* Involved in student and national politics
- \* Participated in Great Tuition Debate in B.C. in 1982

1. I want to represent the whole of the student body and to force fully, in front of the Board of Governors, put forward our position, the policy of the DSU as a whole, and to report back to the DSU.

I don't think that it's my job to make policy, as it is to present that policy to the Board in the strongest terms possible. That's something that I don't think has happened in the past.

We as students have a very important voice and it has to be heard, and if that means we have to jump up and down once in a while, then I'm fully prepared to do that.

I'm not looking for another name on my resume. The tuition, academic standards, etc., are very important, to our future and to the country's future.

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As well as getting to cast a ballot for one or another of these exciting people, there are also three referendum topics on which you will have to vote either yes or no.

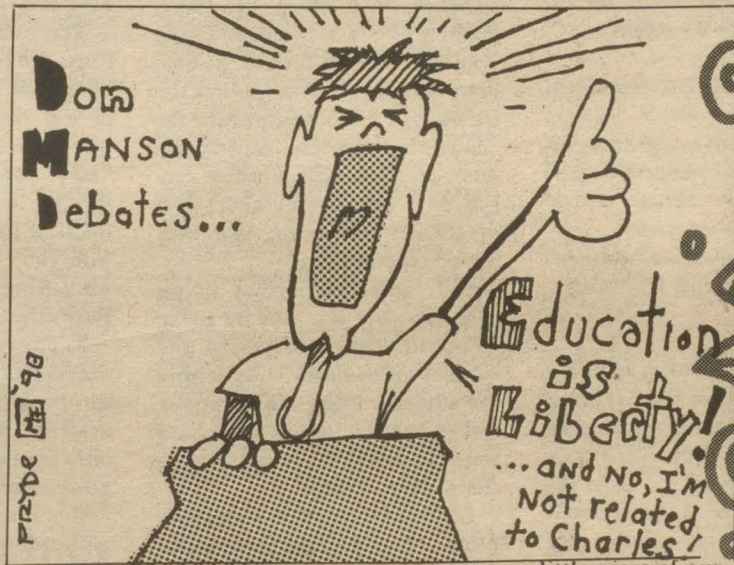
1. Abortion — you will vote on whether the DSU should take a pro-choice of an anti-abortion stance.
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## Questions for Board of Governors candidates:

1. What benefits will you, as a student representative on the BOG, provide the students body?
2. What are the issues in the upcoming year that you, as a BOG rep, will be concerned with?

giving away a little piece of our liberty.

2. The greatest issue going is going to be tuition increase. That affects everyone equally throughout the university.

There's a great possibility of a strike this fall, as the agreement with the professors is up in June, and I imagine that they'll wait until this fall before they take any action. No sense when there's no students around.

We can't stand for another mess as the last strike turned out to be. The way it adversely affected us in the student population — it wasn't fair, it wasn't sane, we were just being used as a pawn by both sides.

That's part of strong student representation, and a strong voice in BOG is to let them know we're not a group to be taken advantage of, as we have in the past.

If they're going to lay everything at our feet, all the problems dumped off on us, I for one won't stand for that, and I don't imagine my fellow students of the DSU will either, so I plan to use that as my standard-bearer.



Charles Aldrich — Candidate for Board of Governors  
Charles Aldrich, another candidate for the Board of Governors,

couldn't be reached by the time we went to press. To be fair to Charles, watch for his posters. We are sure that he is a good guy.

## Questions for Vice-Presidential candidates:

1. How do you feel about providing office space in the SUB for more of the societies? Should B societies be offered office space?

**Beth Beattie, Candidate for the position of Vice President**

• 1st year law student

- DSU community affairs coordinator 88/89
- DSU member at large 89/90
- Active in intramurals and varsity sports
- Founder of the DSU clown troupe, annual car-stuffing contest

1. Societies are very important to the quality of life here at Dalhousie. We're in total support of the societies. We realize the role that they play on campus.

In terms of providing SUB space for them ... at this point, there is some available space and we will look towards providing



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**Patti Dow — Candidate for the position of Vice-President**

- Past SAHPER president (88/89)
- Chair of Fall orientation 89
- Graduation class president 90
- Currently on Senate, representing Health Professions
- Studying towards a bachelors degree in recreation administration

1. The student union building itself is full. Unless you put on an addition or major reconstruction, you can't make available any more office space. We have the McDonald Science Library that is sitting there. It is available. It's not a walking fire hazard. I think that it can be used for the B societies, have that as the "Societies Building". All A societies and B

societies have offices in there. There's plenty of room, and then you have a direct link to the Student Union, you can go over the McDonald Science Library or the "Students' Society Building", and say, "OK, this is where everybody is, I can make contact with everybody", knowing that they are all in one place.

2. It goes on to what Ralph said; the only way you are going to get student participation and student enthusiasm is by letting the students know what you are doing, and by letting them have respect for you as a society and as the student leaders.

Different types of promotion — I mean I've worked in campus activities. I know about student apathy, I know how pathetic it can get. Posters, and flyers and banners, all that is great, but you

2. How will you encourage students to take part in DSU sponsored events, like the Winter Carnival? Short of creating a football team, what can the DSU do to combat student apathy?

3. Would you commit yourself to the publication of course evaluations, i.e. an "anti-calendar" for students?

societies with this space in the near future. In the long term, there may be a SUB expansion program.

In the short term, we will look to providing societies, including B societies with a multi-purpose room. This will have telephones, chairs, that kind of thing will be at the disposal of societies to organize special events and such. That's very important, to keep the SUB accessible to societies, that the SUB staff is available. Office services is right there, room reservations are there, DSU staff is there to help provide the societies with assistance.

In addition, we will be giving societies more money to promote their societies, to get more people involved. We realize the essential importance of societies to life on Dalhousie campus.

2. To begin with, we have to, as I said, really promote the societies, to assist them, in whatever way possible, to get more students involved in the society. This year's Winter Carnival went well, especially with regards to societies. But in regards to getting peo-

ple who aren't involved in societies involved in Winter Carnival, that type of event, it's important that we make things accessible to students who don't really know what's going on on campus, which I instigated. I instigated that because students don't have an inlet to a lot of the activities on campus, and this would promote spirit.

For Winter Carnival, it's important that societies continue not only to take part, but that smaller teams can partake. Usually, you need up to 15 people. We'd like to see smaller numbers of people being able to take part.

We can also get more people involved by bringing onto campus better entertainment. For instance, Super-SUBs — there's no reason we cannot get quality acts, really good bands and we will do that. This provides for people, not only members of societies, but for the average student who doesn't know what the DSU and the societies have to offer.

"Look, this is worthwhile, we want the students to know what the courses are like, what the professors are like. They have every right to know."

You get three thousand first-year students coming into the university not having any idea about professors or the courses. They ask their friends and a lot of them don't have friends when they first come, so who do you turn to?

You can come to the Student Union and ask questions but a lot of the time they won't answer them, so you have this course evaluation. I think it's very important that it's kept up and they should know — they have a right to know — what other students think about these professors.

As such, only bits and pieces of courses are handled by the course evaluation. We want to make it mandatory so that there will be better participation by professors. This means that students will have more than just the Dalhousie calendar to pick their course by. They will see what they can get out of each and every course that they are interested in.

By having it mandatory, it will improve the quality of the course evaluation manual. It's important that we work with the administration to see that they are well distributed, preferably through registration packages in the summer.



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## Questions for Presidential candidates:

1. What are the prominent upcoming issues that will have to be dealt with by the DSU in the upcoming year?

**Lara Morris — Candidate for the position of President**

- Currently Chair of Students Union of Nova Scotia
- Student rep on Board of Governors
- V.P. External, 88/89
- Member, Dal Advocates for the Physically Challenged
- Chair, SUNS Election Readiness Committee, 88

1. I think that some of the most important issues we're going to have to deal with next year are tuition fee increases, the possibility of a faculty strike, and what the administration plans to do with the athletic fee. All of these issues affect the accessibility of Dalhousie and they also affect the quality of education at Dalhousie.

On the issue of tuition fees — we are opposed to the proposed 20 per cent tuition fee increase. We want to work with the administration to come up with a proposal that will mean reasonable increases that are affordable to Dalhousie students.

**Ralph Cochrane, candidate for the position of President**

- Past president of Howe Hall
- Vice-chair of Orientation 89/90
- Chair of Diet Pepsi Duck Derby for Diabetes
- Chair of Grad Week 90
- Working on a B.A. in Economics

1. The major one would be tuition fees for sure, and a few other ones. The so-called threat of a possible strike, programming and communications is really our focus. I feel that is what is an issue for us because we see that the school wants participation from students only when there's a crisis situation and doesn't take enough initiative to inform students on a regular basis about what goes on.

I'm past president of Howe Hall and as a president of one of the major societies on campus, I

would get a copy of the DSU minutes whenever they had a meeting and all I would get would be an outline. I had no real idea of what really went on in the meeting. That's all right for me because I have a right-hand man, a representative that goes to these meetings. But what about the average person that lives on-campus or lives off-campus that doesn't know what goes on? How is a person supposed to be involved in a tuition agreement, in this sort of thing, in programming, and communications, if they are not being informed?

2. They told everybody it was going to be 20 per cent and it's not going to be 20 per cent. It hasn't been passed, at the last time I knew of it.

The Student Union has had a past reputation of being very militant against administration.

2. Tuition, at most, should increase by the Consumer Price Index. Students' summer earnings don't increase by more than inflation, so the cost of their education shouldn't increase by more than that.

The proposal to increase tuition fee revenues by more than 20 per cent is absolutely absurd. Students will not be able to afford that kind of increase.

Residence fees are going up. How are students going to be able to afford to pay increased residence fees and tuition fees?

As far as trying to reach a common ground with the administration, students have lots of time and energy to devote to new campaigning, to new creative fundraising that the university has to undertake, new debt reduction alternatives. Students have the time and energy to give to these projects and have the ability and imagination to help them come up with new ideas to help them

**Lynn McMichael — Candidate for the position of Vice-President**

• Chair — Sociology and



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Social Anthropology Student Society (SSASS)

- Coordinator — DSU Second-hand Bookstore
- Official DSU delegate —

SUNS and CFS conferences

• Member — SUNS Child Care Committee

- Enquiry Desk staff member

1. At present, we have a great amount of B societies and to offer every B society space within the SUB, you have to make a lot of space. If you offer all A societies an office and then the B societies can use the A societies' offices under the space allocation.

A few years down the road there's a new agreement with the SUB expansion going on, so hopefully we'll get some A societies in there and the B societies will be able to use the offices provided.

2. Combatting student apathy in the Winter Carnival, or for all events. I think of setting up a committee where each society has a member on the committee, like an entertainment committee, an

organizational committee meeting once every two weeks. For example, if there's Winter Carnival going on, orientation going on, different activities going on throughout the year, you have one society member representative. Hopefully that will get the societies out. As vice-president, I'd like to go out and talk to each society when they have their meetings. I know there's a great many societies, but I'm going to try to get out as much as possible to get to each society, to talk to them, to advertise leadership weekend, utilize leadership weekend a lot more.

The best thing is to go out and talk to societies first, in person, then send follow-up letters. Hopefully this new committee will — there's one now, but it hasn't met yet this year — I'd like to start it up again — have one member from each A and B

society. Hopefully we'll get more people out.

3. Yes, I would make sure that the course evaluations were published. A great many people ask about it, even when I work at the desk, a great many people come and ask about course evaluations and what kind of courses to take. Trying to get them out to the first year students — we can have the booklets that are published at the Enquiry Desk, so that people can come and ask, they'll be able to utilize it. A lot of people come and ask questions.

I'd be definitely committed to doing course evaluations, to try and set it up so that people get them. So many of them are sent back. We need to try and set up a new way for them to reach the students. I'd like to work on that, but yes, I'd be definitely committed.

going to fund our education. If you look at what they've done recently, the federal government has frozen established programs financing transfers to the provinces. One third of those transfers contribute to the cost of funding education in Nova Scotia. If they have eliminated \$80 million from the Nova Scotia budget and if you take the education portion of that, that means \$917 per student has been eliminated for the next two years.

Where's that money going to come from?

We realize that the provincial government is strapped for funds, but we also realize that, with the administration, we have to lobby the provincial and federal government to meet the commitment they have made to education. They have made verbal commitments repeatedly to education and they now have to make a financial commitment. They have to realize that education is part of the future of Canada. Together, the students, the administration and the faculty can put pressure on government.



Photo: Rochelle Owen

tion fee increases student can afford.

We also want to involve more students and representatives of societies in dealing with the administration so that they can get a sense that there are a number of students on Dalhousie campus that cannot afford these tuition fee increases.

We recognize that tuition increases have to contribute to Dalhousie's financial strategy plan and yet improve the quality of education at Dalhousie.

We insist that the administration has to look at other funding sources. Students can't afford the increases that they have proposed, and unless student aid is improved in order to meet the needs of students, we have to keep those tuition fees down.

As far as other sources go, we would look to alumni donations, fund-raising campaigns, and that kind of thing to find more money.

3. Dalhousie students realize the government isn't necessarily

There has to be a lot more small talk or casual conversation with these people in order to get a constructive agreement.

If you go with a really negative attitude, with the fists up, you're not going to get much of an agreement together. You can sit down and say, "Listen, these are our problems, we can't pay for it, you need the money, let's see if we can work something out together." Rather than saying, "We're not going to pay this, this is the very minimum we're going to go ahead with. If you don't go our way, we're going to make a big fuss." I think if you can work together, then that's positive.

There's the position of lobbying of the provincial government, but that can't be done effectively unless a lot of the students participate. And the students, if they don't know about it, are not

going to go out and do it. It's like they did on the last strike; students weren't aware about what went on before, and then they got hit with a big notice, "There's going to be a big strike!" Then they went home, because they weren't kept in touch all year.

3. Obviously, the government is a major part of funding. There's been an \$80 million cut-back; people have to be made aware in the government that students can't pay that price — students have to get out. You have to rely on that basically right now, but it's a matter of attitude, you have to have the attitude of, "Listen, we have a problem. We all have to work together to rectify it — the administration, the students, and the provincial government."

raise money to help reduce the debt.

3. Presently Dalhousie is \$33.4 million in debt.

**Ralph Bastarache's comments are continued on page 12**



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### Bastarache from page 11

transfer payments to education  
and health by over \$1 billion, the  
situation is not likely to improve  
in the immediate future.

The MPHEC has asked each  
atlantic university to submit  
role and capacity statements.  
These are going to be used in  
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formula. Hopefully that new  
funding formula will benefit Dal-  
housie. Dalhousie has not benef-  
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formula, mainly because of its  
extensive graduate and profes-  
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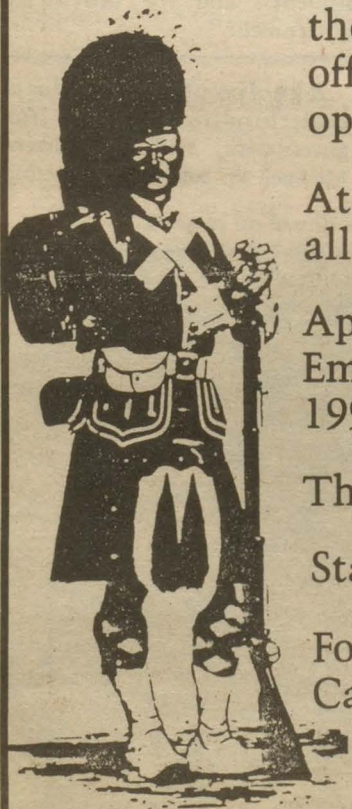
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## Imagery

To the Editor:

I was impressed by the imagery of tanks engraved in the letter written by Amir Nevo and Bill Chernin (February 8). Of course, the totem of might speaks volumes of the democratic tendencies a few among us can hardly understand. Although I disagree with their points of view, I defend their right to hold publish them. This is a healthy practice where children are safe from poachers and the adult population is not scared of sacred bowls of milk and honey being dropped from the heavens as it often happens in Lebanon.

Regrettably, the Baalams of the day still roam shamelessly in the Disney World of yesteryears where knowledge was presumed to be exclusively a monopoly of a chosen people whose broad-mindedness could not accommodate political gentiles. "They see in others what they are afraid of seeing in themselves."

Repression breeds revolutionary heroism. Unless holocaust part 2 takes place, it is doubtful whether the Goliath of the day in Palestine will ever win this telling war.

"Hatred of Israelis"? No. Had I hated the Israelis as my broad-minded colleagues state, I could have already signed a defense pact with the barons of the South African regime. However, it would be ridiculous to expect me to celebrate the killing of women and children under the banner of a "unique situation". Law and order as a tool of murder is a monopoly I leave to the tyrants of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

On censorship, I still insist that you cannot be Salman Rushdie and Ayatollah Khomeini at the same time.

If history has any lessons to offer, the hour is not yet at hand for Israeli authorities. Coffee-house philosophers never speculated that a superpower can yield to the sting of a flea. Not surprisingly, the legacy continues.

I. Heritage

## Straight & narrow

To the Editor:

It seems there is always something about gays or lesbians in the Gazette. I think that's fine; everyone is entitled to freedom of expression, but the Feb. 15/90 issue was definitely overdone. Almost half the paper was devoted to the topic of one interest group on campus. I have never seen this much space awarded to the problems of other minorities, blacks or natives for instance. The Gazette is supposed to represent all students, but it seems more and more the main medium of communication for members of GLAD. Raising the awareness of students and other readers is one thing, but when you bombard us over and over, we begin to tune you out. I'm not saying the problems of gays and lesbians aren't real and deserve our concern, but I think a student newspaper should represent the interests of all students equally.

Sincerely  
S.J.C.

P.S. Heterosexual women experience harassment and discrimination too, but we voice our opinions as *women*. We don't involve our sexual orientation.

## Fishy

To the Editor:

From all information I have gathered to date, I get the impression that DFO has decided to implement a Quota System for all fishing boats.

Even though I do not believe that the Quota System is the correct way to manage the fishery, I shall tell you my view of the only way a Quota System could be fair and equitable.

We must realize that contrary to what some people would have us believe, the trouble with the fishery is not too many boats chasing too few fish — it is the method of fishing that some boats use (dragging). Here is my answer to the problems in the fishery:

This must apply to all fishing boats, offshore, inshore, large or small, either company or privately owned. There shall be no exceptions; if a company or individual cannot live by this, then so be it, for the fish belong to the people and under the constitution of this country we should have equal access to them.

If any DFO man has nerve enough to say that they have a special right to manage the fishery, just point out to him how well they have been doing for the last decade or so. If that doesn't shut him up he should be fired.

I propose that each fisherman, including the captain, cook, and engineers running the vessel, but *excluding* people on board for other purposes such as processing

personnel on factory ships, shall have a quota assigned him or her whether they be on a dragger, longliner, gillnetter or handliner. Every fisherman's quota shall be the same: a boat with one man shall catch x number of fish per term; two men can double that amount, three can triple it, and so. This quota is not transferable; indeed, there would be no need to transfer such a quota as any man or woman who fishes would automatically receive such a quota.

Some companies may find that they cannot live by this system; that is too bad for them. We can't afford to support them any longer. They will have to get out of the fishery and make room for many smaller and more efficient operations. Such plants would no doubt be content to buy their fish from the fishermen *after* they are caught.

As for the people who are now being laid off by large companies who, under our present system, own the fish, there should be lots of employment, as one must remember that all fish caught must be processed by someone, somewhere.

Under my system, all fish or at least most of the fish now being caught would still be caught, but the big difference would be that they would be owned by the people and not by one or two large companies. That way, all of the money returned from the fisheries would be spent in the provinces concerned.

I could write for hours on this subject, but I think a few people might have got the point by now.

Captain Donald F. Purdy

## Censor censured?

Dear sir,

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter advising you of my disagreement with your printed guidelines for letters to the editor. Specifically I disagreed with your policy of not printing letters containing racism, sexism, or homophobia.

Since then I have read and been confronted with a wide range of feedback. This response has led me to believe that I should clarify my position. To do so I would like to share a story with you. I hope you like it.

Once upon a time, in a land not so far away newspapers decided not to print letters from racists, sexists, or homophobes. The people said "Yea" because they didn't like those backward bigots.

Next the newspapers decided that they wouldn't print letters from Girly-Men. The people said "Yea" because they didn't like Girly-Men.

Next the newspapers decided not to print letters from the Poufta Liberation Organization. The people said "Yea" because the Pouftas promoted verbal violence and we all know how bad verbal violence is.

Next the editors decided not to print letters from the people. The people said "Boo" but it was too late!

Howard Brown

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The wind beneath her wings...

# The force behind Rita McNeil

by Robb Cribb

Contrary to popular belief, Rita McNeil has not been flying on her own in her ascent to the top of the music charts throughout Canada and the world.

In fact, it has been personal manager Brookes Diamond who has served as the proverbial wind beneath Rita's wings. Diamond has been described as the most influential figure in the Atlantic Canadian music industry, an

acclamation which he has earned through his staggering success at placing a shy and demure woman from Cape Breton on the world stage.

Reclining in his luxurious office high atop the World Trade Centre in downtown Halifax, Brookes Diamond seems out of place amid the gold records and opulent furnishings. Dressed casually in a sweater and pants, he is an unlikely hero to an Atlantic Canadian music industry which has declared him its reigning prince.

A former student of Dalhousie University, Diamond admits to never having been a conscientious student. He remains a half-credit short of completing his degree. "My heart was never into the school thing," he recalls. "I lacked the discipline, and university didn't succeed in taming me."

His start in the industry came when he was working on the Dalhousie Winter Carnival. "It was a total accident," he says. "A friend asked me if I would run the Winter Carnival/Parade. I, of course, didn't know anything about running a parade, but I did it anyway and had a ball."

"It was a tremendous time," he

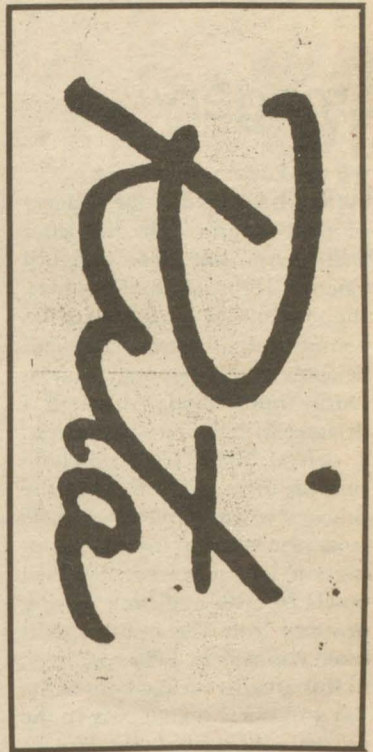
recalls. "My mind exploded with ideas and enthusiasm. I threw everything I had into the carnival. I also met a number of people, including Dennis Ryan of Ryan's Fancy."

It was this meeting which spawned Diamond's first performance booking on an entrepreneurial basis. He booked Ryan's Fancy at the Dal SUB for the last night of the Carnival and earned \$150 for his efforts.

"Leaving the SUB was like leaving mother," Diamond says. "It was my umbrella, but you have to eventually get out there. It's like leaving home. The time comes when you just have to enter the school of hard knocks."

Diamond's eventual partnership with Rita McNeil came as the result of his work with the Atlantic Folk Festival, an event which he conceived and organized. "I had known Rita and worked with her, but she had always had other people around her."

It was not until 1985 when Diamond was trying to book her into a club that he realized McNeil was without management. He seized the opportunity and "the relationship naturally grew into management as a result of things



that weren't happening for her."

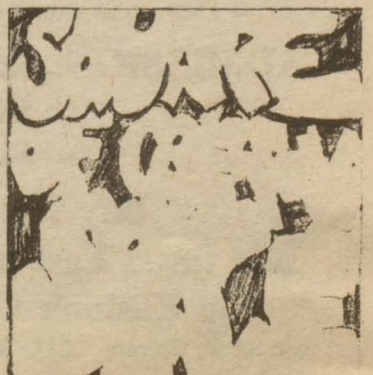
The work Diamond did involved getting McNeil's music and personality recognized for the potential it had. "With an artist like Rita you don't direct as much as you connect her to the public via the media," Diamond says. "One of the things that wasn't happening with Rita was that she wasn't coming through as Rita. People weren't getting the opportunity to see the real person. It was a matter of getting her out and on the radio."

Sounds easy, but this is no simple feat with even the greatest of new artists.

On a recent visit to Halifax, Anne Murray's personal manager, Leonard Rambeau, referred to a good manager as one "who doesn't let his short-term greed get in the way of his long-term greed". Brookes Diamond agrees and suggests that patience is indeed the stuff that success is made of. "I don't know one person who is successful who was in a hurry to get there," Diamond says. "The category of artist I avoid most is the 'Young Man in a Hurry' category."

With over 800,000 of McNeil's records sold in Canada, near-gold sales in Australia, a May 1st release in the UK, four Juno nominations, and a new album by fall and a one-hour Christmas special next December, both Diamond and McNeil are in a position where most music industry people would like to be.

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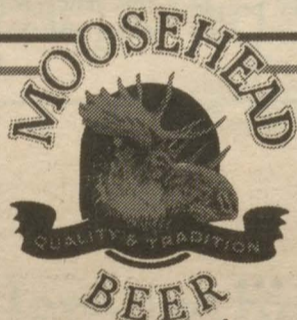
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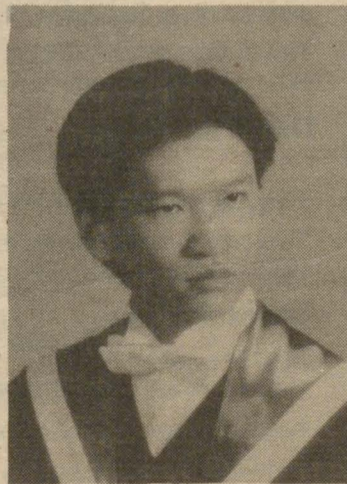
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# Maritime music maturing

by Robb Cribb

Whenever the terms "music industry" and "Atlantic Canada" are mentioned in the same sentence, it is through a series of dubious smirks. "Did you hear the one about the local musician/songwriter who became a strong force in the music industry? Neither did I."

But what is happening in our music industry is no joke. A feeling of growth and a sense of purpose have arisen in the last six months which local industry professionals say are unprecedented in this area.

Two associations whose emergence has been awaited for years arose almost simultaneously in November of this past year. The Songwriters Association of Nova Scotia (SANS) and the Music Industry of Nova Scotia (MIANS) have arisen from the ashes of our industry and made serious and positive advances in getting industry people together, providing information and referrals, and promoting a sense of rejuvenation in what otherwise was a joke that had flopped.

SANS's attack on industry apathy has taken a couple of forms. With the executive strongly in place, the organization hosts what they call Publishers' night, where professional criticism is available to local songwriters, without them paying a fortune or climbing on a plane.

Every Tuesday night at the Parkside Restaurant and Lounge in Burnside, a large group of local musician/songwriters gathers to listen to each other's recorded material and offer ideas, criticism, and direction. The concept is as simple as it is helpful. Each musician brings a cassette tape of a song they wrote or performed. It's played, and then the other musicians give their immediate reaction to it. To assure an immediate and honest response, listeners fill out a response card that asks, "Would you like to hear it again?" Yes or no.

"The wording is kept simple because it's an immediate reaction we're measuring. It's very personal," says Rick Gautreau, president of the Songwriters Association. Just two months old, the group boasts over 55 members.

In addition, the Songwriters Association holds regular meetings at which they discuss their goals and aims within the industry and what is being addressed by committees dealing with everything from radio play to publishing information. In only a couple of months, the association has also held three information meetings entitled "FACTOR — Who Won with What", "CBC Song Contest", with Mark-Andrew

Cardiff of the CBC, and "Copyright", with entertainment lawyer Edmond Chaisson and Richard Albert of PROCAN.

If you are interested in getting more information on Publishers Night or the Songwriters Association of Nova Scotia, contact Rick Gautreau at 469-5992.

What is perhaps the most significant manifestation of the excitement surrounding our music industry from both inside the region and out came this past weekend when MIANS sponsored a music industry seminar at the World Trade and Convention Centre entitled "Thriving in the '90s." The seminar included an impressive lineup of guest speakers, including Mary Vratsideis from the Canadian Independent Record Producers Association (CIRPA), Heather Sym from the Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent on Records (FACTOR), Tim Trombley from Capitol Records, David Farrell, the owner and editor of *The Record*, and Leonard T. Rambeau, the highly esteemed manager of Anne Murray and Frank Mills. The calibre of these professionals and the obvious interest they are taking in the Atlantic region with their presence and support produced a real buzz in the Halifax music scene.

"It's simply amazing that this is even happening," said one of the participants in the seminar. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

The event drew a crowd of 150, made up of some of the region's most talented and promising performers and writers. Keith Evans, President of MIANS and coordinator of the seminar, was ostensibly pleased with the fruits of his labour as he commenced the ceremonies by saying, "I can't tell you enough how happy I am at the turnout. . . . We have the talent, we want to know what to do with it. That's why we invited these people here today."

The lack of communication that has historically existed between the Atlantic Canadian music industry and the larger Canadian music centres was often cited as the underlying reason for the relatively few major success



"You have to be ambitious, have the right friends ... it's not luck."

stories emerging from this region of Canada. One member of the audience said, "The reality of living in the Maritimes is that we don't have the studios, producers, managers and musicians the major music centres do, and yet our material is expected to be compared with that coming out of the regions which are so much more musically fertile. There have to be some understanding and consideration for our situation."

This "have-not" argument, however, was challenged by several of the panelists, including David Farrell, who replied to the accusation of an elitist music industry with firm denial. "Being in Halifax is no different from being in any other city in North America. The fax, phone, and postal service work as well for you as they do for anyone living in Toronto." Farrell said the issue was not geographical but personal. "You've got to be aggressive and persistent, believe in yourself, and have some sort of magic."

Leonard Rambeau, originally from Dartmouth, is considered one of the top managers in the country. He corroborated the denial of regional disparity in the music business when he told the

crowd, "you're only as poor as you think you are."

So how do you succeed in breaking into this highly competitive and already saturated market which offers true financial and emotional success to so few? Although many enlightening and interesting suggestions were offered, it remains a question without an answer.

All agreed the demo tape is the most important element in the pursuit of the ever-elusive record deal. "It's your calling card," says Tim Trombley, "but you can't expect to just send in a tape and get a record deal. You have to

make it happen on your own. You have to display some solid accomplishments before you even go to the majors.

It was Richard Flohill of CAPAC who perhaps best summed up the requirements for success in the music business when he said, "Above all, the music has to be great, unique. You have to be ambitious, have the right friends . . . it's not luck. You have to have the belief that what you're doing is special and necessary."

A couple of million wouldn't hurt, either.

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I once read that there is no business in the world so troublesome as the pursuit of fame, because life is over before you have hardly begun your work. The music industry in Atlantic Canada is just beginning to find out exactly how troublesome the pursuit of musical success is, and yet I sense no apprehension or intimidation in the face of the industry.

In fact, signs point toward a consciousness in this region's industry which is more anxious than ever to confront the challenges presented by a Canadian music industry finally waking up to the talent and promise this area has to offer.

When speaking of the recent growth of the industry in this region, Rick Gautreau says, "We've done everything we've wanted to. The networking has begun. The music industry profile has taken a quantum leap in Atlantic Canada."



# MALLS

by David Deaton

I hate shopping. So do you, I bet. Ever wonder why?

Consider the Quinpool Shopping Mall, a half-mile trot from Dalhousie. It's not a real mall — not one of those newer palatial emporia — but it will do.

Two stores, certainly, qualify for mall status. At opposite ends of a cluster of shops (the most famous being Jumbo Video) are a fair-sized IGA and Canadian Tire. It isn't their physical dimensions that elevate them into the commercial empyrean. No, size has nothing to do with it.

It's their PA system. Greeting you as you enter each store is music. Of a kind. Canadian Tire plays a surprisingly decent selection of lite-rock. IGA serves up muzak.

One should be inured by now to this kind of noise pollution but is one ever?

Whoever conceived the idea for Canadian Tire was a genius, albeit an evil one. Imagine simulating an AM radio station, substituting Can Tire commercials for DJ patter. Brilliant!

Mind you, some people may not *want* to hear their most cherished songs while they're browsing for garbage bags. Or hear "Here Comes the Sun" followed by an announcement for jumbo bags of Kitty Litter. Such moments become memories.

Worst of all, most every song is interrupted by someone being paged at end-of-the-world volume levels. The illusion of a radio station dies pretty quickly.



On to IGA. From Scylla to Charybdis. This is where the mall can be experienced in its purest form. Muzak instead of music.

Ironically, the endless audial Valium that flows through the speakers does nothing to lessen the intensity of the store. As in airports, Muzak's cloying coziness heightens the alien, surreal immensity of such a space.

What gets you first, though, are the lights. Brilliant! You think you're on a Hollywood set.

A certain timelessness obtains in a supermarket. The lights burn so brightly, it could be any time of day. The external world disappears. Hypnosis sets in.

The mighty fluorescent flicker

of the tubes overhead induces a somnambulist's trance. Watch how people move, slower than usual, in time to the Muzak. Why aren't all zombie movies filmed in supermarkets?

Here, you're not just watching television, you're *living* it. All the world's a commercial, and there's no mute button.

Just to make the noise pollution a little more toxic, IGA has introduced The Voice. No one who's heard it can ever forget it, no matter how much one tries.

Behold, out of the blinding lights not God but a human Care Bear speaks, the oozing unctuous sap of blandness, a voice like white bread.

But even The Voice must bow to the exigencies of the shopping line. Every few seconds it cuts out as if it were being censored for uncontrollable profanity.

Between the Muzak, The Voice, and the constant check-out pagings, your consciousness ends up like a song playing at Canadian Tire.

"Well, you lucky shoppers, today at only \$1.49 a kilo" —

— Price check line one —

"... can't beat the taste or the price of —"

— Susan Arklie Stairs, please report to the manager —

"... still a very special place to shop."

Oh, really?

If you don't like it, of course, you can *leave*. This is *their* space and they'll play with your head as much as they bloody well *want* to. They'll slice'n'dice your consciousness, turn your favourite songs into canned mush, and dribble your brain from one super-special to another if you let them.

Unfortunately, you do.

Anyone with an iota of honesty will admit the effect of all this. Within five minutes you feel numb, dumb, and unaccountably dispirited. Ten minutes, and you begin to feel guilty for being there.

After all, there's this *show* going on. Just for you. The least you can do is BUY SOMETHING. Desperation sets in.

Inside half an hour you'll be ready to buy things you didn't even know existed. Kiwi yoghurt, phosphorescent hockey pucks, marshmallow fluff, plastic duck decoys, bumbleberry pie, ALF ouija boards, maraschino pickles, Brian Mulroney lawn jockeys, it

doesn't *matter*. So long as you can get out. Now!

And, indeed, once you've emptied your pocketbook, you're free to go.

Could the creepy, calculated effect of shopping malls be one reason why so many random slaughters seem to take place there?

Every mood-altering device a mall will deploy reassures the shopper: "Everything's fine. Life is beautiful. Go ahead and blow it all."

The wild-eyed man with the Canadian Tire rifle disagrees. Everything is *not* fine. Life has been cheapened. Go ahead and blow 'em all!

If there's one thing worse than shopping in a mall, it surely must be working in one. Imagine dealing all day long with hordes of store-crazy customers!

Mall workers are the ultimate victims of subliminal technology. How must *they* feel after being subjected to eight hours of non-stop inanity, sleazy nattering, narcoleptic mind-drivel? Five days a week!

They may be the only people in the world who don't instantly turn on their TVs when they get home from work.





Coming from behind...

# Dal Tigers stick it to the X-Men

by Gordie Sutherland

Last week the Dalhousie Tigers put together two exciting come-from-behind victories to earn a semi-final berth in the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference Playoffs.

## Dal 6, St. FX 5

The Tigers (10-9-2) finished the regular season in second place and therefore began their best-of-three quarter-final series last Wednesday in Antigonish against the third-place (9-11-1) St. F.X. X-Men.

In that contest, defenceman Tony MacAulay scored the winner at the 5:57 mark of overtime to lift the Tigers to a 6-5 victory.

Other Dalhousie scorers included Kelly Bradley and Bill Wiseman with two apiece and rookie scoring machine Mike Griffith with a single.

Ben MacIntosh, Peter Lisy, Allan MacIsaac, Dave Synishin and Peter Gallagher replied for the X-Men, who were outshot 33-30.

The Tigers trailed 4-3 after two complete periods and the X-Men added to their lead with a goal midway through the third. Dalhousie finally responded with two goals in the last six minutes of play. Mike Griffith notched the equalizer with just 15 seconds remaining on the clock.

League Rookie of the Year Pat McGarry played goal for the Tigers while Ian MacIsaac did the same for the X-Men.

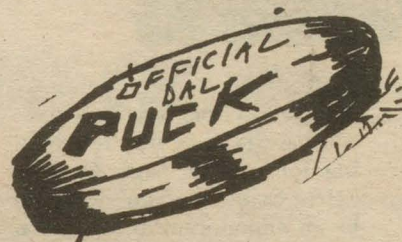
## Dal 7, St. F.X. 3

On Saturday, the Tigers returned to the Dalhousie Memorial Arena and, despite a slow first period, came back to crush the X-Men 7-3.

The X-Men, who were outshot 30-27, played a very physical first period. The Antigonish team seemed to be using a dump-chase-and-bump kind of style. Whatever the technique, it paid off early as veteran Allan MacIsaac

gave the X-Men a 1-0 lead at 9:26 of the opening frame. Dave Synishin added to Dalhousie's first period problems with a tally at the 18:37 mark. Peter Desmasta scored the only other X-Men goal late in the third.

The Tigers regrouped during the first intermission and came out flying in the second period. Dalhousie exploded for two goals in the first 61 seconds and added a pair of powerplay goals over the next 13 minutes. Tiger winger George Wilcox credited the offensive outburst to the team's line combinations. "Coach Darrell Young has put together some good lines," said the former Hull Olympic (major junior). "It's not necessarily the best players that are going to play together and get the goals. Coach Young puts guys together who are going to create a smooth flow."



Wilcox centres a line with wingers Craig Morrison and Kelly Bradley. All three players scored a goal each and as a trio accumulated seven points. Other Tiger marksmen included Alan Baldwin, Mike Griffin, Brian Melanson and Scott Anderson.

St. F.X. coach Jim MacDonald elected to pull starting goaltender Ian MacIsaac after Anderson potted Dalhousie's fifth goal of the second period. Swedish native Andres Hogbert replaced the overworked MacIsaac, who had faced 13 shots in 16 minutes. The Tigers dominated the period, holding a 14-2 shots on goal advantage.

The second half of the game was extremely rough and featured several cheap shots. "It's going to get chippy," said Wilcox. "They know they're up against the wall and we're coming right at them. Tempers fly, sticks go up, and there is pushing and shoving, but

it's all part of the game."

With the win, Dalhousie advances to the league's final four. The Tigers will cross over to play the top team in the MacAdam division — the Moncton Blue Eagles, ranked fifth in the nation. The other semi-final pits the Acadia Axemen (16-5-0) against the University of Prince Edward Island (13-8-0).

The Moncton and Dalhousie match-up is a repeat of the 1988-89 season's semi-final. Last year, Moncton won the third and deciding game of a hard-fought series.

The Black and Gold are on a roll and have lost only one of their last eight games. Wilcox is hoping that the Tigers can continue to ride the crest of their late-season wave. "We had a couple of big wins in the Lobster Pot. It definitely builds the morale of the team, because it shows we can play with the best and we've shown it all season," he said.

"We have lost some pretty poor games, but against the better teams we've always been there and we'll always be there. I think with the momentum we have going now, it's going to be tough stopping us."

The series opens on Wednesday, February 28, at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena. On the weekend, the action shifts to Moncton, where the second and third (if necessary) games will be played.



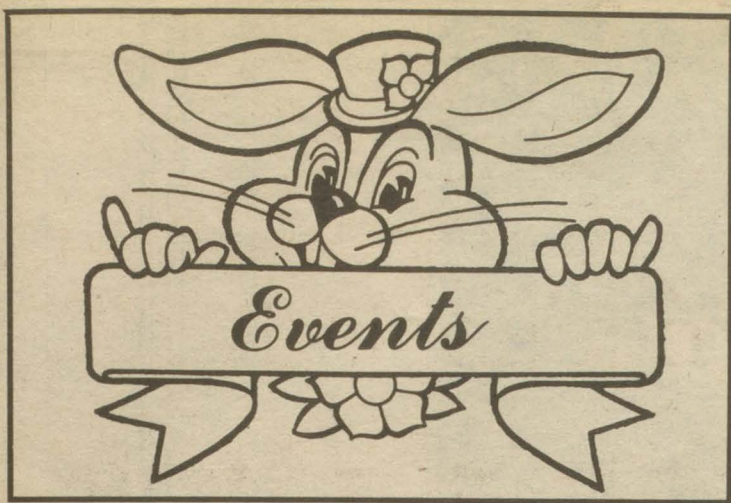
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Submissions due March 23, by 3 pm.





**Thursday, March 1**

There will be a meeting of the Dalhousie Undergraduate History Society at 12:30 pm in the SUB, Room 304. Nominations will be taken for executive positions in 90/91.

Dal Biology presents Rob Biergard of the Smithsonian Institute who will discuss *Ecological Dynamics in Amazonian Forest Fragments* in the fifth floor lounge of the LSC at 11:15 am.

Give someone a hug today!

**Friday, March 2**

Dal Political Science will present a seminar by Peter Haydon on *Soviet and American Naval Arms Control Strategies* at 3:30 pm in the Political Science lounge, top floor of the A&A Building.

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Dal psychology will present a seminar by Dr Hiroshi Abe on the *Entrainment of circadian rhythms to feeding schedules* at 3:30 pm in room 4258/63 of the LSC.

The Dalhousie Undergraduate History Society will be having a social at 4:30 pm at the history department, 1411 Seymour Street. All are welcome!

**Saturday, March 3**

Why not get up early and see what Halifax looks like early Saturday morning.

A coffee house hosted by Pandora in celebration of the upcoming International Women's Day will be held at Veith House, 3115 Veith St., 8 pm.

**Sunday, March 4**

Library staff at the Halifax Main Library on Spring Garden Road will present ways in which parents and care givers can encourage and develop reading skills at *Making Children Lifelong Readers* at 3 pm.

Symphony Nova Scotia will present two regularly scheduled Mostly Mozart Series concerts on Sunday and Monday evenings at 8 pm. Both performances will take place in the Sir James Dunn Theatre of the Dal Arts Centre, with

conductor Georg Tintner leading the orchestra and cello soloist Shimon Walt. Tickets are available from SNS at 1646 Barrington, Suite 401 and at the door. Seating is limited for the Sunday evening performance. Tickets are \$18 regular and \$13 for students and senior citizens and, if available, on the day of performance will be one half the regular price for full time students and senior citizens.

**Monday, March 5**

Andrei Nikolaevich Sakharov, Deputy Director of the Institute of the History of USSR, Academy of Sciences, USSR, will be giving a public lecture entitled *Will Socialism Survive Gorbachev in the USSR?* at 7 pm in the MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library.

The Marine and Environment Law Program at Dal Law School will present Mr Abdul Hakim who will discuss *Human Rights and Protection of the Environment* from 12 til 1:30 pm in the faculty lounge of the Weldon Law Building.

Isabel Shay is speaking on Native Women's Issues at the Public Archives Building (Robie & University) at 7:30 pm.

Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women Open House until March 9, at Purdy's Wharf.

The Nova Scotia Institute of Science will be holding a meeting on *Alternatives to Conventional Pesticides in Apple Orchards* by Dr J.M. Hardman at 8 pm in the N.S. Museum of Science on Summer Street.

**Tuesday, March 6**

The Halifax YWCA, 1239 Barrington St., is offering a two hour information session on *Women and the Law*. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. The session takes place between 7 and 9 pm. Please call 423-6162 for more information.

There is a Women's Spiritual Night being held at the Audio Visual Room, St. Pat's Alexandra (2277 Maitland) from 7 to 9 pm.

**Wednesday, March 7**

Dal's School of Physiotherapy will be holding a public lecture entitled *Asthma: Is Physio-*

*otherapy a Help or a Hindrance?* by Dr Elizabeth Dean, from 4 'til 5 pm in Lecture Theatre A of the Tupper Building.

Three films at the NFB Theatre (1571 Argyle St., 7 pm) in celebration of International Women's Day: "Half the Kingdom," "Goddess Remembered," "Older, Stronger, Wiser."

The Metro Food Bank Society will be holding their Annual Meeting at 7:30 pm in St. George's Church, 2222 Brunswick St. (Maitland St. entrance)

**Thursday, March 8**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY! Look for events in next week's Gazette!

Dal Biology presents D.N. Nettleship who will discuss *A Simulation Model for the Management of Thick-Billed Murres in the Northwest Atlantic* in the fifth floor lounge of the LSC at 11:15 am.

Representatives of the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) will be in Room 306 of the Dal SUB at 7:30 pm to discuss job opportunities in developing countries. For more information please call 424-2364.

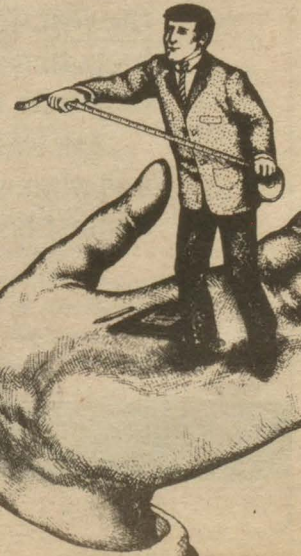


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The Mount Art Gallery has two new exhibitions called *The Tata Era: Photographs by Sam Tata, Montreal and Still Lives: Paintings by Gerald Ferguson, Halifax* until March 25. For further information call the gallery at 443-4450.



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