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"You paid \$16 to see rock n' roll, motherfucker, not to have someone kick you in the head," — Gordie Johnson, Big Sugar. See story page 13. Photo by Ian McAskill.

No sex, no drugs, no welcome

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

A guide welcoming new students to Halifax — including pieces on sex and drugs — didn't make it into frosh packs at Dalhousie due to what the Student Union considers inappropriate and inaccurate information.

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) pulled the pamphlet, produced by local magazine *The Coast*, because of the articles titled "Savage Love-In" and "How to get High".

"Savage Love-In" was based on the weekly column "Savage Love" written by syndicated columnist Dan Savage in *The Coast*.

"The flyers, with the sections on sex and drugs, were not distributed because the DSU believes this information was produced for shock value rather than for informational purposes," said DSU president Chris Adams in a letter to *The Coast*.

"This was most prevalent in the 'Savage Love-In' section which not only contained mis-information but was unnecessarily crude."

DSU vice-president Bridgette McCaig echoed these concerns. In particular, she was worried that the pamphlet, by claiming that lesbian sex doesn't require sexual protection and is at no risk for HIV, mis-represented facts about the spread of HIV.

"If this is censorship then so be it — I'd rather have people

healthy than practicing in unsafe sex," said McCaig.

McCaig also had concerns about what she saw as the pamphlet's irresponsible attitude towards drug use.

"There are risks to drug use," she said. "[Taking the pamphlets out] might make the student union look uptight or anal-retentive, but I'd rather be uptight than push drugs on first-year students."

The pamphlet was pulled after fall orientation chair Andy Doyle read the articles and consulted with the director of advertising and promotions Andrea Gagliardi.

Doyle said it was the articles' biases, and the DSU's responsibility to their students — not the tone of the articles — that concerned him.

"By putting this in the frosh packs you're saying, 'I support this, I condone this.'"

"I would have no problem whatsoever with an article called 'How to get High' if it listed the positives and negatives of using different substances — if it were balanced," said Doyle.

"Students should be responsible enough to handle these decisions on their own, but it would be irresponsible of me to provide this to them without also providing information on the negative effects of drug use."

Kyle Shaw, editor of *The Coast*, says the pieces are neither misinformed, nor biased.

"I think 'How to get High' is totally realistic...especially if it's a

16-year-old kid from the country. They come to the city and someone says, 'Oh do you want some heroin?' If they have absolutely no idea what heroin is, or crack...or pot — this is a way to give them that information," he said.

Shaw wrote an editorial in *The Coast* criticizing the student union's decision to not include the pamphlets, but also contended that Dalhousie's Board of Governors was to blame.

"The [Board of Governors] has encouraged a very timid culture, which has filtered down throughout the school...[a] guide to illicit drugs was censored — by the [DSU], fearing reprisals from the university," Shaw wrote.

Since the editorial's printing, DSU President Chris Adams wrote *The Coast* a letter claiming full responsibility for the pamphlet's removal from the frosh packs.

Adam's letter has not changed Shaw's views.

"I believe what I was saying in my editorial, that Dal doesn't push the boundaries much as a school," said Shaw.

"Assuming that because these people are frosh, they're younger, they're inexperienced...that they're still being protected from four letter words and the fact that pot exists...just strikes me as so the reverse of everything a university is supposed to be."

Shaw also defended the accuracy of the information

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Dalhousie raises record funds for Cystic Fibrosis

BY NATALIE BROMEHED & PAUL PARTINGTON

While Dalhousie's spirited frosh cheered their way through Shinerama, records shattered like glass in a hurricane. Surpassing all previous fund-raisers, Dalhousie raised an estimated \$25,000 for Cystic Fibrosis this year.

For over 30 years, Dalhousie University has participated in the Shinerama fund raiser for Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Past efforts have brought in up to \$20,000 a year, but this year's campaign set a new record. The blitz crew (frosh leaders) and first year students

easily surpassed their target to raise at least \$20,001.

Dalhousie's Vice-President Communications and Community Affairs and Director of Shinerama, Terence Tam, agreed to sport a bleached mohawk if \$25,000 was raised. Undaunted in spirit, Tam remained devoted to the cause.

"Shinerama is the best thing this University does," he said. "Everyone who took part should be proud of themselves."

Although all figures at this time are estimates, co-directors of Shinerama, Catherine Craig and

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The following is a list of some of the more controversial excerpts from 'Savage Love-In' and 'How to get High', with comments from Andy Doyle, of the DSU, and Kyle Shaw, Editor of *The Coast*.

SAVAGE LOVE-IN

Queers, Boys: Straight boys have to worry about birth control (babies), while gay boys have to worry about death control (HIV). But the answer in both cases is the same: condoms. Use 'em.

Queers, Girls: Dental dams are a joke, girls that sleep exclusively with other girls are simply not at risk for HIV.

Straight Girls: Men are pigs. If he's asked you out, he wants to fuck you. He'll wheedle, plead, cajole, and eventually work his way into your puss — cuz he wants to have an orgasm.

ANDY DOYLE, DSU

"To talk as if all that women are wanted for, or sought after for, is orgasms — I find that rather offensive."

KYLE SHAW, *The Coast*

"I know some straight men — I am one, and especially when I was starting university — that's a very accurate description of straight men...me and all the straight friends I knew. I was on the varsity volleyball team so I know an awful lot of jocks and we didn't use to talk about...great meaningful conversations with women. It's a fact."

HOW TO GET HIGH

Mushrooms: (Fungus among us) nature's version of acid. Remember the smurfs? Remember the pretty colours, the giggling?

Ecstasy: the 'love drug'. Very expensive, but happiness and horniness ensue.

Crack: crude, freebased version of coke. Say goodbye to your friends, possessions and dignity.

Heroin: an expensive habit but very fashionable at the moment. Must enjoy vomiting and immobility. Have trouble with needles or the toilet scene in *Trainspotting*? move on.

ANDY DOYLE, DSU

"The *Coast* tried to convince us that it was educational but I looked through it — there was no mention of side effects or withdrawal. It seemed to almost be glorifying it."

KYLE SHAW, *The Coast*

"Our philosophy is 'Hey kids, these [drugs] are bound to cross your path, so whether you are a drug user or whether you don't want to use drugs, whether you know all about drugs or whether you've never heard of drugs — just be aware.'"

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Dodging bullets: new premier under fire

BY DANIEL CLARK

Nova Scotia's new Premier, Russell MacLellan, has nine months to convince 900,000 people that he is tough on crime, a producer of jobs, and an education leader — or he'll be out of a job.

MacLellan has been criticized by his opponents, namely Progressive Conservative and leader of the opposition John Hamm, for not calling a provincial election immediately after his appointment as leader of the Nova Scotia Liberals.

"I don't think that's fair," MacLellan said in response.

"Not to us nor the people of this province. We are a new and a different government, we need and deserve time to develop a track record that we can be judged on. How can the voters be asked to make a judgement on a government that they know nothing about?"

MacLellan has been saddled with the pressure of following an unpopular government. His predecessor, John Savage, had been languishing in the popularity polls until his resignation last April. MacLellan has since been compared to former Prime Minister Kim Campbell who was also given the task of saving a sinking ship.

"This is a first for me. I've never been compared to Kim Campbell before. However, I can't be worried about the ghosts of governments past. Our goal is to distinguish ourselves as a new government, and have the people vote for us on our own right."

The new Premier appears to recognize the importance of

universities to the welfare of the province, but he says that Nova Scotia is a cash strapped province, and therefore his attitude towards education seems passive in nature.

"We have a strong commitment to university education. We know just how important universities are to this province. They are not just a part of the education system, but they are institutions who employ thousands of workers and contribute millions to the economy. We are working with the universities to help them keep their tuition down. We want to be partners in education."

Nova Scotia universities receive less money from the Canadian Health and Social Transfer (CHST) than any other province. The CHST is the federal government program which makes transfer payments to the provinces to help pay for health, education, and welfare. How the transfer is distributed within the province is determined by the provincial government.

MacLellan explained that it is not a lack of commitment that has led Nova Scotia to spend less per capita on university students, but the province's unique situation.

"The problem with the CHST and education is that the amount we receive is based on population. In most provinces the average number of out-of-province university students is 7%, in Nova Scotia 25% of students are from out-of-province."

"I have entered into a discussion with the Prime Minister about this. The factors by which the

CHST is determined must be changed," MacLellan continued.

University students contribute an estimated \$350,000,000 to the economy of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). In comparison, students only contribute some \$175,000,000 to the remainder of the province. This problem is emblematic of Nova Scotia's economy as a whole.

"There are effectively two economies in Nova Scotia. HRM and everywhere else. We have to stop focusing all our attention on HRM, it is doing well. I would even say booming. The rest of the province needs infrastructure or we will start to see some of the small towns which are Nova Scotia's heart, disappear."

"Take Cape Breton for example. They have one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. People are leaving at an alarming rate. What is needed in Cape Breton is simple: jobs. Without them the economy of that area will collapse in a matter of a few years."

With a declining population, growing social problems and the highest tuition in the country, the new Premier feels the need to speak directly to students.

"I want students to think that this government is working with the universities and is addressing their concerns. I want there to be results for every student to point to. I was a student once, and I know how sceptical they are. We don't want them to have to take a leap of faith when they vote for us, we want them to be able to look at what we've done."

After being asked what he wanted his leadership to be remembered for, MacLellan paused and thought.

"I would want my leadership to be remembered for leaving the

province in better shape than when we got here. If citizens can honestly say that things are better now than when I came to power, I will be happy. That is the only way to judge a government."

Shinerama

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Dean Nougler, are confident that with this week's final event, the \$25,000 total will be confirmed. The blitz crew will "clown around" the city offering free face painting to children. The event is on Saturday and is sponsored by the city of Halifax.

Craig said that the blitz crew were little short of a phenomenon this year. Over the summer they raised more than \$5,000 in a number of events. These benefits included bar hops around the city to sell suckers, the first of which raised over \$1,000 in five hours.

Two appearances by the blitz crew on Breakfast Television resulted in a macarena with BT host Scott Boyd. The crew also played pool with Live at Five's Steve Weagle, and held a benefit concert at Reflections Cabaret. As well, there were innumerable face painting excursions, barbecues, and a campus challenge to the faculty to dress casually which raised over \$600.

The blitz crew itself consisted of forty members to start, and ended with fifty. Craig added that this unbelievably successful group was followed by the most enthusiastic first year participants in Dal history. Although participation was voluntary and frosh could quit at anytime, one overzealous Shinerama group continued fundraising and was collected by its frosh leaders at 5 p.m.

The success of this year's Shinerama remains unmatched in Eastern

Canada.

"Everything that could have gone right, went right," said Craig, who felt a deep sense of satisfaction with this the event's outcome.

Likewise, many students came away with smiles and high spirits.

"It was crazy and it was for a good cause," said first year student,

Alison Digout, as she returned from "shining".

Sixty-six universities across Canada participate yearly in Shinerama and while Ontario remains consistently number one, Dalhousie leads Eastern Canada by thousands of dollars. The fund raiser supports the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation which is responsible for nearly all research done on CF. Canada is also the leading country in CF research.

The disease itself is genetic and recessive. When two parents — both carrying the CF gene — have a child, there is a 25 per cent chance that their child will have CF.

"A child with Cystic Fibrosis is literally handed a death card at birth," says Craig, explaining her deep involvement with this cause. "There is no cure."

Children with CF slowly starve and suffocate as mucus lines both their lungs and intestinal walls. They can neither breath comfortably or digest food of any kind. At a conference in Toronto, both Craig and Tam tried breathing through a straw for one minute to experience what breathing is like for a CF sufferer. Craig described the experience as horrible — she turned blue.

On a brighter note, research in the field has lead to dramatic improvements. The life expectancy of a child with CF has increased from twelve years of age to thirty. This is due to advancements like nutrient rich diets and intense physiotherapy.

So, while the number of reasons compelling both blitz crew and frosh to participate in this event differed; the enthusiasm did not. The result was a breathtaking success. In the hectic and somewhat criticised week of frosh initiation, Shinerama provided a means to prove what Dal, and team effort are really made of.

Collective talks begin

BY MARK REYNOLDS

Faculty members at Dalhousie will push administration for a better deal after enduring a four year negotiation freeze under their current collective agreement.

The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and the university administration have begun negotiating a new collective agreement. Their current collective agreement expires on 1 November 1997.

As an attempt to save money, the agreement negotiated between the DFA and the administration in 1991 was frozen in 1993. This is the first time since then (1993) that faculty members will be able to negotiate for pay increases and other benefits with the university administration.

"We are exchanging proposals Wednesday [Sept. 10] and will be negotiating Mondays and Wednesdays," said Michael Cross, chief negotiator for the DFA.

The university administration has already budgeted for a two per cent wage increase for faculty in this year's budget. Cross says that the faculty association hopes to achieve more than that.

"We're planning on going for more...we've had a wage freeze and a roll-back...our wages are considerably lower than they were in '91 in real dollars."

Bryan Mason, Vice-President Finance and Administration at Dalhousie and the negotiator for the administration, would not comment on his position going into the negotiations.

"We'll be taking it step by step...I don't agree with negotiating publicly or in the media; it just leads to bad labor relations," Mason said.

However, Mason did say that the two per cent figure is not flexible.

"That's the money we have to spend for the current year...to spend more would involve cuts elsewhere."

The Coast: sex & drugs

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included in the pamphlet.

"Dan Savage does sex advice for a living, he's...basically an expert in the field, and as a gay man he's very much...up to date on all the research on HIV...like he says, girls that sleep exclusively with other girls, there's no male contact at all, these women are not at risk for passing AIDS along."

Nancy Hunter, coordinator of the women and AIDS project for the AIDS coalition, disagrees.

"To say that girls who sleep with other girls are simply not at

risk, is focussing on a group instead of behaviours...for example woman to woman oral sex is a low-risk activity, a low risk, not a no risk...there is a difference," said Hunter.

The pamphlets were slated for frosh packs at The University of King's College, the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD), and St. Mary's University. While representatives from King's College and NSCAD could not be reached for comment, Dalhousie wasn't the only university to snub the pamphlets.

The Saint Mary's University Student Association (SMUSA) also refused to include them with their frosh packs.

The SMUSA executive shredded the pamphlets because they found them distasteful and inappropriate for first year students.

SMUSA operations manager Rob Finn said, "It's all about drugs...you'll be introduced to in your first few years of college...and all about sex. And not just sex, but explicit sex and anal sex and all this stuff."



Teacher's organization criticizes N.S. rationalization

BY MARK REYNOLDS

The provincial government has come under fire for creating five years of turmoil, with little result, in reorganizing Nova Scotia's universities.

A report by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) condemns the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education (NSCHE) — a body responsible to the Department of Education — for its mismanagement of rationalization.

Rationalization was an attempt to streamline the costs associated with higher education in Nova Scotia through the elimination and concentration of duplicate programs at different universities in the province.

The report took issue with both the process and the results of Nova Scotia's rationalization, particularly what it characterized as a "heavy handed, secretive and rigidly bureaucratic system".

The NSCHE was responsible for overseeing rationalization from 1992-96.

Formed by the Nova Scotia government to plan for what they saw as an integrated post-secondary education system — the goal was to take autonomous and individual universities and make them a functioning, cooperative whole.

Designed as a sub-group of a Maritime-wide advisory body on higher education, the council did not have executive authority over individual universities in the province.

In 1990, the province's university presidents were asked to determine the course of rationalization without direction from the NSCHE. The programs to be rationalized included faculties of education, computer science and Halifax's business schools.

The universities attempted to achieve rationalization, but could not meet their self-imposed deadline. As a result, the process was taken out of their hands in 1992 and handed over directly to the NSCHE.

The NSCHE faced institutional and departmental rivalries while trying to rationalize. As a result, over the past five years there was a loss of faith in the council's abilities to complete the task and faculties requested that CAUT investigate the process of rationalization.

"Things are so big and so complicated...there is an appearance of activity...but the results were simple," said Gerald Clarke, chair of the CAUT commission that wrote the report.

After five years of what Clarke terms "the paper blizzard", the changes made to university landscape in Nova Scotia look essentially the same as those proposed by the universities themselves five years earlier.

"There was chaos, they [NSCHE] really were in chaos for half a decade, and what happened? The results had been on the table in 1992," said Clarke.

The commission's report has agitated those involved in the rationalization process.

"I think it was a very shoddy, one-sided analysis," said David Cameron, interim president of the Maritime Provinces Council on Higher Education.

Cameron pointed out that the commission did not speak to either Janet Halliwell, chair of the NSCHE during the rationalization process, or the Nova Scotia Department of Education before publishing its report.

"I basically felt that [the commission's] methodology was seriously flawed," said Cameron. "I thought that they had a more subtle

agenda...there had to be something underlying this that just never came out."

Clarke defended the commission's decision not to contact Halliwell, saying that she made it abundantly clear that she would not participate in the report. "The conclusions are drawn from what we could obtain," said Clark, "with regard to Janet Halliwell, she refused to participate...she questioned our right to exist."

Peter Rans, senior policy advisor to the NSCHE has a different interpretation of events.

"Janet Halliwell wrote and asked what the purpose [of the commission] was and what process would be followed, and those reasonable questions were never answered, and therefore [NSCHE] and the government did not participate in the inquiry...the conclusions are neither legitimate or fair," said Rans. "We don't feel that there is any point in commenting on the conclusions."

Halliwell could not be reached for comment, but has already made her opinion of the report clear.

"The CAUT process itself exhibits...lack of due process, coherence and integrity," Halliwell wrote in a response to the report.

In retaliation, Clarke said that it was Halliwell and her commission that ignored due process in the course of rationalization.

"Statements that came from stakeholders in public documents [regarding specific university programs] were all very positive. Criticisms in council documents came from private conversations. The stakeholders spoke differently in private than they did in public," said Clarke.

The report also criticizes the NSCHE and its Cowan Report that

dealt with faculty displacement.

"We felt the Cowan Report scared people, stampeded them...people retired and took buy-outs because they didn't know the future," said Clarke.

The Commission also found that there was no real evidence of savings through rationalization.

"The whole exercise began as a way to save money...nobody knows how much was saved...no one knows if we saved a penny," said Clarke.

He points out that there were costs to the process that weren't calculated.

"[The NSCHE didn't] account for duplication [among affiliated programs], and opportunity cost."

Opportunity cost is the amount of time professors and administration devoted to rationalization, time they might have been spent on research and teaching.

The report's findings also demonstrate that Nova Scotia universities

need more than excellent academics to preserve their programs — they need the "strong, politically astute and active representation in both Ottawa and the provincial capitals," that can effectively lobby political leaders to save their programs.

When programs were threatened at the education departments of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and St. Francis Xavier University, it was political involvement, not good programs that saved them.

"They went on the streets and in the backroom and that counts. I don't want to say that they were not good, but having a good program was not enough" said Clarke.

Highlights of the Canadian Association University Teachers' report conclusions:

1. University officials made a "serious mistake" in not taking the chance they had in 1992 to undertake the rationalization themselves.

2. NSCHE exercised a "heavy hand" over the rationalization process, exercising a "top down management process" with overly short time-lines.

3. NSCHE has taken a persistently negative tone in referring to Nova Scotia's universities, often with little or no documentation to justify these comments.

4. The rationalization process was often filled with confusion over whether decisions on programs were made on merit, or political fallout, as exemplified in the manner the decision to save the St. Francis Xavier education program was made.

5. There is altogether too little information on how much money has actually been saved. The report recommends a public accounting of such savings in any future rationalization program.

6. Faculty displaced by the closing education departments were "stampeded" into accepting early retirement packages because of a lack of secure employment in the new combined faculties at Acadia and Mount Saint Vincent's Universities.

7. The NSCHE rationalization had the effect of eliminating public discourse from the process. The CAUT concluded that the process, which was intended to be rational, was essentially political.

8. Any minister who wants amalgamation of any two institutions should say so directly, so it can be debated in legislature and in public forums.

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Gas leak on lower campus

BY STEVE PETRIE

A propane gas leak on the second floor of Dalhousie University's Dental Building resulted in a short evacuation on Tuesday night.

The leak was the result of the gas valves in a lab being left open and was initially discovered at about 5 p.m.

At that point, the smell of the gas was not detectable outside of the lab. Security was called and informed of the situation. It was discovered that the shut-off lever on the third floor had been thrown. No further action was taken at that time.

By 8 p.m., the custodial supervisor was informed that the smell of gas had permeated beyond the lab. A half hour later, a custodian told security at the Dental Building that gas could now be smelled in the hallway.

Security was called and came immediately. They evaluated the situation and decided to pull the fire alarm to evacuate the building.

Fear of higher levels of propane gas caused firefighters to not enter the building when they first reached the scene.

In addition to evacuating the building, part of Robie Street and University Avenue were closed to both vehicles and pedestrians for a number of hours. People in the area were also instructed not to start their cars.

Within four hours, the problem was determined to be minor, and the building was ventilated and reopened.

Trial delayed in CASA fraud case

BY DAVID COCHRANE

OTTAWA (CUP) — The fraud trial of a former student politician accused of embezzling thousands of dollars from a national student organization has been delayed until early next year.

Patrick FitzPatrick was supposed to appear in a New Brunswick court on Sept. 8 to stand trial for fraud.

But three days before the trial was set to begin, FitzPatrick switched lawyers and asked for a delay until his new counsel could study the case. The crown objected, but Judge Hazen Strange granted a continuance until January.

"The trial should go ahead today," said Kevin Connelly, the New Brunswick crown prosecutor handling the case. "People were inconvenienced. We had witnesses coming in from out of province."

FitzPatrick is officially charged with defrauding the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) of more than \$5,000. Some reports have placed the actual amount closer to \$40,000. If convicted, FitzPatrick faces up to ten years in jail.

The charges stem from a two-month period in the fall of 1995 when FitzPatrick was serving as CASA's interim director. CASA alleged that FitzPatrick used his position as co-ordinator of a national conference on higher education to access and misuse the funds.

The conference ran up nearly \$30,000 in unaccounted expenses and when suspicious bills began to appear, like one for \$10,000 worth

of letterhead, the organization began an internal investigation.

FitzPatrick also had access to a CASA-funded credit card while serving as director. Charges to the credit card during that period include bills for pizza, a stay at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa, and a \$169 shopping spree at The Gap.

In January of last year CASA met with police to launch a formal investigation, but formal charges were not laid until earlier this year.

The missing money forced CASA to cancel the conference and gave a black eye to the two-year old

Alliance. Hoops Harrison, the Alliance's executive director, says CASA is trying to forget about the trial and start fresh. But he says the Alliance is considering a civil suit against FitzPatrick.

"It certainly is a very large priority for our members that we recover the money," he said. "But the criminal trial is our first priority."

CASA was just a few months old and had a total annual budget of \$128,000 when the money went missing. Harrison says it was easy for someone to deceive the inexperienced Alliance.

"We were a very young organization when this happened and it was easy to take advantage of the new organizational structure," he said.

CASA currently represents 13 student unions, including Dalhousie, and more than 200,000 students.

FitzPatrick could not be reached for comment. He recently worked as a photographer for a student newspaper in New Brunswick where his brother Joseph FitzPatrick is now the editor-in-chief.

Coke and university sued

BY MIGUEL MARTIN

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Coca Cola has discovered that a student newspaper's demand for information is the real thing.

Coca Cola Ltd. and the University of British Columbia (UBC) are being taken to court by UBC's student newspaper, The Ubysey, over an agreement reached between the University and the soft-drink maker in the fall of 1995.

Under the agreement, in return for exclusive selling rights on campus, Coca Cola will pay UBC an undisclosed sum of money, which, according to the university, will then be used to upgrade facilities for the disabled.

The conflict with the student paper arose when one of their reporters, Stanley Tromp, requested documents related to the deal. UBC

refused, citing sections of the BC Freedom of Information Act which allow a public body to withhold documents that could compromise the financial well-being of the institution if released.

The University also cited section 21 of the Act, which protects third parties in such disputes, claiming revelations concerning the deal could cause Coca Cola financial hardship, as well as section 14, which protects information subject to solicitor-client privilege.

The Ubysey appealed the decision to the Freedom of Information office, arguing that clauses of confidentiality are overridden by the Act.

"Previously, universities had to be accountable for their financial dealings," said Ubysey spokesperson Scott Hayward. "But now that corporations have bought

in, there seems to be two sets of rules. If we are using private sector rules now, where is the University's accountability?"

"The problem is we can't discuss whether the deal is appropriate because we can't see the details — we don't even know how much money the university will make," said Hayward.

Hayward's main concern regards UBC's accountability to the public. "This decision makes it easier for [UBC] to do whatever, without the public outrage," he said.

In his ruling, Freedom of Information officer David Flaherty sided with UBC and Coca Cola saying he found their arguments "very persuasive".

The Ubysey has since appealed Flaherty's decision to the B.C. Supreme Court.

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Software Engineering TM

BY SEAN RYAN

ST JOHN'S (CUP) — A computer science department is being sued for what a national professional engineering association is calling a violation of federal trademark laws.

The suit, filed by the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE), concerns the use of the term "software engineering" in the name of a new non-engineering program at the Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN).

The suit was filed in conjunction with a local group, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland (APEGN).

The dispute began about a year ago as what some called a turf war between the university's Faculty of Engineering and Department of Computer Science. Both were bidding for the proposed "Honours in Software Engineering" program.

After losing the program, the engineering faculty brought their

concerns to the local association. This led to an extensive lobby campaign, by both professional engineering groups, in an attempt to derail the university's efforts.

In a press release, APEGN President Geoff Emberly wrote, "It is just as misleading for a non-engineering faculty, such as the Faculty of [Science] of MUN, to offer a degree program in engineering as it would be if they offered a degree program in law, medicine or dentistry."

Allen Steeves, the executive director of APEGN, said the suit is based on the public's best interest.

"We're mainly concerned about the negative impact on the students and on the public and on our ability to regulate the profession in that area if we lose the titles 'software engineer' and 'software engineering' to anybody that wants to use it," he said.

"If we lose the right or ability to defend this title then we lose it to everybody, so it becomes a very serious public safety concern in our estimation."

"The professional engineering associations seem to think that people will be somehow confused between this and the designation of 'professional engineer' which is something that they are responsible for designating on individuals," said University spokesperson Peter Morris.

The new Memorial University calendar includes disclaimers to clarify that this is separate from what would be defined as a program of the Faculty of Engineering.

Morris pointed out that the University of Toronto (U of T) also offers a program in software engineering through their computer science department.

"It is common practice throughout the United States; Other Canadian universities are considering it," he said. "Their strategy is really their strategy and not ours, but on the surface it certainly appears as if we are being singled out."

But CCPE Interim President Wendy Ryan-Bacon said the fact that U of T is much larger and more powerful has nothing to do with the council's decision to sue the University.

"I guess there are a number of factors [why we have not sued them], but whether they are doing

it or not has no bearing on the case against Memorial," she said. "If we are successful in this we intend to go after other universities as well."

While Dalhousie does not currently offer a degree program in software engineering, it does offer a number of software engineering classes through the Dal-Tech amalgamated computer science faculty.

The interim Dean of the Faculty of Computer Sciences, Dr. Carl Hartzman, said that while the lawsuit and the threat of actions against other similar programs is a concern, he disagrees with the claim that software engineering, and the term software engineering, is the sole province of engineers.

"The word engineering is English — you hear of political leaders engineering coups all the time," he said. "I think it is an attempt by the engineering department to take over a field that is growing and vital — to feather their nest."

And while Hartzman agrees that there is a need to regulate the field, making it the sole province of engineers is limiting.

"It is a mistake. It gives software engineering too narrow a focus," he said.

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very pleased with the Freedom of Information decision," said Paula Martin, spokesperson for UBC. "We hope the [Supreme] Court will uphold the decision." She refused further comment, saying it is not university practice to comment on ongoing legal matters.

Coca Cola says withholding details of the deal is standard business practice to protect their own interests and prevent a bidding war between competing beverage companies.

"We don't disclose the specifics of a deal with any contractual arrangement mainly for competitor reasons," said Tina Warren, director of corporate affairs for Coca Cola Ltd.

"It was a win for UBC and a win for Coca Cola," she continued.

According to Warren, a study conducted on campus revealed that 75 per cent of UBC community members preferred Coca Cola refreshments to competitor companies.

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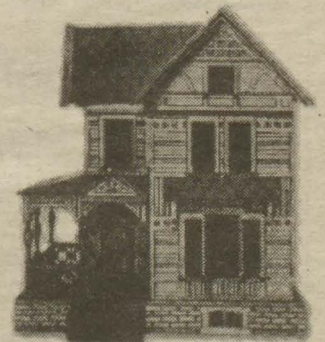
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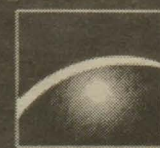
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Fewer jobs, bigger bills for students

BY JILL WINDSOR
TORONTO (CUP) — As students return to campus after a four month hiatus, stories from across the country are telling a tale of bleak summer job opportunities compounded by rising tuition fees.

"It was harder to get a job this summer even though I have more resources than I've had before," said Zora Moosa, a second year University of Toronto student.

After looking diligently for a month — which included regular visits to the campus career centre, mail-outs of her resume and cold calls to different

environmental companies — she finally landed three part-time jobs, two of which were completely unrelated to her field.

Although figures released in early September by Statistics Canada show a slight drop in youth unemployment — August was 16 per cent, compared with 19.4 a month earlier — the average summer unemployment for returning students aged 15 to 24 was almost 20 per cent.

This means one in five students could not find work this summer.

"Students are going to face incredibly difficult choices about whether or not to return to school this fall, or if they can afford to begin a college or university program at all," said Jennifer Story, national deputy chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students.

She added that the statistics show that more than 50 per cent of those who did find jobs, as in the case of Moosa, could only find part-time work.

She says that poor job prospects, coupled with tuition fees that have doubled over the last 10 years, a rate of almost three times the cost of living, are leaving students saddled with unprecedented debt loads.

"The two together are a dangerous mix and making post-secondary education less and less accessible."

Gwendolyn Winchester, who is entering her fourth year at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD), is one of those students

who is both heavily indebted — she expects her debt will be around \$35,000 at the end of this year — and has real difficulty finding work.

"You won't see help wanted signs out in Nova Scotia," she said in a province where tuition fees are the highest in the country.

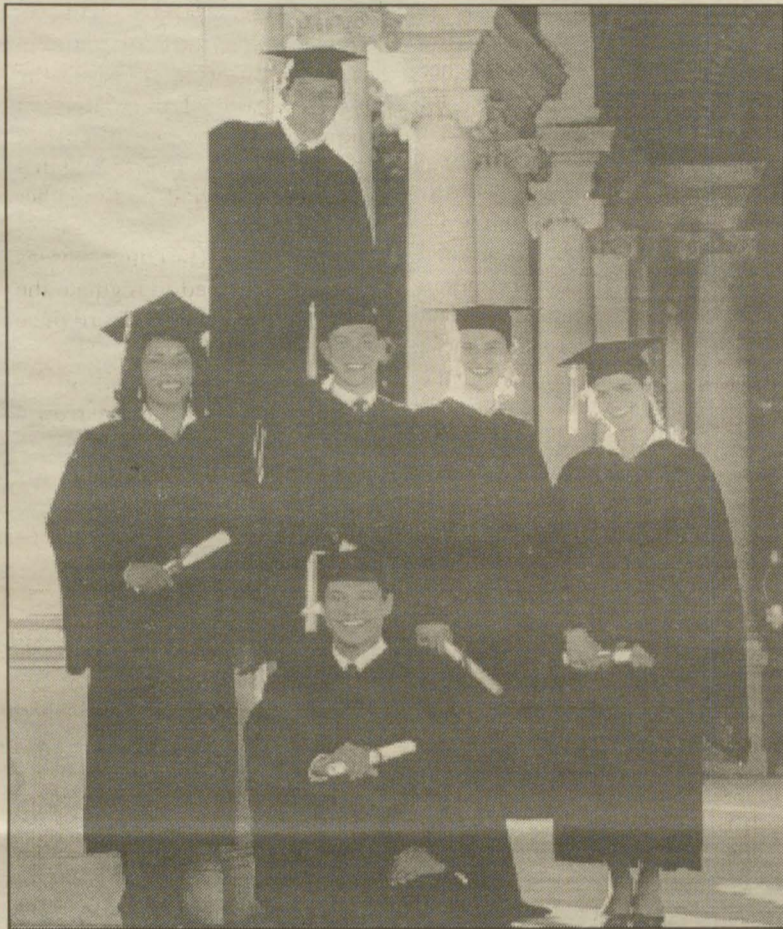
Initially hoping to find work in

her field — alternative magazines — she found herself without work between January and June of 1995, finally finding part-time work at a gallery which pays minimum wage.

"I'll flip hamburgers if I have to," she said.

The number of full-time jobs held by young people that have disappeared in Canada in the 1990s has reached 500,000.

"It was harder to get a job this summer even though I have more resources than I've had before"



These smiling grads have all just gotten jobs at McDonalds.

Kyath Battie, a fourth-year arts student at Emily Carr in Vancouver who already has a \$24,000 student debt load, didn't end up earning a wage at all this summer. Volunteering for three months in the hopes of getting her foot in the door, Battie was eventually forced to leave before the summer ended.

"Working conditions were unpleasant and unethical. Any concerns that I had were brushed off," she said.

She said the anxiety level among students in Vancouver is made even greater because of the high cost of living in that city.

According to a report issued by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives released last spring, volunteering — or cheap labour — has become common practice in this economy, where employers benefit from labour market conditions they say are worse than at any time since the Great Depression.

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The problem with NSPIRG

Public interest groups constitute a large part of university extra-curricular activities. Some are extremely vocal at schools across the country, while some remain forever lost in the cornucopia of societies and clubs on campus. The Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG) seems to be part of the latter camp; mired in obscurity.

Although the group has about 150 active members involved with a handful of projects throughout the city, their presence causes little more than the odd tremor on campus. This Public Interest Group seems to lack the public's attention.

On September 1, certain "alternative" societies on campus held a Community Connections Bar-B-Que. The Gazette, the Bisexual Gay and Lesbians At Dal (BGLAD), the Women's Centre, CKDU and NSPIRG, in conjunction with the Orientation Week Co-ordinator, were all asked to help organize the event.

At the first meeting, problems arose as to what the menu at the Bar-B-Que would include. The Women's Centre and NSPIRG are groups which promote vegetarian diets and both expressed a desire to have the event meat-free. It was the Gazette and BGLAD's position that meat should be served, on account of the large number of omnivores who would be present for the Bar-B-Que. A debate ensued, concluding in NSPIRG and the Women's Centre grudgingly agreeing to the serving

of meat at the function.

With the menu seemingly resolved, we began preliminary organization of the event. But three weeks later, NSPIRG told the Orientation Week Co-ordinator that they were pulling out of the Bar-B-Que because they did not feel that meat should be served. The event was on the verge of being cancelled, throwing the Frosh Week schedule out-of-sync.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the event, the food orders were not made until a few days prior to the date. At such short notice, we were only able to scrounge up 12 deli-trays (yes, with meat) and some pitchers of water for roughly 600 hungry Frosh. Needless to say, the whole Bar-B-Que was a sham. The food only held out for half the crowd, and even the people who got some of the diced meat, veggies and crackers were, annoyed that we had not delivered on the promise of a Bar-B-Que.

At the last possible moment (literally ten minutes prior to the start of the function), NSPIRG set up a table in the Green Room. We were happy that they made the effort to attend, even if it was at the last minute. But the whole incident makes one wonder about NSPIRG's purpose, and their relevance.

This was an isolated incident between the Gazette and NSPIRG. It is not emblematic of past relations between our two groups.

It was admirable of them to stand up for their vegetarian mandate, but they missed the point of the whole event.

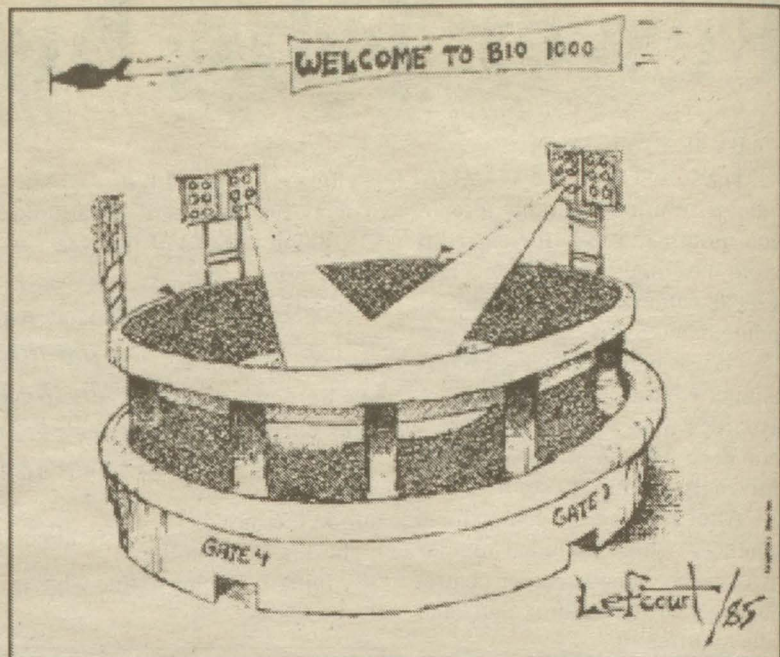
The Community Connections Bar-B-Que was not about individual groups preaching their own agendas. It was about recruitment and exposure; something of which NSPIRG seems in dire need.

In last year's NSPIRG Board of Directors election, only 75 ballots were cast out of over 10,000 eligible voters. This is a phenomenally low figure — even compared to the DSU elections. The Bar-B-Que was a perfect place to expose fresh minds to an organization. But by holding out on such an event, one is left wondering just who is NSPIRG representing? Obviously not the majority of this years frosh.

The Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group is a grandiose title, but of their nine board positions, eight are Dalhousie students and one attends King's. How can a group with such a broad mandate be guilty of such navel gazing? How can a public interest research group, that collects \$4 from each student annually, not have done any new research in the past two years?

Where is the money? Where is the research? Where is the interest? Hopefully these words will spark debate amongst NSPIRG members as to whether they are confusing public interest with special interest.

John Cullen



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SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE
BY SULLY AHMED

(London) — As I look through the glass of Selfridge's department store, here on Oxford street, I see an image. It is a large black and white photo of the Princess of Wales. The photo is surrounded by a large bouquet of beautiful flowers. Nothing fancy, quite simple when you think about it. People stop, look, and then move on with their busy lives.

However, that is not the case a couple miles away at Buckingham Palace. People from all corners of the world are here (it seems) and the sight is stunning. Flowers are flooding the gates of the palace and the side-streets. They are taped to monuments with cards, candles, poems and flags. One card written by a four-year-old read "Diana-I love you." And amidst all of this, the Union Jack (after much controversy) flutters atop Buckingham Palace at half-mast. The emotion here is rather overwhelming and many people are crying openly as they stop to read the cards, say a prayer, take a picture, deliver some flowers and pay their respects.

The British have responded overwhelmingly. England's grief only reflects the sorrow felt around the world, which was rather shocking since the English are renowned for their "cool under fire". But even I was surprised to see the outpouring of grief and emotion in the days following the death of Diana. I guess I figured that the English were too boring and stuffy to show their emotions. That's the danger with stereotypes — you can often be dead wrong.

As the youth of today and future leaders of tomorrow (as cliched as it sounds), we have been rather fortunate. Fact is, Princess Diana was our first celebrity death and won't be our last. Our parents

have witnessed many more celebrity deaths. Names such as Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Jimi Hendrix, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, Malcolm X and John Lennon come to mind.

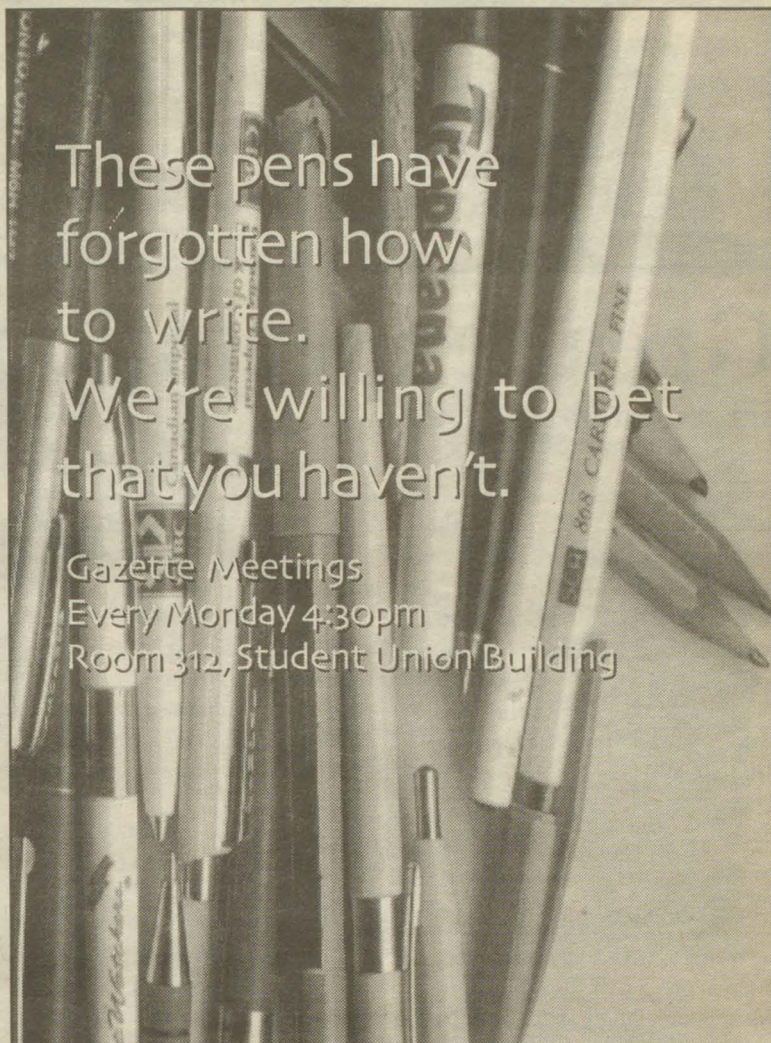
Of course one could say River Phoenix and Kurt Cobain have passed away. And their deaths were tragic, but on a completely different level. Now why do I say that? Well there was no formality about the crowd that had come to pay their respects to Diana. They did not come because they had respect for her station in life. Nor did they come because she was a member of the monarchy. They came because she was more in touch with the ordinary Joe Bloo than other celebrities. How do I know? Well, standing here among the masses in front of Buckingham Palace is probably a good indication. The kind of warmth that came from Diana was not scripted, rehearsed or marketed — it was genuine and it was the real thing. Fact is, how many celebrities do you know who will gladly hold a malnourished Somali child in their arms, even if it does mean a public relations bonanza? It's called dignity and class.

So while the debate rages on as to who is to blame: the House of Windsor for snubbing Diana, the paparazzi, the editors who pay the big bucks for the photos, the people who buy the tabloids or the drunk chauffeur — before pointing fingers take a look at yourself. The fact is, if you bought *People Magazine* or watched *Inside Edition*, you are just as guilty as the paparazzi who took the photos and who may have been ultimately responsible for her death. And I am just as guilty as well. We must not forget about this loss. Blood is on all of our hands and two young boys are now without their beloved mother forever.

So as I walked back to my hotel

on this beautiful sunny day in London, amidst all the flags at half mast, a few final thoughts filled my mind. Maybe (God willing) we can learn from this. Instead of spending \$5 on the *National Enquirer* we can donate that money to AIDS research, Women's breast cancer research or towards the abolition of land mines (some of Diana's many causes). Instead of hounding a celebrity or sports figure by sticking a camera in their face and demanding (not asking) for an autograph, we can say a simple hello and shake their hand. Instead of drinking and driving, we can call for a cab. And instead of pointing fingers and saying who is to blame for this entire debacle — we can look into the mirror and accept responsibility for our own actions in life. Then maybe we can carry ourselves with the same dignity and class as Lady Diana, and maybe her death will not be in vain.

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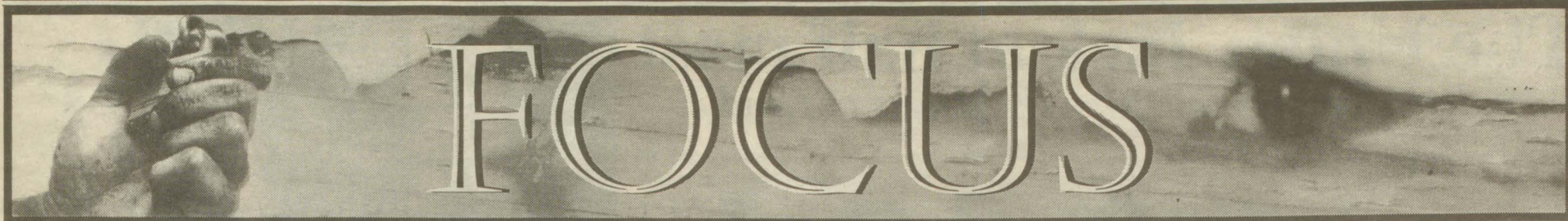


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Great expectations, greater disappointments

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE
BY ERIN FITZPATRICK

(Kaliningrad, Russia) — August 19th marked the six year anniversary of Gorbachev's arrest, and the official end of communist rule in Russia. However, in most towns across the country, no celebrations took place.

For some people, like Kolya Andreev, a computer programming student at Russia's Kaliningrad University and son of one of Russia's successful new entrepreneurs, it is simply "too early to be happy."

For others, said Lena Pretona, a literature student and daughter of a naval officer, "Life is worse now. Most people in my parent's generation would even like to see com-

munist return to Russia."

During Russia's 1996 presidential election, Democratic Party leader, Boris Yeltsen, tied Communist Party leader Genady Zugarov's vote 35 to 31 per cent. A second election was required before Yeltsen could be proclaimed president.

Many Russians are unhappy with their situation as a capitalist country. Capitalism hasn't brought the changes everyone expected it would.

"I guess we kind of thought we would be the United States in a week," said Andreev.

Pretona compares the situation to Leningrad during World War II.

"Do you see all of these starving people in the streets? During communism that was very, very

rare. And last spring, my family had no hot water, no gas, no electricity. When it was communism, you got gas if you paid for gas."

While there is an ample supply of gas in Russia, and in fact, of many other products which would never have been seen here during the communist regime, few people can afford to buy them.

Russians earn an average monthly wage of \$130 (US). Sadly, some people earn as little as \$13 (US). With inflation averaging around 50 per cent and peaking as high as 200 per cent, most suffer from relatively weak purchasing power.

"Foreign products that no one can afford — that's all it is, capitalism in Russia," said Pretona

Andreev agrees that Western style capitalism has not yet developed. "We've got some strange situation between communism and capitalism; I don't know what it is." But he believes, Russia's new economic situation means more than just Western labels on store shelves, it

means opportunity.

"Everyone now has more possibilities. I believe really clever people can have anything they want...Before, you could not dream about your future because it was planned for you: You are an engineer, your whole life you will be an engineer. You will never be a chief."

Pretona is quick to counter that such certainty about the future is exactly what some people want.

"Now we have more freedom but less stability."

Ultimately Russia's decision to stay with capitalism or return to communism will depend on which of these concepts prevails in the upcoming years.

Stability is of more use to the older generation, who must survive on Russia's minimum monthly pension of \$25 (US). As a result most Russian pensioners have to find

supplementary income. It is not now unusual to see a 70 year-old woman cleaning out gutters. These people miss the pension they had under communism, which allowed them to live comfortably.

To which Andreev asks, "Why do people only remember the good things about communism? They are so stupid. These are the same people whose friends and relatives went to Stalin's prison camps. They were afraid to say anything, to do anything... They forgot how bad life was before."

Freedom, democracy, capitalism — these are abstract concepts in a country where concrete hardships are felt increasingly each day.

"It might have been a bad life under communism," said Pretona. "But at least it was life; Now it is only survival."

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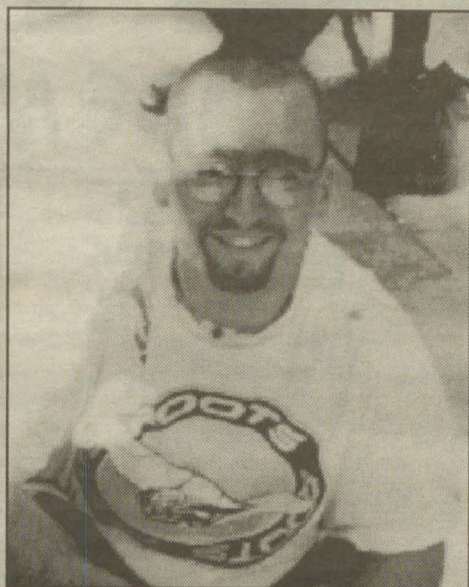
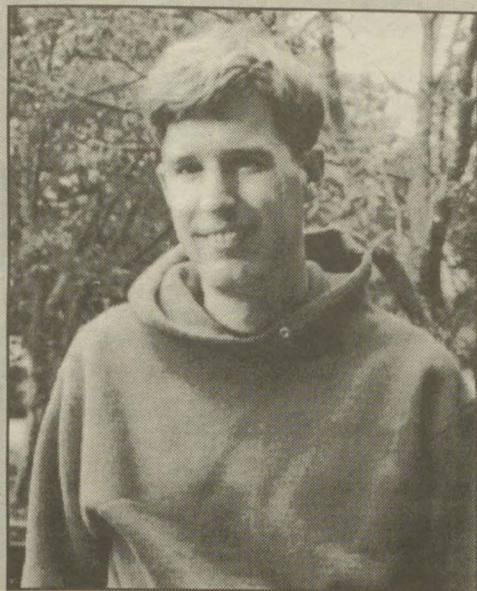
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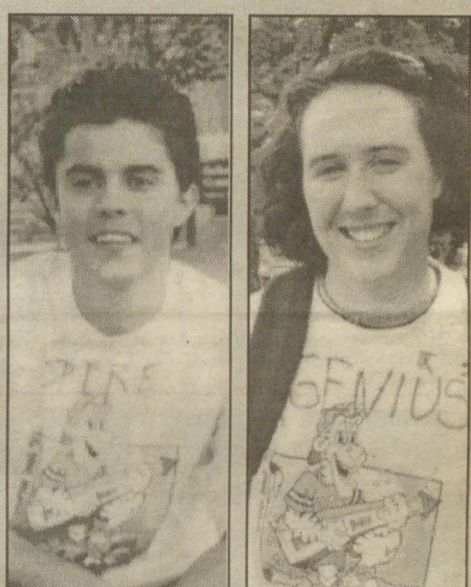
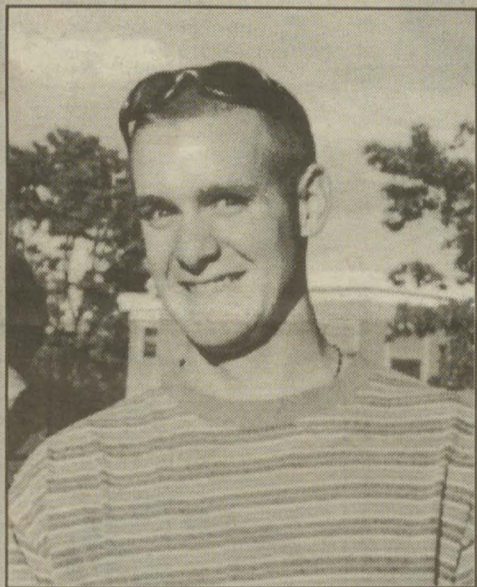


↑ "A map of the Life Science Centre."
-Donald Derek, BSc.,
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↑ "A bar of soap."
-Andrea Stewart, BSc.,
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↑ "My backpack."
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↑ "Umm, ahh...my toothbrush."
-Ian Wymen, BSc.,
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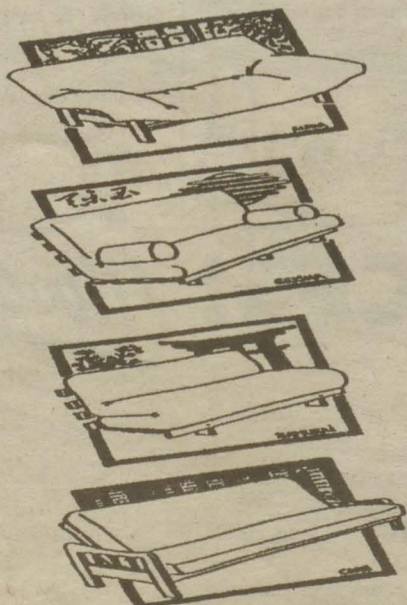


↑ "My class schedule."
-Mike Blennerhassett, B.A.,
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↑ "Well, the only really important thing I forgot to bring to university was my can opener. For the past, I don't know how long it's been... five or six nights, I've been sitting at home... I want my Chef-Boyardee and I can't have it."
-Cory Clamp, B.A.,
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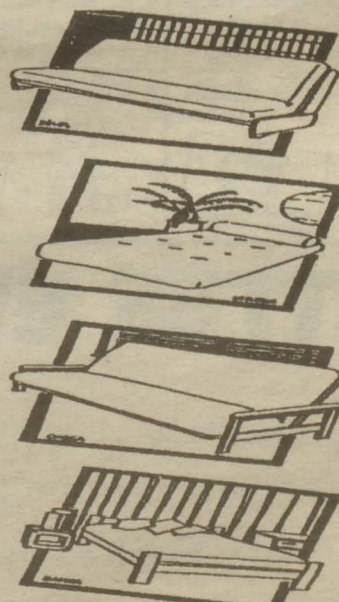
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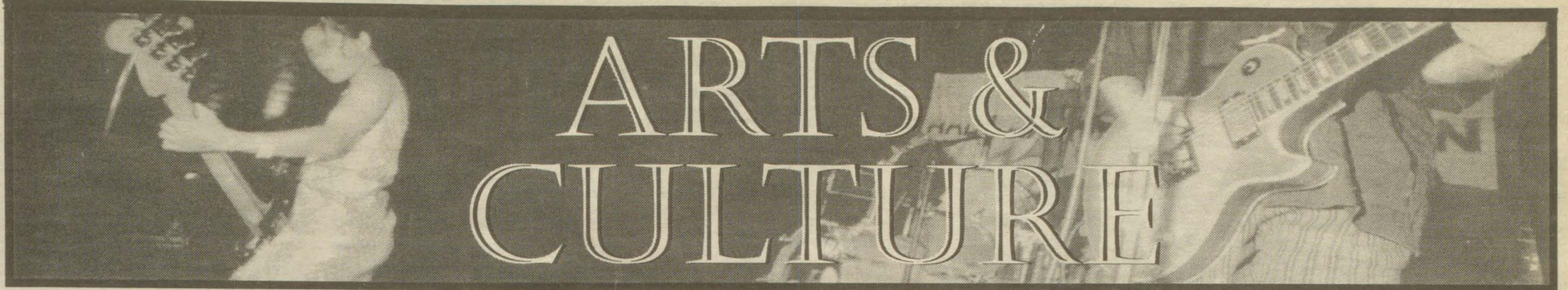


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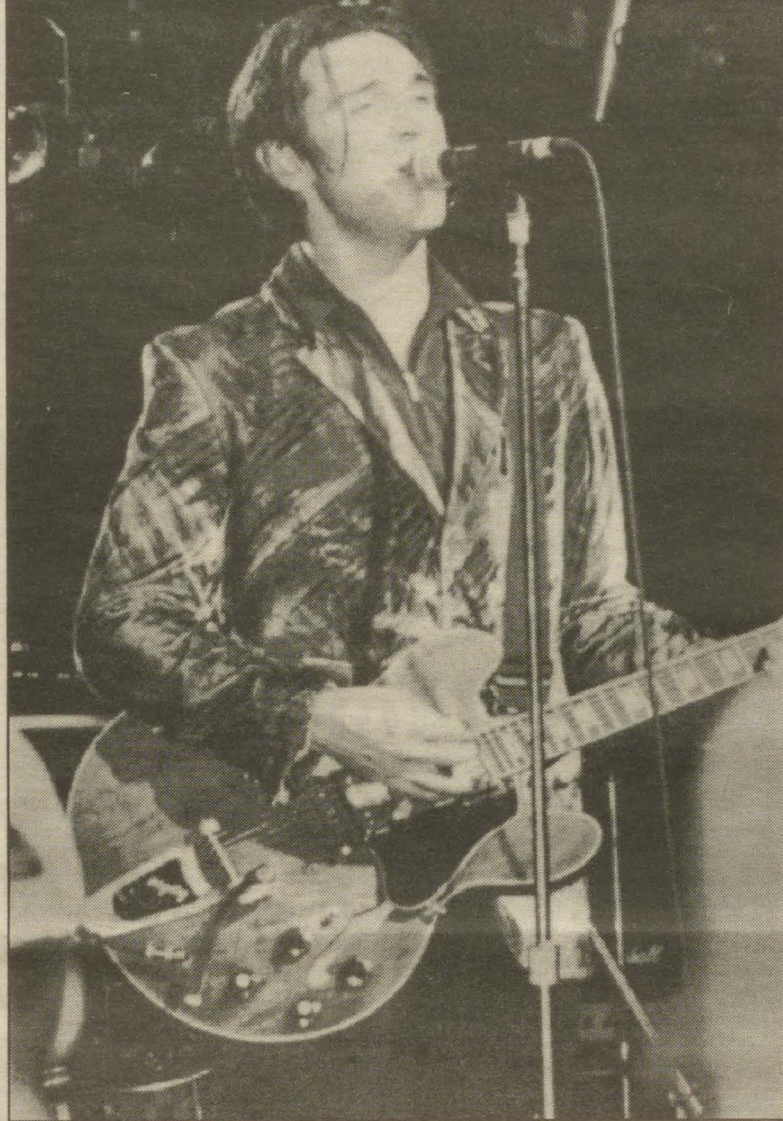
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Big Sugar tore a strip out of the crowd last Wednesday at the McInnes Room.

BY LYNN DECKER

Skipping the opening acts, I arrived in the McInnes Room just before 11 p.m. for Wednesday's Big Sugar concert. Soon enough, a revving engine started and Big Sugar strutted out on stage, decked out in their Hugo Boss threads. The audience, consisting mostly of frosh, started to cheer.

The first song played was "Tommy Johnson", off their current album *Hemivision*. For the first few songs the audience jumped and crowd surfed, until front-man Gordie Johnson informed the crowd that he loved the way they jumped around and enjoyed the show, but he did not want any crowd surfing. "You paid \$16 to see rock n' roll, motherfucker, not to have someone kick you in the head," said Johnson to a surfer.

His request was met with a great uproar of agreement from the crowd until, during the next song, some fool started to surf again — apparently thinking that \$16 was a fair price for getting kicked in the head.

"Diggin' A Hole", the band's biggest distortion-laden hit, was played early on, causing everyone to rush to the front. The audience reacted pretty much the same way to an extended version of the bluesy "If I Had My Way". The other stand

out of the night was "Wild Ox Moan", from the *500 Pounds* album. Johnson was amazing on vocals during this one, sending shivers down backs with his gritty voice.

The band did little talking to the audience, except when Johnson said it was great to be back in Halifax (ah, don't they all say that?). He also introduced the band, consisting of Kelly Hoppe (sax), Garry Lowe (bass), and Gavin Brown (new on drums).

Big Sugar ended their main set with "Ride Like Hell", appropriate because of Johnson's fascination with cars — even the stage back-

drop is a giant steering wheel. They also returned for two encores, "100 Cigarettes" and "Sugar In My Coffee".

At 1 a.m., after a two hour performance, the band left the stage. You really have to love a band to listen to them for that long, so by that point more than half of the audience had left. In Big Sugar's defence, classes started the next day.

Some bands suck when they play live, and leave you thinking, "Man, this sounds nothing like the cd!" Big Sugar is *not* one of those bands. They are strong live, and you know they are playing hard and well. They often have lengthy musical interludes

with no singing. I am not a fan of those, nor have I ever been. I could have done without the endless spurts of music, because I missed Gordie's sexy voice, but that would be my only complaint. All in all, the show rocked.



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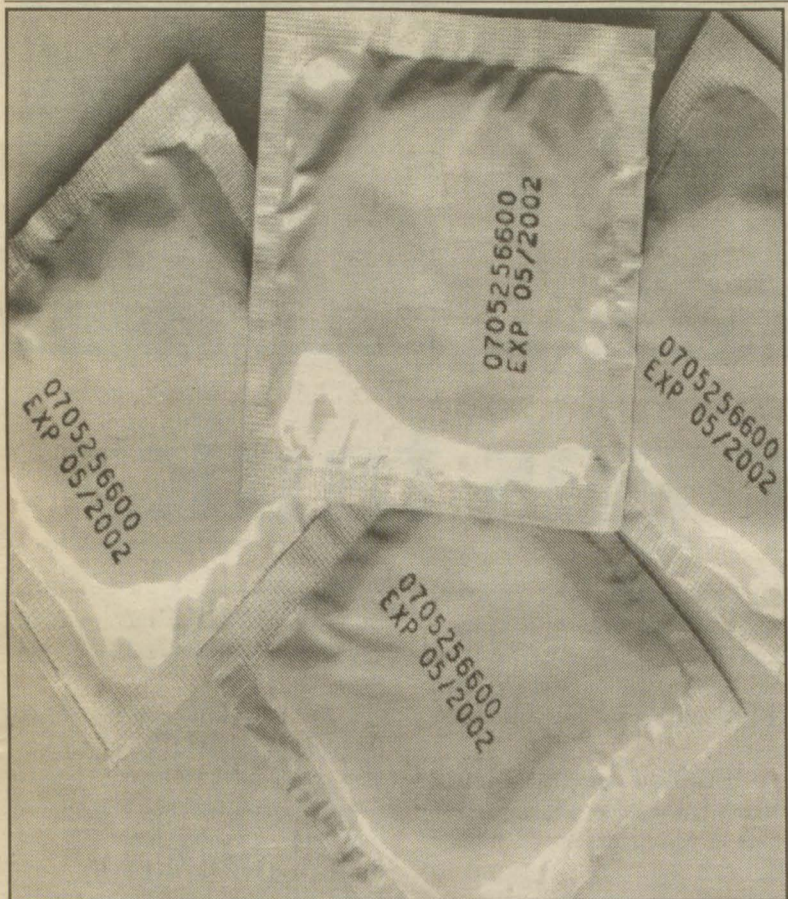
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Some of the tools of the trade for Sue Johansen. Photo by Lisa Sutt.

Makin' it right

Sue Johansen takes an honest approach to sex

BY GREG MCFARLANE

"Do I encourage pre-marital sex? No. Some would say that if I say the word 'penis', I'm encouraging pre-marital sex. I don't have to encourage sex... sex is the one thing that encourages itself." — Sue Johansen.

Sex is a dominant aspect of our culture. Let's face it, a large portion of our actions, thoughts, and emotions are determined by our position on sex. It causes lapses of reason, and, often, a lack of communication and understanding.

The time in which we live, however, does not allow for errors. One wrong decision could result in consequences that are difficult to handle — pregnancy, STDs, even death.

This is why people like Sue Johansen are valuable. She, like many other sex education and therapy counsellors, provides a bridge between parents and children when it comes to the issue of sex. In many cases, she provides a bridge between two distinct versions of morality.

What is more interesting is that she does not choose a side in the struggle between differing value systems. She knows she doesn't have to.

"I don't decide [when people have sex]," said Johansen after a recent discussion at Dalhousie's McInnes Room. "They decide. I give information, but I'm not going to be there when people have sex."

In effect, her talk should begin with "If you are going to have sex..." Inevitably, this category will include almost all of the populace.

The hush-hush approach to sex usually starts in the home, but as a mother of three daughters, Johansen knows the difficulty related with talking about sex.

"As a parent, I'm not openly receptive to my own kids. It's easy talking to students; my kids, that's a different story."

This common lack of understanding, as well as the fact that there was very little sex education during Johansen's high school, university, and post-graduate years, prompted her to research the subject.

"I became interested in human sexuality because I had no sex education. I knew nothing; I learned it myself, and gradually decided that I better teach this to others, too."

Johansen acknowledges that sex education has improved, but not to an adequate level.

"People have more basic knowledge about physiology, but not about sexuality. They know about STDs. When AIDS first came out, people became scared, and condom use went up," she said. "But now people are numb. They've been AIDed to death. Condom use has gone way down. People still fig-

ure it won't happen to them."

This is one reason why Johansen stresses chlamydia during her lectures. During a recent study at an affluent Toronto college, twenty-five percent of all females tested had undiagnosed chlamydia.

The odds are against women when it comes to AIDS as well.

According to a pamphlet handed out by the Women and AIDS Project, more than ninety per cent of all new AIDS cases diagnosed by the year

2000 will be women.

When considering the statistics, one can understand Johansen's position. One can also understand the position of the moral right-wing, lauding the virtues of family values and abstinence. Johansen just takes a more realistic approach, and her realism is the reason she connected well with those who attend her show.

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Atlantic Film Festival set for seventeenth year

BY MARK REYNOLDS

The Atlantic Film Festival is set for its seventeenth year of celluloid based entertainment. The festival, which showcases some of the best in film from the Atlantic Provinces and around the world, is scheduled to be the biggest ever, with over 211 films from 11 different countries.

"We have something to satisfy all tastes," said artistic director Johanna Lunn Montgomery. "Shorts, features, workshops, panels, parties and guests."

The festival opens September 19 with *The Hanging Garden*, directed by Thom Fitzgerald. The plot

has a young gay man who has transcended his family background, return home ten years later only to find that nothing has changed. It features music by Ashley MacIsaac, the Rankin Family, Holly Cole, and others.

Jason Priestley (of *Beverly Hills 90210* fame) appears with John Hurt in the locally shot, *Love and Death on Long Island*. Don't let the pretty boy scare you off, it looks really good, and John Hurt is always a delight.

This year's festival also features *The Industry Series* — a collection of talks given by industry insiders. Directors Clement Virgo and Richard Kwientowski will be speaking, as will film critic David Gilmour, of *Gilmour on the Arts*. These talks are a good grounding for those who wish to pursue a career in film.

Returning for the fourth year to the festival is the *Screenscene* series. These are features and films geared to a younger audience. No *Pocahontas* here, but there is no shortage of singing rodents. They sing in Danish, but don't worry, the subtitles are spelled phonetically.

The festival closes on the 27th with Atom Egoyan's *The Sweet Hereafter*, a look at a small town coping with disaster. Egoyan's films have won plaudits from critics around the world.

Despite all the big names and must-see films, you might actually be better served going out on a limb and seeing some of the lesser known and lesser advertised flicks. The 211 films to be shown this year were selected from over 500 entries, which means that you are sure to be seeing the cream of the crop.

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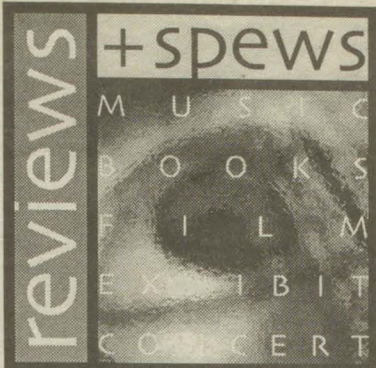
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The official ad slogan for the Spawn movie soundtrack is "Music from the pit of Hell", and although that may be an apt title, after listening to it I'm compelled to refer to it as "Music to kill your parents to". I find this slogan much more appropriate considering that while I was listening to the album, my mother was frantically hiding all the knives in the kitchen and baking me cookies. All jokes aside, I must say that the soundtrack succeeds in capturing the feel of the *Spawn* movie and all it's characters, which,

in case you're unaware, are a dark, vicious, one-dimensional bunch.

The basic "concept" of this soundtrack is the fusion of heavy metal, industrial and electronica, with a pinch of devil worship thrown in for good measure. The album contains 14 tracks of in-your-face loudness featuring some of today's (and yesterday's) biggest noisemakers. Stand out tracks are "(Can't you) Trip like I do" by Filter & Crystal Method, "Kick the P.A." by Korn & The Dust Brothers, and the heavy "No Remorse" by Slayer & Atari Teenage Riot. Also not to be missed is a pleasant little ditty by Orbital & Kirk Hammett entitled "Satan". Other featured bands include Metallica, Prodigy, Henry Rollins, and Silverchair.

Although this may be a shameless attempt to cash in on the current electronic craze, it really doesn't come off too badly. I can't say that *Spawn: The Album* is a bad soundtrack. After all, isn't a soundtrack supposed to musically embody it's visual counterpart? There are no pointless tracks by Bone or Seal which had nothing to do with the movie they're supposed to accommodate (i.e. the *Batman* soundtrack). What we have

are 14 hard-hitting tracks which would make Spawn proud, if not the general populace.

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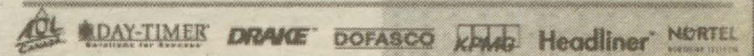
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Virtual university education

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SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE
BY JEN ROSS

(OTTAWA) — Thanks to a new education software system, people previously shut out by distance, disability, work, or family responsibilities can now go to university — over the Internet.

The software system, dubbed Virtual-U, was created by researchers at the TeleLearning-NCE, which is funded through the federal Networks of Centers of Excellence program. Virtual-U uses a computer system connected to the Internet to create a set of virtual classrooms where students can interact with each other and their instructor, although they may be miles apart. They can view course material, have group discussions, upload assignments to their professor, and even check their grades.

Students can take individual Virtual-U classes, or tailor their own degree, selecting various on-line courses. Courses officially began in May of 1996 and over 2,500 people have logged on for classes since. A total of 45 on-line classes were offered out of Virtual-U's 15 Canadian field sites in the 96/97 school year alone.

In Virtual-U classes, there are no time constraints and almost no

full courses. People don't have to be on-line at the same time or on the same day. Classes are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and open discussion is continual.

It will particularly benefit students who need to work full time if they are to afford school and the cost of living, or parents who prefer to study at home. They can work and study without having to compromise one for the other. Proponents also note that because you can't see people in an on-line environment, there is less discrimination based on race, gender, or disability.

And while some fear technology will erase jobs, teachers are far from obsolete with Virtual-U. They have to design their courses, assign readings, guide discussions, lead tutorials, answer student's questions, and put lectures and notes up on the web in an accessible and attractive form.

By teaching on-line, professors will even be able to enrich their courses by bringing on-line guest lecturers from across the globe. They can also join forces with other professors and team teach.

"Instead of questioning new technology, people should be critical of the old," says Therese Laferriere, a University of Laval Education professor who has been

teaching Virtual-U courses for a year. "Once you discover that you can do it, then you don't fear technology anymore."

Another popular tool among students is V-Groups, a computer conference system developed for Virtual-U, which lets students engage in discussions, debates, team projects and seminars. Denise Stockley, field site coordinator and former Virtual-U student, says in a regular seminar a few students usually dominate the discussion, but because computer conferencing is asynchronous, everyone gets heard. Audio and video links are also available on the internet, which students can use if they want to see their professor and ask questions face-to-face.

Virtual-U is the first program of its kind on a national level, anywhere in the world. According to Thomas Calvert, co-leader of the TeleLearning-NCE, Canada must lead the way with this technology before U.S. universities start offering their courses here. American companies currently supply up to 90% of electronic course material.

The NCE funds going to TeleLearning result in an average annual research and development investment of \$3,275,000. They help fund 56 projects, of which Virtual-U is probably the best known. The TeleLearning-NCE links 130 researchers at 30 universities and 20 other public and private sector organizations. The NCE program is jointly funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and the Medical Research Council.

Mysterious oil spill in Halifax Harbour

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

The Atlantic Division of Environment Canada received a call early Tuesday morning reporting a mysterious oil sheen in Halifax Harbour. It was a small spill, easily measured in gallons, of heavy oil — probably bunker fuel.

The polluting seems to have occurred Monday night at Pier 24. The source of the spill has not yet been identified. A nearby sewer

outfall was originally considered the most probable source. As well, there was a spill Monday night from a tugboat at Pier 23, which may have also been the source of the second slick.

The Coast Guard was on the scene and had the area contained for clean up and testing purposes. Oil samples were taken from the sheen and the tugboat to see if they matched.

All that glitters

Proposed gold mine threatens to destroy unique Cape Breton barren

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

On December 3, 1996, the Nova Scotia government removed Jim Campbell's Barren from a list of protected areas. The barren covers 1,700 hectares and is located just south of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. In 1994 it was designated as a candidate protected wilderness area in the province.

Mining companies have long been searching for gold and other minerals in the Jim Campbell's Barren area. Since 1995, two companies, North Cape Breton Resources and Highland Range Minerals, staked more than 100 claims in and near the barren area. On November 25, 1996, Regal Goldfields in Toronto announced it would buy 1.5 million in shares of the two companies, and announced a desire to begin exploration in the still protected area.

Presentations from locals, particularly those in the nearby community of Cheticamp, prompted the government to change the status of the area. The Cheticamp Development Commission (CDC) has been influential in reopening the area for exploration, believing the community will benefit from a possible mining project. A projected 1.4 million dollars will be spent in the area in 1997 by the two companies. The people of the region have been hit hard by the collapse of the cod fishery, which has taken \$10 million from the annual economy.

An independent geological evaluation of the barren undertaken by the CDC has reported that it has high mineral potential and that it is not likely a unique ecosystem.

Jim Campbell's Barren is a 450m high plateau in the Cape Breton Highlands. It is still largely unknown biologically, but is known to be the home of several rare species. The area's combination of bog and barren is the only of its kind in the Boreal zone (northern North America, Europe, and Asia).

Many people believe that the government's decision to change the status of the barren was political, rather than economical. A former provincial cabinet minister, Gerald Doucet, is listed as director and executive on both North Cape Breton Resources and Highland Range Minerals. He has also been added to Regal Goldfields' management group. Former premier John Savage told the Globe and Mail that the decision was made in the best interests of the people of Inverness County, and that Doucet never approached him about it.

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SPORTS

Intramurals: what, when, where, how and why

(INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CAMPUS RECREATION OFFICE)

The Dalhousie Campus Recreation program offers three different program options: (1) **Intramurals**, (2) **Sport Clubs**, and (3) **Drop-In or Free Choice Participation**. These programs are structured to meet the varying recreational needs and interests of the university community. Dalplex also offers a full range of leisure classes.

The Intramural Program consists of various sport activities in which teams of players or individuals participate in organized leagues and tournaments. The Intramural activities are open to all Dalhousie and DalTech students, faculty, staff, and Dalplex members. Programs are divided into three divisions: men's, women's and co-ed.

Over 25 different sport activities and special events are offered from which participants can choose to participate at various levels according to their interests and abilities.

How?

There are various ways in which participants can get involved in Intramural activities.

(1) Contact the sport representative for his/her academic department or residence hall to get signed up on a team, or for an individual sport tournament. Names and phone numbers of the sports reps are available from the Campus Recreation Office at 494-2049

(2) Organize their own team of friends, classmates, etc. and enter the activity of their choice.

If a participant is unable to form a team or locate the sport representative, they can visit the Campus Recreation Office who will be able to assist them in getting placed on a team, or registered in a particular activity.

Each sport must have the minimum number of players submitted by the team registration deadline. Teams that have difficulty meeting the minimum number should check the independent players list in the Campus Recreation Office for potential team members.

Each unit will be permitted two teams per sport. These teams will be required to participate in different divisions.

Some tournament registrations will be limited to one team per unit. Additional teams will be taken as space permits. Sport representatives and team captains should put some thought into which division their team or teams will best be able to participate in.

Independent teams may not have more than 50% of players from any one unit.

Entry Forms

Each team or individual entering a league, tournament or special event must register by completing an entry form. Entry forms are available from the Campus Recreation Office, or from your faculty or resident sport representative. Entries must be

completed and returned to the Campus Recreation Office during the specified registration period and be accompanied by the required registration/forfeit bond fee.

Entry Fee & Regulations:

Each team entering an Intramural league sport must pay a Registration/Forfeit Bond Fee of \$30. Tournament participation has a team registration fee of \$20. The fee for individuals wishing to participate in single or dual events is \$10. The forfeit bond fee is refundable to any team or individual that does not forfeit out of the league or tournament for which they registered.

Department or Resident units planning to register eight or more teams in the various Intramural leagues or tournaments may make a lump sum payment of \$250. Each time a team or teams forfeit out of a league or tournament, then the amount of the registration fee for that particular activity is deducted from the total amount. The remaining total is refunded upon request at the end of the academic year. Individual or dual sport activity registration fees do not apply under the \$250 registration fee.

Registration Procedures

Registration for sports will be restricted to designated times unless otherwise stated in the intramural program schedule of activities. Sport representatives and team captains must submit a fully completed team entry form upon registration, but may make changes and additions to their roster. All changes are then subject to procedures outlined in the Intramural Policy Manual.

All Sport Representatives should pick up a copy of the Intramural Sports Policy and Procedures booklet and make it available to their team captains. The booklet clearly explains all the rules and regulations each team must follow for intramural play.

COUNCIL MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

September 16	6 pm
October 21	6 pm
November 18	6 pm
January 13	6 pm
February 17	6 pm
March 17	6 pm

(Year End Annual General Meeting)

Deadline for Refund Requests

March 31 (Intramural Awards Banquet)

•All meetings will be held in Room 204, Studley Gymnasium. Directions will be posted at the main entrance and on the intramural notice board.

•**Team Captains Meeting:** Please note that attendance at the Team Captains Meeting is **mandatory**. Teams failing to have a representative at the meeting will be assessed a forfeit.

•Check out our Home Page for latest event schedule. (www.dalplex.dal.ca)

Sport Clubs

Dalhousie University's Sport Club Programs consists of 16 active clubs, which participate regularly in scheduled instructional and practice sessions, as well as being entered into various local leagues and tournaments within the city, while others compete in competitions at both the regional and national level. Sport Club members can experience excellent instruction and coaching in a controlled environment. The Sport Clubs are unique in that members self-administer their programs providing good organizational and leadership opportunities, while receiving financial and physical support from Athletic and Recreational Services.

Organizing a New Sport Club

Anyone wishing to organize a new sport club or to help re-establish a club that has been inactive, should make an appointment to discuss the matter with Shawn Fraser, Supervisor of Intramurals and Sport Clubs (494-2049). Clubs must be registered with the Campus Recreation Office and the Student Union Council before being officially recognized as Dalhousie Sport Clubs. A Sport Club Policy and Procedures Handbook and club application forms are available from the Campus Recreation Office at the Dalplex.

Sport Club Executive Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Dalhousie Sport Club Executive Council will be held on Thursday, September 11th at 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Pool Conference Room at Dalplex. Prior to the meeting a "social get-together" will be held at 5:30 pm with food and drinks available. All club executive officers are required and expected to be in attendance.

1997-98 Sport Club Listing

BADMINTON: This is a fun, challenging group of inexperienced and seasoned badminton veterans. The club hosts a round robin tournament for the Nova Scotia Badminton Association and an annual inter-university tournament. When: Wednesday/ Friday, 8:30 - 10:30 pm; Sunday, 6 - 10 pm Where: Dalplex Fieldhouse Who: David Langille, 455-5895

BASEBALL: Tryouts for this club will be early September, due to the short season. The club plays 16 games in the Atlantic league. There are both competitive and recreational teams.. When: TBA Where: Dalplex and City Fields Who: Brian Bursey [bbursey@is2.dal.ca], 422-2716

CURLING: Both novice and experienced curlers are welcome. (there are clinics for beginner curlers). There are inter-club competitions in addition to local bonspiels. There is also the opportunity to join the Mayflower Curling Club as a full member, allowing you to curl on other nights during the week.

FENCING: This is the oldest club on campus. The club hosts the annual Dalhousie Open Fencing Tournament and participates in the Lt. Governor's Challenge, the Nova Scotia Open and the Provincial Championships. New fencers are encouraged to enrol in the Fencing for Beginners course at Dalplex, prior to seeking membership in the club. Experienced fencers are welcome anytime. Basic protective gear is provided if necessary. When: Monday/ Wednesday, 9-10:30 pm Where: Studley Dance Studio Who: Rob Beiko, 835-6717

FIGURE SKATING: This club is registered with the Canadian Figure Skating Association (CFSA), which allows members to be tested and compete in local and national competitions. The club includes all levels of skating, from beginners to advanced. When: Tuesday, 2:30 - 3:30 pm; Saturday, 8 - 10 pm Where: Memorial Arena Who: Jennifer Lowire, 435-2764

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY: Established in September 1995, the Field Hockey club is entering its second season. The club will be practicing and playing on Wickwire Memorial Field and playing exhibition games against other teams in the region. Club try-outs will be held in early September. All levels of players are welcome. When: Tuesday/ Thursday, 7-9 pm Where: Wickwire Field Who: TBA

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY: The women's hockey club offers a wide variety of competition for players of all levels. The club fields a team in the Nova Scotia Senior Women's Hockey League, the highest level of competitive women's hockey in the province. This team is selected by a coach, based on ability. The club also plays in the Men's Intramural "C" league at Dalhousie, and these games, as well as all practices, are open to all club members. The club fee is \$50, with one half going directly to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. New members are welcome, but full equipment is mandatory. When: Thursday, 7 - 8:30 am; Saturday, 6 - 8 pm Where: Memorial Arena Who: Kathy Robertson, 425-4874

IN-LINE HOCKEY: When: Saturday [TBA] Where: TBA Who: Killian May, 492-4609

JUDO: Judo is a science in the study of the powers of the body and mind, and the way of applying these most efficiently in combative activities. The form and nature of the physical training is adapted to the individuals physical capacity and age, from gentle practices to vigorous competition. When: Tuesday/ Thursday, 8 - 9:30 pm; Sunday 8 - 9:30 pm Where: Dalplex Fieldhouse Who: Ellen Crumley, 425-4947

MASTERS SWIM: Members

choose the practices of their choice starting in mid-September, with a two-week trial period available before club membership is necessary. There are various competitions throughout the year. When: Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday, 7:30 - 8:30 pm; Tuesday/ Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 am; Sunday, 6 - 7 pm Where: Dalplex Pool Who: Art Rennie, 435-5006

OUTDOOR CLUB: A chance to experience the thrill and challenge of risk and adventure activities. Members enjoy a variety of organized camping, canoe outings, hiking, rock climbing and cycling opportunities in the fall, and camping, skiing, kayaking and wall climbing at Dalplex in the winter. When/ Where: Check the S.U.B. Bulletin Board for event listings Who: Shane Hornibrooke [shornibr@is2.dal.ca]

ROWING: This club rows out of the Halifax Rowing Club at the St. Mary's Boat Club on the Northwest Arm. Dal students are organized into crews and can row under the Dalhousie or Halifax club names during competitions. The club participates in such regattas as the Henley in Ontario, the Charles in Boston, and many local and regional competitions. Those interested in learning the basics are encouraged to enrol in the novice program offered through the Halifax Rowing Club. When: Monday/ Saturday, 6 - 8 am [Experienced & Novice] Where: Halifax Rowing Club Who: Tim Church, 425-5454, mail box #203

RUGBY: The Dalhousie Rugby Football Club fields a first and second men's team, plus a women's squad. They compete in the Nova Scotia Rugby Football Association League, and participate annually in the Atlantic Provinces University Cup Tournament. Those wishing to try out should attend the first week of practices. [MEN'S] When: Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday, 7 - 9 pm Where: Garrison Grounds Who: TBA [WOMEN'S] When: Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday, 7 - 9 pm Where: Conrose Field Who: Alison Buckley

SQUASH: The Dalhousie Squash Club welcomes members of all skill levels, from novice to competitive. The club has specific court times reserved at Dalplex for club members and a challenge system is in place so that everyone gets playing time. Club members participate in the local Black Night Men's and Women's Squash League, in addition to other local tournaments. The Dal club hosts the annual Dal Open Squash Tournament in January, with participants from Quebec to Newfoundland.

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CO-ED INTRAMURAL LEAGUES

ACTIVITY DATE	ENTRY MEETING	ORGAN. TIME	DAYS/	LOC. COMP.	M/F	MIN.
Soccer A	Sept. 10 & 11 9 am - 9 pm	Sept. 13 1 pm	Monday 7-11 pm	Field (2)	7/4	15
Soccer B	Sept. 10 & 11 9 am - 9 pm	Sept. 13 1:30 pm	Wednesday 7-11 pm	Field (3)	7/4	15
Flag Football	Sept. 10 & 11 9 am - 9 pm	Sept. 13 2 pm	Thursday 7-11 pm	Field (1)	7/3	12
Ultimate Frisbee	Sept. 10 & 11 9 am - 9 pm	Sept. 13 2:30 pm	Monday 7-11 pm	Field (1)	5/2	10
Broomball A	Sept. 22 9 am - 9 pm	Sept. 23 6 pm	Thursday 10-1 am	Arena	4/2	12
Broomball B (Half-Ice)	Sept. 22 9 am - 9 pm	Sept. 23 6:30 pm 10:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 -	Arena	3/2	12
Res A & B Broomball	Sept. 22 9 am - 9 pm	Sept. 23 7 pm	Friday 2-4 pm	Arena	4/2	12
Basketball A	Oct. 14 9 am - 9 pm	Oct. 16 6 pm 10:30 pm	Sunday 6:30 pm	Dalplex	3/2	12
Basketball B	Oct. 14 9 am - 9 pm	Oct. 16 6:30 pm 11:30 pm	Thursday 7:30 pm	Studley	3/2	12
Volleyball A	Dec 3 & Jan 6 9 am - 4:30 pm	Jan. 8 6 pm	Tuesday 7-10 pm	Dalplex	3/3	10
Volleyball B	Dec. 3 & Jan. 6 9 am - 4:30 pm	Jan. 8 6:30 pm 10:30 pm	Monday 7:30 pm	Dalplex	4/2	10
Volleyball C	Dec. 3 & Jan. 6 9 am - 4:30 pm	Jan. 8 7 pm 10:30 pm	Sunday 6:30 pm	Dalplex	4/2	10
Inner Tube Water Polo	Oct. 16 9 am - 4:30 pm	Oct. 20 6 pm 10:20 pm	Wednesday 8:30 pm	Dalplex Pool	4/3 Pool	10

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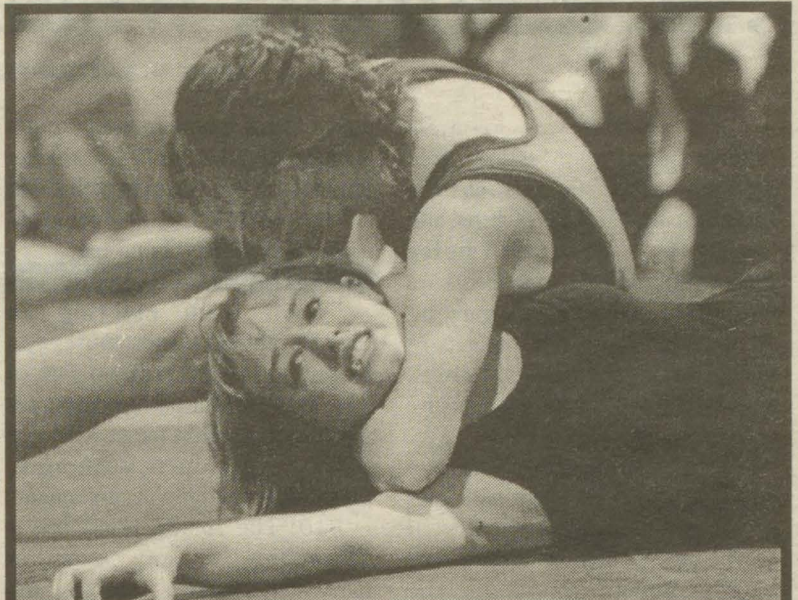
CO-ED TOURNAMENTS

ACTIVITY DATE	ENTRY MEETING	ORGAN. TIME	DAYS/	LOC. COMP.	M/F	MIN.
Beach Volleyball	Sept. 10 9 am - 4:30 pm	Sept. 11 5-6 pm	Sept. 12-14 19-21	Dalplex	4/2	8
Softball	Sept. 16 9 am - 4:30 pm	Sept. 18 6 pm	Sept. 20-21	TBA	8/2	12
Soccer	Sept. 19 9 am - 4:30 pm	Sept. 23 7:30 pm	Sept. 26 27-28	Wickwire	7/4	15
All Night Broomball	Sept. 25 9 am - 4:30 pm	Oct. 1 6-8 pm	Oct. 2 10 pm - 5 am	Arena	3/2	8
Singles/ Doubles Tennis	Oct. 9 9 am - 4:30 pm	Oct. 14 6-8 pm	Oct. 17-19	TBA	1/1	1/2
Doubles Badminton	Jan. .26 9 am - 4:30 pm	Jan. 28 6-8 pm	Jan. 30-31	Dalplex	1/1	2
P.A.R.T.Y All Night Broomball	Jan. 29 9 am - 4:30 pm	Feb. 3 6-8 pm	Feb. 5 10 pm - 5 am	Arena	3/2	8

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Sports writers and photographers desperately needed. Basic knowledge of some sports essential. Call 494-2507 and ask for Eugenia.

Varsity groupies need not apply.



Anyone interested in joining the Dalhousie Wrestling Club (DWC) is invited to attend the DWC Information Night on Monday, September 15, 7 - 9 pm in Room 223 of the Dalplex. For more information contact Scott Aldridge at 479-2471, or by email at saldrigd@is2.dal.ca.

Intramurals

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When: Tuesday/ Thursday/ Sunday, 6:15 - 10:15 pm; Saturday, 12:15 - 3:15 pm

Where: Squash Courts

Who: Tom Pellerine, 865-9004

WATER POLO: The Water Polo club is in its fourth season. There are two or three practices a week, and exhibition games with other interested groups and organized teams throughout the year. The club welcomes all interested swimmers and water sport participants to come and join the fun.

When: Monday, 8:30 - 10:20 pm

Where: Dalplex Pool

Who: TBA

WRESTLING CLUB: This will be the wrestling club's second season in existence. The club welcomes both male and female wrestlers of all abilities. The club will hold practices starting in early September and wrestlers may have the opportunity to attend regional meets and also host a meet here at Dalhousie. For more information on the clubs practice times contact Dalplex at 494-3372.

When: TBA

Where: Dalplex Fieldhouse

Who: Scott Aldridge

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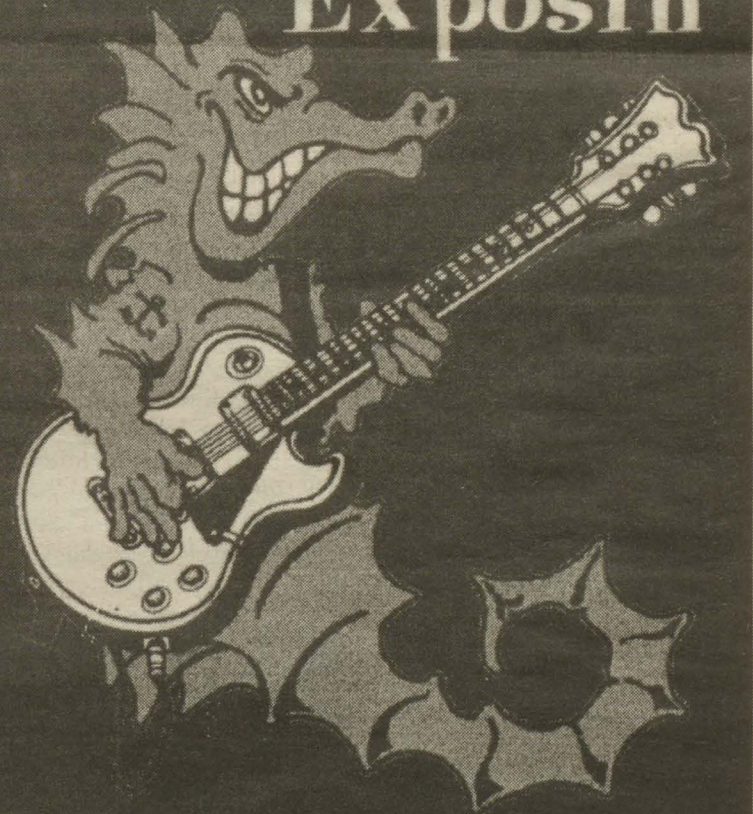
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September 11th - September 18th, 1997

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

English Society Social will be held at 6:30 p.m. in English Department Lounge, 1434 Henry St.

Caribbean Student Society meeting at 6:30 p.m. in SUB Council Chambers.

Department of Chemistry seminar at 1:30pm in room 226 of the Chemistry Building. The topic is "Radiochemical Determination of Plutonium and Other Actinides in Humans" and is being presented by Professor Royston H. Filby of Washington State University.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Illuminated Thoughts Society will be having illuminated thoughts at 6:30 p.m. in SUB room 318.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

Arts Society meeting at 5:00 p.m. in SUB Council Chambers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation will be meeting at 11 a.m. SUB room 318.

Dalhousie Science Society meeting at 6:00 p.m in SUB Council Chambers.

International Socialists meeting at 7:00 p.m. in SUB room 224/226.

Tools for Peace Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB room 318.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Sodales meeting at 6:00 p.m. SUB Council Chambers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Sign Language Level 1&2: The Maritime School of Social Work is offering ten week courses in sign language on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. The cost is only \$50 and classes begin September 15. For more info call 494-1193.

Peers Against Sexual Assault is a student run peer education group whose goal is to promote healthy sexual relationships and to educate students and faculty about the prevention of sexual assault and sexual harassment. For more information please contact the Dalhousie Sexual Harassment Advisor's office at 494-1137.

Youth Challenge International: If you are 18-25, volunteer positions are now available for community, health and conservation projects in Costa Rica, Guyana and South America. For more information call (416) 971-9846 ext. 300, or e-mail info@yci.org.

Conference on Women and the Law: The Nova Scotia caucus of the National Association of Women and the Law are pleased to host the 12th Biennial Conference "Access to Justice for Women — the Changing Face of Inequality" in Halifax, at the Westin Nova Scotia Hotel. October 30 to November 2, 1997. The early registration deadline is October 1, 1997. Contact Conventional Wisdom Event Planning at (902) 453-4664.

Free film screening for Female Film-makers at Five. A special series of historic films by woman directors presented in association with the Atlantic Film Festival. All showings will be at five o'clock in the evening in the gallery. Screenings begin September 20 and continue every evening until September 27. For further information, contact the Dalhousie Art

Gallery at 494-2403.

Learn to talk to groups: A Speakeasy Program on how to talk to groups calmly and confidently will begin soon at the Counselling Centre. This five-session program will be of particular interest to students who find that anxiety makes it difficult to give class presentations or participate in group discussions. A \$20 deposit, refundable upon attendance, is required. Interested students should arrange to speak to Dr. Victor Day at the Counselling Centre (4th floor, SUB) at 494-2081.

CLASSIFIEDS

TUTORING

Several years experience in tutoring university level mathematics and statistics. Reasonable Rate. Groups (2 or 3 people) are welcome. Please call Paul at 499-1618

It's never too early! Tutoring available in first year Latin, French, and ESL. Reasonable rates. Phone 429-8764.

MISCELLANEOUS

Looking for ride on weekends either to or from Halifax to Sussex, NB. Will share expenses. Call 506-433-4752 or 902-422-8881.

CURLING — looking for anyone interested in curling on a semi-competitive Men's or mixed team. Call Dave 852-2128.

TRAVEL — teach English\$: five day per 40hr. (Nov. 12-16) TESOL Certificate course. 1000's of jobs available now! Free info pack — toll free 1 888 270-2941.

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Dalhousie Student Employment Centre

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The Dalhousie Student Employment Centre job listings are now on-line. Please note that these jobs may only be accessed from a Dalhousie email account. Visit our Website at <http://is.dal.ca/~sec/>

GRADUATE RECRUITMENT

Employers recruiting for upcoming graduates will be posting in September. Examples of recruiters are the CA firms, Banks, Computer companies. It is important to visit the employment centre on a regular basis, for application procedures, and deadline dates.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The PSC will be giving an information session on Monday, September 15th, Room 307, SUB (time TBA). They will be discussing their recruiting procedures, as well as employment opportunities they will be recruiting for.

VOLUNTEER FAIR/97

The "Make a Change" Volunteer Fair will be held September 24th in the Green Room of the SUB, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find out how you can learn new skills, gain valuable experience, and make a difference in your community.

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

Various departments at Dalhousie are now posting jobs for the fall/winter term. Numerous positions are available such as, student assistant's, clerical, computer lab technicians, etc.

EMPLOYMENT FAIR/97

A diverse group of employers will be coming to the Student Union Building on October 8th, from 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Room TBA). Information will be handed out regarding employers hiring process, etc. Any questions you may have regarding employment, please feel free to visit the fair and meet with potential employers. Everyone welcome.

NATIONAL GRADUATE REGISTER

The NGR is an on-line database containing job skills profiles of post-secondary students and recent graduates from across Canada, which can be matched to the requirements of interested employers. For more information visit their Website at <http://ngr.schoolnet.ca>

GRAWOOD

Part-time cook required for days/nights. Submit resume to the student employment centre before Sept. 13 at 1:00.

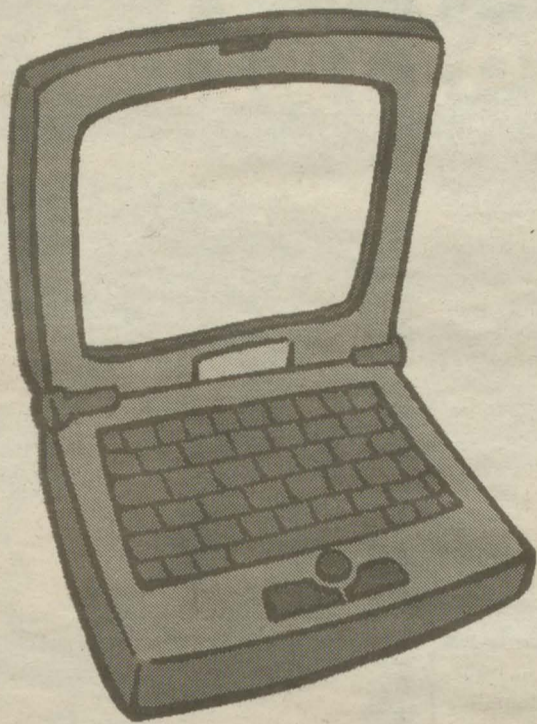
For more information on any of the above jobs please visit the Dalhousie Student Employment Centre or check out our website at <http://is.dal.ca/~sec/>

We have an ever changing board of Summer, Immediate, Graduate, and Part Time employment opportunities.

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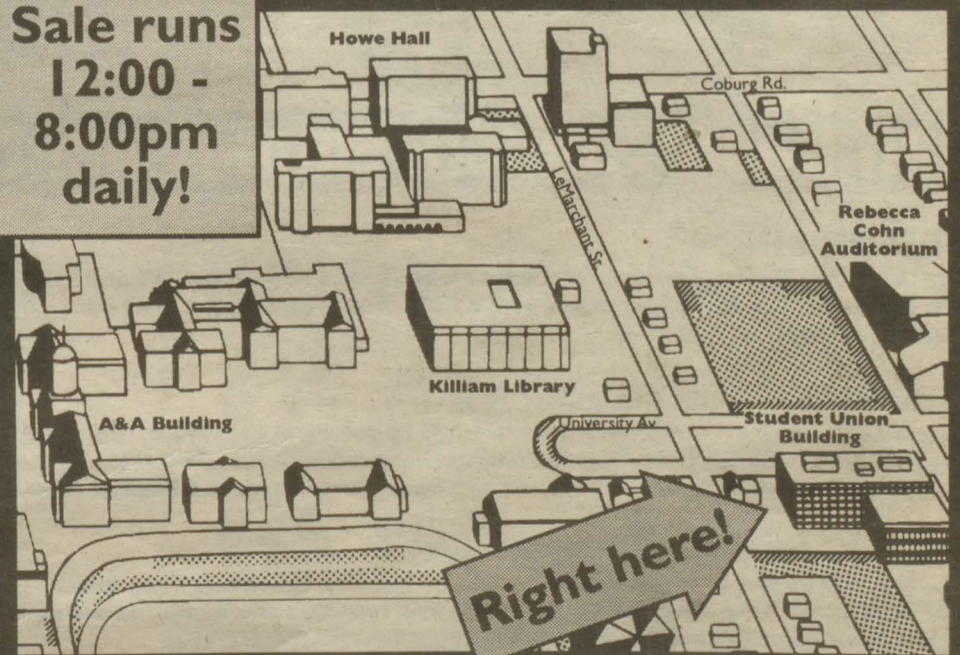
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