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Dalhousie rises in annual Maclean's ranking

BY GINA STACK

Dalhousie moved up four places in this year's annual Maclean's University ranking, but university officials are not getting too excited about it.

In a press release to news media, Maclean's proclaimed this year's study "the definitive primer on these post-secondary institutions, revealing which schools are — or are not — making the grade."

Last year Dal placed eleventh and declared the ranking meaningless, and although Dal's better position in the ranking has made critics less harsh, the school does not place too much merit in the survey.

University president Tom Traves says Maclean's is trying to compare apples and oranges.

"I have problems with grouping a lot of components together that don't naturally sit together," said Traves about the ranking process.

Traves says that he is more interested in examining how Dalhousie does in each individual category.

"I'm very pleased when I look at the individual categories. What stands out is that in Atlantic Canada, Dalhousie has the highest entering grades, the highest graduation [completion] rate, the most scholarships and bursaries, the best record in library acquisitions and the most classes taught by tenured

faculty."

Dalhousie Student Union president Chris Adams was in agreement with Traves. Adams said that the ranking was interesting to look at, but it should "only be used for amusement".

Adams also had a problem with Maclean's methodology.

"It's very difficult because they intermingle qualitative and quantitative data. This makes it an interesting mismatch," he said.

At the same time, Adams said that he was happy to see Dalhousie move up in the rankings.

"I think it's great that Dal moves up, but I think it's better to look at each individual category so we can see areas where we are strong, and where we need to improve."

Adams added that it is interesting to look at different schools across the country, but he questions the ability of a bunch of people sitting in Toronto to do an accurate ranking

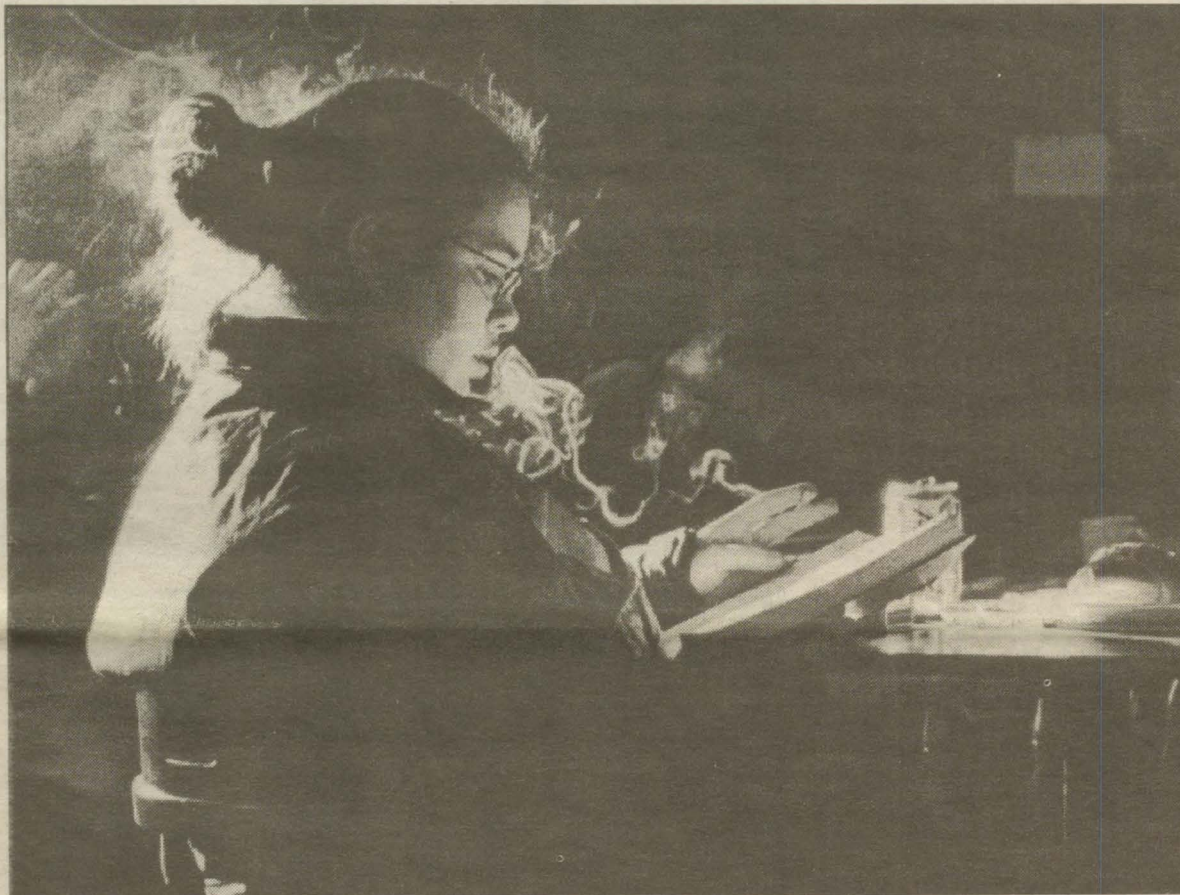
of universities.

This year all 42 English language and nine French language schools took part in the survey. Maclean's ranks Canadian universities in three categories: medical/doctoral (Dalhousie's category), comprehensive and primarily undergraduate.

The top three schools in Dal's category were Toronto, Queen's and McGill. In the comprehensive category, Simon Fraser, Guelph and Victoria were the best schools, while Mount Allison, Acadia and Trent were the top three undergraduate schools.

Maclean's took a number of factors into consideration in deciding which schools were the best. The magazine graded each university's student body, classes, faculty, finances and library, as well as its reputation with over 3,500 high school guidance

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Nicotine, caffeine and books: university life at its finest. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

Grad House remains open amidst resignations

BY LILLI JU

Two days after graduate students voted to keep the Grad House open, patrons of the popular establishment were surprised to see that its doors were closed on Thursday, November 20.

The day before, seven Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) councillors, including three executive members, resigned as a result of the Tuesday, November 18 general meeting. The Grad House resumed normal operation the next day. The remaining DAGS councillors are maintaining a positive outlook despite these resignations and the temporary closure.

The unexpected closure of the Grad House came about in a turn of events resulting from the general meeting held on Tuesday, November 18. At a DAGS council meeting held the next day, seven members submitted letters of resignation, including president Naomi Andjelic, v-p executive Chris Horvath and secretary Greg Moores.

"In light of the response of graduate students in attendance at the Annual General Meeting of DAGS, I do not feel that I can effectively, or in good conscience, implement the decision to 'Grow the Grad House'," wrote Andjelic

in her letter of resignation.

"I firmly believe that there are numerous difficulties facing this organization that would be ignored...A student political organization pursuing the course of running a business to the detriment of having an effective graduate voice on campus conflicts with my fundamental beliefs regarding the mandate of DAGS."

Upon hearing about the resignations, many graduate students were outraged. Ian Kelso is an MA student who voted to grow the Grad House. At Tuesday's meeting, he voiced concern that the same people who did a "piss-poor job of managing the Grad House" were to be put in charge of expanding it. Despite his doubts, Kelso said that he was shocked to hear the executive had resigned.

"They took the position on and if they don't want to do the job then we should get someone else in to do the job.

"You could tell that they just didn't want to do the work," he added, with regard to Tuesday's meeting.

MA student Steven Gibson was also upset by the actions of the executive. He questioned the purpose of Tuesday night's vote in light of the resignations.

"If [DAGS] are willing to

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The shrinking building: new facility may be half the intended size

BY BEN MACLEAN

Plans for the new Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Building are far from set in stone.

After meeting with architects on October 3, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) building steering committee is now facing a difficult prospect — the new building may only be half as large as originally planned, its size dropping from 100,000 to 50,000 square feet.

Anne Higgins, a member of the steering committee, says the situation is a monetary one.

"What we're dealing with is the constraints of budgets."

With original fund-raising goals for the project set as high as \$16-million, commitments to date are stalled in the \$12-million range.

Higgins says there is still hope for more fund-raising, and because architects have yet to deliver the final verdict on design options, people should avoid jumping to conclusions.

"We're exploring different scenarios based on the certainty of \$12-million and the fund-raising that might give us more," she said. "I have no reason to think [the facility] would be cut in half. The steering committee is committed to realizing the whole project."

The building's contributors

include government, which has offered \$6-million, the university's Capital Fund Campaign, and the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) which pledged \$1-million in the fall of last year.

DSU president Chris Adams, when asked whether students were getting their money's worth by contributing to a building which has seemingly shrunk, defended the decision.

"Any way you look at it, one twelfth of the building is still being paid for by the student body. All of the money will be going to facilities that suit the needs of students."

In Adams's view, if the structure

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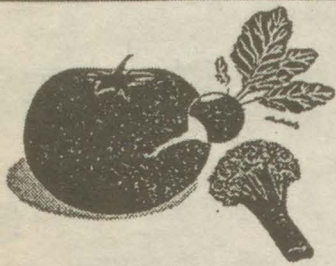
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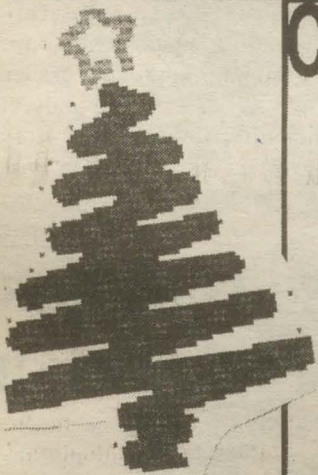
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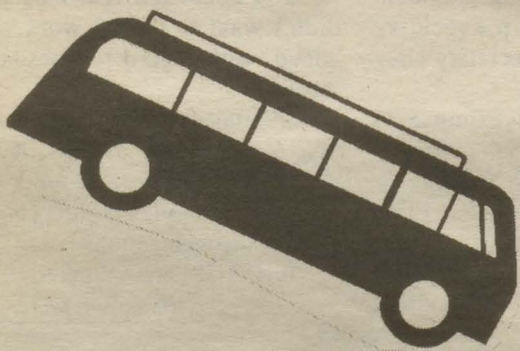
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Student nurses last resort to save labs

BY GINA STACK

The fight to save labs in first year nursing is now in the hands of students.

Backed up by the university, the Department of Physiology and Biophysics has decided to replace labs in physiology 1010 with tutorials on a trial basis for the next two years.

Physiology 1010 must be taken by all nursing students. Students in all four years of the program fear that losing the labs will not prepare nursing students for a second-year course, pathophysiology.

Doug Gordon, nursing representative on the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU), is one of many nursing students fighting to save the labs.

"The actual labs help pinpoint a couple of different areas that the students have been working on throughout the year and it helps to have something that you can look at and apply...it's not until you actually have a laboratory that some students will say, 'Okay, I see now,'" Gordon said.

"Even though there are only eight labs they are essential to help in the understanding of basic concepts."

Gordon has circulated a petition against the replacement of labs with tutorials. He has received the support of students in all four years of the program and the DSU. He says that the directors of nursing and health and human performance also stand behind what he is doing, and he is in the process of writing a letter to Dalhousie president Tom Traves to explain the situation.

Nursing falls under the Faculty of Health Professions, but physiology falls under the Faculty of Medicine. Nursing students take physiology in the Faculty of Medicine. Because the course is offered outside of the Faculty of Health Professions, the faculty can only influence how the course is taught.

Last year, labs were replaced with tutorials in first-year physiology. The Faculty of Health Professions was unhappy with the change. While still negotiating with the Faculty of Medicine, Health Professions decided to offer the course with labs under a different name, Health 1000, in its own faculty. This was only a temporary solution to the problem, and when the Faculties of Health Professions and Medicine could not agree which faculty should teach the course, and whether labs or tutorials were better, the dispute was taken before Dr. Warwick Kimmins, the acting vice-president academic.

Kimmins said that he was forced to come down like Moses from the mountain to determine the future of the course.

Kimmins said that it was an easy decision to move the course from Health Professions back to Medicine. He said that it just makes more sense, and Dalhousie has a policy of keeping all R-level classes in home departments. He argued that it leads to stronger departments and makes recruiting the best professors easier. He said, for example, that a English professor would be more attracted to Dalhousie if s/he had an opportunity to teach in the English Department, as opposed to History.

Kimmins stood by his decision to replace labs with tutorials against the wishes of the Faculty of Health Professions.

He said his decision was

influenced by the strong backing of the change made by the head of the Department Physiology and Biophysics, Dr. Andrew French.

"I trust the judgement of the person as a professional in his field," said Kimmins, who welcomes experimentation. "No curriculum is stable and I would discourage keeping things the same."

The replacement of labs with tutorials will be re-evaluated in two years.

Dr. Julia Wong teaches pathophysiology, a second year course with physiology 1010 as a prerequisite. Last year, Wong's second-year class did not have labs. Wong says that her students need the labs to be properly prepared for pathophysiology.

"These students are struggling to re-learn normal physiology and at the same time study the physiology mechanisms altered by disease in humans. It seems rather obvious to me that they have not fully understood the fundamental concepts to establish the basic link between the scientific realm of physiology and its application in clinical practice," she said.

Wong said that she has to set up a remedial class for the students, and even then she had to water-down the course so that students could understand. She blames these problems on a lack of labs in first year.

Wong says that she is unhappy with the way French handled the situation.

"I found Dr. French's callous attitude towards student education is disturbing and reprehensible," Wong wrote in a letter to the director of the School of Nursing.

Wong accused French of acting unilaterally, allowing for "no input at all into physiology, and being quiet stubborn and refusing to hear [the nursing] side".

French denies these accusations saying that he is acting in good faith, and the best interest of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. In making his decision, French presented data from physiology departments across the country determining that about 33 per cent include a lab in for teaching health professions students.

"In replacing laboratories with tutorials, we at Dalhousie are not out

of step with other Canadian universities, in fact we are following a trend that reflects changes in the discipline," he said.

Speaking about the Survey of Physiology Teaching in Canada, French says that there is a trend across Canada to replace labs with tutorials. He added that schools taking part in the survey "concluded that the effects [of eliminating labs] were largely unknown or seemingly minimal". He added that only one out of 11 programs reported a direct negative effect.

"A lack of laboratory teaching was never mentioned as a reason for dissatisfaction [with a school's nursing program]. Of the reasons cited, a lack of direct relevance to the profession was clearly the major complaint. I have heard this complaint before, and feel that it is unjustified."

French insists that he consulted the directors of all programs that would be effected by changes to physiology 1010.

"I am sorry if Dr. McIntyre [Dean of the Faculty of Health Professions] was not personally consulted, or if people other than the program

directors at the time have different opinions, but I really feel that I acted properly and in the best interest of the students."

Dr. Lynn McIntyre, Dean of the Faculty of Health Professions, says that the department did all that it could to save the labs, but there is nothing more that they can do.

"We are very disappointed, but [the faculty] can no longer protest this because we entered into an agreement (arbitration between faculties and v-p academic & research)," McIntyre said.

"We entered into negotiations in good faith and lost. I'm not happy, of course I'm not happy, but we are prohibited from doing anything further by decree. We don't have a choice."

"We don't agree with the decision, but we are bound by it."

The budget to the Department of Physiology has been reduced by nine per cent since 1995. However, French and Kimmins both say that the elimination of first year labs was strictly pedagogical and has nothing to do with budget restraints.

Grad House realities and aftermath

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propose a process for evaluating the problem, they should be willing to entertain a position that they many not [agree with]," Gibson said.

Rob Schurko is a PhD student at Dalhousie. He also voted on Tuesday night, and is outraged by recent developments.

"I am appalled that [the DAGS executive would] resign just because they didn't get their way, absolutely appalled. It's very immature."

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) was approached on November 19 by the outgoing DAGS executive to assist DAGS in determining the appropriate steps to take once the resignation came into effect. It was then decided to close the Grad House for the day on November 20.

According to a DSU statement, "The DSU reviewed the relevant constitutions and policies of the involved parties and found that the responsibility for all operations of DAGS is conferred upon the remaining members of the DAGS council. Any further decision concerning DAGS will be those of the remaining councillors."

"My main concern is that DAGS proceeds in a constitutionally and financially responsible manner," said Bridgette McCaig, DSU v-p executive. The DSU is ultimately responsible for all Dalhousie student societies, and it plans to continue monitoring DAGS' activity.

"The ten remaining councillors would like to assure the Dalhousie community that the DAGS will continue to operate in its capacity as a representative body for the Dalhousie graduate

students," DAGS said in a statement released this week. "With regards to the Graduate House, the doors will remain open."

"On Sunday [November 30], there will be a DAGS council meeting," said Malaka Hendela, who had to step down from her position as Treasurer as a result of the resignations, but still retains her position as a councillor. "We will be dealing with all things openly, thoroughly, and clearly."

The reduced DAGS council met informally this past Sunday to discuss its next steps. Both Hendela and Jim Leger, another councillor and former v-p communication, stressed the importance of proceeding in a cautious manner to ensure that proper procedures are followed.

"We met on Sunday just to speak freely to each other and figure out what needs to be done. We didn't make any formal decisions," Leger said.

DAGS was originally going to hold a council meeting this past Sunday, but decided to meet informally instead, postponing the DAGS council meeting to Sunday, November 30. At this meeting, DAGS will also be

receiving a proposal from the Grad House manager concerning house and operations improvements. This meeting is open to all graduate students.

"There is no need to rush into anything. There is some urgency, but it isn't panic situation," Leger said.

According to the DAGS statement, the priorities for the current DAGS council will be to appoint an interim president and executive, organize a by-election to fill the vacant councillor positions and elect a new president, and to coordinate a referendum to amend the DAGS constitution to include a clause which will ensure representation on council from all departmental societies in the future. The DAGS constitution has not been updated since 1979.

"We will eventually be taking action on the decision that was made at the general meeting [to support the 'Grow the Grad House' proposal], but we will leave much of that responsibility, as was recommended in the proposal, to the house manager," Leger said.

"In the meantime, things will continue as normal."

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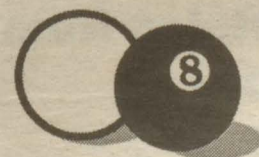
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Dal competes for new federal research funds

BY JOSEPH LAMBERT

Research at Dalhousie, and throughout Canada, may increase dramatically due to a new federal foundation funnelling millions of dollars in research funding to

universities. The Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) is a recently introduced federal initiative with an \$800-million budget to be distributed over the next five years. Under the program, universities

across Canada compete to win research funding.

Dalhousie president Tom Traves said the university should do well. "Dalhousie, Nova Scotia's only research intensive university, should compete successfully in this program," he said.

Dalhousie will be among many universities submitting its strongest research proposals to gain funding. The school will compete for funding with other universities, or networks of universities in this area.

Traves says he recognizes the importance and scope of this project.

"[The CFI] is a very welcome initiative," he said. "The equipment and physical infrastructure for research in Canada has been starved for funding support...you can't have first class work without first class facilities...this initiative is an important signal about the importance of research and [the Canadian government's]

commitment to finance it over a period of time."

Each proposal must contain two important elements. First, proposals are considered for their academic merits, and second, applicants need to demonstrate how their funding demands are linked to the academic purpose of the project, and the scope of connections to other interests in the university.

Funding will be directed to those faculties that require high-end facilities for research.

"The mandate is to provide infrastructure grants in science, engineering and medicine," Traves said.

The CFI is also considering accepting proposals from the social sciences.

In order to ensure Dalhousie is competitive for CFI funding, the university will rank all proposals, weed out the weaker ones, before sending the strongest to Ottawa.

"Proposals will be ranked according to the university's long term research projects...looking

for proposals that include multiple groups of faculty members who are either working on common projects or projects that could share common equipment or faculties."

The funding provided by the CFI would only match 40-50 per cent of the proposed cost of the project. The remainder of the funding would have to come from the private sector.

"It is up to the people who submit the proposal to secure the other 60 per cent...from those companies interested in our research activities."

The process of securing funds is dictated in part by the Joint Economic Diversification Agreement sponsored by federal and provincial governments.

The CFI funds will not be granted until the end of 1998. A preliminary proposal deadline has been set for February 1998.

Dalhousie has already been slated to receive a provincial research grant, estimated at \$15-million, from the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Grad House woes



EERIE SILENCE - It's usually hard to find a seat in the Grad House at noon, but the building sat empty last Thursday following the resignation of seven Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students councillors. (Photo by Ryan Lash.)

continued from page 1... counsellors, university academics and chief executive officers from across Canada.

In addition to its ranking, Maclean's looked at other trends across Canadian campuses. Forty-four per cent of universities reported a drop in their operating budgets. In addition, 56 per cent of schools have seen class sizes increase across the board, 49 per cent reported that they have fewer first year classes taught

by tenured faculty, and students are taking longer to graduate.

On a positive note, 84 per cent of universities have upped their scholarship and bursary figures, and 70 per cent are allocating a larger proportion of their budget to student services. At the same time, the average student is graduating with \$25,000 in debts after an undergraduate degree and campuses are increasingly being influenced by corporations.

Arts and Social Sciences building

continued from page 1... itself comes out smaller than planned, it may mean that more funds can be pumped directly into facilities.

Regardless, obstacles remain for the building, as recent additions to the project have further complicated the situation.

A \$1-million computer lab has suddenly appeared on the building's list of expenses, and concerns have been raised about the \$1.75-million set aside for the construction of a parking lot.

Michael Bradfield, chair of the Senate Physical Planning Committee, says that if funds being reserved for the parking area were redirected to the construction of the building itself, 10,000 more square

feet could be created.

To overcome the present funding dilemma, it has been suggested that the FASS Building be completed in two stages, but Bradfield downplays this option.

"Nobody is actually talking about having the money to expand in the future," he said.

As well, more departments in the FASS recently asked for office space in the new complex.

Higgins would like to see a "reunification of the humanities departments" in one location, explaining that the present department houses are somewhat rundown, and inaccessible to those with mobility challenges. But she admits that in the case of a smaller building, departments will be the first to lose space.

She insists though, on the need for lecture halls.

"The classrooms will be there. We have a crying need for new classroom spaces, especially large classrooms."

Higgins says the building will also be "fully wired to accommodate new technologies."

Now that the final decisions are being reached regarding one of Dalhousie's first new buildings in more than a decade, the steering committee feels progress is "very positive".

Adams wants to ensure the new building, planned for the Rebecca Cohn parking lot, not be seen as a similar "monstrosity" to other modern buildings on campus.

"My role is to see the money is spent the best way possible in regards to total university interests," he said.

Higgins agrees. "What we do we will do properly. We will not sacrifice quality to [the] budget."

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National Briefs

McGILL STUDENTS VOTE IN FAVOUR OF STUDENT DAYCARE

TORONTO (CUP) — Not a lot of students cast ballots, but those who did voted overwhelmingly in favour of a student daycare at McGill University.

"I'm ecstatic," student union president Tara Newell said. "The daycare is one of my major projects for the year."

Just over 2,300 of eligible McGill students voted last week in favour of paying \$3 per semester to help fund the construction and maintenance of the centre. Four-hundred and twenty voted against the levy. Voter turnout was approximately 17 per cent.

McGill already has a daycare, but it is primarily used by faculty and staff. A university Senate advisory committee recently reported that 15 per cent of incoming students at McGill have children, and the present facilities are inadequate to meet demand.

While the student union executive was confident that students would vote in favour of the levy, there was concern that the necessary quorum of 2,000 voters would not be achieved. Part of that concern revolved around the fact that there were only eight polling stations across the entire campus.

But there was a last minute campaign, spearheaded by Lara Leigh-Wood, head of the Yes committee, to get the vote out. She spent the week prior to the referendum handing out fliers.

Newell stated before the referendum that getting a student daycare on the McGill campus was important to improve accessibility.

"It is a reflection of changing demographics and it is one step forward on the issues of accessibility in post-secondary education," she said.

The new daycare will cost parents \$5 per child per day. Its services will be designed to accommodate student-parents, who will be able to leave their children at the centre for either part of the day or a full day.

Though student funding for the centre has been secured, several more steps must be taken before the daycare becomes a reality.

A license and government funding must be secured, and staff must be hired and trained in consultation with the present daycare centre.

The referendum was held November 11 through 13.

MISQUOTE ANGERS STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS

VICTORIA (CUP) — Students at the University of Victoria are concerned about an erroneous newspaper account of a campus demonstration which reported that a student leader led 1,000 students in chanting death threats against the school's president.

A news article and editorial, both written by David Lennam, news editor of the Oak Bay News, reported November 12 that students shouted "Kill Dr. Strong" during a rally protesting the deteriorating quality of education at UVic.

The students were in fact chanting "Bill Dr. Strong" at the Nov. 5 protest.

"I think [Mr. Lennam] has an obligation to his readers to get the facts straight before he reports anything," said Anita Zaenker, the student leader named in the paper. "This is defamation of my character, and more importantly, the character of the [University of Victoria] Student's Society."

The story appeared after an estimated 400 students staged a noisy, but peaceful protest in front of the school's library. Students started chanting "Bill Dr. Strong" after fourth-year political science major Rebecca Whitley addressed the crowd.

Whitley told the crowd that six of the eight political science courses she had registered for over the summer had been cancelled in September and vowed that if she were forced to remain for another year at UVic she would "Bill Dr. Strong".

"The Oak Bay News interpretation of the story is very unfortunate as it distracts from the important issues the students were raising," said Bruce Kilpatrick, director of communications at UVic, alluding to the recent decline in post-secondary funding.

UVic president David Strong has accepted Zaenker's assurances that the protest was peaceful, according to Kilpatrick.

The UVic student union plans to register a complaint with the B.C. Press Council after consulting with their lawyer, says Zaenker.

While Lennam acknowledged concerns with the way he covered the story, he has refused to comment until officially contacted by the UVic student union.

MONTREAL LOSES BID FOR 2002 GAY GAMES

MONREAL (CUP) — Though Montreal lost its bid to host the Gay Games in 2002, organizers say they are proud of how the community came together to support the effort.

"We are disappointed, yes, but we are proud of the heterosexual community and their openness towards us," said Genevieve Paris, spokesperson for Montreal 2002, the organization preparing the bid. "All we want to do is open some doors, and I think we did."

The games will be going to Sydney, Australia in 2002. Toronto, Dallas and Long Beach were also vying to host the event.

The Sky pub in Montreal was filled to capacity Nov. 13, as both gay and straight supporters of the bid mingled in a frenzy awaiting the decision, which was announced via satellite from Denver, Colorado.

After Sydney was named the winning bid, the room fell silent. But people soon started applauding for the city down under and cheering, "La prochaine fois!"

Spirits rose even higher when Christian Bolduc, president of Montreal 2002, came over the loudspeaker from Denver, congratulated everyone for their efforts and swore that Montreal would get the games next time.

Paris echoed Bolduc's sentiments in a speech after the announcement. "This was the third time that Sydney put in their bid, and it was only Montreal's first," he said. "They have had time to improve. We haven't."

That's why we will try again."

Organizers worked almost three years on Montreal's bid for the Gay Games, and over 3,000 volunteers were enlisted to help out. The city was the runner-up to Sydney, and is in a good position to make a successful run at the Gay Games being held in 2006.

Over 12,000 athletes are expected to attend the Gay Games taking place next year in Amsterdam.

Mass protest over Bush degree

BY DORSA JABBARI AND CARLA TONELLI

TORONTO (CUP) — About 1,000 protesters managed to make so much noise outside of the University of Toronto's honorary degree ceremony for former American president George Bush that it was impossible to ignore them indoors.

Guests for the ceremony were unable to get past protesters as pounding drums and flying snowballs accompanied their journey up the tightly secured walkway outside Hart House, the campus building where the event was held.

But authorities were prepared as one of the largest security forces U of T has ever seen, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Metro and campus police forces and the American Secret Service, descended on the campus for Bush's visit.

Inside the ornate hall where the ceremony took place, the tone was congratulatory and affectionate beneath the crowd's din. Guests included Ontario premier Mike Harris and former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney. U of T benefactor and Barrick Gold CEO Peter Munk was also in attendance. Bush acts as special advisor to Barrick Gold's international advisory committee.

Over 30 faculty, dressed for the occasion in academic gowns, stood and walked out when Bush rose to receive his degree. The procession was led by world-renowned U of T scientist Ursula Franklin.

Bush took the stage reassuring the guests he was not upset.

"It doesn't bother me one single bit. Barbara walked out when I read her this speech last night," Bush joked.

"As for the people outside, it reminds me of happy hour at the Baghdad Ramada Inn," he laughed.

Bush added the protest was a kinder and gentler form of dissent than others he had witnessed — launching into a description of his role in bringing down communism, protecting freedom of speech and the right to protest for one and all.

He spoke about his role in ending the Cold War, telling stories about the huge phone bill he racked up talking to world leaders and his joy at seeing young people dancing on the Berlin wall.

Bush also had high praise for former Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev and former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney, before ending off with a brief mention of his upcoming book.

Outside, people did not find Bush quite so charming.

"I'm here to protest against this dishonourable degree," said philosophy professor James Robert Brown, adding that he would have cancelled his

classes if any had been scheduled during the protest. "This guy is a murderer. Had I been invited into the ceremony, I would have walked out. I applaud those who will walk out today."

"I'm disgusted with U of T and its decision to honour George Bush with this degree. It's such an obvious conflict of interest given his connections with Barrick Gold," said PhD student Ian Clarken. "It's no accident that Bush is receiving this degree. It plays right into...a relentless corporate agenda."

Jacob Glick, a student representative on the Governing Council, the body which ultimately decided to grant the degree to Bush, tore up his invitation on the steps of Hart House and started to eat it just before the ceremony began.

"I was chewing on it, but then I spat it out because it tasted like crap. It's ironic that it tastes like crap. Maybe that's how they made them. They're certainly tainted," he said.

To the east of Hart House,

speakers from a variety of student and community groups addressed the protestors while nearby, several students burned American flags.

"Everything the American flag stands for has been completely violated by George Bush," said second year philosophy student Matt Butler as he tried to get his lighter working to resume sending the Stars and Stripes up in flames.

A student from York University was detained by Metro Toronto police for an hour and a half after the protest for "possibly assaulting a police officer", but she was later released and no charges were laid. Another student was arrested at a store that the former president visited later in the day, but he too was released with no charges laid.

Protestors managed to block the executive limos trying to whisk dignitaries away for over 25 minutes, while others made their way to U of T president Prichard's residence where Bush dined that evening.

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Supporters rally behind 'feminist' professor

BY JESSE BLACK-ALLEN

TORONTO (CUP) — Supporters of a York University teacher who they say was denied tenure because of her strong feminist beliefs have appealed directly to the school's president in an effort to get her reinstated.

Over 2,300 people have signed a petition to York president Lorna Marsden demanding the reinstatement of Nancy Nicol, a teacher in the fine arts department who was denied tenure after teaching at the university for six years. She has not taught at the school for the last two years.

Nicol had been recommended for tenure by the fine arts department, but both the faculty and university senate committees on tenure were against this.

She successfully appealed this at another senate committee, but former York president Susan Mann, who had the final word on the matter, overturned the decision, thus denying Nicol tenure. She was subsequently not offered another teaching position at the university.

Members of the York University Faculty Association

are arguing, on Nicol's behalf, that procedural errors were made throughout the process. They are particularly concerned with the consideration given to anonymous statements in her file.

They say the statements, taken from student evaluation forms, affected the process leading to Nicol's denial of tenure. The association says the use of such statements violates its collective agreement with the university.

The forms included statements like, "Don't shove this feminist garbage down my throat."

Seth Feldman, York's dean of fine arts, says the statements in Nicol's file are not "anonymous," but "confidential" statements.

He says comments were only used insofar as they demonstrated a "disturbing pattern" in Nicol's teaching.

"Let's just say she took her politics to a personal level... and made students feel personally uncomfortable," he said.

When Mann made the final decision against tenure for Nicol, she stated that the teacher had a "narrow ideology" and "did not address a wide audience".

But some of Nicol's former

students say she introduced feminist ideas in the classroom in a way that encouraged open debate.

And Linda Brisken, a professor of women's studies at York, says professors often encounter negative responses from students when they introduce feminist ideas. She adds that the small number of negative comments in Nicol's file should not have been used against her.

Nicol's supporters also say that tenure is specifically intended to benefit professors who work in controversial and unpopular areas.

The case is currently under arbitration, but Nichol's supporters say the matter will take years to resolve unless Marsden agrees to meet with the teacher's representatives outside of arbitration to bring about a speedy resolution.

Letters of support for Nichol from the National Action Committee on the Status of Women and the Ontario Federation of Labor have been sent to Marsden.

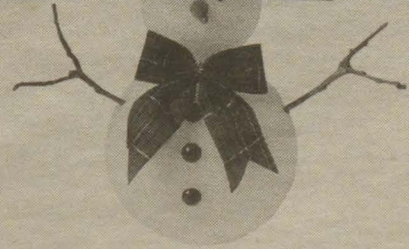
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Students to hit "debt wall" in two years

BY DAVID COCHRANE

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government has finally admitted that student debt has reached crisis levels. And the government predicts

that in under two years students will be overwhelmed by debt, igniting sharper increases in bankruptcies and student loan defaults.

The Department of Human Resources Development is

projecting that by 1998-99, student debt levels will grow too large for a post-secondary graduate making an average income to keep up with monthly payments on that debt.

In 1998-99, the average debt incurred while obtaining a four-year undergraduate degree will be \$25,000, burying the average graduate salary of \$30,000, department officials told a parliamentary committee earlier this month.

"Debt levels of \$25,000 are starting to approach debt-to-income ratios that are troubling in terms of the individual's capacity to cover the debts," Martha Nixon, chief manager of the Canada Student Loans Program, told the committee.

By 1998-99, the average graduate will have to spend more than 25 per cent of their disposable income — based on an annual salary of \$30,000 — just to meet minimum monthly payments on their student loan.

"We are certainly signalling that we are certainly aware that there is a problem," Nixon said.

Student groups have been warning of the dangers of rising student debt for years, and Brad Lavigne, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, says he is wondering why it took the federal government so long to wake up to reality.

"It's what we've been saying all along," he said. "The problem is they have waited too long to notice. Right now it's a crisis."

Last year, almost 12,000 students defaulted on their loans, four times the amount that experienced repayment problems in 1990. In that same period, student debt levels have almost tripled.

This year alone, 540,000 students nation-wide received loans that were at least partially funded by the federal government.

Nixon told the Commons committee that debt and chronic youth underemployment are contributing to the bankruptcy and student loan defaults.

But Lavigne blames federal cuts in transfer payments to the provinces — slashed by \$2.29-billion since the 1995 federal budget — and government inaction for creating the problem. The federation says the government should create a system of national grants and freeze tuition fees to help the problem in the short term and eventually work towards the elimination of all educational costs.

Canada's other national student organization, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), says

Ottawa is only now showing signs of recognizing the student debt problem because it has become a major priority for the Canadian public.

Hoops Harrison, the association's national director, says the government has also been better alerted to the problem by changes in the way educational groups are now lobbying the federal government.

"There has also been a more concentrated effort by groups to make statistical arguments rather than rhetorical arguments," Harrison said. "That quite often gets a better response within the bureaucracy."

The federal government continues to say the student debt problem is an important issue, but generally stops short of publicly offering any concrete solutions or proposals.

"The situation of the student debt is a very, very important one because it is beginning to deprive some students access to education. This is a priority for a government like ours," Pierre Pettigrew, minister of Human Resources Development, told reporters recently.

Pettigrew's department is expected to suggest some solutions to the Liberal cabinet sometime in December.

Teacher begins fast to stop Bill 160

BY SARAH SCHMIDT

TORONTO (CUP) — An Ontario religion teacher has begun fasting in an attempt to halt the provincial government's education bill which he characterizes as draconian and unjust.

Finding sanctuary in Trinity-St. Paul's United Church — a congregation known for its social justice work, located just west of the University of Toronto, Gary Connolly's fast officially began at an evening religious service November 23.

"It's not I, it's we," the veteran religion teacher at Robert F. Hall Catholic school in Mississauga, a city just outside Metro Toronto, told the church full of supporters.

"We are here to attempt to speak to the truth about Bill 160, to challenge not only our government policy markers around Bill 160, but to look at the power of the bottom line.

"We need to break the concept of the bottom line," Connolly said, emphasizing that youth will get trampled underneath this line if the controversial legislation is passed.

He added that the education restructuring bill is just one in a series of moves against the disenfranchised by Mike Harris' government.

After the congregation voted unanimously to open its doors to the fasting teacher earlier in the day, the church's minister lent her unequivocal support at the service.

"This is a problem in our backyard, but it's also a larger problem," Joan Wyatt said. "And we seek a different vision."

Connolly, the father of two who weighs approximately 125 pounds, will remain at the church for the duration of the fast.

Brenda Holtkamp, the chaplain at Connolly's school, says she came to show her support for her colleague. She says the act of fasting, which enjoys a rich tradition in many faiths, is about bringing injustices to light, in order to right them.

Connolly began his fast just days after fellow religion teacher Dwyer Sullivan ended his five-day sit-in in the office of the education minister. Sullivan, along with three colleagues from the Toronto Board of Education, spent a weekend camped out in Dave Johnson's office.

Sullivan says he is fully supportive of Connolly's faith-based action.

"Fasting to me calls upon each of us to do what is right. For this, I am tremendously supportive," said the 36-year veteran teacher at St. Benedict Catholic school in Cambridge.

"Fasting, as a way to bring justice, may be a last recourse. Teachers have tried everything else," Sullivan said.

"The 82 Tories have to look within themselves, at the deepest consequence," he added, alluding to one of Ghandi's practices (if he looked in the eyes of the poor and the action hurt them, he abandoned that route).

Daily services are being held at the church for Connolly's supporters.

Bill 160 could pass as early as Thursday. Connolly's fast continues indefinitely.

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Let me loiter, dammit

The threatened existence of the Grad House, and the ensuing outcry, says more about what this campus does not have than what it is specifically, that the Grad House offers.

It's not that the Grad House doesn't offer a lot, it's just sad that in a university — a place supposedly committed to both challenging the status quo and

loiter anywhere else on campus that reflects so badly on Dal.

Loitering is essential to learning. It isn't ever graded, which means that people get the chance to discuss things without worrying about being wrong, it gives the brain downtime, and it gives people the chance to be in university for more than just classes and Thursday night blackouts at the Grawood. While loitering, people

The franchises are small, high-traffic areas — indelibly linked to the business that goes on there. They have little seating, tending to the swivelling, moulded plastic kind.

The Green Room and cafeteria are ugly, utilitarian spaces that are stocked with uncomfortable, foam IKEA knock-off furniture — you can't smoke, you are almost always in sight of the nearest food vending agency, and you can't ever really forget that you're there temporarily. It's all about focus.

Robin's is about donuts and

promoting discussion — the death of one coffee shop means the death of collegial atmosphere.

If the Grad House goes, so does any sense of a corporate-free presence at Dal.

Which is that the Grad House isn't commercial — though

the fact that they are losing money might make them want to be a little more commercial — but it is not a converted environment.

The Grad House isn't a franchise. They have no head office, no pre-printed coffee mugs, no birdy mascots and no name-brand recognition.

A democratic, rather than a demographic environment — you can bring your own food, buy theirs, or just not eat. You can be underage, old, or just not the kind of person who likes to carry their ID everywhere. You can smoke, or abhor smokers.

Most importantly, you can loiter.

It's the ability to loiter that really differentiates the House. And it's the inability to effectively

run into friends they might not have otherwise seen, or met. Occasionally even their profs. Loitering promotes education as an integrated process. All the time between classes flows together — making the idea of students as “consumers” that much harder to visualize, and swallow.

NTN Trivia ain't gonna do it. And while there's nothing to really stop anyone from lounging around the cafeteria, the Grawood, Harvey's, The Second Cup, Robin's or even the Green Room — none are particularly hospitable to discussion. From the lengthy, intellectual ones, to short, pointless gossip ones.

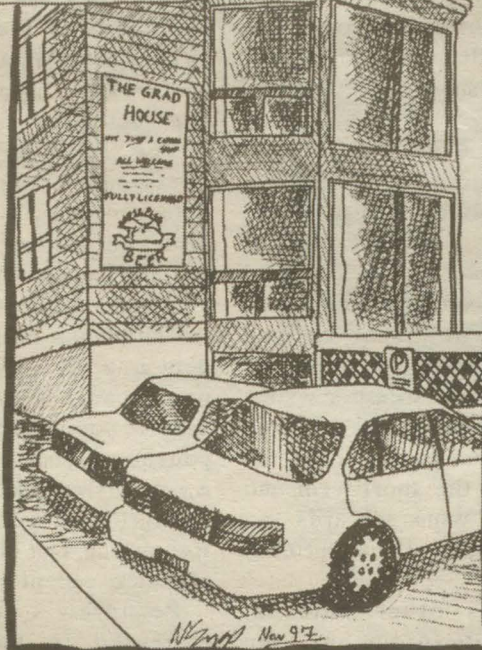
muffins, the Grad House just happens to sell them.

It's nice that the Grad House also happens to sell coffee, beer, juice and samosas, but I don't think they're required to keep the atmosphere going. The Grad House exists as an alternative to moulded plastic seats and the moulded plastic discussion they inspire.

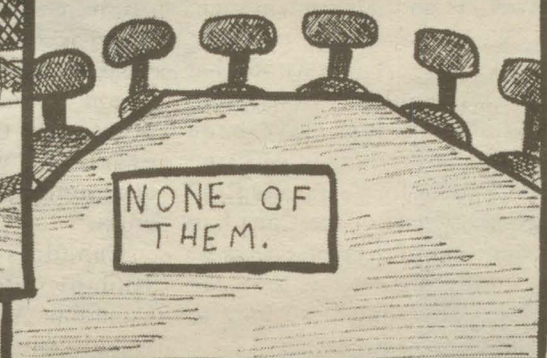
So, while I am hoping that the Grad House stays open, I am also hoping — though less hopeful — that the university will establish a place for students that has nothing to do with class, Beaver Foods or the registrar's office.

SHELLEY ROBINSON

HOW MANY MBA'S DOES IT TAKE TO RUN THE GRAD HOUSE?



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Letters

Buy your own professor

I have exciting news to report. Our committee of part-time professors has finally decided on a long-range course of action. It was not easy.

There was a heated debate as to whether we actually did make more money than McDonalds' employees — a claim apparently made at the Board of Governor's meeting at Dalhousie. A motion that our final demand should be parity with McDonalds was defeated by a haifbreadth.

What we actually did was to formulate our plan according to what the universities themselves intend to do. First, as everyone knows, the government has struck a Revised Task Force for the Reform, Amalgamation and Enhanced Efficiency of University Systems in Halifax (RATRA), with a budget of ten million dollars and balanced representation from all university administrations in the area.

Our committee believes that if we make a representation to this body (before they determine who we actually are) we might at least be given a donation, or something, which would be more than we collectively make in a year (even if it's a one shot deal).

Certainly this is worth shooting for. But there is even more. We think that, given the actual structure of student fees and part-time professor salaries

in the Maritime region, we can actually recommend a course of action which will revolutionize, for evermore, the nature of university teaching. The idea is simple.

Since the average student pays \$3,750 per year, and the average part-time professor makes \$5,000 per year, what you do is ask for a government subsidy of \$1,250 per student, and then conduct a campaign in Canada and the U.S. with the slogan, “Buy your own Professor”.

This is not as impractical as it sounds. In the first place, it smacks of free enterprise — the very idea that governments are so enamoured nowadays. (If government is unwilling to subsidise the scheme, one could simply reduce the cost of a professor a student could buy).

Then again, it appeals to the notions of student empowerment and a student-centred university. Students could band together in groups of five, say, and hire five part-time teachers to give courses, each student lending out his or her personal teacher for such a purpose.

They could then afford one-on-one teaching, now not even available in such institutions as Oxford or Harvard. More part-time teachers would be employed. The administration would not have to deal with the issues. Everyone would be happy.

I know there are still some difficulties. I shall write again to clarify them.

DON HAMBRICH

OPINION

On their behalf

It's incredible how news stories seem to have a domino effect in this country. Lately Halifax has been divided over the fate of one Nancy Morrison, who taught at Dalhousie Medical School and was once voted “Teacher of the Year”. She currently faces charges of first-degree murder, for the death of Monctonian Paul Mills. First-degree murder carries a mandatory 25-year sentence with no chance of parole.

Now Morrison could conceivably be downgraded to a manslaughter conviction, which would require no minimum sentence. One problem — the Halifax police aren't about to let up on a big conviction like this one. There's a funny little quirk in the Nova Scotia justice system, and that is municipal police are the ones who decide what charges are to be laid against the arrestee, not the courts.

Why this is relevant to other Canadians is that this trial has come on the heels of Robert Latimer's second-degree murder conviction. Latimer is the Saskatchewan farmer who ended the life of his 12-year-old daughter, Tracy, in October 1993. The jury seemed to have no choice but to convict Latimer in his second trial which just ended November 6. In their defense, they have made a recommendation of a one-year sentence to the presiding judge. But the law is the law, and Latimer may end up serving a mandatory ten-year minimum.

Latimer maintains that what he did was in the utmost of compassion for his daughter. Tracy Latimer was

suffering from cerebral palsy at the time of her death. She had steel rods surgically implanted in her back, and was scheduled for more surgery a few weeks after her death. This surgery was to stretch out her ligaments, which were not growing at the same rate as the rest of her body.

It was after Latimer's conviction that Svend Robinson, New Democrat MP, attempted to bring the euthanasia debate into Parliament. Robinson was quoted as saying, “It's incredible that someone like Karla Homolka can get three years and Robert Latimer get ten.” Justice Minister Anne McLellan said that she would look into amending the Criminal Code for leniency in these cases. She would not, however, take Robinson's advice on appointing a special committee to recommend revisions to the law. I'll have to agree with her on that one; a special committees' main concern is perpetuating their existence.

So what does Svend Robinson have to do with the mercy killing debate? He was previously involved in this debate when Sue Rodriguez was begging the Supreme Court of Canada for the right to have a doctor end her life. Rodriguez was diagnosed in 1991 with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a degenerative muscle condition. Her condition began to worsen, and she made her appeal to die. In September 1992, the Court ruled 5-4 against her.

Rodriguez would not give up her battle. Out of her home in Saanich, B.C., she took a massive amount of morphine and Seconal pills on February 12, 1994. Svend Robinson and an unidentified physician were present when she took

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Living with cancer: one student's story

Entering your first year of university is a considerable change. For me it was such a transition that I decided to go to Dalhousie, here in Halifax, where I have lived for many years. First year has always been described to me as a "settling in year". It's a time to learn what courses you like and dislike, to meet new friends, learn about campus life and party.

When fresh week arrived, I was especially cheerful, but halfway through I caught a flu. I ended up missing out on most of the fun, but I could not do anything about getting sick. I went to the doctor and she preformed a physical exam, just to make sure that I was fine.

re-booked the appointment several times. By the beginning of October I went in to have the procedure done. I finally realized that not knowing what it was affecting me, and wanted to put all suspicions to rest. The week that followed was the worst I could have ever imagined. On Thursday my boyfriend broke up with me. I never had the heart to tell him what was going on. On Friday my doctor called to tell me the mole was indeed abnormal, and I would have to come back in.

It was cancerous. The next few weeks were like a whirlwind. Everywhere I turned there were doctors and words like melanoma, malignancy, chemotherapy and the one I had in the back of my mind; death. In what felt like a blink of an eye, everything I knew was ripped away from me.

months left of treatment. I never felt so happy in all my life. The colour came back in my cheeks and I started to laugh and smile again for real. I was walking on air for about three days. Then I hit my breaking point coughing up blood and unable to function. My mood swings were to the point that I could not recognize myself. I would have violent outbursts that scared me more than anything ever has.

A Corporate Bill of Rights

Last Wednesday evening, approximately 150 people crowded into room 234 of the Arts and Administration building to hear a panel discussion on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment. The discussion was hosted by the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group.

ultimately benefit us all through a trickle down effect. The evidence indicates that the trickle down effect is not as copious as the corporate propagandists would have us believe. Gordon Teason and Matthew Barrett claim the economy is on the upswing. But whose economy are they talking about, the economy of the average household, or the economy of the multinational corporations? It's quite obvious that the real unemployment rate is higher now than at any time since the Great Depression.

alone last year — four times more than the total cuts to health and education since 1993. A more important statistic is that public spending on health care had already dropped from 19 percent of the total budget in 1981 to only 2 percent in 1993. Health care was not the huge cash drain it was made out to be. Don't believe the lies about the deficit — programs don't cost that much and cuts don't save that much.

Don't get me wrong, I looked like I was having a great time, partying and drinking every night. It got to the point that I could not take the pressure anymore and I told two of my best friends. It felt good to let it out. They were both concerned and helpful. I didn't care who knew, but at the same time I didn't want to be treated like a lab rat. I did not want people to tiptoe around me.

That Monday when I went for treatment I told my doctor to go to hell. I felt healthy and fine before all their pills and treatments, and now I was too sick to cope. Doing well in school meant the world to me and I was not functioning, so I quit treatment. My mother went ballistic telling me I was out of my house if I didn't go back to treatment. I knew it was a hollow threat so I told her to go to hell too. This is the point I'm at now. I have so much anger and hate inside. Why did this have to happen to me? I felt so cheated by life; I guessed being happy was too much to ask for. I did start treatment up again the other day. I know now that quitting was a childish thing to do. The truth is that I do want to fight. It is just that I have been doing it for so long, that there almost no strength left in me. This was not supposed to happen to me. I have always taken care of myself; I never even suntanned.

According to Renato Ruggerio, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, the MAI is an attempt at "writing the constitution of a single global economy". The basic purpose of the MAI is to force national governments to treat foreign investors at least as well as domestic investors.

What's even more frustrating than this economic doublespeak is the fact that governments don't seem to have learned the lessons of history; that is, that monopolization always results in a glut of overproduction, chronic unemployment, a hoarding of wealth by the rich, and increasing deprivation and poverty for workers.

It's important to keep in mind the old adage — an economist is someone who knows the price of everything but the value of nothing. You can call me a loose cannon, but my aim is dead on. I've said it before and I'll say it again — what's good for business is not always good for society, in fact, it's often bad for society.

Treatment continued and it took so much out of me. On a good day I threw up four times. I continued to act as if everything was fine, even to the people I told that I was sick. This was my self-destructive nature taking over again, shutting everyone out. I was exceedingly depressed and wanted to die. Everything I knew was shattered, and nothing in my life was stable. All I could do was cry myself to sleep every night, although I'd only sleep for, maybe, four hours.

The only thing I have learned is that I am not going to live my life as a sick person. It is very hard to do, but I'm going to make the best of what I do have. I am trying to look on the positive side of this situation. My doctors could have found this too late for treatment, that is what really scares me — the 'what ifs'. I am the kind of person that must always be in control, and somewhere I lost it. But slowly I'm getting it back.

On the surface, this might not sound very threatening, but what it amounts to in practice is the inability to discriminate against any potential investor, regardless of their record on human rights abuses, environmental degradation, or labour practices. The MAI is the product of secret negotiations carried out by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development since 1995. The OECD is a group of 29 of the wealthiest nation-states whose economies make up 84 percent of total global investment capital. These secret negotiations were only revealed when a draft of the MAI treaty was leaked a couple of months ago. Now that these negotiations have become public knowledge, our government has decided to allow public input on the issue — a total of 36 hours of hearings held only in Ottawa. What this treaty portends is the possibility of foreign investors demanding access to the public health and education industry. It also eliminates the ability of governments and public utilities to develop natural resources and reinvest the profits in local economic improvement programs. Nor will governments be able to subsidize national publishers or cultural development agencies. Under the MAI, if a government does not give a foreign company the same treatment as local companies or public utilities, the company can take the government to court and sue for damages. Global capital finally seems to have become a law unto itself; more powerful than national governments and the citizens whose interests these governments are supposed to represent.

To top it all off, we have a PM who is so far out of touch with reality of the average working Canadian that during the recent election debate he said, "The essence of a strong society is a strong economy." What a perverted view of society. Someone who would say such a thing can have no moral compunction whatsoever in letting people freeze and starve on the street, or letting people go sick and uneducated because schools and hospitals are too expensive. It's made quite clear that his main job as PM is to be an overseer of the Canadian people to tell them to obey the decrees of the bank and corporations. Despite the Liberals' focus on attracting investment, the banks and big corporations don't need any more help from our government — they are laying people off while making record profits. At the same time there are 600,000 more Canadian children living in poverty since 1993. The number of corporations that pay no taxes at all has gone from 66,000 in 1993 to 82,000 today. Capital gains are still taxed at 75 percent, while the working person's income is taxed at 100 percent. Only 60 percent of Canadians are employed, many of which are underemployed. But millions of dollars are wasted on grants, tax breaks, and forgivable and interest free loans for businesses, while the unemployment insurance program is pared to the bone. What's more, we have a finance minister who lies about the progress made in cutting the deficit. The largest part of the federal budget goes to paying interest on our 600 billion dollar debt. If the interest rate is half of what it was the previous year, (as was the case this past fiscal year) our interest payment will be halved as well.

The question here is whether or not we have the guts in this country to make laws that would accommodate doctor-assisted suicide. My recommendation is that an application for death be made available, which would require the signatures of three medical doctors verifying the patient's condition as incurable and incapacitating, and one psychiatrist to verify the patient's mental stability. In the event that the patient is unable to speak on his/her behalf, three family members could signify their approval in lieu of the psychiatrist. This is not an easy decision to make, and would likely only affect a tiny fraction of all patients out there. As the usual defender of the religious right, it bothers me for the first time that there is no loophole in any of the Ten Commandments. However, there must be a difference between this and flat-out murder. It's only if we keep this issue in perspective and recognize it, that it may be relieving people of agonizing pain, or just that feeling of helplessness. Our burden of guilt is no match for their incalculable pain and feelings of no relief.

The doctors told me I would have about four more months of treatment and I'd be fine. This may sound like good news, but for me this meant four more months of agony. Then the genuinely good news came a week later, the doctors changed the prognosis and said I had only one and a half

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Doctor assisted suicide

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the medication. The following Monday, Robinson held a press conference to describe the incident to the press.

To bring us back to the present, I resubmit to you the Morrison case. Neither the police, the prosecuting attorney Craig Botterill, or Morrison's lawyer Joel Pink want to refer to this case as a mercy killing. Yet, can anyone tell me why she would end Paul Mills's life? Is it at all possible that Mills asked to die?

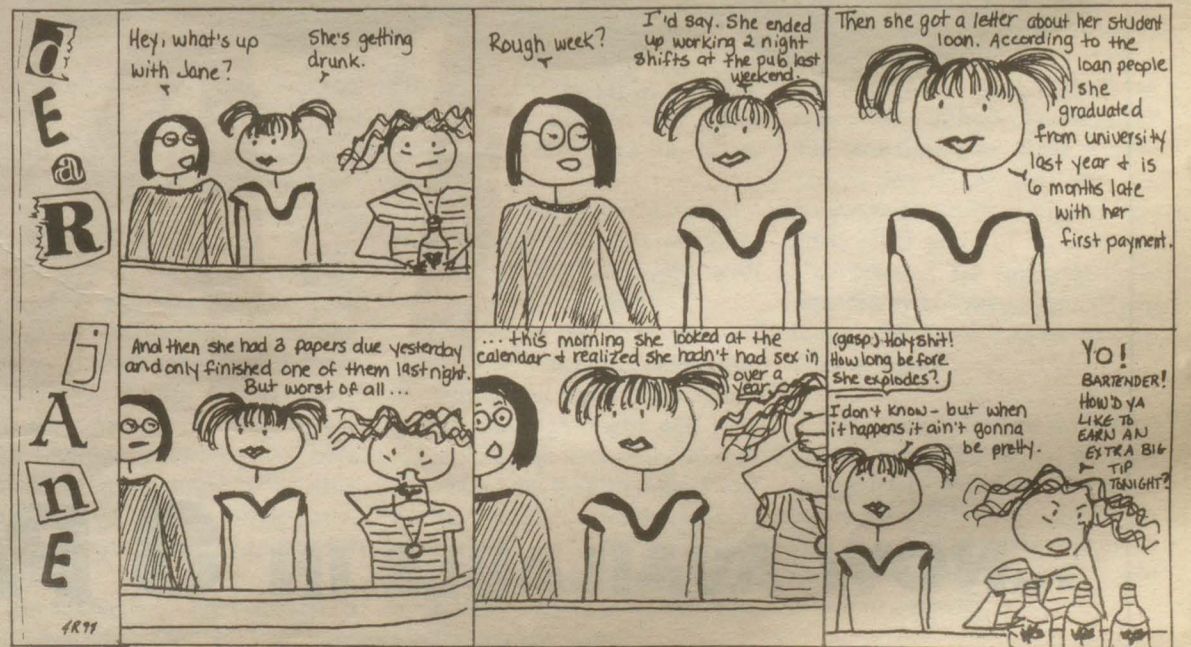
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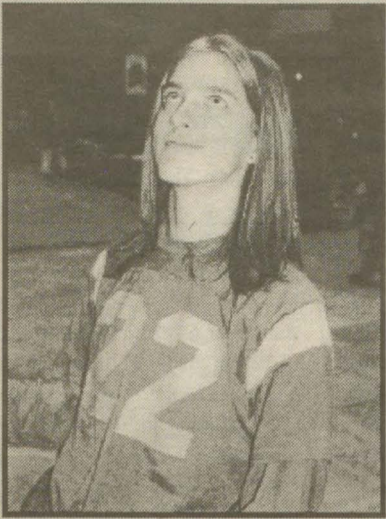
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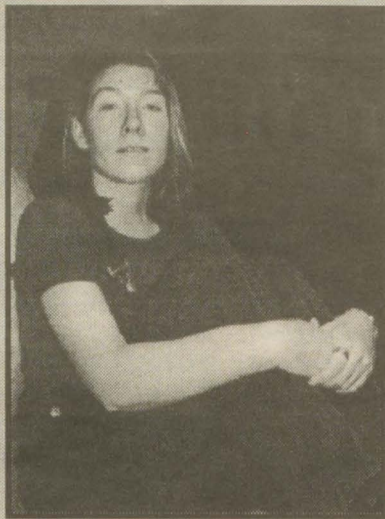
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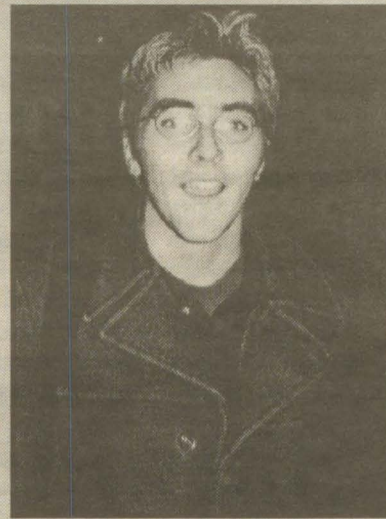
If full-year courses were eliminated, how would it affect you?



"I don't think it would affect me...I won't be here, hopefully, next year."
- Lori Cook, 4th year BSc, Riverport NS



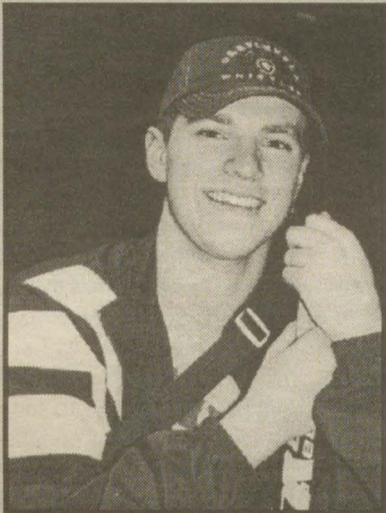
"I think that would be a really bad thing because I am in my last year and I only need half year credits right now."
- Lisa Verge, 4th year BA, Halifax NS



"I'd have to bust my ass more in first term because I couldn't make up for it in second term."
- Jeff Nichols, 4th year BA, Windsor NS



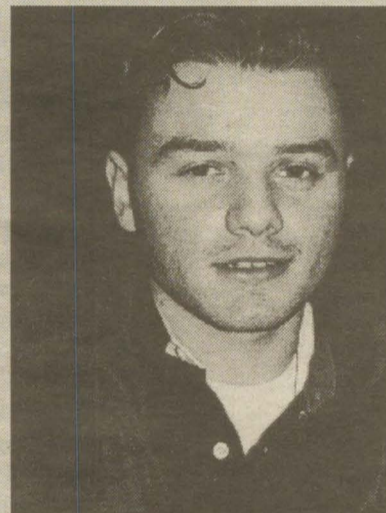
"I think it's a sin because if someone wants to go on to the next half (of a course) they might not be able to get in. That's a problem."
- Jessica Stewart, 3rd year BA, Salisbury NB



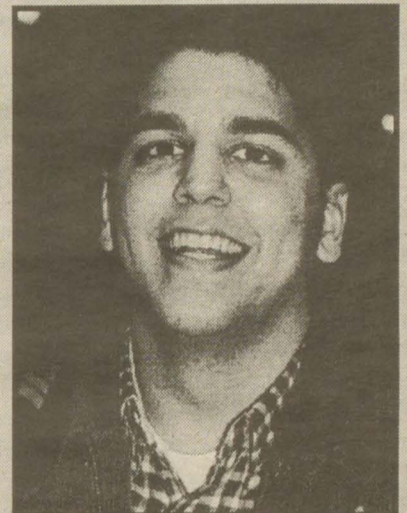
"In my case it would be better because all of my first year courses are too damn boring. If they're shorter and in one term you don't have to be bored all year."
- Graeme Lang, 1st year BA, Oakville ON



"I like full-year courses because I feel that it gives me time to develop in the course and it gives me time to get an idea what it's all about. By the second term I'm doing better, I think, and I have a better idea what it's all about."
- Maya Williams, 1st year BA, Sussex NB



"If it were only half year classes then I think it wouldn't affect me because I'm in mostly half year credits anyways. With half year classes I can sort of pick and choose and have my schedule more open."
- Greg MacInnis, 2nd year BSc, Halifax NS



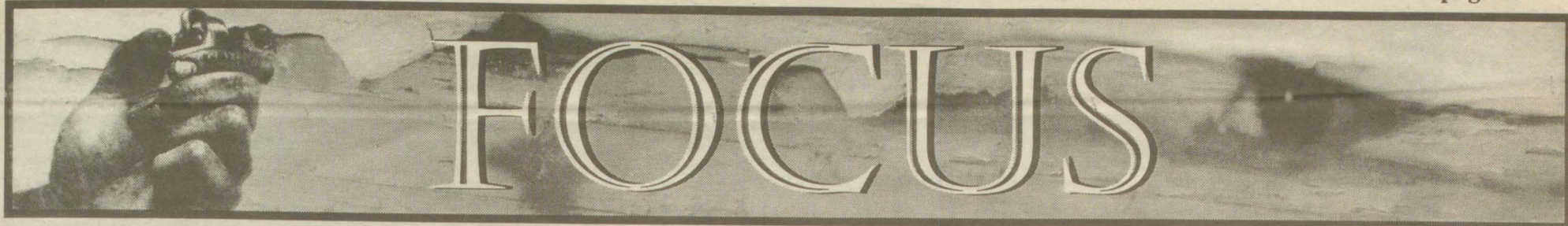
"For courses like Chemistry, and other full year courses, it would be harder on students to learn because it would be all compacted into one term instead of full year courses. It would be a negative thing, I'd say."
- Nathan Chettiar, 2nd year BComm, Grand Falls, NB

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Dr. Tom Traves talks...and talks...and talks

Dal's president graciously grants the Gazette an interview

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

In the first half of November the Gazette interviewed Dalhousie University president, Dr. Tom Traves. Unfortunately, the Gazette reporter has no recollection of this event. He claims that the president, using rhythmic and lengthy speech patterns, lulled him into a hypnotic state from which he has not yet recovered. What we do know about the interview was salvaged from a tape recorder the reporter was carrying.

We will be printing excerpts from the tape recorder in two parts. This week's instalment deals primarily with the university's labour relations, and the cost of post-secondary education.

Gazette: Dalhousie's TAs and part-time professors are some of the lowest paid in the country, and they are currently involved in a labour dispute with the school. Are their demands unreasonable?

Traves: I'm not in a position to comment on the reasonableness or unreasonableness of the demands. In any event there are always two parts to a negotiation [and I'm sure they are] behaving responsibly and attempting to find a means for a mutually agreeable settlement. I continue to be confident that at the end of the day we will find such a mutually agreeable settlement.

But in terms of the university's means, let me just put a couple of statistics on the table for you. In the last four or five years, the university's grants from the provincial government have dropped fifteen per cent, which is about sixteen million dollars. If we still had that sixteen million dollars available to us, there are a lot of things we could do, which at the moment we can't do because we don't have the money...

The university has steadily

increased the proportion of its budget that goes to wages and salary and benefits. Ten years ago, about seventy-two, seventy-three per cent of the university's budget went to wages and salaries and the rest was spent on everything else...since that period, the university now contributes almost eighty per cent of its budget towards wages and salaries...It's no question, from my perspective, that the university recognizes that it's a major priority for us to pay our faculty and staff — both full and part-time — wages that are comfortable, competitive and reasonable in the market-place of our times...

[T]he resource base that we have has been steadily shrinking and so you ultimately have to make do with the resources that you have. I can't spend money that I don't have, the university can't spend money that it doesn't have...

At the same time that people come forward and say 'we want more money for salaries', which I hasten to say, is a very reasonable request...[people] also come forward and say 'we want improvements to the library system' and 'we want improvements to the student aid system and better academic facilities' and 'we want the leaky roofs on our buildings to be fixed' and 'we want our residences to be wired so that everybody can have access to the internet from their residence room' and on and on — all of which are perfectly reasonable requests. Unfortunately, we don't have enough money to do all of those things all at once. So we have to make priorities, we have to make trade-offs and we

have to balance among all of those perfectly legitimate claims to find the right patterns and the right mix...

I personally believe Dalhousie is a community where people obviously see their own needs, but they understand them in relation to the greater whole and

a difference when it happens, who's on strike, what the issues are, how long the strike lasts. These are all specific matters and they all make a difference to the kind of answer you're looking for, and they would only make sense in the context of a specific dispute.

think that there is some appreciation that when they come to Dalhousie they get a first-rate education. We survey our students when they leave and we ask them if they're satisfied with their educational experience and most of them tell us that they are strongly satisfied...essentially they're prepared to pay the fees that are necessary for us to provide that program.

We could charge much lower tuition fees, it'd be no problem, the only thing that would happen is that we wouldn't be able to offer the same quality and quantity of academic experience that we now do. If that was the kind of university people wanted — a cheaper, and I would say lesser, university with a poorer education — then I guess we could do that, but I don't personally believe that's what our students want or our academic community wants.

But aren't there many other higher quality institutions with much lower tuition fees?

I think if you look at the tuition, the *real* tuition levels of a lot of universities you'll find it much closer to Dalhousie...

Real tuition?

It is not so much the tuition level, but I would ask, what is the size of the cheque you have to sign. Because Dalhousie could do what many other universities do, which is say O.K. our tuition is 'X', and we're now comparable to [the other universities], except you now have to pay five hundred dollars extra to study this, and you have to pay an extra fee for this kind of equipment and if you want to study this kind of subject you have to pay an extra fee for that. So at the end of the day when you add it all up, lo and behold, their tuition looks sort of like Dalhousie's tuition.

If you look at many universities in the country — I spent a long time in Ontario so I can speak from first-knowledge about that — they have two tuition levels. They have the tuition level that is advertised, and the tuition level that you have to pay to go to the university...

On the other hand, I think our tuition levels are high. They're higher than most other parts of the country. That's due to the fact that our government grants are lower than most other parts of the country. Universities are fundamentally financed by government grants plus tuition, and if one is lower than the other is higher...

Stay tuned for part two of the Traves interview when the tape recorder will reveal the president's views on Dalhousie's Strategic Directions Plan, technology in universities, corporate funding and academic integrity.



Hypnotic: Dr. Tom Traves. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

At what point does a strike become a big deal?

No strike is easily dealt with. All strikes are unfortunate episodes and one wants to avoid them, if at all possible. And you have to obviously take steps to deal with them. But at this point, since I don't think we're going to have a strike and I certainly don't want to have a strike, I'm not going to get into the rabid speculation and the 'what if' questions...

You wrote [in Dalhousie's Strategic Directions Plan] that Dalhousie needs to attract quality teachers and quality students,

how can the university expect to do either of these with some of the highest tuition and lowest paid teachers in the country?

I think, fortunately for Dalhousie, we have a strong reputation and lots of people want to be here. I think the reputation is built on the quality of the people who are here and it's based on the quality of life at this university, in this particular place, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

I think people find there are many values they are seeking in their life. High pay is one value, but there are others and [people make] trade-offs and balances because they would like to be at a university that has a strong reputation and Dalhousie does...

Similarly for our students, I

greater good of the university and collectively we will sit down over time — it's not a simple process, it takes time and patience and goodwill on both sides — and we will come out at the end of the day with something that is mutually agreeable.

Are you confident a strike will be averted?

I'm certainly hopeful that a strike will be averted.

If a strike were to occur, what would be the effect on students?

I think that a strike at a university is never a happy occurrence, but to answer your question then you'd have to know a whole lot more particulars. It's a hypothetical question, it makes

Fundraising feast Korean style

BY LILLI AND JEANNE JU

Dalhousie's Korean Student Association (KSA) held its first annual dinner evening this past Saturday. About 200 people attended the fundraising event, held in the Student Union Building's Green Room, to taste traditional Korean foods ranging from steamed rice to hot and spicy kimchi; both staple foods in Korea.

Less than ten years ago, you could probably count the total number of Korean Dalhousie students on your hands. Saturday's event made it quite obvious that the Korean student population at Dalhousie has

grown considerably.

The group of KSA volunteers were led by event organizer, Jin-Hwan Kim, in learning how to cook the traditional Korean foods on the menu that night.

"The event was very successful. We are very thankful to those who helped us," Kim said. "We received a lot of support from the Korean Church, the Korean Association of Nova Scotia (KANS), St. Mary's and the International Language Institute.

"The event was not just a party, but also an opportunity to celebrate the Korean culture," Kim added.

"We were really excited with

the turnout. It was great to see so many people from so many different backgrounds attending," said Kate Fiander, KSA treasurer. "The dinner party was a huge success and a lot of fun."

The dinner was followed by karaoke and dancing to both Korean and North American music. Karaoke is very popular in Korea's many *norae-bung* (Korean for bars that have rooms for singing karaoke-style). There is never a shortage of willing participants at these *norae-bung*, as was demonstrated on Saturday night.

In attendance were Dalhousie's International Student Exchange

Director, Dr. Shaffai, various members of KANS, and other prominent Koreans in Nova Scotia.

As well, a number of mothers from KANS volunteered their time to help KSA members with much of the preparations.

KSA is in its first year of existence as a society at Dalhousie. It is hoped that fundraising events like the Korean Night will help reach KSA's greater objectives of promoting the Korean culture and encouraging multicultural exchanges. In addition, KSA members hope to raise enough funds to establish a traditional Korean drum band called *Sam I-nori*.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Fishing techniques threaten rare coral beds

BY CHRIS MILLER

The future of Nova Scotia's corals is being threatened by our strong appetites for fish sticks and cod filets.

Most people believe that corals are only found in the tropics, but in the waters off Nova Scotia there are healthy breeding grounds for deep sea corals, according to a recently released report by the Ecology Action Centre.

Heather Breeze, co-author of the coral report, presented her findings to the public last week. She found that the Nova Scotia corals grow mainly along the continental slope—the underwater cliff that separates the continental shelf from the abyssal plain of the deep

ocean. Her research examined the distribution and status of these northern coral species, and uncovered some startling trends.

Nova Scotia corals are disappearing at an alarming rate. They are falling victim to a fishing technique, known as dragging, that scours the ocean floor with large nets. These nets, according to Breeze, often destroy coral "trees" that can sometimes grow as large as 20 ft.

Derek Jones, an inshore fisherman from southwestern Nova Scotia, agrees with the findings of the report. Jones is a longliner rather than a draggerman.

"Dragging destroys the coral," Jones

said. "We see it. We witness it. But we can do nothing about it."

There have been other accusations as well. One account suggests that some fishermen actually attach huge metal chains between their trawlers and drag them along the ocean floor, purposely shattering the coral forests.

Once the coral is damaged, it takes a long time to grow back.

"Due to the slow-growing nature and large size of many of the corals found in deeper, colder waters, the ability of coral colonies to recover from dragging is likely more limited (than with tropical corals)," writes Breeze, "[Some of the corals] take six hundred years to grow one foot."

Not only are the corals unusual in themselves, they may provide essential habitat for economically important marine species, including cod, haddock and shrimp.

Dr. Martin Willison, a conservation biologist at Dalhousie University, has been looking into the destruction of the Nova Scotia corals and their associated effects on the ground-fishery.

"It is probably very important for the deep dark parts of ocean ecosystems to retain these large immobile invertebrates (the corals) because they create structural complexity on the bottom of the ocean," Willison said. "[The corals] are like the trees, bushes and herbs of the forest. Without them, there is a relative wasteland."

It has been suggested that the destruction of the coral habitat may also

have been a major contributing factor to the decline of the North Atlantic fishery. Conventional thinking places blame on over-fishing, temperature changes and an increase in the seal population, but Derek Jones isn't biting.

"It wasn't a sudden collapse," he said. "That's a lie. It's the destruction of habitat. It's politics."

Jones belongs to the Canadian Ocean Habitat Protection Society (COHPS) — a group of inshore fishermen using their knowledge of the fisheries to help conserve fish stocks.

When asked if the increase in seal population was the cause of the fisheries collapse, Jones laughed.

"From our point of view it's just crap. It's got nothing to do with seal abundance. Killing them ain't gonna help one bit. If we are to properly conserve our fisheries, we must protect fisheries habitat."

Nova Scotian corals differ from their southern counterparts because they do not have symbiotic relationships with photosynthetic algae. This prevents them from obtaining energy directly from the sun. Instead, the corals must gain nutrients from the surrounding water by catching particles that drift past them.

Although more than 20 species of coral have been discovered off Nova Scotia, some experts estimate the true figure could exceed 100. One of these species is of special interest to scientists because it may not be found anywhere else in the world, making it truly unique

to Atlantic Canada.

Dr. Willison suggests that the corals should be conserved within a system of marine protected areas.

"One way [to preserve the corals] is to use marine protected areas," Willison said. "Corals within the marine protected areas could then be protected by disallowing all activities that might damage them."

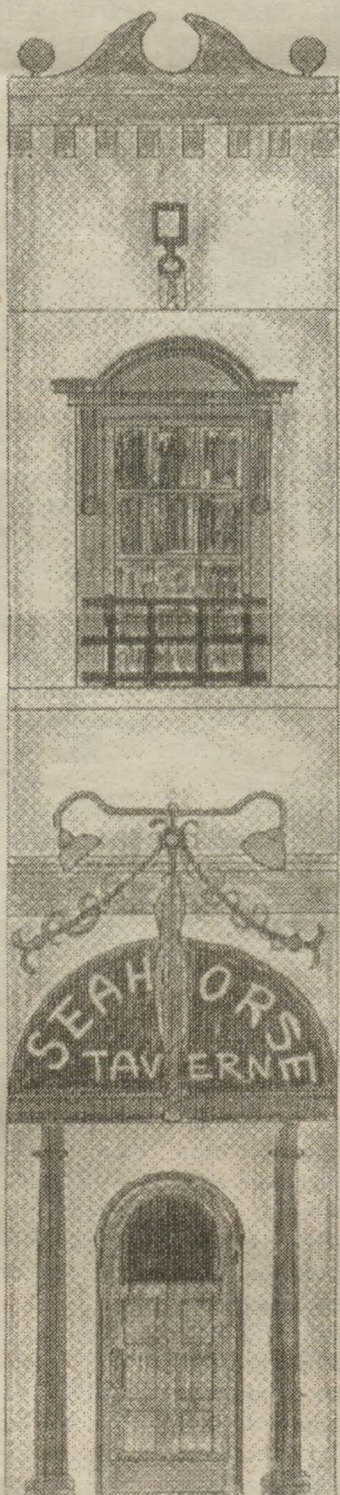
The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is currently examining the feasibility of establishing marine protected areas in Nova Scotia and at least one member of the department was present at the coral presentation last week.

Willison would also like to see the corals defined as a 'critical habitat', under the Fisheries Act, to help protect them from damaging activities. He suggests, however, that legislation would do little to protect the corals without sufficient education and enforcement programs.

One of the sites where corals were found off Nova Scotia is a submerged canyon known as the Sable Island Gully. It has already been identified as a hotspot for biodiversity by the World Wildlife Fund. The presence of coral will likely add to its ecological significance. The fragile ecosystems of the Gully are at risk, however, of not only falling victim to dragging, but also to the \$3-billion Sable Offshore Energy Project which has recently been given a green light to develop petroleum reserves off Nova Scotia.

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Plan to save right whales 'doomed'

BY GREG MCFARLANE

A plan to save the North Atlantic right whale from extinction will fail if it does not include the interests of fishing associations, says Klaus Sonnenberg, the General Manager of the Grand Manan Fishing Association.

The plan — a Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) initiative — is designed to increase the population of the endangered whale species. Similar to one drafted in the United States in 1991, it would create two right whale conservation areas, one in the Bay of Fundy and the other southwest of Nova Scotia in the Roseway Basin.

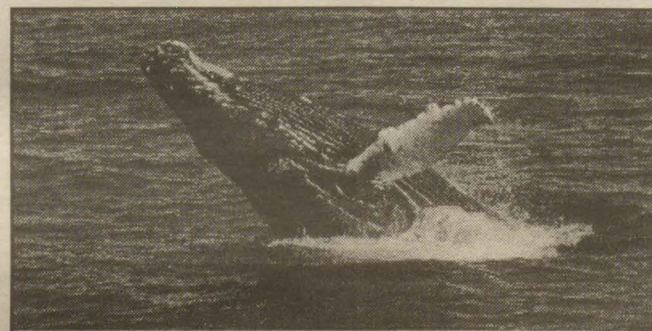
While these conservation areas have existed in principle, there has been no legislation governing the behaviour of vessels in the areas. The implementation of the plan could result in the movement of established shipping lanes in and out of Saint John Harbour.

"Ship strikes have hindered the growth in population, and [some whales] have scars [indicating] fishing gear entanglement," said Jerry Conway, a DFO fisheries

advisor at the helm of the project.

Conway says that he is aware of the fishing industry's concerns, but there are other interests involved.

"The biggest problem [that the plan will encounter] is going to be the balancing between the interests of the whales, the reality of the shipping companies and the requirements of the fishing industry," Conway said. "If



shipping lanes are moved, then it could devastate fishing communities. It could be a chain reaction.

"It's going to require the collaboration of all stakeholders to come to an equitable point where we can all live together with minimum impact," Conway said.

However, Sonnenberg says that Conway has refused to include fishing associations in discussions regarding the areas, one of which is situated directly east of Grand Manan Island.

"So far, [Conway] hasn't asked

for any collaboration. DFO, and Conway specifically, has refused to include fishermen and shipping companies. His initiatives will be doomed," Sonnenberg said.

Also, Sonnenberg says the movement of shipping lanes will not limit the number of right whales being struck by vessels.

"[One day] there were three sightings of right whale groups; one group was twenty miles offshore, another was fifteen miles [offshore], and the other was ten miles offshore. Moving the shipping lanes may be an ineffective solution."

Sonnenberg says there is no substitute for including interested parties in the decision making.

"We have to become involved in the process," he said, "and not just through discussions with media representatives. The whole process will be jeopardized by [Conway's] unwillingness to include fishing interests."

Still, Conway does not yet see the need for a collective decision making process.

"The plan is in its infancy," he said. "Once we develop recommendations, we'll consult with industry as to the impact on them."



ARTS & CULTURE

Can-Rock hits the Grawood

BY GREG MCFARLANE

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Our Lady Peace, I Mother Earth, The Headstones, and now, the Barstool Prophets.

The Barstool Prophets were anything but as they entertained a fair-sized Grawood crowd on Friday night. Under the glow of a Belvedere Cigarettes advertisement, the band showed little in the way of innovative music; choosing to re-hash everything prevalent in the Canadian rock scene.

The opening of their set was agreeable, and by the laid back nature of the audience, it felt as though this was going to be a relaxing evening of slightly rootsy, mid-tempo rock. The Prophets have a niche here, being able to play this type of music with a definite lure.

After that, however, the night was up-and-down.

The band next hauled out their Our Lady Peace-style fare, with everything from quick basslines to

the skyward gazes of lead vocalist Bobby Tamas. Raine Maida used to have the market cornered on looking just a little bit crazy on stage, but Tamas seems to be moving in.

It was all an act, though. Between songs, with his natural interactions with the crowd, Tamas seemed just like a regular guy. Also, bassist Glenn Forrester seemed normal enough, but a tad uncomfortable; possibly it had something to do with his flaming orange sweater or his forced, erratic attempts at 'grooving' to the tunes.

Next, the band tried their hand at some funk. While it was watered down by simple guitar melodies, it gave them five minutes of originality.

That five minutes was abruptly curbed by a cover of Prince's "When Doves Cry". Unlike Moist, which stays true to it's cover of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean", the Prophets do not play the correct music. They simply layer Prince's lyrics over their own tune. Now, playing a popular eighties hit in the middle of a set is undoubtedly a novelty (even if it has been done before), but a band must stay true to the music while making

the song their own, or else it is a disappointment.

Overall, the Barstool Prophets, as a band, are very proficient with their instruments, but they aren't very original. They seem to be having some sort of an identity crisis that has

caused them to fall in line with the plethora of bands this nation has to offer.

They didn't entice a huge reaction out of the docile crowd, and maybe that was because it wasn't motivated by what it had seen too many times before.

King's sings the blues

BY PATRICK SHAUNESSY

Last Saturday night, Big City Blues entertained as King's College held their annual fall semi-formal. Everyone came all decked out in their finest attire to dance, have a good time, and mostly to see the live performance of Carson Downey and Big City Blues. It was unusual having a live blues band play at a semi-formal, but still Big City pulled it off tremendously. All in all, the evening was incredible; no one left disappointed.

The Big City Blues band consists of three members: Carson Downey (Vocals, Guitar), his brother Murray (Drums), and Marlow Smiths (Bass). The band has been together for about 19 years, and in that time they have grown to become one of Atlantic Canada's biggest blues acts. They are all self-trained in their respective instruments, and have become quite skilled through practice and experience. Big City got their start in their home town of North Preston, Nova Scotia. Since then, they have toured all over the Atlantic provinces.

Before the band's formation, Carson Downey played with renowned blues musician Joe Murphy. While playing with Murphy, Downey recorded three albums. However, once he formed Big City, his recording career took a long hiatus.

Big City Blues have only

recently recorded an album, entitled *Big City*, the reason being that they find live performance far more satisfying. And they are definitely a great live act to see. Between last Saturday night's performance and their performances at Blues Corner over Halloween, Big City is one of the best live acts around. They have a true knack for feeding off the audience, judging precisely the mood and atmosphere of the crowd, and dazzling them with phenomenal solos. In this way they play the song they feel will best suit the moment: as Carson Downey put it, "If the mood is there, I just go with it."

The style of blues that Big City plays is one of their own creation, compiling various aspects of blues, rock and funk to create a grooving sound that breathes with soul. Much of their music is influenced by Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and Jeff Healey on the blues side, and Parliament Funkadelic and Herbie Hancock on the funk side. While performing, they generally play a generous mix of original and cover tunes; thus every show is different, making Big City somewhat unpredictable.

The band is hoping to release another album some time in the near future, and if all goes well, they hope to do a cross-Canada tour.

Ruining Acid Jazz with style

BY RYAN LASH

Never judge a book by it's cover and never judge a band by it's demo tape.

Though any music lover will be able to tell you that the recorded side of a band differs greatly from its live equivalent, that fact becomes startlingly clear when one sits down to listen to The Ruins.

With a music style that can only lackingly be called acid jazz, this Japanese duo definitely offers much more to those that take the time to see them live; and to anyone that hasn't: too bad you missed your chance.

They played an all too short but highly energetic show to an appreciative crowd at the Market Street Jazz Cafe last Saturday night.

Through the course of their set they impressed the crowd with fast drums, screeching guitars and screaming vocals. Throw in a few lightning fast changes, and at times it was hard for this critic's untrained ears to separate the two performers. Not that a guitar sounds anything like a drum, but these two use their respective instruments to the fullest; creating a sound that changes faster than it can be described.



Halifax

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH: THE GRAWOOD LOUNGE

Wear a kilt, buy a beer, and talk in a cheesy Scottish accent about your cousin Roddy. **Highland Heights**, a local celtic band, has been gaining a strong audience recently, and they'll carry on that celtic tradition in this show at the Grawood. *It's not oatmeal!*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH: CAFE OLE

This show is the last at the all-ages Barrington venue, and promises to host a variety of popular Halifax bands. Although the club plans to relocate, it should be a nostalgic show for many.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH: KING'S COLLEGE WARD ROOM

There is a Tribute to Bob Dylan at the Ward Room in support of his nomination for an Honorary Degree from Dalhousie University. There will be live music all night long with The Happy Gang. Proceeds from the event go to support the Dal Women's Centre.

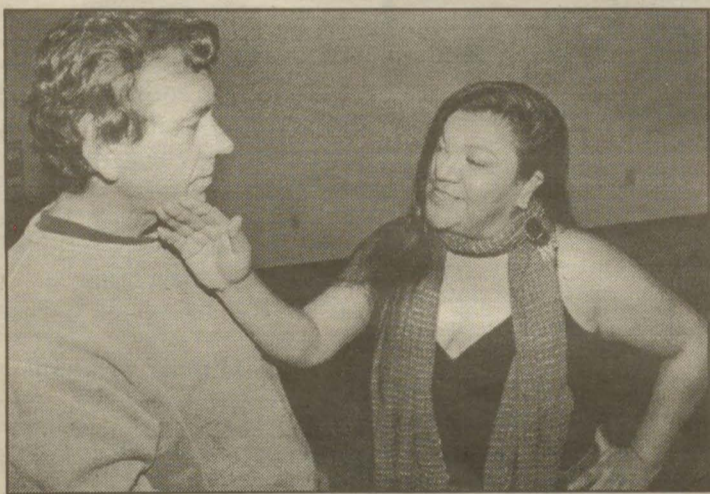
UNTIL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH: DALHOUSIE ARTS CENTRE

Dal Theatre stages its production of Arthur Miller's thought provoking play, *The Crucible*. This is undoubtedly one of the greatest plays written in the 20th century, and it should be interesting to see Dal Theatre's interpretation.

UNTIL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH: NEPTUNE STUDIO STAGE

Eastern Front Theatre is staging its production of Louis Nowra's *Crow*, the struggle of an aboriginal trying to claim what is rightfully hers.

Crow fails to fly



BY MARK REYNOLDS

Independent theatre companies have a degree of artistic freedom that Dalhousie and Neptune mainstage productions lack. However, the Eastern Front theatre company squandered this chance to bring something vibrant and original to the theatre-going community of Halifax with it's lacklustre production of Louis Nowra's *Crow*.

Crow, set in World War Two-era Australia, tells the story of a native woman's struggle to regain the tin mine that is rightfully hers. Her struggles are compounded by family problems, as well as the stresses of war and racism.

In a better production, the plot summary may have warranted more than one paragraph. However, Eastern Front's version of this play managed to remove all subtlety, depth, and character from what could have been a powerful production.

Which is not to say that the script itself is not ponderous to begin with. The play deals in stereotypes (the

strong, independent matriarch, the violent, power-mad military officer, the greedy and buffoonish chinese entrepreneur, et al) but in the right hands, the stereotypes could have been worked with some subtlety and humour.

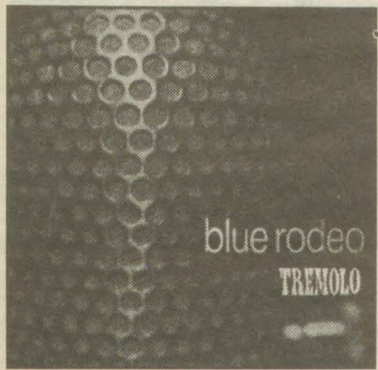
Instead, the audience is presented with cardboard figures, moving stiffly about the stage, spouting lines that they cannot read with conviction because no personality has been developed to deliver them.

More embarrassing still are the acting and technical miscues that happened throughout the production. Actors consistently stumbled over their lines, and at one point the lights went down to end the scene while the actors were still talking.

Being amateur theatre excuses nothing here. I've seen high school productions done better, and without the patina of "social importance" that this *Crow* wears.

Eastern Front Theatre's production of the Australian Crow is playing at the new Neptune studio until November 30.

CD REVIEW EXTRAVAGANZA



Tremolo
Blue Rodeo
WEA/Warner

With *Tremolo*, Blue Rodeo has begun to discover that improving on perfection is indeed a trying task.

In the past years, Blue Rodeo has written many amazing tunes, some of which 99.7548% of Canadians know well and probably have heard in an elevator or doctor's office or hummed unconsciously on occasion.

With the release of *Nowhere to Here* a scant two years ago, *Tremolo* is a premature birth, with some tracks that seem like potential ideas for good songs if only given the chance to age.

It isn't that this CD sounds bad, because it certainly does not, it is just a little less diverse than some of their past creations. There are some songs that are certainly impressive. For instance, "Fallen From Grace" and the first single, "It Could Happen To You" are both done in that comforting classical Blue Rodeo style we have all grown to love.

But, although a song does not have to be uplifting to be good or meaningful, the percentage of slow paced bluesy tracks seems to have doubled on this album from previous ones; perhaps someone got dumped. However, as with most music, the more you listen to it, the more it grows on you.

It would be an overstatement to say that *Tremolo* is a disappointment, but at the same time, it is not Blue Rodeo's best

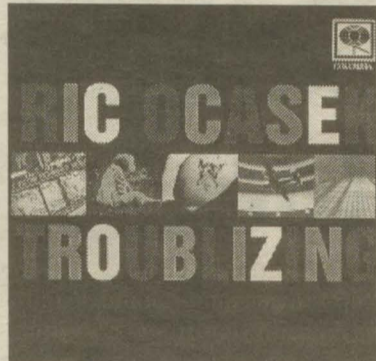
piece of work.

JANET FRENCH

Troublizing
Ric Ocasek
Columbia

Ric Ocasek's career as the Cars' vocalist has influenced his new album, *Troublizing*, as the disk contains upbeat hooks and tons of energy.

Troublizing has eleven tracks which simultaneously exploit eighties new wave and nineties pop. Ocasek had help from friends Melissa Auf der Maur (Hole), Ira Elliot (Nada Surf) and



Billy Corgan (the Smashing Pumpkins) in finding that modern edge.

To say this is innovative music is false, but it is ear candy, loaded with pop riffs, power chords and all the bravado of Ocasek's earlier work.

Despite Ocasek's obvious enthusiasm, endorsing this disc wholeheartedly would be difficult. *Troublizing* contains inane lyrics (like those that plagued some Cars songs).

There is also a definite difference between the tracks that feature Corgan and those that do not. Songs such as "The Next Right Moment" and "Situation", on which Corgan plays guitar, have a fullness that isn't found on the rest of the record. Negatively, the final track, "Asia Minor", which Corgan wrote, is a piece of electronica which has no business on the CD; the very fact that it is the last track seems to imply that it is an add-on, and that is what it

feels like.

Even though the record carries some biting tracks like "Society Trance", which examines heavier social issues, Ocasek does little to deviate from typical power pop.

Cars fans will dig this CD, and so will fans of post-grunge pop, but it's hard to say if anyone else will.

GREG MCFARLANE

Money Talks: The Album
Various Artists
Arista/ BMG

As the title of the album says, this is "An All-star Attack of Today's Hottest Artists", and the artists in question are the phattest that hiphop and R&B have to offer. Can you seriously go wrong with the Refugee Camp All-Stars, Barry

White, Faith Evans, Puff Daddy, Mary J. Blige, Lil' Kim, Naughty By Nature, SWV, Mase, Deborah Cox, and many more all on the same record?

If you're a fan of hiphop, you'll love this album! "Avenues", the remake of the '80s Eddy Grant hit "Electric Avenue" by the Refugee Camp All Stars, is so sweet I need an insulin shot. The Barry White and Faith Evans collaboration, "My Everything", is also great. Barry adds the right touch of soul to the song, showing that he's still one of the best R&B/

used to.

Also live is the Lil' Kim jam "Money Talks", which has the Big Mamma doing her same thing, but soundin' good nonetheless.

The money track on the album, though, is Mase's "Feel So Good", which you'll be hearin' at a party near you, if you haven't heard it yet. No matter whether you like the Bad Boy family or not, you have to admit that this boy has skills.

If you're looking for a good album to add to your collection, let your money talk, and pick up *Money Talks: The Album*.

ASHIR SIDDIQUI

Forest for the Trees
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Dreamworks

My goodness, these Forest for the Trees people are a strangle lot.

one hand.

The lyrics are lost on the monotonous tunes of some songs, which is a complete shame because the lyrics are pretty snazzy. The best songs on this album are definitely "Dream" and "Wet Paint", mainly because they are uplifting and catchy.

If you are looking for something totally weird and funky, go pick this one up, or hey, maybe just get a They Might Be Giants CD instead: they're weirder and have better tunes.

JANET FRENCH

FireCracker
Lisa Loeb
Geffen

If you have heard Lisa Loeb's previous big hit "Stay" then you have heard every musical component in this album. Maybe Loeb couldn't think of a good new song so she thought she would re-release "Stay" with a few new sets of lyrics.

The whole album is cheese and wine — the no-name brand kinds.

This CD is nothing but acoustic guitars and soft piano, set to lyrics about every lousy male Lisa ever screwed; sickening sweet molasses goup about a sex life I wasn't interested in. The rest of our lives could be spent discussing all the ways Lisa rewrites the same stupid song, but I doubt she put enough time into this album to warrant our efforts.

TAMARA BOND

K-Ci and JoJo
Love Always
MCA Records

In case you don't recognize the names K-Ci and JoJo, they are none other than the Haley brothers from the top record selling group Jodeci. The last time you may have heard of them was on the single "How Do You Want It", by the late Tupac Shakur.

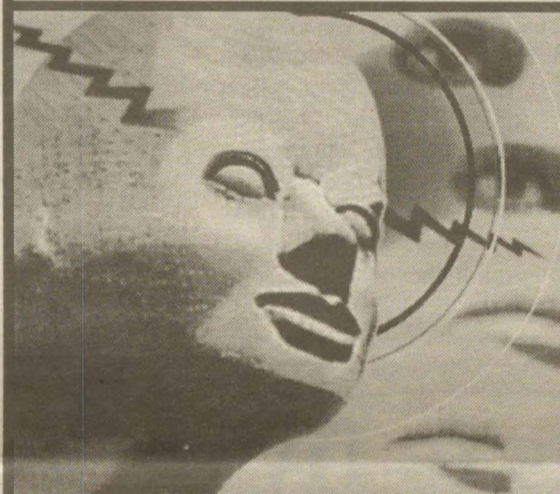
After Jodeci's "The Show", "The Hotel", and "The After Party", K-Ci and JoJo decided to leave the group for a while and experiment on their own. Their first solo CD is the result of that experiment. The sound produced is geared towards the slow and mellow tracks Jodeci was originally known for, rather than the party jams which they seemed to concentrate on in their more recent projects.

There is no question as to the quality of the vocals on this album. The Haley brothers dynamic sound illuminates every track to a classier level of R & B than what we've been accustomed to, especially when compared to groups like H-Town, AZ Yet and others. The best songs on the album are "You Bring Me Up", "Baby Come Back", and the bonus joint from the *Bulletproof* soundtrack, "How Could You".

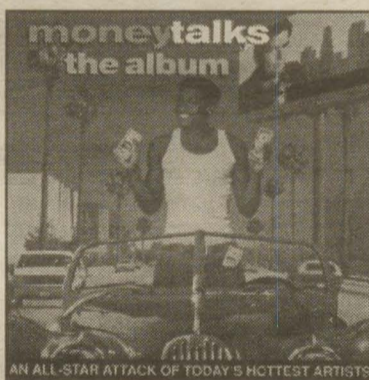
If you folks are out there lookin' for an album to get your groove on to, then K-Ci and JoJo may just be the one. After all, you don't always have to listen to Boyz II Men and Keith Sweat.

ASHIR SIDDIQUI

REVIEWS



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Soul singers out there. We also get a reminder of what Barry did back in the day with "You're the First, the Last, My Everything", from 1974, reappearing on this album.

What's interesting is Puff Daddy's song with Black Rob, "No Way Out". That's the title of Puff's own album, but appears on this CD as well. This joint shows off a harder edge for Puffy than most commercial hiphop listeners are

This self-titled creation is quite the mixture of everything. Two recurring themes are R&B/rap sort of rhythms and bagpipe music. Its sort of like Ashley-McIsaac-meets-Coolio stuff, and throw-in-some-backup-singers-while-we're-at-it.

Believe it or not, this combination actually works, creating this catchy groove that reminds you why the repeat button is on your remote. A lot of tracks aren't quite as easy to describe, as they fall into categories ranging from funky to just plain monotonous. Sampling is used quite a bit and it effectively creates the mood and enforces ideas. The album has a plethora of great originality, with more strange sounds than you could shake a stick at, but one big downfall is that they sometimes leave out a melody. Songs like "Ohm", "Infinite Cow" and "Fall" have great rhythm, sound effects and beat, but one can count the number of notes used in all three songs collectively on

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Exotic musical flavours from Japan

BY JOSEPH LAMBERT

Akikazu Nakamura and Michiyo Yagi blended magically with the Upstream Music Association last Sunday night, weaving a tapestry of exotic and traditional tunes that were transformed by their skill.

The guest artists brought with them two unique instruments that had the flavour of their native Japan. Aki wielded the shakuhachi, a traditional Japanese bamboo flute, while Michiyo played the koto, a horizontal harp-like instrument.

The two internationally famed artists began their cross country tour with this concert, held as part of a series celebrating the Year of Asia Pacific.

The concert took place in the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery. The crescent shape of the seats allowed for all to view the two musicians perfectly. The room's acoustics, with the surrounding art, created an atmosphere of total connection and improvisation that heightened the musical talent in the room.

The Upsteam ensemble cast

included drums, guitars, a cello, saxophones, a bass clarinet, a piano, a synthesizer, an Irish harp and wind chimes.

With the addition of the Japanese instruments the orchestra was stellar.

The pieces ranged from atonal sounds that rumbled like the belly of a dragon to sad and somewhat cartoon-like scores.

It was interesting that several of the pieces had more meaning than just the sound of the notes.

The second song utilized only the Irish harp, the koto, and the shakuhachi. The song, "Sadako",

was written to commemorate a Japanese girl of the same name. Sadako believed that if she folded 1000 origami peace cranes she would rid herself of cancer caused by the atomic bomb of World War Two. She died peacefully, following the folding of her thousandth crane. The song was fittingly sad, yet it had an eerie, erratic pace.

The seventh song, the hymn "Sanka", was dedicated to Michiyo's teacher who had recently passed away. The speed and empathy she put into the piece moved audience members

from their seats. Her fingers plucked at the strings so quickly and precisely it sounded as if she were creating sonically coloured rain.

Other songs had intellectual intentions.

"Saji" is a sanskrit word for the Buddha. The word, and the music, tell us to practice harder — expressing a Zen buddhist feeling. The tune had only ever been played by Aki's teacher, and wasn't written down. To play the song, Aki had to analyze the frequencies of the recorded piece.

I thought Zen was about sitting peacefully. By the enthusiastic way Aki played his flute, and with maniacal head gyrations, he didn't really put me at rest — but, damn, it was outta sight.

The eighth piece consisted of a collection of haikus put to the music of wind chimes and the bamboo flute. Very beatnik, very introspective, but a tad lengthy.

The orchestral piece that finished off the night was the capper. Each musician solo-ed wildly. The song, at its climax, reached an overture of epic proportions. The artists finished with smiles and laughter.

'Nuff said.

Akikazu and Michiyo were phenomenal. The Upstream Music Ensemble is tight, and has a totally satisfying sound. My musical taste buds were whet with flavours I had not dreamed of before. I hope they'll be back to dish another musical feast in the future.

Student-run theatre goes cuckoo

BY BRIANNE JOHNSTON

"One flew east, one flew west, one flew over the cuckoo's nest."

These lines, from Ken Kesey's award winning novel, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, will soon emanate from a stage near you. The King's Theatrical Society (KTS) have adapted Dale Wasserman's script and will be showcasing the play as their mainstage production for the first semester.

But co-director Jeff Margolis is not content to re-hash the script as many have in the past. He has made some changes which audience members who have seen other adaptations may not expect.

"We are staying pretty close to the original themes, but we've added a new opening sequence

which illustrates the routine of the patients. The book is basically about the deconstruction of society, so [the new sequence] focuses on this."

Margolis and cast also felt the script, penned in 1962, needed some updating for today's society.

"The female [characters] aren't really developed and the script is slightly misogynistic ...we've updated the language a bit for audiences of the 1990s."

But Margolis is quick to point out that the changes were not solely brought about by himself.

"[It's] not my job to make it the 'Jeff Margolis Show'. There was a lot of ad-libbing from the cast. And I'm really proud of them. Anyone who has read the book or seen the movie knows the

characters are complex. The actors did all that demanding work in their spare time."

The actors, all members of the KTS, had to juggle classes and homework on top of a rigorous rehearsal schedule. Auditions and preparatory work began in early October, and Margolis had a plan to start with intense rehearsals at the very beginning; knowing that people would have papers to write and exams to study for closer to opening night.

Similar to past King's performances, there is a variety of actors. The cast is an ensemble of King's students and local talent.

"Lot's of people think KTS is insular, but we have students in the cast from first year. Any student can bring in a script to

[the society]. We take the plays and work with the writer and director to make any improvements."

KTS has already produced five student plays this semester, with another six slated for the spring term. Although it may not be theatre in the round, KTS plays are highly anticipated by the college's student body. But Margolis feels the work of KTS deserves a broader audience.

"I hope the Dal community comes out. It's a good break from the tedium of studying."

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest will run from November 26-29 in *The Pit*, with the show starting at 8:00pm. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$6 for students and \$8 for general admission.

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S C R E A M

SPORTS

Dal hockey takes two at home in weekend action

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The hockey Tigers were back to their winning ways at Memorial Arena on the weekend. After suffering a 5-10 humiliation to crosstown rivals SMU on November 20, the Tigers bounced back to defeat the St. Thomas Tommies 5-2 and the Moncton Blue Eagles 6-3.

"Obviously I thought it was a great team effort," commented Martin LaPointe. "When you're on a losing streak, guys get...pissed off at each other."

"We went through the weekend relaxing and...the guys played hard, and we came out with two big wins and two big team efforts."

"I think that we played a little bit better as a team than we had the last four games that we went on," added defenceman Shane Gibbs. "I think that we're coming together before the Christmas break."

Saturday saw a slow if solid start for the Tigers who kept control of the game throughout. Dal created a number of scoring opportunities but failed to capitalize on any of them during the first frame. Head coach Darrell Young shuffled his team's lines for the weekend games; a move which proved fruitful for the Tigers.

"Whenever a team's on a slide, it's always good to change up the lines," said Gibbs. "I don't imagine that these lines will stick

high hard shot from the slot.

Chris Pittman tipped in the puck from the crease while St. Thomas goalie Scott Hay was down, giving the Tigers a secure three-goal lead going into the third.

Dave Reynolds put a backhanded wristshot from outside the crease past Corkum early in the third frame to put the Tommies on the board. Warner and Pittman broke through St. Thomas's defenses on a sharp pass from blueliner Pat Russell, and Hay was unable to stop Warner from scoring before he went crashing into the boards. Dan Preston added another for the Tommies before Haynes sealed Dal's victory in the final minutes of the game.

"We had a very strong first period and we built on that," said coach Young, adding that it was the first time in a while that the Tigers have displayed consistency within a game.

On Sunday, Dal once again exhibited strong play and were rewarded at 9:05 of the first with their first goal. Mark Alexander broke away from the Tigers' zone with the puck and passed it to Tim Hill who went top shelf with a slap from the slot. Moncton repeatedly tested Corkum who put in a solid performance to keep the Tigers ahead. Chad Kalmakoff slapped in a rebound shot from LaPointe on the power play.

Dal did not concede a single



Dominic Beaudin tries to hold off Tiger Martin LaPointe. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

after an attempt by Jody Shelley was denied by goaltender Claude Fernet.

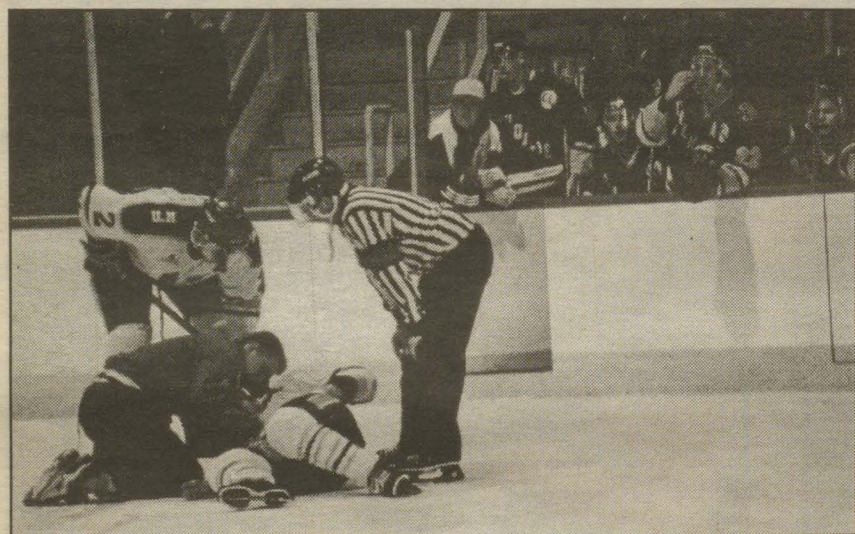
The third period saw fast play from both teams yet only LaPointe scored in the latter half of the final period to seal the game at 6-3. Moncton's Mario Cormier attempted to pick a fight with Richard Ujvary, and then with Shelley — who was trying to break the two up. The latter did not retaliate; a move which seemed to go down well with a large percentage of the crowd.

"He's a guy that's been a target [for violence] and there's been an adjustment period," noted Young after Saturday's game. "Haynes came into this league with 400 penalty minutes and he's turned into a leader for us, and I think that [Shelley] can too."

The Tigers play their last games of the term this weekend as they face Acadia on Friday and St.FX on Sunday.

"They're the last two games before Christmas and it's always better to go on to the Christmas break with a winning streak," noted LaPointe. "They are two big games. We've had two tough games against St.FX [and] Acadia will be tough as well."

"I think we just have to come out the same way that we played this weekend and hopefully we can come out with two big wins."



Moncton's Martin LaTulippe rolls around on the ice for a bit during Sunday's game at Memorial Arena. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

for the whole year, but for now they're working."

Captain Dave Haynes opened the scoring for the home team on a two-man advantage at the halfway mark of the second period. Just 16 seconds later, forward Marc Warner swept in the rebound off an attempt by Derrick Pyke to up the score to two for the Tigers. The Tommies failed to capitalize on their single power play opportunity — the closest they came to scoring was a slapshot from Pat Powers which went off the post. John Lafford was denied from point blank range by a lucky glove save from Tiger goaltender Fred Corkum who also prevented Bill Weir's

goal during the period despite a three-on-five disadvantage. Pittman upped Dal to 3-0 on a deflection from the slot with 13 seconds remaining.

The Blue Eagles attempted a comeback early in the second but Corkum had relatively little trouble keeping Dal ahead. Ted Naylor scored at 2:46 to put the game out of reach for Moncton.

Naylor earned himself a five-minute major for slashing Martin LaTulippe after receiving a clean hip check from the Moncton captain. The Blue Eagles were able to score twice in quick succession during the power play to narrow the difference. Alexander buried the rebound

Silver bullets

BY THE DALHOUSIE WRESTLING CLUB

"Well, I predicted a lot of golds, but I'm happy with a lot of silvers. We're wrestlers, not geologists," said the Dalhousie Wrestling Club's head coach Scott Aldridge.

The DWC finished in second place at this past weekend's Eastern Canadian wrestling championships held at UNB. This was the club's best ever placing and individual results were silver-laden.

At 57kg, Logan Ward placed second, pinning his opponent in impressive fashion. In the 65kg final, freshman Andrew Moebus lost a hard battle to the 1997 Canada Summer Games silver medalist from UNB. Sports fans should take note of this rivalry — these two wrestlers should be competing against each other for the AUA title. At 68kg, Jason Schonberg earned a silver medal despite surviving a huge slam by the 1997 AUA champion.

Dalhousie wrestlers Gavin Tweedie (72kg) and Scott Malcolm (82kg) both finished out of medal contention despite wrestling well.

At 90kg, the DWC had three wrestlers. Aldridge finished second, the first time in two seasons that he did not take gold. Despite easily defeating the 1997 82kg AUA champion, Aldridge lost a 3-0 final match to a UNB club wrestler. Newcomers Paul Murchison placed fifth and Chris Lewis finished sixth, both showing real potential.

"Overall I was impressed with our boys. We have a lot of work to do before the 1998 AUAs but I think this group of men can be real belt-winners"

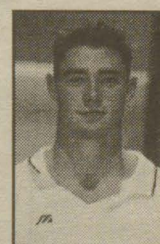
Stay tuned for Olympic freestyle wrestling live at Dal when UNB, Concordia, MUN and other New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia teams travel to Halifax for the second annual Dalhousie Wrestling Open on January 17, 1998 in Studley Gym.

Athletes of the Week



SARAH WOODWORTH SWIMMING

Sarah won the 200m butterfly, 400m freestyle, 400m Individual Medley and finished second in the 800m freestyle at the AUA Invitational Swim Meet at the Dalplex Pool on the weekend. She set a meet record in the 400m IM, finishing with a time of 5:09.66. Sarah is a fifth-year Pharmacy student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.



TERRY MARTIN VOLLEYBALL

Terry led the Tigers to a tournament championship at an invitational tournament at the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec. He registered 20 kills and 7 blocks as Dalhousie swept Sherbrooke 3-0 in the final. The tournament field included the Winnipeg Wesmen (ranked #1 nationally), Sherbrooke (#5) and Dalhousie (#6). Terry is a fourth-year Science student from Burlington, Ontario.

Dropping the gloves: a case for fighting in the CIAU

BY GREG WHITE

Every week during the first intermission of CBC's Molson Hockey Night in Canada, millions of viewers across the country tune in to *Coach's Corner*. Don Cherry is a self-professed handsome man and the only thing louder than his clothes is his voice. Cherry is a home-

grown, opinionated redneck with entirely too much to say, but people love him because of his colorful commentary, his lust for the game, and because he tells it like it is.

The reality of CIAU hockey goes against everything that Grapes stands for.

For years the CIAU has stood behind the harsh penalties for fighting in university hockey. This year sees no changes in reprimanding those players who drop the gloves. Earlier this season, nine players and one coach accumulated 59 games in suspensions as a result of a bench-clearing brawl between the UPEI Panthers and the Acadia Axemen. In a separate incident, Dalhousie forward Jody Shelley received a two game suspension for fighting St. FX stalwart Maurice Meagher. Minutes later, Dal blueliner Shane Gibbs received three games for instigating.

In the Acadia-UPEI melee, four players received suspensions of nine games or more. In a 28-game season, it all seems a little excessive. This season's suspensions should serve as an indicator that something needs to be changed in the CIAU.

In the National Hockey League, a player receives a 5-minute major for fighting and a game misconduct for instigating. If a player accumulates three major penalties in one game then they also receive a game misconduct. There are incidents where a player will get multiple game suspensions during particularly ugly incidents and rightfully so.

Similar regulations with regard to fighting exist in the CHL and throughout the junior ranks where most of today's university players learn the game. A player becomes accustomed to playing the game one way and is then asked to abandon that style of play in favour of CIAU rules. The end result is frustration, illegal and dangerous stickwork, and a proliferation of chippy and pesky play.

Popular opinion suggests that fighting does not belong in hockey, not at any level. There seems to be an understanding that those competing at the university level should be able to control their temper and hold their emotion in check. Apparently there is a link between higher education and sportsmanship.

In trying to present a balanced argument for the prohibition of fighting

in university hockey I find myself looking into an empty net.



Photos by Lisa Verge

Fighting is a part of the game of hockey. It has been since the game began and it is at all levels, excluding the CIAU. Clearly there are instances that occur that make even the most avid proponents of fighting cringe. Last year's infamous Maritime Jr. 'A' game, where a player was punched after being knocked unconscious, serves as an example of the extreme.

Nonetheless, fighting is even a valuable part of the game. A team can not afford to leave their stars unprotected. Gretzky had McSorley, Bure has Odjick, Yzerman had Probert, and Lindros has himself. The point is that without some threat of reprisal, a team's offensive weapons are targeted by bigger and stronger players. The idea that a player can run an opposing goalie and skate away unmolested is foreign even in Finland, but the CIAU has handcuffed its university athletes.

Having a physical, intimidating team alone can win hockey games. The Broad Street Bullies in Philly, the Big, Bad Bruins of Grapes' era, and the Flyers and the Legion of Doom today, dominate and intimidate teams to swing the pendulum of momentum to their side from time to time.

If you talk to anyone related to the game of hockey, they will consistently tell you one thing: when you take the fighting out of the game, you increase the amount of stickwork. Watching any game in this league, you have to notice the stick infractions. The intended effect of strict suspensions is to eliminate fighting from the game. If a player retaliates in the AUAA, it is with the stick rather than the hands. Spearing, high-sticking and slashing are the undesired effects of eliminating fighting from the game. A player knows that they will receive at the very least a one game suspension if they drop the gloves so they choose to stick their opponent and get the gate for two minutes. The CIAU desperately needs to rethink their policy on fighting before something happens that really draws attention to the problem.

AUHC commissioner Dave MacLean says that, in order to affect change, "It would take a lot of coaches talking to their Athletic Directors who would bring [those recommendations] to the Annual

Meeting, but so far that just hasn't happened". The illegal and dangerous stickwork is far more hazardous to a player's well-being than two guys in a fight.

Aside from the practical importance of fighting, it should



be mentioned that it sells tickets. People pay to see Tie Domi play and fans came out in droves to see former Moosehead heavyweight Jody Shelley.

Cost-conscious administrators fail to see the relationship between potential ticket revenue and decreased financial contribution to a program.

The great hockey players today are the ones who can do it all. Eric Lindros, Brendan Shanahan, Ed Jovanovski and Mark Messier are the ones that younger players are encouraged to emulate. These are the

prototypical players of tomorrow. It is the rough and physical play that makes these grinders excel. It is not that they do fight that makes us respect them, it is the fact that they will.

Fighting belongs in hockey and the CIAU is no exception. The game is still played with the same emotion, the same grit, and the same physical play that has made hockey so popular around the world. So why change the rules?

Anti-fighting activists suggest that it takes away from the beauty and grace of the game detracting from the skillful and elegant players. Listen, if you really want to see beauty and grace on ice, then the Nutcracker opens at the Metro Centre next month.

Otherwise, this is hockey, it's the Canadian way, and that's the bottom line.

Volleyball brings home the hardware from Sherbrooke

BY CARMEN TAM

A gold medal victory over host Sherbrooke University at the Vert et Or Omnium Tournament last weekend gave the Dalhousie Tigers their second ever out-of-province tournament title. The 1997 CIAU silver medalist swept the favourites Sherbrooke, who were undefeated in round robin action; 3-0 with game scores of 15-13, 15-8 and 15-11.

Top performances came from middle blocker Terry Martin who was named tournament MVP for 20 kills and 7 blocks, fourth-year veteran Jason Trepanier with 23 kills and 5 blocks, and captain John Hobin who totalled 15 kills and 6 blocks in the win. Trepanier and rookie Chris Wolfenden were also named to the All-Star team.

Dal's victory avenged an earlier loss to the Vert et Or just the night before. The Winnipeg Wesmen downed the Laval Rouge et Or 3-0 for bronze.

"Everyone picked up their game for the final," noted Trepanier. "I think we were more ready for a battle than they were," added Wolfenden.

Dal entered the finals after finishing 2-2 in round robin action. The Tigers opened their weekend on Friday with a 3-1 win over Laval University. Martin had 24 kills, 5 digs and 3 blocks to lead the Tigers to a 15-4, 13-15, 15-9 and 15-5 victory. Trepanier and Hobin added 14 and 11 kills, respectively.

The Tigers lost a tough 3-1 match to the nationally top-ranked Wesmen in their next contest by game scores of 15-7, 15-17, 10-15 and 8-15. Martin amassed 27 kills and 5 blocks while Trepanier chipped in 11

kills and 4 digs in the loss. Wolfenden and Hobin had 9 kills each.

The Tigers also split their Saturday matches with a 3-0 sweep over the Waterloo Warriors (15-10, 15-5 and 15-6) before losing a two-and-a-half hour marathon to Sherbrooke 6-15, 15-6, 6-15 and 9-15. Setter Peter

3-2 in the Guelph Tournament final. Bronze went to the Queen's Golden Gaels.

"The first game went very well but we were still trying to find our stride," said Wolfenden. "For the final, we were playing as a team out there and not as individuals."

"It was a huge moral victory going to Christmas break. It was

a nice win over Sherbrooke and creates lots of confidence."

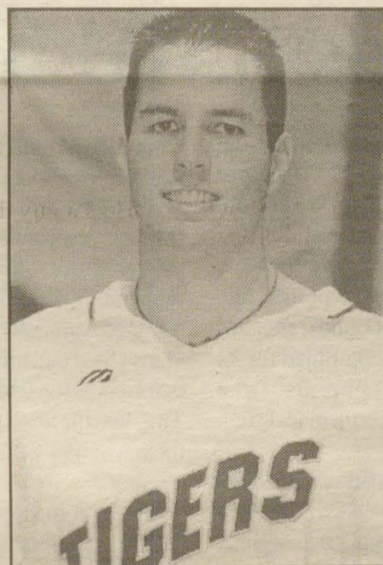
"We played well, we had a solid tournament," added Exall. "It was important for us as it is the last [tournament] for the term. We can feed off it going to the new year. We are very competitive and we are getting better each time out."

The Dalhousie Tigers have asserted

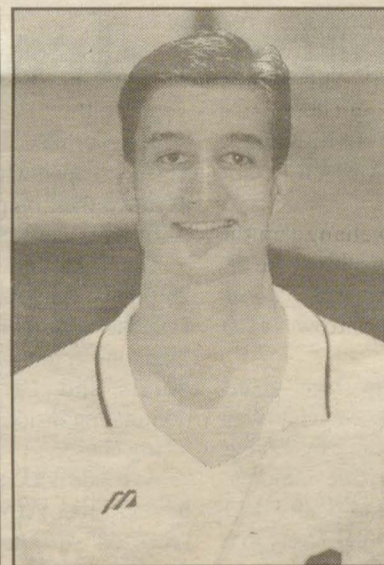
themselves as contenders for the CIAU crown. No doubt this team will be a force to be reckoned with as they are a step closer towards their ultimate goal — the national championships.

Ranked sixth nationally before the competition, Dalhousie ends a successful first term with a pair of matches against the UNB Varsity Reds in their first regular season home games on December 4th and 5th. The Tigers had one of their best season starts as they swept the Calgary Dinosaurs 3-0 in the Mizuno Challenge, captured a bronze at the Waterloo Classic, in addition to their most recent win in Quebec.

The core of the Varsity Reds has returned to the line-up from last season and had a good showing at the Guelph Tournament. Dalhousie, who was undefeated in league play last season, currently sports a 2-0 conference record.



Jason Trepanier



Peter Exall

Exall set up Martin for most of his 22 kills and 6 blocks against the Vert et Or while Trepanier and Hobin added 19 and 12 kills.

"Having a strong showing in a long match, we realized we can play against [Sherbrooke]," commented Exall as his team proved during the final, where they only needed ninety minutes to drop fifth-ranked Sherbrooke.

Head coach Al Scott made minor changes daily, fine-tuning for Sunday's final "where everything clicked". Scott was pleased with his team's performance.

"In the final we spread the offense which worked to our advantage," Scott said. "Peter [Exall] was the architect of the game plan. Jason Trepanier had a wonderful tournament, as with Chris [Wolfenden] who was consistent on defense. I also think Matt Hartlen had his best tournament ever."

In other tournament action, seventh-ranked York University topped the University of Toronto

The Friends of Dalhousie Hockey Society will hold its annual auction to raise money in support of the varsity hockey program. The evening will give you a chance to bid on some great items. There will also be a 50/50 draw, a raffle table, and the opportunity to meet some members of the Dalhousie varsity team. The event takes place this evening (Thursday, November 27) at 7pm at The Red Fox (Bayers Road Shopping Centre). Tickets cost \$10 and price includes 10 chicken wings and two beverages.

Kemp, Woodworth qualify for CIAUs

BY SCOTT SANCTON

Despite their loss of a tight battle with the University of New Brunswick (UNB), the Dalhousie swimming teams left the deck proud as they qualified a number of swimmers for the CIAUs in Sherbrooke.

Amy Woodworth made the standard in the 400m Individual Medley (5:10.34) as well as the 200m Individual Medley (2:26.24). Amy's sister, Sarah Woodworth, also qualified in the 400m Individual Medley and added the 800m freestyle to her CIAU events (9:14.40). Lindsay Eller secured her CIAU spot in the 100m freestyle with her time

of 1:00.42.

The first Dal men's team member to qualify for the Championship was Stuart Kemp. He swam 4:06.56 in the 400m freestyle, three tenths of a second under the standard.

At the end of the meet, Kemp commented that he was happy with his swim, especially after making the standard unshaved. He went on to say that he had not swam as well as possible on Saturday and made the decision to take the 400m all out. He knew that he was on pace when he saw his teammates cheering him on from the side of the pool.

While several swimmers qualified for the CIAUs, the rest

of the team showed their strength by keeping on UNB's toes throughout the meet. The final points for the men: UNB 262, Dal 229.5, Mt. A 114.5, and MUN 82. On the women's side, UNB took the title with 308.5 points followed by Dal with 261.5 points. Mt. A and MUN brought up the rear with 75 and 47 points, respectively. The scores were a lot closer than they should have been with UNB being shaved and Dal not.

The Tigers' assistant coach David Fry was happy with the results of the meet, with the majority of swimmers achieving season and even lifetime bests. A number of

meet records were also beaten by Dal swimmers. Sarah Woodworth destroyed the old standard in the 400m Individual Medley, Angela MacAlpine took the 50m butterfly record, Kemp took the 400m freestyle, Maciek Gawlik changed history in both the 400m Individual Medley and the 1500m freestyle, and Chris Stewart downed the 50m breaststroke record.

Head coach Nigel Kemp was honoured in a small ceremony on Sunday night as he coached his last AUSA competition at the Dalplex. He is retiring at the end of this swimming season after coaching the Tigers for 26 years.

Volleyball tops Acadia

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

On November 19, the women's volleyball team won their first match at home this season, beating the Acadia Axettes 3-0. The Tigers won with game scores of 15-11, 15-7 and 15-5, and improved their conference record to 3-1.

Jen Parkes led the way for the Tigers with 13 kills and 5 stuff blocks. Other solid performances came from Denise Chapman who had 6 kills and 4 service aces, Alicia MacFarlane with 5 kills and 10 digs, Cara MacKenzie with 5 kills and 3 stuff blocks, and Janice Chapman with 3 kills, 7 digs and 1 ace. Setter Michelle

Aucoin took Player of the Game honours, chipping in two aces in the process.

Head coach Lori Welsh-Hawley was pleased with her team's performance, noting that the Tigers were excited to finally play on home ground. The team's game has shown steady improvement and, Welsh-Hawley noted, "service-receive was exceptionally strong" during the match.

The team wraps up the first term this weekend as they head to New Brunswick to compete in the Université de Moncton Invitational. They are currently ranked fifth in the Atlantic Conference.

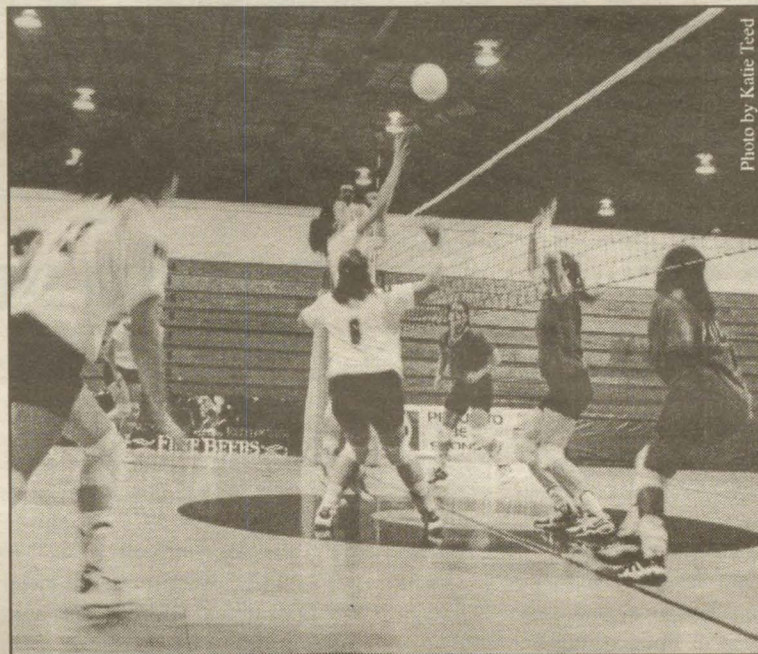


Photo by Kaitie Teed

Basketball drops SMU in home opener

BY MATT FELTHAM AND SUMANT KUMAR

On November 18, the Dalhousie Tigers hosted crosstown rivals the St. Mary's Huskies in their home opener and escaped with a narrow 74-70 victory.

From the initial tip, Tiger guard Darryl Baptiste showed what was missing from his last game by scoring 9 points in the first five minutes. Combined with starting point guard Brian Parker, they led the Tigers to a commanding 24-13 lead. With 9:44 remaining in the first half, Tiger forward Mike Sabol picked up his third foul on what appeared to be a clean block. Things took a turn for the worse when, with 7:13 remaining, starting forward Paul Williscroft went down with an ankle injury and failed to return for the remainder of the game. With the inside now clear, the St. Mary's starting frontcourt of ex-Tiger Corey Janes and Patrick Toulouse led the Huskies on a 12-3 run to end the half tied with Dal at 33-33.

The second half began with very sloppy play as the Tigers racked up five turnovers in the first four minutes. This poor ball-handling and lack of an inside defensive presence allowed Janes to score at will to lead his team to a 50-47 lead at the ten-minute mark. From this point, the teams continued to evenly trade baskets until the four-minute mark when the Tigers were sparked by the outstanding outside shooting of Parker, and went on a 6-0 run to take a 59-53 lead. After a brief comeback attempt by the Huskies and with 1:10 remaining, Parker calmly stroked a 3-pointer from the corner as the 30-second clock expired. The Huskies

were never able to recover and the Tigers escaped with a 74-70 victory to move their record to 1-1 for the AUSA regular season.

The Tigers were led by Parker's 28 points, Baptiste's 22 points, and Dale Jackson's 11 rebounds. Huskies Janes and Toulouse combined for 32 points and 19 rebounds in a dominating inside performance in a losing cause.

As a side note, something needs to be said about the so-called residence "cheer-off" which took place during this

game. These individuals showed little respect for the game and the teams involved by showing more enthusiasm for their respective house as opposed to the Tigers. In fact, with 7:03 remaining and the score deadlocked at 53, approximately 75 per cent of these "fans" filed out after it was announced that Henderson had won the cheer-off. This horrific display clearly justified their winning of 200 "school spirit" points.

In the future, perhaps all houses should combine their efforts to cheer

on the Tigers. This would be much more appropriate and would undoubtedly be greatly appreciated by both the team and their real fans. If this cannot be accomplished, perhaps the whole concept of the residence cheer-offs should be reconsidered for sporting events.

The Tigers' next action takes place on November 28 in Charlottetown as they face the UPEI Panthers. They then return home to take on St. FX at the Metro Centre at 4pm the following afternoon.

Basketball loses first home game

BY ANDREW COOK

The Dalhousie women's basketball team found out just how tough it is to win consistently in the AUSA. Coming off a big road win at Acadia three nights before, Dalhousie fell to St. Mary's 70-67 in their home opener on Tuesday night at the Dalplex.

Dalhousie's youthful core gave the veteran Huskies all they could handle for the entire game before two key turnovers led to Husky baskets; giving St. Mary's a late 1-point lead at 66-65. St. Mary's KJ Robinson and Jad

Crnogorac iced the contest in the last minute, each making two free throws.

The Tigers shot the ball well from the field and the free throw line, but their continued turnover problems hurt them down the stretch. St. Mary's scored 21 points off of Dalhousie's 20 turnovers, including a Robinson lay-up that gave St. Mary's a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Bright spots for the Tigers included the play of Rookie of the Year front-runner Janet Wells. Wells, who is playing as well as anyone in Atlantic Canada right now, dropped 21 on 9 of

16 shooting and hauled down 11 rebounds. Freshman post Jillian MacDonald was strong with 17 points. St. Mary's was led by senior Crnogorac who had 17 points and 8 assists, and transfer Jennifer Reid with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Dalhousie finishes their pre-Christmas schedule this week with games against UPEI and St. FX. The X-Women visit the Dalplex on Tuesday at 7pm while the Tigers travel to the Island to take on the Panthers this Friday night. Dalhousie stands at 6-2 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

SAHPER-K flag football champions

BY CATHERINE SABISTON

On Thursday November 20, the co-ed intramural flag football league came to an end after a four game comeback from the SAHPER-K team.

After winning hard fought battles to both Eliza-Studley and Physiotherapy, SAHPER-K was faced with the undefeated Law

team. SAHPER-K took the lead early in the first game and held on for a 25-19 win; taking them to the final game.

Despite an initial 14-point lead, Law was once again defeated by a tired yet motivated team of health education, physical education, recreation and kinesiology students. Special mention should go out to Brendon O'Neil for his quarterback

abilities, Dan Ray for his running and diving offensive plays, and Bobby Russell for his defense. Both the Law and SAHPER-K teams deserve credit for their sportsmanlike play and lack of complaints for the field conditions.

Thanks goes out to the wonderful referees who put up with all the whining: Neil Rouatt, Marc Grenier, and Steve McComb.

Upcoming events

MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Nov.28	Dal@UPEI	8pm
Nov.29	SFX@Dal	4pm
(@ Metro Centre)		
Dec.28	Dal@Ryerson Tournament	
Dec.29	Dal@Ryerson Tournament	
Dec.30	Dal@Ryerson Tournament	
Jan.2	Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament	
Jan.3	Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament	
Jan.4	Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament	
Jan.17	Dal@MUN	8pm
Jan.18	Dal@MUN	2pm
Jan.21	ACA@Dal	8pm
Jan.25	UNB@Dal	3pm

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Nov.28	Dal@UPEI	6pm
Dec.29	Brandon@Dal	7pm
Dec.30	Winnipeg@Dal	7pm
Jan.1	Dal @ SMU Tournament	
Jan.2	Dal @ SMU Tournament	
Jan.3	Dal @ SMU Tournament	
Jan.13	SFX@Dal	8pm
Jan.17	Dal@MUN	6pm
Jan.18	Dal@MUN	noon
Jan.21	ACA@Dal	6pm
Jan.25	UNB@Dal	1pm
Jan.28	Dal@SMU	6pm

HOCKEY		
Nov.28	Dal@ACA	7:30pm
Nov.30	Dal@SFX	2pm
Jan.2	Manitoba@Dal (Exh.)	7pm
Jan.7	Dal@SFX	7:30pm
Jan.11	Dal@ACA	2pm
Jan.14	SFX@Dal	7pm
Jan.17	MTA@Dal	7pm
Jan.18	UNB@Dal	2pm
Jan.21	Dal@ACA	7:30pm
Jan.24	SMU@Dal	7pm

SWIMMING		
Jan.10	Metro Invitational	
Jan.11	Metro Invitational	
Jan.12	Metro Invitational	
Jan.18	Dal vs Nova Scotia Select	4pm
Jan.19	Blue vs Whites	2pm
Jan.23	MTA/Dal@UNB	7pm
Jan.24	UNB/Dal@MTA	2pm

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
Dec.4	UNB@Dal	7pm
Dec.5	UNB@Dal	2pm
Jan.10	MUN@Dal	7pm
Jan.11	MUN@Dal	noon
Jan.16	Dal Classic	
Jan.17	Dal Classic	
Jan.18	Dal Classic	
Jan.24	Dal@UNB	7pm
Jan.25	Dal@UNB	1pm

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
Nov.28	UdeM Invitational	
Nov.29	UdeM Invitational	
Nov.30	UdeM Invitational	
Jan.2	Waterloo Invitational	
Jan.3	Waterloo Invitational	
Jan.4	Waterloo Invitational	
Jan.10	Dal@UdeM	7pm
Jan.11	Dal@MTA	2pm
Jan.14	SFX@Dal	6pm
Jan.16	Dal Classic	
Jan.17	Dal Classic	
Jan.18	Dal Classic	
Jan.24	UCCB@Dal	6pm
Jan.25	UCCB@Dal	11am
Jan.27	Dal@ACA	7:30pm



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie will meet at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor SUB. For more info call 494-1256.

Economic Justice, a working group of NSPIRG will meet at 5:30pm in the SUB. All are welcome. For location call 494-6662.

People for Animal Welfare will meet at 4:00pm in the SUB. Call 494-6662 for more info and location.

"Modernization Programmes, health care and the survival of rural communities on Newfoundland" — Sean Cadigan, Assistant Professor, Ocean Studies and History, will be lecturing from 4:30-6:00pm at 1321 Edward St.

"Tracking Fish Stock Migrations With Otolith Elemental Fingerprints" — Steve Campana, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, will be lecturing at 11:30am, 5th floor lounge, LSC.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

"Solution Structure Determination of the Promyelocytic Leukemia Protein and Related Domains" — Profesor Katherine Borden will be lecturing at 1:30pm, CHEM 226.

Midnight Movie at the Oxford — Fargo will be playing at the Oxford St. theatre, cost is \$5.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The Korean Association will meet at 6:00pm in the lobby of the SUB. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come.

Dal Magic Association meets from 12:00-6:00pm in room 318, SUB. Everyone welcome. For more info call Steve at 494-3407.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

The Dal Roman Catholic Chaplaincy celebrates Mass at 11:30am in room 307 SUB. All are welcome to join us in a youthful, modern liturgy that reflects university life and experiences. For more info call 494-2287.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

The Bluenose Chess Club will meet at 7:00pm, room 307, SUB. E-mail jfraser@is2.dal.ca for more info.

Humans Against Homophobia will be meeting at 6:00pm, room 316, SUB. People of all sexual orientation and all walks of life are welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Women's Health Issues, a collective of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. For more info call 492-6662.

The Dal Ballroom Dancing Society will meet in the McInnes Room SUB. Membership is \$25 per person, singles are welcome. For more info call 455-6746 or 482-1007.

Eco-Action, a working group of the NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the 2nd floor lounge, SUB. All are welcome. Call 494-6662 for more info.

"Ordinary Landscapes" — Susan Guppy, Head of the Department of Urban and Rural Planning, will be lecturing at 7:00pm in room H19 of the Architecture Building, 5410 Spring Garden Rd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Taoist Tai Chi will be held by the Ward 5 Centre at 1:30pm. There is a \$2 drop-in fee. To register call Susan Nordin at 454-7003.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peers Against Sexual Assault is a student-run peer education group whose goal is to promote healthy sexual relationships and educate students and faculty about the prevention of sexual harassment. For more info call 494-1137.

How Does a Year in the South of France Sound? The Dalhousie French Department offers a full-year (five credits) of study in Aix-en-Provence, France. There will be an info session November 20 from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Killiam MacMechan Auditorium. Call 494-2430, or e-mail njwood@is.dal.ca.

How to relax and think more clearly during tests and exams: A four-session program, will be held at the Dalhousie Counselling Centre. For more info call 494-2081.

Ham and Turkey Bingo: Ward 5 Community Centre will be holding their Annual Ham and Turkey Bingo, Dec. 6, 12:00 noon, St. Joseph's Church Hall, Russell Street. For more info call 454-0019.

Do You Love Animals? Elephants and Tigers need your help now! Find out more about the circus... Please e-mail jesmith@is2.dal.ca or call Julie at 423-5422.

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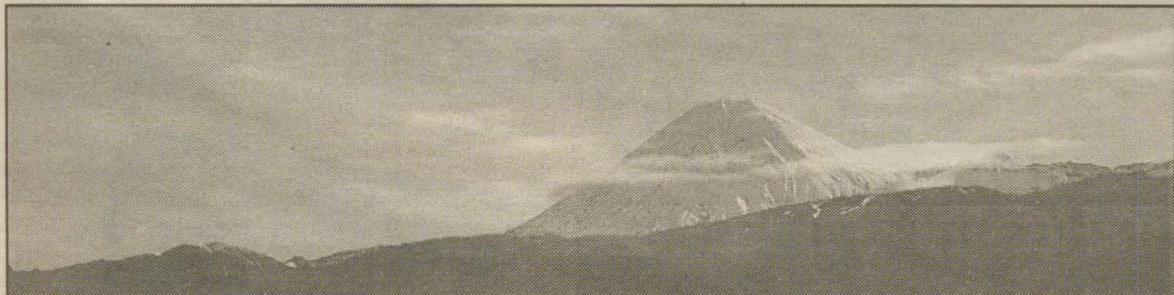
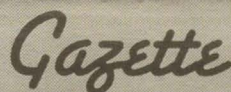


Photo of the Week: Ryan Lash, monopolizer of Gazette photos, has a soft spot for New Zealand and its splendid scenery.

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WANTED- student sitter familiar with diabetes for ten and twelve year old children. Dal Area. 422-5252 Alan

WANTED- student representative for Travel CUTS travel agency. Duties will include poster, display booths, distribution of Travel CUTS publications on and around campus. This is a paying position. Email is and asset. SEND YOUR RESUME TO TRAVEL CUTS 3rd Floor S.U.B.

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DATE:	COURSE:	TIME:
Dec 1	Math 1000A (Part I)	3:30 pm - 6:30pm
Dec 2	Math 1000A (Part II)	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Dec 5	Comm 2501A Business Statistics	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Dec 6	Statistics 1060A (Part I)	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Dec 7	Statistics 1060A (Part II)	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Price: \$40.00 per student (must be paid in advance, price includes materials and snacks)

Place: Room 4106, on the 4th floor of Dalhousie Killam Library

Format: • Review the basic concepts
• Discuss past year final examination papers

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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING:

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Attention recent graduates. Ford Credit is seeking a Customer Service Representative. This is an entry level position requiring a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. **Deadline: Resumes and official transcripts to be received no later than Dec. 5/97.**

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