

"The sun's shining and the guy who does income tax is wandering around."  
 — Bob Lee,  
 Biology Dept.



"Undergrads in shorts. If it was winter, we wouldn't have stuck around this long."  
 — Mary Coholan,  
 Biology Dept.



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"It's warm!"  
 "Flowers...  
 Grass..."



(looks at watch)  
 "Grass gets mushy."  
 — Anna Quon,  
 3rd year English

is it really spring?



"Birds the obvious thing, shedding clothes and hugging them around with you."  
 — Soonya Quon,  
 2nd year  
 Philosophy



"I can wear shorts and not be cold, and play baseball."  
 — Andrew Trenholm,  
 1st year, BSC



... Trees are growing."  
 "Green!"  
 "Finished School!" "Shorts... Florida Swimming!"  
 "No homework."  
 Grade 2/3  
 Armbrea Academy,  
 various answers.

"I don't get cold in the clothes I wear around all year anyways."  
 — Connie MacIntosh,  
 3rd year,  
 English



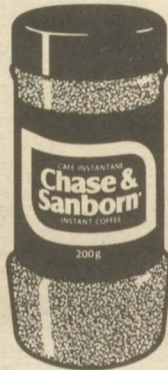
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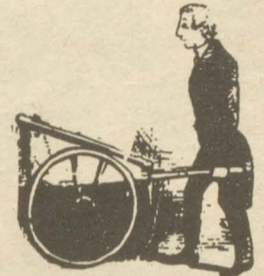
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# Native students protest funding cuts

OTTAWA (CUP) — Native people in Canada are not going to let the federal government change its post-secondary education assistance program quietly.

Hundreds of students and supporters staged demonstrations across the country March 22 to drive home their dissatisfaction with the capping of the program's funds, which sends 15,000 natives to college or university a year. The changes come into effect April 1.

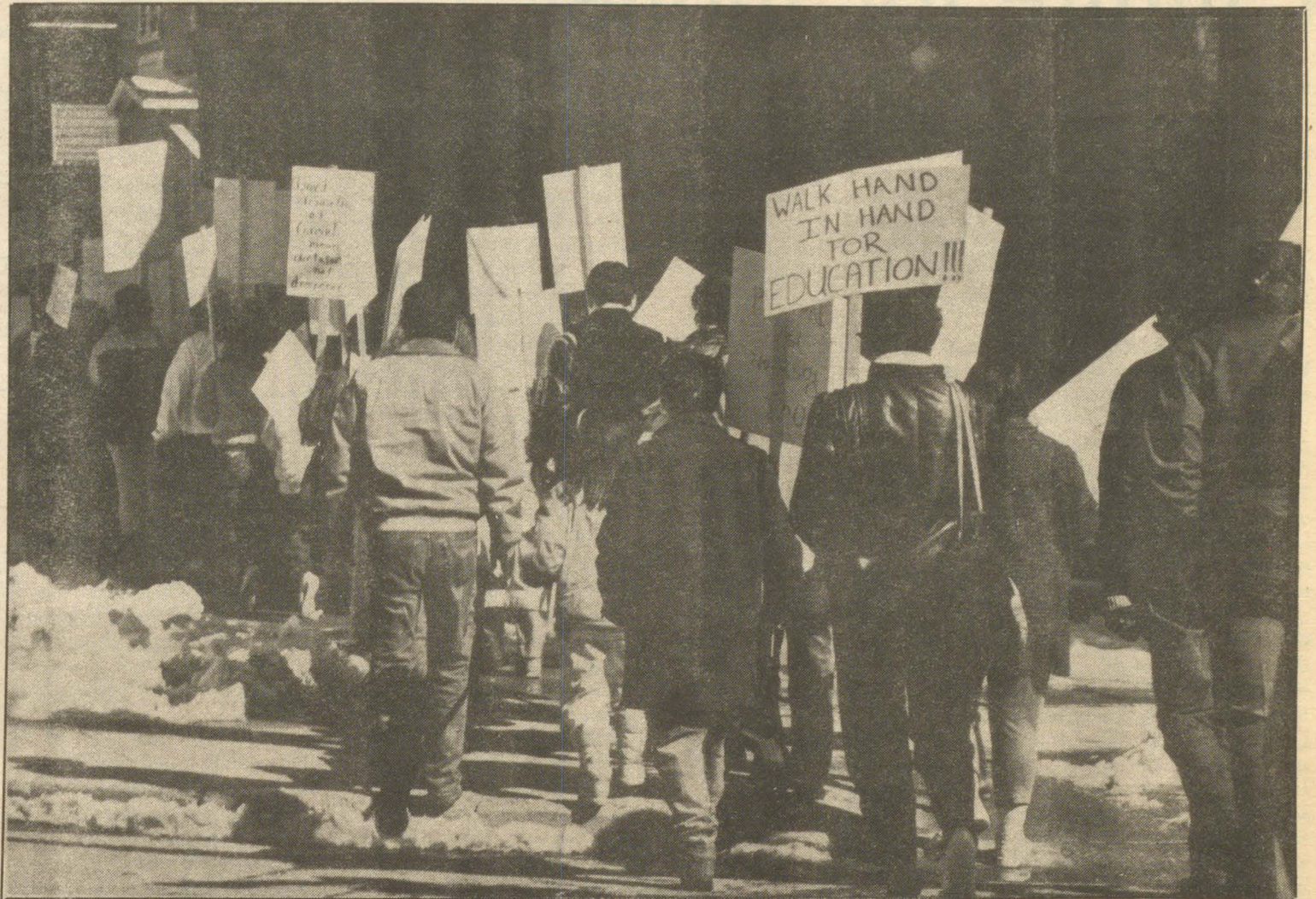
Besides cutting funding to eligible students from \$7,432 to \$4,800 a year, a new proposal chops the number of months for which Natives can get funding by half.

Money for daycare, special lab clothing and tutorials will be eliminated. And the choice of schools will be limited since the government will only pay for tuition costs at the closest post-secondary school and has substantially reduced travel allowances.

Native students were first hit with enrolment limitations last year when the post-secondary education budget was frozen at \$111 million. This year it has been capped at \$131 million and students have already been turned away from some schools, according to activists.

Native people have not had time to study and respond to the effects of the proposed limits, according to Bev Scow, a University of British Columbia student and co-ordinator of the inter-campus Native Student Network, a provincial lobby group.

"We were expected to respond in five months to a policy they've been working on for five years,"



Native students in Halifax protested the federal government's plan to cap student assistance funding by marching on the legislature

said Scow, who added native students want a moratorium on the implementation of the changes until they can form a consensus on post-secondary educational funding.

The real issue, said federal

Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Kim Campbell, is the philosophical one of whether post-secondary education should be guaranteed as a treaty right. The government's position, she said, is that only public school is

a treaty right. Yet the federal government has covered post-secondary education in the past.

The Network views the new policies as "a means to undermine the federal government responsibility to Indian people

based on an aboriginal right, treaty rights and fiduciary trust responsibility," states a press release.

Campbell said the changes are the result of faults in the program

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You can change history. . .

## Pereira on perestroika

by Marc Epprecht

Norman Pereira, a leading expert on Russian and Soviet intellectual and political history here at Dalhousie, delivered a well-attended lecture to the Historical Association of Halifax in the Cohn art gallery on March 17th.

Addressing the topic of *perestroika*, he specifically focused on the importance of history in the process of restructuring the Soviet economy. Pereira reminded the audience that the parallel process of *glasnost* or openness is demanding a complete reappraisal of Soviet history — so complete, in fact, that high school textbooks were entirely scrapped last year and final exams were cancelled until new ones could be written.

Gorbachev's reforms have had a profound effect on the intellectual climate of the country, especially in the last two years. They have not, however, appreciably benefited the workers. Indeed, as

the newspaper *Izvestia* editorialized only 2 months ago, the proletariat of the Soviet Union has not fared better after 70 years of revolution than has the proletariat of the bourgeois democracies. "This may not surprise us here," Pereira commented, "but coming from the principal state newspaper, it is a remarkable admission." What is in effect being called for is a second socialist revolution, and this entails reopening debates which Stalin closed with the great purges of the 1930s.

According to Pereira, *glasnost* has already resulted in the rehabilitation of a number of *personae non gratae*, including Bukharin and Krushchev. Interestingly, professional historians have lagged far behind journalists, filmmakers and pop historians in the spirit of *glasnost*. With their careers and books based on 50 years of "the world's most falsified history", they have a vested interest in preserving the status quo and have thus acted as a

brake on revisionist research. Still, it proceeds faster than anyone could have imagined even six months ago. Most remarkable, given that Gorbachev explicitly bases his own legitimacy on Lenin, even Lenin has been publicly criticized while the name of the great arch-demon of Soviet hagiography, Trotsky, has reappeared in print for the first time in decades.

If all this is indicative of the grass-roots momentum of reform, however, it is also cause for concern and caution. Pereira therefore ended on a guardedly optimistic note. The revolutionary nature of the debates now taking place in the USSR threatens on the one hand a Stalinist backlash and on the other hand bourgeois nationalist revolts in the ethnic republics. In that regard, we haven't seen anything yet with the troubles in tiny Armenia and Estonia. "Just wait until the Ukraine wakes up," Pereira warned.

## Gay man beaten to death

MONTREAL (CUP) — A gang of 10 to 15 youths attacked and killed 23-year-old McGill University student and gay activist Joe Rose on a bus two weekends ago.

According to witnesses, Rose met up with the youths on a city bus March 20 at 4:30 in the morning. They taunted him and called him "faggot". A group of between 10 and 15 people then repeatedly kicked and stabbed him, then fled.

The outspoken gay rights activist was travelling with a friend who suffered minor injuries.

Rose, a former member of Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia (LGFC), was afflicted with the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus.

"We had already dealt with the fact that he was going to die, but not like that," said friend and fellow LGFC member Peter Tyler. "I wasn't expecting anything like this to happen."

Tyler said gay-bashing is common in Montreal's east village, where Rose was killed. The Concordia student said gays are prime targets because they are viewed as easy prey.

"I'm convinced they singled Joe out because he was gay," Tyler said. "It's an example of out-and-out gay-bashing. We all know that a 'gay' life is apparently not worth as much as a 'straight' one.

"It's okay if you smash (gays') faces with your boots," he added sarcastically.

"It's a big joke to some of these people," said Maurice Rose, Joe's father. "What did everybody else do, stand up and watch?"

Rose's father was in Nova Scotia when he heard of his son's death. "Nothing to me is going to bring him back. I'm not vindictive, but I want his death paid for. I want every one of them charged."

More than 150 people took part in a candlelight vigil March 21 to remember Joe Rose.

Gary Gall, a longtime friend of Rose, said there is no doubt the stabbing was gay-related.

"They thought they would pick on a gay person. They wanted to beat him up because he was a faggot."



# Downstairs at the Spanish department Culture for money

by Lynda Cassels

Get that "please-send-money-gram" ready for dear old Dad now! Commencing in the 1989-90 academic year, Dalhousie's Spanish department will be offering a fun-in-the-sun language and cultural immersion program open to all students for academic credit.

What's more, students need not leave Halifax. The week-long excursion, scheduled to coincide with the high availability of campus audiovisual and other specialized equipment during the February study break, will be entirely in-house, according to a confidential departmental memorandum leaked to the Gazette earlier this week.

The cost to the student is \$850 Canadian. Of this fee, \$50 will go toward capital costs, such as refurbishing the basement of the Spanish house with sunlamps, hot tubs, two whirlpool baths, gaudy posters, and at least .75 cubic yard of imported white sand. The department also expects that due to declining world demand, an abundance of tropical fruit will be available at very cheap prices. Day-old cut flowers and plastic impatiens plants will further enhance the tropical ambience.

Although the destination of the program and other details have yet to be worked out — Spain, Cuba, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and Mexico are all favoured alternatives — department chair and program initiator Dr. James Holloway assured the Gazette in an exclusive interview that students will receive an "authentic cultural experience" for their money.

"We can provide students with a more authentic experience than any tour package," Holloway says. He also says parents will sponsor such an educational endeavour because it is safer than the real thing.

"They won't have to worry about the airplane disintegrating in mid-air or their children having to associate with 'undesirables,'" Holloway said.

However, mock hijackings and arbitrary incidents of food poisoning are being planned "for the sake of realism".

For students, the advantages are irresistible. Aside from the savoury home-cooked food, Casa Kirk and Ruiz Rioja wines and low-cost dairy products, \$600 of their initial fee, a sort of participation deposit, will be returned to them at the end of the course. Assuming they collect the full \$850 from well-meaning parents, that leaves them with a week of free solarium time and \$600 spending money.

The program appears to be a last-hour response by the department's four and a half faculty members to both academic and economic problems.

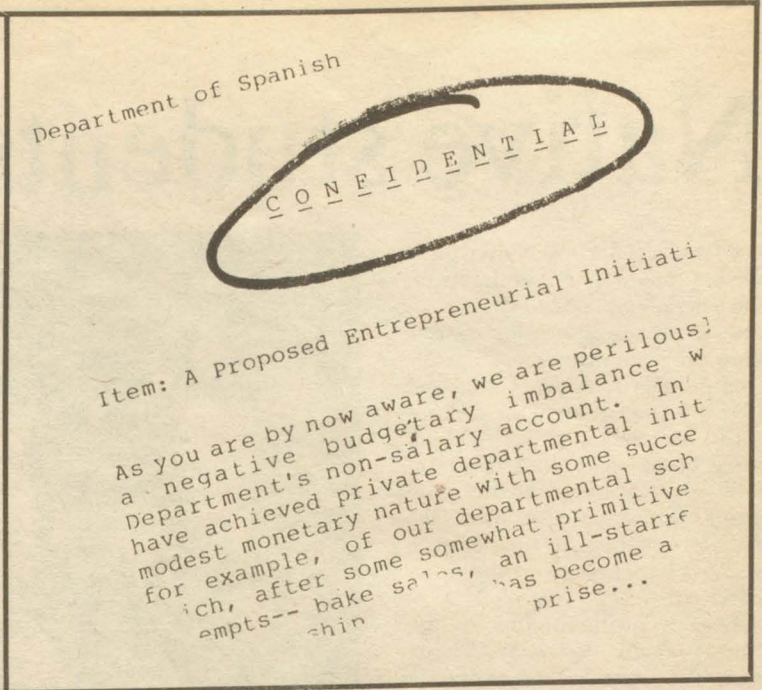
"As you are by now aware, we are perilously close to a negative budgetary imbalance within the Department's non-salary account," the internal memorandum reads. Earlier attempts to

raise funds, primarily through solicitation for charitable donations from family and friends, met with little success. The department barely recovered the cost of issuing donor tax receipts.

The department expects the excursion program, if it is successful, to fatten departmental coffers. Of the \$850 paid by each student participant, \$200 will be divided equally between attending faculty and a special departmental fund. The department is not above admitting the \$600 returned to the students is an incentive to encourage their participation.

Holloway says the program reflects in all aspects the objectives underlying the recent Presidential Statement on the Mission of Dalhousie University, in which President Clark calls for stepped-up cooperation between the academic departments and the private sector.

This is not the first time a university department has taken entrepreneurial initiative. Holloway says someone in Sociology and Social Anthropology recently requested additional funding so they could afford an unpaid departmental cat to catch the mice now running amok in the office walls. The inevitable kittens would then be sold to other departments with a 100 per cent profit margin.



And if you believe this, the Russian Department has some resort property on the Black Sea to sell you, cheap.



Si, it is April 1st once again. But while the Spanish Department's tropical excursion plan may be an April Fool's spoof, the concerns which prompted it are very real.

"We are all very aware of the University's budget difficulties," says Dr. James Holloway, Chair of the Spanish Department.

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences will have to eliminate \$300,000 from its salary budget next year. The recent ruling of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court against mandatory retirement compounds the problem, Holloway says, as the Faculty can no longer rely on attrition to keep

the payroll within budgetary limits.

Yet despite the university's financial straits, the expanded academic and private sector cooperation suggested by President Clark's Mission Statement sets a dangerous precedent, says Holloway.

"We are being encouraged to link with the private sector in joint venture programs. One of the university's principal functions is to be critical of the society."

While integration into the community is an important facet of university life, the potential for dependence on outside funding could restrict the university's ability to exercise this vital function.

The Presidential Statement on the Mission of Dalhousie University appeared in the January 19 issue of the *Dalhousie News*.

# Sex tips in lay language

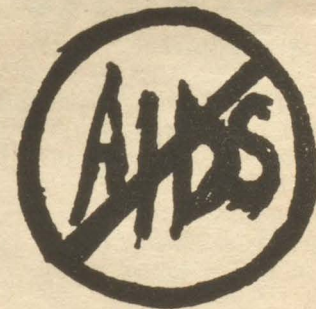
## CONDOM TIPS:

- \* Practice while jerking off, before you use them in sexual encounters.
- \* Don't give up after one try. It takes a while to get used to them.
- \* Squeeze the air out of the tip when you start putting it on.
- \* Only buy condoms made of latex — lambskin membrane condoms break more easily.
- \* Use lots of lubricant, but only use water-soluble lube like K-Y, Lubafax or Muco. Don't use Crisco, Vaseline or other oil-based products — they damage latex.
- \* To avoid leakage, pull out soon after ejaculating, grabbing the cock and condom.
- \* If you want to be absolutely safe, pull out before ejaculating.

— From the AIDS Committee of Toronto

## BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT

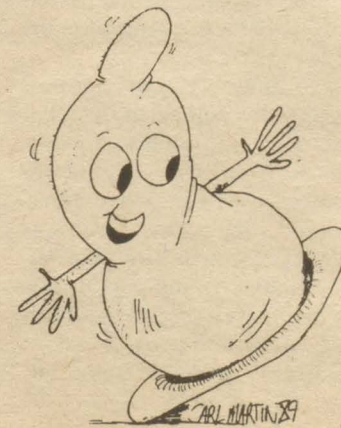
- \* Fucking with a condom
- \* "Watersports"/scat external
- \* Licking or sucking her vagina with open cuts in your mouth
- \* Sucking the head of his penis (especially with cuts in your mouth)
- \* Oral sex right after brushing your teeth



## ENJOY

- \* Nipples, toes, tummies, earlobes or necks
- \* Mutual masturbation
- \* Hugging, massage
- \* Kissing
- \* Body-to-body rubbing
- \* Licking the shaft of his penis

Have safer sex lots (if you want), try new things and have fun! It doesn't take much to protect yourself and your lover(s). P.S. Don't share dirty needles. You can sterilize them with water and bleach.



## courtesy of CUP

### SAFER SEX TIPS

The basic idea is to avoid getting your partner's blood or cum into your bloodstream. This applies to everyone!

### AVOID

- \* Fucking without a condom
- \* Fisting (anal or vaginal) without latex gloves
- \* Licking or sucking her vagina during her period
- \* Swallowing urine/scat
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# Peace groups celebrate NATO with protests

by Sandy Mackay

"Is the cold war over? With the dramatic initiatives in arms control that have taken place since the Gorbachev era, and with the European Economic Community's move towards a common market, some Canadians believe that it is, and have begun to question the future of one of the world's most permanent alliances

— NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

The member groups of the Canadian Peace Alliance, along with Native Solidarity and other groups have planned a series of rallies and press conferences to help celebrate NATO's 40th anniversary.

The first rally will be held on April 5th, at noon in the Grand

Parade. This will be part of an international campaign to protest "low level" test flights begin conducted by NATO. The aim of a "low-level" flight is to avoid radar, the terrain at the test sites is similar to Russian landscape. Furthermore, the tests are conducted above environmentally fragile Native lands. These aggressive tests are being pro-

tested by Native Rights groups, the Peace Alliance and environmental groups.

On April 6th, there will be a press conference aboard the tour boat White Heather. It will leave the Bluenose wharf at 1:30pm to tour the NATO standing fleet, which will start to congregate in Halifax earlier in the week. The NATO standing fleet is com-

prised of seven warships: likely the American and possibly the British and French ships will be carrying nuclear weapons. (The Canadian government claims that there are "no nuclear weapons in our country".)

On Saturday April 8th and Sunday April 9th, tours are available to at least one of the warships in the NATO standing fleet.

In recognition of NATO's 40th anniversary, Dalhousie University's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Maritime Command, and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, Halifax Branch, have organized a one-day conference, "NATO: A Maritime Alliance," to take place on Thursday, April 6 in the Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre, Canadian Forces Base, Halifax.

Canadian Maritime links with Europe have been fundamental to our national identity and independence. The conference will examine the evolution of NATO, focussing on its maritime nature, and will assess the alliance from both political and strategic perspectives. It will also consider some of the challenges facing the alliance and will discuss future courses for its maritime dimension.

## The Challenge ... is when the rent comes due

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Women hired through the federal government's summer job program are in for a nasty surprise when they compare paycheques with their male co-workers.

The average hourly wage for men under the Challenge, an annual federal youth employment program that subsidizes employers, was \$5.70 compared to \$5.20 for women, according to employment and immigration statistics.

Women account for more than half of the young people hired through the program.

Although the federal government has an employment equity program that ensures equal participation of women, disabled people, natives and visible minorities, pay equity isn't assured.

"We can only encourage the employers to pay equally," said Noreen Campbell, co-ordinator of the program in B.C. "The problem is when we approve a job, it's not designated for male or female."

Canadian Federation of Students Pacific Region chair Pam Frache wants the ministry to act on the inequalities now. "It's been an issue for two years and they don't do anything. They should be made to answer for that," she said.

Frache said the problem goes beyond the Challenge program and cites a study by University of Victoria sociology professor Roy Watson which showed women students in general suffer from lower wages and higher debts.

"Women are half as likely to find a job that will earn enough

to get them through school. And they are twice as likely to have to borrow money," said Frache. "It's crushing women with debts."

The average gross income from the Challenge program last summer was \$2,193, according to CFS. University students in Canada are paying over \$6,000 for one year of schooling.

Campbell said the ministry "promotes the concept (of pay equity)" when they talk to potential Challenge employers and said the issue is "something we'll be bringing to the attention of the staff."

The Tories announced an overall increase in the Challenge '89 program in January, but re-directed it to high school students. The result is a loss of \$8

million worth of summer jobs for university and college students.

Charest's announcement included \$31.3 million allotted to New Brunswick and Newfoundland for special five-year employment programs for youths making the transition from school to work — negotiated last fall. Taking this into account, spending is actually down by \$12.3 million from last year's \$180 million.

Statistics Canada pegs unemployment for 1988 at 7.8 per cent. The jobless rate for those between the ages of 20 and 24 is 11.2 per cent. That number is 25.2 for Newfoundland and 18 per cent in New Brunswick — the two provinces with separate agreements. And unemployment among 15- to 19-year-olds is 13.2 per cent.

## Natives

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which have seen large participation rates for native people but a low graduation rate.

"We're trying to tighten up the program to encourage students to complete the program," said Campbell.

Campbell said some bands which administer the program themselves have even been more strict in ensuring students complete the program. "When you give bands control, they tend to take the same approach," she said.

As for funding, Campbell said, "We feel it meets current needs. We think we have enough funds to meet the needs."

But Scow said the participation rates of native people — those accepted to post-secondary institutions — is rising 16 per cent, while the budget is rising only by 10.

With less than 10 days left before the changes are imposed, native students across the country took action:

- In Halifax, close to 150 supporters crowded into the Dalhousie University student union building. During the 20-minute gathering, a traditional MicMac drumming and chanting ceremony was held. MicMac Friendship Centre director and elder Noel Knockwood conducted a sweetgrass ceremony and said a prayer. The group then marched to downtown Halifax. The chair of the provincial lobby group the Students Union of Nova Scotia made an appearance.

According to activist Maureen Googoo, about 140 Nova Scotia students will be affected by the changes.

- In Ottawa, 600 to 1,000 marched two kilometres to Parliament Hill, waving placards for two hours before meeting back at a gathering of the Assembly of First Nations.

- In Thunder Bay, 200 demonstrators from area high schools, Lakehead University and Confederation College were stopped from entering the federal Indian Affairs department office building by police. Seven did get in, and planned a liquids-only fast. But management asked the seven to leave at closing time. They did.

The protest mirrored a week-long hunger strike in October held in the office building;

- According to Indian Affairs official Ken Williams, about 1,000 anti-capping protestors stood outside of Canada Place, a plaza housing most federal offices in Edmonton. Williams said he was informed that 150 to 200 people rallied in Calgary. Demonstrations were also held in Lethbridge and Winnipeg;

- Over 150 picketers staged a peaceful, five-hour demonstration at the Indian Affairs office in Saskatoon. The change will directly affect 50 students at the U of Saskatchewan. In Regina, over 100 stood outside the legislature. The largest demo took place in Prince Albert where 500 picketed the city's Indian Affairs office;

- Over 300 people, bussed in from Kamloops (300 miles away) and Squamish rallied in downtown Vancouver. Noted geneticist and University of British Columbia professor David Suzuki spoke. Protestors also gathered in the northern B.C. town of Terrace.

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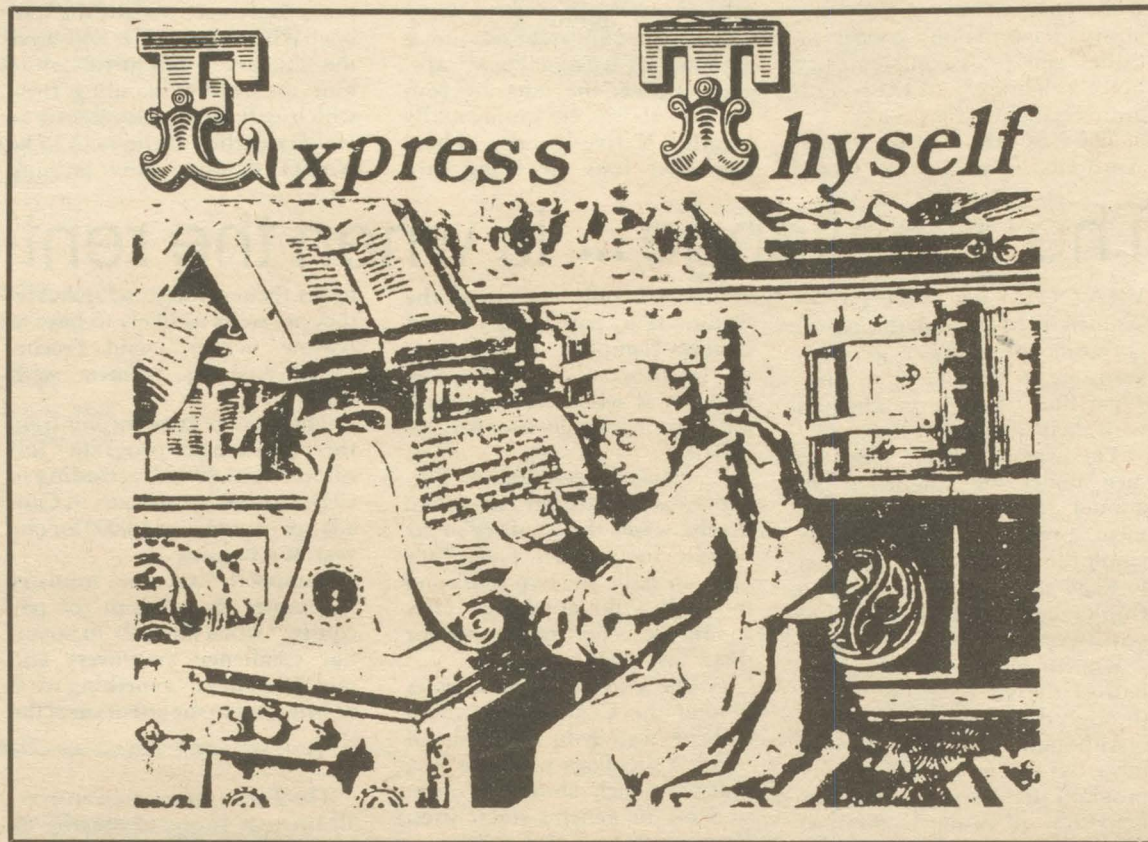
# Clothed in reason's garb, baby

"Who are the realists now? For years, citizens concerned about what we are doing to our planet have been derided as idealists, scare-mongers and meddling do-gooders. It has now suddenly become clear that the 'impractical' worriers have been right all along on acid rain, on the erosion of the earth's ozone shield and on global climate change from our pollution of the atmosphere by carbon dioxide, the greenhouse effect. In all three cases, we and our children will pay dearly for the wishful thinking of the supposedly practical men. Their 'realism' thwarted pollution controls that would have cost us millions at the time, but now confront us with costs of untold billions for irreversible consequences that might yet cause global catastrophe."

"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

"... Our task however is an enormous one; it is also one which flies in the face of conventional wisdom. We are accused of not behaving *reasonably* in the context of patriarchal order.

This is a perfectly understanda-



ble reaction, for when a society has developed a particular pattern for meaning, those who do not abide by it are being unreasonable in its terms. But unless the pattern for meaning is infallible then the flaw may be in the pattern itself, and not in those who protest. If the patriarchal order

can be shown to be unreasonable, then those who are attempting to dismantle it are behaving in an eminently reasonable fashion."

These three quotations come from three wildly different sources. One is taken from a book called *Man Made Language*, by

Dale Spender, a feminist. Another is by that crotchety old fart George Bernard Shaw. Another is taken from 'Awake!', the Jehovah's Witness publication. Can you guess which is which?

Reason is like beauty; depends on the eye of the beholder. One

man's reason may be one woman's oppression, but it speaks volumes when good ideas emerge from different sources. When one realizes that one need not toe the line, that is to be "reasonable", it becomes easier to be comfortable with what are often called weird ideas.

So when ole buddy Pete (who wrote a strangely glowing letter 'Meet the New Editor') bestows upon me "reason", I cringe a little. Better "unreason". My heart is into change, Pete, and so...

You, yes you, are welcome to bring your ideas, any ideas up here to the Gazette, double-spaced please. "Reason" mustn't be confused with clarity.

The point is, I will be happy to discuss any idea, with anyone, unreasonable or not.

And lest I be accused of clarity in my first editorial, I offer this poem. J'espere que vous l'aimerez.

My blue bagel is limping, her foot is so sore,

Her ears are unhinged, they don't sprout anymore.

If her lips could reach 'round, they would give her a smack:

But they can't. They are lost in the hole in her back.

Selah

Sandy MacKay

## Letters

### Trees

Dear Editor:

In the summer of 1988, there were some protests in Queens county around the issue of Christmas tree spraying. The *Green Web*, an environmental research group of which I am a member, decided to look into Christmas tree cultivation and its environmental impact. This letter outlines some of the things we found out:

**General Situation:** In Nova Scotia, there are about 30,000 acres under Christmas tree cultivation. Estimates of the number of growers range from 2,500-3,000. Acreage ranges from a few acres to many hundreds of acres in size. American ownership and control is important, but precise data is hard to obtain. American-owned firms are the largest exporters and major producers of Christmas trees in this province. The Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia, in its submission to the Forestry Royal Commission, stated that "almost all of the money from the Christmas (tree) industry is out-

side capital, mainly American". Scott Maritimes, told the Royal Commission that by 1976, it had 450 acres in Christmas tree production.

The industry is overwhelmingly based on balsam fir, with about 45% of the trees being grown in Lunenburg county. Guysborough and Antigonish counties are also important for Christmas tree cultivation, although Christmas trees are grown throughout the province. The Forestry Royal Commission noted that 50% of Canadian Christmas tree exports are from our province. The exports are mainly to the United States.

**Chemical cultivation:** While Christmas trees can be grown in a non-environmentally destructive manner, the dominant trend is for

chemical cultivation — the use of pesticides and fertilizers. As revealed in literature put out for Christmas tree growers, there are approximately 40 known pesticides — herbicides (about 13), insecticides (about 19), fungicides (about 6), growth regulators (?), wildlife pesticides (about 2) — recommended for use by Christmas tree growers.

A revealing guide to the Christmas tree pesticide pushers, is the *Christmas Tree Growers Manual: Atlantic Canada 1987*. This was compiled by the N.S. Christmas Tree Council, the Canadian Fore-

stry Service and the N.S. Department of Lands and Forests, government-funded but costing, if you can obtain a copy, \$35 to the public. Apart from the number of recommended pesticides, it is important to note that their use is basically unregulated and unsupervised, because the *application* is considered a farming activity.

**Impact on Wildlife:** It is of interest that, according to the *Pesticides Safety Handbook* (1986 edition), published by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, the following pesticides, which are promoted for use in Atlantic Canada Christmas tree cultivation, are listed as known to be toxic to fish, birds and honey bees.

**Fish:** chlordane, dimethoate, diazinon, fenitrothion, methoxychlor, trichlorfon.

**Bees:** acephate, carbaryl, chlorpyrifos, dicofol, dimethoate, fenitrothion, malathion, chlordane, methoxychlor, trichlorfon.

**Birds:** chlordane, dimethoate, diazinon, fenitrothion, methoxychlor, trichlorfon.

Two wildlife pesticides recommended for direct use against wildlife in Christmas tree plantations, in the *Growers Manual*, are thiram-based taste repellents and zinc phosphide poison bait which, we are told, is "extremely poisonous to humans". Deer,

porcupines, snowshoe hares, squirrels, mice, spruce grouse and pine grosbeaks, are considered threats and subject to "control". This, "may be accomplished by shooting, trapping and removal to another location, or by poison baiting".

**Health:** The use of pesticides and nitrogen fertilizers means that economic, not health or environmental considerations, have top priority. The government, at the provincial or federal level, serves first, capitalist business interests. Nitrogen fertilizers, which can increase tree density from 10-20% and bring about a darker green colour, can also bring about nitrate contamination of groundwater and wells. Water soluble pesticides eg. atra-

zine, hexazinone, simazine, acephate, are particularly likely to cause groundwater contamination. (See the useful 1986 publication by Environment Canada, *Pesticides and Groundwater in the Atlantic Region*, for some insight into this problem.) Any reading of the *critical* literature on pesticides shows about 10 of them that are linked to cancer and/or birth defects, eg. captan; 2,4-D; lindane; amitrole.

**Conclusion:** While Christmas tree growing is a welcome alternative to the pulpwood orientation of forestry in N.S. and provides a relatively high economic return to growers, the industry in its chemical manifes-





ration is an environmental

Sincerely,  
David Orton

## Tales

Dear Readership:

As a lover of democracy, I would guess that the single greatest privilege in life is the free vote. The ability to change the status quo without a lot of shooting and acrimony is important to me. And so I have come to bear witness to the changing of the guard here at the Dalhousie Gazette.

The courage and shenanigans of the previous administration of Ellen Reynolds and Heather Hueston are now familiar to us all. But what can we expect at the new editor? What sort of creature is he? What sort of moral tone can we expect from him?

Allow me to put him into perspective for you. Mr. MacKay and I were sitting on the Spring Garden bus one day. We were bantering a bit about Karl Marx's theory of overproduction and surplus-value. A thoughtful woman on the bus looked over at Sandy, and then looked again. Finally she asked, "Do I know you from somewhere?" As it turned out, she did know Sandy. She was a student at NSCAD who participated in a drawing class where Sandy was the model. "I didn't recognize you with your clothes on", she said happily.

And so I have come to tell you that Sandy MacKay is, of all things, the most approachable person I have ever met. He is a chameleon. Some kind of brilliant enigma that I can't explain. He is sort of like Tom Hanks in the movie BIG. For instance, Sandy is the kind of fella who will pick up a stick when he walks across the city so that he can swat and poke every single object along the way. Likewise, Sandy is the guy who would assemble a group of kids on the street and have them vote to determine the kind of candy he should distribute on Hallowe'en.

I like Sandy because he wears funky Hawaiian shirts; because he is one of those crazy gifted people who can play any musical instrument they pick up; and because all sorts of incredible women always tell him their innermost secrets. He is abso-

lutely unbelievable.

Now I will tell you a secret and you will understand why Sandy is going to be a great editor. You see, Sandy is a very principalled fellow. He stands for goodness, rightness, the environment, Feminism, Marxism, long life, good health — you name it, Sandy stands for it. Chances are that if he is made aware of your reasonable revisionism, he will come to stand for that too. Sandy is a very reasonable person.

And so, if you would like to make the Gazette "more like it should be", or may be "more like it used to be", or just plain more representative of yourselves, then this is what to do. Go to the Gazette office and explain your proposition to Sandy in a plaintive voice (it always works). Demand to speak to him alone if necessary. If all else fails, then challenge him to an arm wrestling match in front of the entire Gazette staff, Winner-Take-All.

That's the best advice I can give you.

Speaking for myself, I think it might be fun to see an Erotica Issue with a Massage Supplement; or maybe an Engineering Issue with a Humour Supplement; or how about a Marxist Issue with a Vacation Supplement. The possibilities are endless n'est pas? This issue of the Gazette is the first one edited by Sandy. Why don't you write and tell him what you think?

Sincerely  
Peter Ross

## Tories

Dal Gazette:

The threat by the conservative government to make drastic cuts in the funding of universities is an unexpected step towards a serious mistake. Following such drastic cuts, let the commerce and science majors matriculate and graduate — they would soon quit re-electing the conservative government.

This uninformed sort of valueless prioritizing to make novel economies in expenditures ignores fundamental facts. Universities are valuable for the development of the economy in Nova Scotia. Without them, the province would lack educated workers, managers and scientists, not mentioning the other professions. Meeting the needs of the businesses and industries is an important practical result of a multi-faceted post-education.

Paul Creelman  
Arts & Science Alumni



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and after graduation from high school  
I moved to a city of 2 1/2 million

one night it was as if everyone  
in my hometown paid \$15.00  
crowded into a stadium  
for a Who concert

this year I moved  
to an island of 8,000,000 people  
surrounded by millions more

and it's as if everyone  
from my hometown is here  
in the streets homeless

**Joe Blades**

**in the**

sitting in twilight  
darker than outside  
darker than earth  
i crawled  
climbed  
twisted  
conglomerate cliffs to a hermetic  
sealed cave  
heart racing  
screeched up  
shaking

go for a walk:

sit with a pine tree  
my support  
ground frozen  
but not concrete  
i watch seals off point pleasant  
only one swims  
dives out in  
north atlantic waters  
barking poems

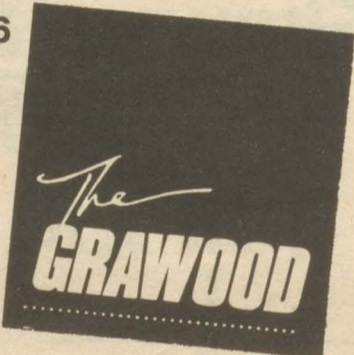
on low tide rocks other seals curl  
their heads tails up  
away from frigid water  
bask in pale afternoon sun

january days short:  
back in my cave sit look  
over rooftops idle oil rigs shimmer  
on the harbour  
in a rose pink world  
and I cross my legs  
pressing them into each other  
pressing emptiness  
i cannot satisfy . . .  
rose withers blue sky  
darkens and it's darker in here  
blood of a would-be dragon slayer  
fresh on these pages  
wound never healing

**Joe Blades**

**The Week of  
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shows at 3 pm and  
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out the season of live  
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Grawood!



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- Monday 2**  
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Week!
- Tuesday 3**  
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Lose or Draw
- Wednesday 4**  
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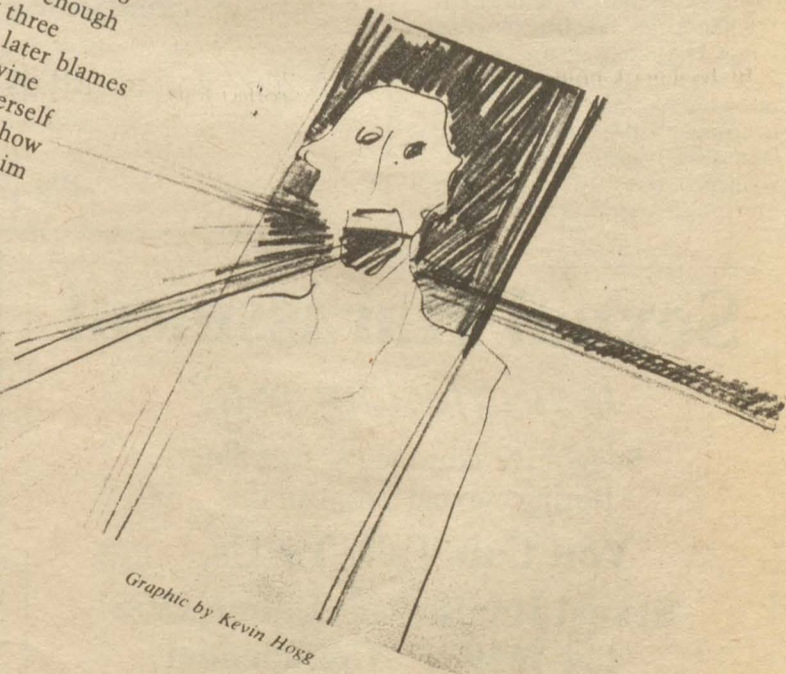
**Date Rape**

The Scenario:  
Table for two  
Wine enough  
for three  
She later blames  
the wine  
and herself  
Funny how  
the Victim  
absolves  
Offender

She Knows  
She said: NO  
He Knows  
Admits Same

Funny how  
the Offender  
covers up  
his crime:  
It was Love . . .

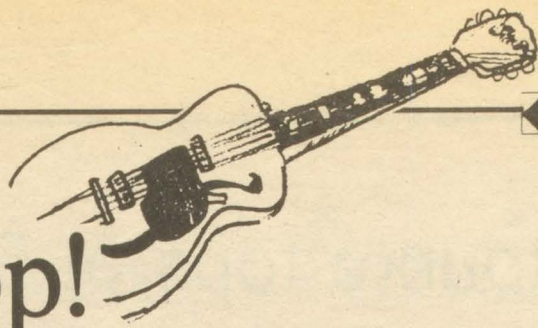
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# Bop before you drop!



by Michele Thibeau

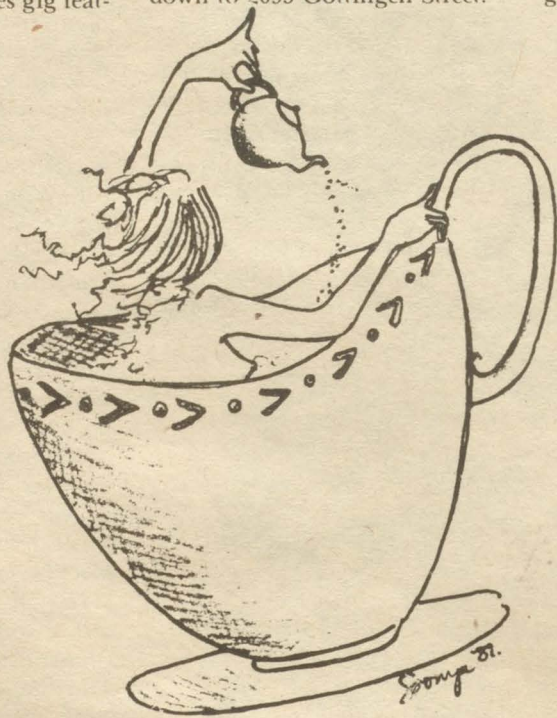
This is the second-last edition of the Gazette for this term, meaning that exam stress and other year-end stresses are well under way. In hopes of perhaps relieving some of that stress, or letting out that extra energy for the last time before the study crackdown, check out this list of things to do this weekend . . .

On April Fool's Day in the McInnes Room in the Dal SUB, there will be an all-ages gig feat-

uring The House of Usher, The Mess, Phycus, and the Five Loggers, for only \$3. Also on campus Saturday night in the All Fool's Benefit Ball, "MasquerAIDS", for the Persons with AIDS Coalition, co-sponsored by the Nova Scotian Persons with AIDS Coalition (NSPWAC) and Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie (GLAD). With door prizes and costumes, and the tickets are limited. Phone 429-7922, or drop down to 2093 Gottingen Street.

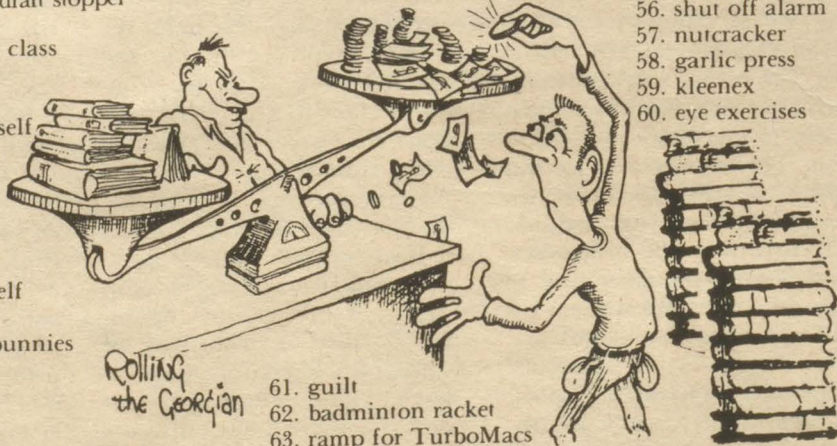
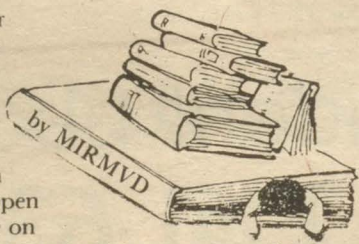
At the Pub Flamingo this weekend is a special treat: the Maritime Independent Music Festival is here. Tonight, the Jellyfishbabies and the Stratejackets are playing. Friday night will be Kearney Lake Road and the Nils, and Saturday features

Nomeansno. If you're up to the trip, the other half of the festival is being held in Fredericton; check the Flamingo or CKDU if you can't find a poster. Have a great weekend!



## textbooks...hmmm...

1. writing surface
2. paperweight
3. straight edge
4. support for table/chair leg
5. trough for pouring pennies
6. bookend for real books
7. press flowers/leaves
8. booster seat
9. fly swatter
10. bookmark holder
11. hammer
12. projectile
13. tilt projector
14. support for shelves
15. draft stopper
16. flatten posters
17. hide comic book in class
18. sun visor
19. practice posture
20. write notes to yourself
21. store letters in
22. hide money in
23. pillow
24. decoration
25. sleeping aid
26. fill up space on bookshelf
27. "studious look"
28. break chocolate Easter bunnies
29. weight lifting
30. ladder
31. block light
32. deadly object
33. net for ping-pong
34. wall
35. line bird/hamster cage
36. mouse trap
37. target practice
38. umbrella
39. rolling cigarettes
40. wrapping paper
41. paper airplanes
42. paper hats
43. blotting paper
44. start fires
45. tray
46. prop door open
47. prop window open
48. hang up phone on
49. paving stones
50. collect dust
51. hold hamster cage lid down
52. create clutter
53. press clothing
54. cause paper cuts
55. alarm
56. shut off alarm
57. nutcracker
58. garlic press
59. kleenex
60. eye exercises
61. guilt
62. badminton racket
63. ramp for TurboMacs
64. slinky steps
65. papier mache
66. muffle bass drum
67. packing paper
68. ransom notes
69. footstool
70. doormat
71. prop up pictures
72. jacking car up
73. block atomic blasts
74. modern art sculptures
75. avant garde coffee table
76. placemat
77. frisbee
78. shaft rooms



### Whale: A Gift

A Whale came by today  
Hands lovingly held wood  
And the Whale took form  
From California Coast

A Whale smilingly  
softly saying  
shhh to sadness  
It's Christmas

Carved red heart  
(symbol of love)  
dancing held lightly  
by goldern strand  
All Decked Out  
for Christmas!

An Offering  
A Gift(Of Love)  
Hands crafting  
Spirit immersed in

Heart containing circlets  
of white  
(One must be Pure of heart  
to enter the higher realms)

Ask Whales  
Ask the Whale  
Who come for Christmas

Protection:  
Protect the Whale  
And my heart  
from those  
who would harpoon it . . .

### Dyane Gjesdal





# Smith and Rourke tops at Dal

## Black and Gold Athletic Awards

by Barry Dorey

Volleyball star Brian Bourke and cross-country phenomenon Lucy Smith won the major awards at the Dalhousie Black and Gold Athletic Awards Banquet last Thursday night in the McInnes Room.

Rourke, an AUSA All-Star five times and three times conference MVP, became the first athlete to win the Climo Award, given to the top male athlete, two years consecutively. He led the Tigers to another blemishless season, crushing all conference competition while compiling an 18-0 mark and advancing to the CIAUs in Clagary. A three-time All-Canadian, Rourke joins Dr.

Bill Stanish as the only man to win the prize, donated by photographer C.H. Climo in 1949, on two occasions. He edged out All-Canadian soccer fullback Keith Souchereau, basketballer Willem Verbeek and hockey team MVP Greg Royce for the honor.

"It's a great honor to win the Climo, especially for a second time," said the volleyball captain. "It's nice to be recognized at the university level at a university like Dalhousie."

Lucy Smith capped an incredible season by receiving the Class of '55 Award for excellence among female athletes. Four times an All-Canadian, the diminutive Smith was awesome, dominating cross-country in the

conference as well as at the CIAUs, where she flattened the field, winning the national title by 36 seconds over her nearest competition in the 5K run. Her stellar performances helped Dal to a third-place finish at the CIAUs, the school's best-ever showing. She was chosen over basketball stalwart Kathy McCormack and volleyball veteran Colleen Doyle.



Lucy Smith  
cross-county phenomenon

"It's nice to be recognized after you put in all that hard work to compete for Dal," Smith said. "It's a great honour to win this award."

Coach of the Year honors went to Nigel Kemp, who became the only coach to win the award three times. In his 17th season at the

helm of the men's and women's swim teams, Kemp guided both teams to undefeated seasons.

Top rookies were Raul Pina for the men, the goaltender for Dal's soccer team, and Angie McLeod, the young star of the women's basketball team.

Dr. Sandy Young, Sport Historian and professor in the School of Recreation, Health and Physical Education, announced Phil Scott as the recipient of the Dalhousie Award, given annually for outstanding contribution to Nova Scotian sport. The Barrington native, who excelled at log-rolling, and the only Canadian to win nine world championships, said it was "a great pleasure and



Brian Bourke  
volleyball star

honor to win this prestigious award" and that it made all his hard work worthwhile.

"My whole life, all I thought about was winning and I never really got recognition," Scott said. "I thought, maybe I should be involved with the finer things in life, but when it comes to an honor like this, when everyone is so appreciative of your accomplishments, what finer things in life there can be?"

The team MVP awards produced few surprises. In basketball, Willem Verbeek, a first-team AUSA All-Star, and Kathy McCormack, a first-team All-Canadian, won the awards. Oivind Naess and Lucy Smith were chosen for cross-country, while Greg Royce, a Kelly Division All-Star, received the hockey honour.

Keith Souchereau, a second-team All-Canadian, and Leslie Leavitt took the soccer prizes, while John Duncan and Maria MacPherson were chosen the MVPs of the swim teams. In men's volleyball, Climo award winner Brian Rourke and veteran Travis Murphy shared the honor, while Sandra Rice collected women's volleyball honors.

Gail Rice of CFDR/Q-104 did an excellent job as banquet MC in front of an audience of approximately three hundred athletes, coaches and friends.

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## Student backlash? At Dal 63% said NO

by Chris Murray

When the polls had closed, 63 per cent of voting students had decided against the \$25 athletic fee. The voting response eliminated the fee which had been added to everyone's tuition last year. The controversial fee was added last year when a yes vote was reached but with very few voters participating in the decision. There were questions as to how the vote had been set up last year. The main point was that some disagreed with the way the question was phrased on the ballot and so this year the referendum was put forth again.

This time, the Dalhousie Student Union was quite involved in the issue. They distributed small yellow flyers throughout the university stating their position against the fee, while last year the administration seemed to take the

initiative on the question. This time one was hard pressed to find any strong support from the administration for the fee, and they did not seem to make a concerted effort to make their position a strong one. In the end, the only visible support for the increase came from Tony Martin, director of the Dalplex.

Juanita Montalvo, DSU President, said a determining factor in the vote was the fact that the university failed to compensate for student fees lost during the strike last fall. If this is the case, it leads one to wonder if the university knew student backlash would be strong against any attempt to raise tuition, and let the battle go uncontested, knowing it could be hidden in next year's tuition increases. Next year, the agreement between the university and student union expires. This

agreement limited increases in tuition. Considering the financial condition of the university, the increases could be substantial ones.

The issue in this discussion no one disputes in the actual need of the Dalplex for an increase in funding. While some future purchases were questioned, including several new workout machines and a four-sided basketball net, there are areas in the Dalplex that do need the money. The fieldhouse floor is in poor condition and is in dire need of resurfacing. There was also the loss of money due to the one-dollar charge being dropped at varsity sporting events such as hockey and basketball games this year. The results of the vote are yet to be felt, but the Dalplex is the one group of the three most likely to feel the impact.





# Calendar Page

## Thursday 30

**Task Force** - A task force established to address the University's role in the education of the region's Black and Native people, chaired by Law School professor Wayne MacKay, will meet with interested members of Dalhousie today in room 332 of the A&A building. Anyone wishing to communicate with the task force should contact Susan Jones at 424-1172 to obtain more information.

**Seminar** - Prof. Nkoli Ezuma (Ibadan) will be giving an International Development seminar called *Women and the Food Crisis: The Nigerian Situation* at 3:30pm in the African Studies Seminar Room 1444 Seymour St. Refreshments will be served.

**Poster Day** - The School of Physiotherapy will host the 6th annual Research Poster Day at 12:30pm in Room 315 of the Forrest Building.

**Video** - *The Revenge of the Pink Panther*, starring Peter Sellers will be the feature video at the Halifax Main Library Branch on Spring Garden Road at 7pm.

## Friday 31

**Chemistry Seminar** - *Bioassay Directed Analysis: Steel Foundry Carcinogens to Shellfish Toxins* by Dr. Michael Quilliam will take place in the Chemistry Building at 1:30pm in Room 215. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 1:15pm in room 231.

**Biology Seminar** - *On Living in a Lumpy Universe OR Who Said Life Was Fair* by Dr. P.J. Wangersky will take place from 3:30 'til 4:30pm in room 332 of the LSC at Dal.

**Political Science Seminar** - a panel on *Rights in the Political Order*, including various members of the Political Science Dept. at Dal will take place in the Political Science Lounge of the A&A building at Dal at 3:30pm. It will be followed by a Poliosh.

**National Film Board** - This week at the NFB will be the film *Images for*

## Classifieds

**Resumes by Campus Recruiter** \$40.00 fee. Choice of format, includes skills on being interviewed. 7 days a week. Pick-up and delivery available 462-7452.

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**Export: The New Face of War in El Salvador** at 7 and 9pm Friday only. For more information phone 426-6000 anytime.

**Wormwood's Cinema** - This week's films are *Salaam Bombay* at 7pm nightly and *Angry Harvest* at 9:15 nightly. The latenight/matinee film will be *Imagine* at 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday, and at 2pm on Sunday.

**Symphony Nova Scotia Presents** - *The Romaniacs* make their debut performance with a symphony orchestra at 8pm in the Rebecca Cohn. Tickets are \$21 and \$18.



## Saturday 1

### April Fools' Day

**SNS Benefit** - There will be a Bordeaux Wine Tasting Event to benefit the Symphony Nova Scotia in the Halifax Sheraton in the evening. Tickets are \$150 per person, with a \$100 tax receipt for each patron. For further information phone Ruth Leggett at 421-7311.

**Brazil Night '89** - Experience a bit of Brazilian cuisine, music as The Halifax group of *Amnesty International* presents *Brazil Night '89*. It takes place at the Canadian Martyrs' Parish Hall, 5900 Inglis Street. Reception begins at 6:15pm, dinner at 7. Tickets are \$7 for waged and \$5 for unwaged. For further information phone Jim Cruikshank at 425-1249.

## En Général

**Daily Mass** - is at 11:45am, room 310 in the Dal SUB.

**Volunteers Needed** - The Halifax Unit of the *Canadian Cancer Society* needs volunteers for their upcoming April campaign. Volunteers are needed for door-to-door canvassing and for organizing groups of canvassers. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Hendsbee or Mrs. Deutsch at the Halifax Unit at 423-1874.

**Name the Library** - The Halifax Library will award a copy of the new *Canadian Encyclopaedia* to the person who submits the winning entry in a contest to give a distinctive local name to the new branch which is scheduled to open in June at the corner of Dunbrack and Lacewood. Entries must be received by 5pm on April 16th. For more information phone 421-7673.

## Sunday 2

**Church Service** - Sung Eucharist, 11 am. Kings College Chapel (Anglican) at the Coburg entrance to King's.

**Church Services** - Real Life Fellowship in conjunction with Community Bible Church meets every Sunday in room 314 of the SUB. Everyone is welcome. 11:45am worship service, 6:30pm - doctorial class, 7:45pm drop-in coffee/fellowship hour.

**Church Service** - Roman Catholic Mass is held every Sunday at 4pm in the McMechan Auditorium in the Killam Library.

## Monday 3

**Psychology Coloquia** - *Memory Complaints in Tempory Lobe Epilepsy* by Dr. Jeannette McGlone at 3:30pm in room 4258/63 of the Dal LSC.

**Public Reading** - Novelist and short story writer *Douglas Glover* will read from his works in the Private Dining Room of the SMU Loyola Building at 8pm. For more information phone 420-5516.

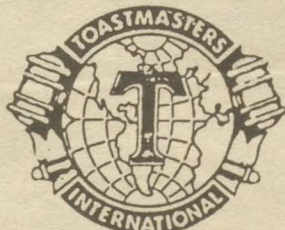
## Tuesday 4

**Church Service** - The Campus Ministry in Dalhousie will be holding a bible study from 12:30 to 1:30pm in room 310 of the Dal SUB. For those of the United Church.

**Women and Health Film** - *Sexuality in Disability* will play at 12:40pm in Theatre A of the Tupper Building at Dal.

**Meditation** - The Dalhousie Buddhist Studies Society meets for the practice of meditation every Tuesday

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**Sailing Workshop** - Judy Lugar and Morag McLean, Olympic 470 sailors, will share their ideas about *Getting Ready for the Sailing Season* at 7:30pm in the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

## Wednesday 5

**Meeting** - Not just any meeting but the Dal Gazette Meeting. We meet every week at 4pm on the third floor of the SUB to plan and discuss the running of Canada's oldest student newspaper. We encourage past, present, and future members to attend. No experience is necessary.

**Cancer Support Group** - *Coping with Cancer*, and information and support group program for Cancer patients, their families and friends, meet from 7 'til 8:30pm at the Nova Scotia Treatment and Research Foundation, University Ave. Entrance. For more information, phone Verle Marchand, at 428-4078, Jan White at 428-5634 or the Nova Scotia Cancer Society at 423-6183.

**Irish Lecture** - Irish writer/educator Alan Titley will talk about Dublin Writers at 8pm in the Alumni Lounge in the SMU SUB. For more information phone, 420-5516.

**German Film** - *Einmal Kudamm und zuruck* (German with English subtitles) will play at 8pm in the MacMechan Auditorium in the Killam Library. Admission is free.

**Symphony Nova Scotia Presents** - *The Tudor Singers* will join the SNS at 8pm in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Tickets are \$21 and \$18. For further information, phone 421-7311.

## Thursday 6

**Biology Seminar** - *The Implications of Nonrandom Environmental Fluctuations for Fish Populations Dynamics and Management* by Tony Koslow at 11:30am in room 332 of the LSC at Dal.

**GLAD meeting** - Members of GLAD are asked to please note that the last meeting/party of this school year kicks off at 6:30pm in room 314 of the SUB.

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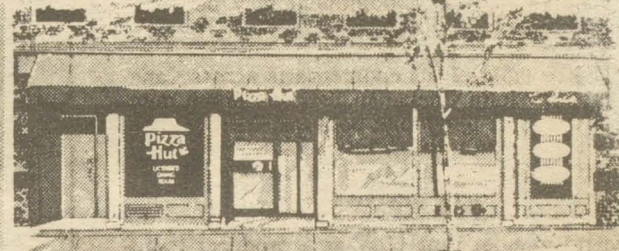
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