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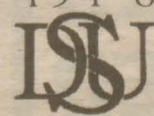
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# Conciliation talks break down

by taylor kustra

the gazette

Despite walking away from conciliation last Wednesday, Dalhousie Faculty Association president Andy Wainwright says professors won't strike before Feb. 26.

"At this time the DFA does not intend to call for strike action before or during study break," a visibly tried Wainwright said. "Given my saying that, the earliest possible date for strike action is Feb. 26, 2002."

He added that he stands by his promise, made last term, that full-time professors "will not allow ourselves to come up against the end of the year before considering" a strike.

Meanwhile, Dalhousie public relations director Stacey Lewis refused to rule out a

lockout. However, she said one of the university's motivations for a lockout would be to reduce confusion for students. If the professors were locked out, all classes would be cancelled, while during a strike each professor would decide whether to hold class.

Sources say that a lockout could begin during reading week. This would give the university the upper hand in any labour dispute by keeping professors out of their offices before they have a chance to prepare for a strike.

Lewis said any suggestion of a lockout during reading week is "absolutely not true."

Under the law, earliest the professors could strike or the university lock them out is 14 days after the conciliator files his report with the provincial Minister of Labour. Currently,

a date has not been set for him to do so.

During a strike, classes would likely be cancelled. In past strikes, Lewis said, the libraries stayed open but services were reduced, while the residences and meal halls operated at full levels of service.

"There is a working contingency plan in place," she said, adding that students wouldn't be allowed to see it.

The university is also finalizing its plan to keep students informed of the situation. Lewis said students should be checking their is2 email accounts regularly.

Wainwright said the DFA is also doing its best to keep students up to date. Incoming DFA president Colin Stuttard has been meeting with the Dalhousie Students Union to keep them

informed of the DFA's position. Vice-president academic and provost Sam Scully has been doing the same for the administration's point of view.

In an email to students, DSU president Shawn Tracey said students should be careful not to treat a strike or a lockout as an excuse to party.

"In the event of a strike [or] lockout, the smartest thing to do is to continue [to study]," he wrote. "After a strike or lockout, the curriculum becomes accelerated and more dense to make up for lost time. The students who find it the most difficult are those who treat a strike or lockout as an extended break."

He added that any new information will be posted on the DSU's website, at [www.thedsu.com](http://www.thedsu.com).

Conciliation broke down on Jan. 23 over a dispute about how many full-time professors Dalhousie has - an issue known as complement.

"It's a quality of education issue," Wainwright said. "Since 1990, complement numbers have declined by 10 percent while enrollment has increased by 53 percent."

When the Dalhousie administration refused to move from its last offer, which it mailed to all 772 members of the DFA's collective bargaining unit on Nov. 23, the DFA left the table.

"This was an offer rejected by 71 percent of the bargaining unit membership in the strike vote Nov. 28 to 30," Wainwright said.

However, Lewis said conciliation didn't go on long enough to allow Dalhousie's

position to change.

She added that the DFA demanded to determine the size of complement in each of the three years of the contract. They also insisted on right to revise those numbers during the contract.

"As an employer," Lewis said, "the university maintains the right to determine the number of staff it employs."

"The university is fully prepared to continue the conciliation process," she added.

But Wainwright said hopes for a deal are faint.

"The conciliator has said there is a possibility he will call the two teams together after he has filed his report," Wainwright said. "The DFA is not optimistic about this, given the fact that the [university administration] placed its Nov. 23 offer back on the table."

Both sides said they regret that a strike or a lockout may inconvenience students.

But, Wainwright added that students should take a long, hard look at why the DFA and the university administration can't come to an agreement despite meeting 37 times since the last contract expired in June of 2001.

"I think it's about time members of this campus begin to ask why the [university administration] always seems to force a lockout or strike situation on the road to the settlement of an issue."

"If there is a strike at Dal it will be the first university to have strikes in two consecutive bargaining rounds."

"In the opinion of the DFA that says something about the way this university is run."

## 14 percent tuition hike?

by christopher harbord

the gazette

Tuition at Dalhousie could rise as much as 14 percent next year, according to the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents.

In an announcement last week, the council projected a \$21 million shortfall in funding. According to the council, the deficit is due, in part, to rising energy costs and salary budgets.

The council says that without immediate additional government funding students should expect that "tuition fees, inevitably, will skyrocket." A 14 percent tuition increase would cover the \$21 million shortage.

Stacy Lewis, Dalhousie's public relations director

emphasizes that the university has not yet approved any tuition increase, but will be considering its options.

"We're doing everything we can to keep tuition at a reasonable level," she says. "But we need to grow funding support to be able to do this."

Lewis admits, though, that a tuition increase will occur "if things stay the same."

The provincial government, despite increasing calls for more funding, has announced that the upcoming budget could call for more cuts.

Adele Poirier, the communications director to the Minister of Education said, "The minister is in favor of getting as much money as possible for the

education system," but cannot confirm any numbers until the budget is tabled in the spring.

Education Minister Jane Perves, although acknowledging budgetary pressures, says that universities "do have other ways to make money."

Shawn Tracey, president of the DSU, says that a tuition increase would be unacceptable to students. "I think the university realizes that a 14 percent increase would be absolutely crippling," he says. "14 percent is just wiping you right off the map."

Dalhousie says it will make a final decision on tuition increases only after a settlement is reached in the current dispute with faculty and next year's enrollment is determined.

## DSU nominations open

by taylor kustra

the gazette

The first step in the DSU elections is scheduled to begin on Jan. 31.

It is the tentative date for the nomination process to begin, DSU chief returning officer Anika Adekayode said.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the information desk at the Student Union Building.

To run, a candidate must be a Dalhousie student with a

valid student number. They need to collect 25 student signatures, along with student numbers, on their nominating papers. They also must have a campaign manager and scrutineers.

A presidential candidate requires a vice-presidential running mate.

Nominations are scheduled to close on Feb. 13. Campaigning will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 25 and end at 8 p.m. on March 1. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 4 and 5, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 6. The

results will be announced on the evening of March 6.

Adekayode cautions, however, that all dates are tentative.

If professors were to go on strike, or the university locks them out, the elections would have to be rescheduled, she said.


DSU president Shawn Tracey said he's pleased because he thinks that every position will be contested this year.

Tracey, who was elected last year, is not seeking a second term.

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## DAY OF ACTION

# Day of Action on Feb. 6

by tyler kustra

the gazette

It's being billed as the biggest student strike in the history of Nova Scotia. On Feb. 6 students from 10 of the province's 11 post-secondary institutions will walk out of class to protest high tuition, high debt loads, and government's under-funding of post-secondary education, organizers say.

"We've done our letter writing, we've done our policy making, and we've done our meetings. But we fell our only other [course of actions] is to take to the streets," Shawn Tracey, president of the Dalhousie Student Union, said.

The march to Province House will bring together student unions from across the province, despite the fact that they're represented by different student organizations. Schools that are part of the Canadian Federation of Students will be protesting for a tuition freeze. Those that are part of the province-wide lobby group, the Nova Scotia Student Advocacy Coalition (NSSAC), like Dal, will be protesting for the reinstatement of a student-loan remission program. But, all the student unions agree universities in Nova Scotia need more money.

Over the past 10 years, Tracey said, the government has slashed Dalhousie's funding by \$20 million, including adjustments for inflation.

"To put it in perspective, the tuition portion of the operating budget is \$55 million," he added.

With the university getting so much less money from the

government, tuition has skyrocketed, and students have been forced to take out massive loans to pay for school.

The cancellation of the loan remission program, Tracey said, has just increased the financial stress on students.

Because of that NSSAC has been working to get it replaced since it was scrapped three years ago.

But Adele Poirier, the education minister's communications advisor, said that's unlikely "given our limited financial resources." A final decision won't be made until the provincial budget comes down.

She added that the Minister of Education, Jane Purves, won't be coming out to the rally.

Despite that the government "encourages any stakeholder or partner in the education system to make their voice heard."

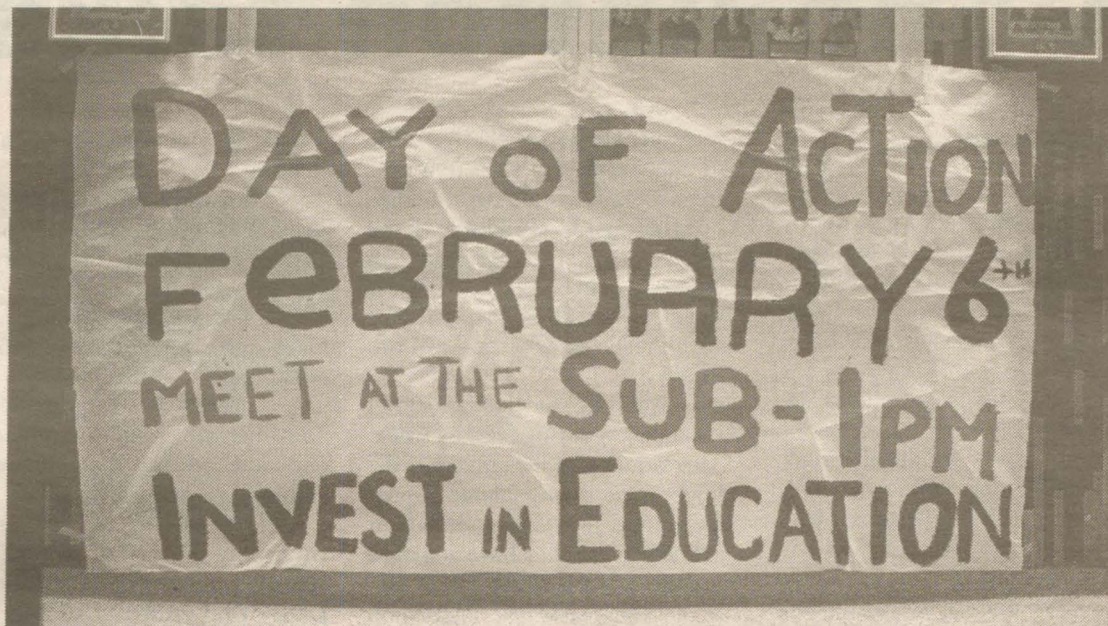
Kevin Deveaux, the education critic for the NDP, said Poirier's view is condescending.

"That's the most patronizing comment I've ever heard," the MLA for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage said.

"There are always choices as to how we spend our money. The Tories are talking about a 10 percent tax cut next year. Why don't we reinvest [that] \$130 million dollars in post-secondary education and health care."

He said he, along with other members of the caucus, would be at the rally.

The Dalhousie administration said they couldn't agree more with increased funding for universities.



photos by that pat blackie dude



Leaflet power: CFS organizers recruit demonstrators in the SUB.

## Dal Senate shows support for Day of Action

by jonathan dieli colburn

the gazette

The Dal senate met on Monday and voted to show support for students who will marching on Province House on Feb. 6. During the emergency meeting, the senate passed a motion that asks professors to let students march without academic penalty for missing classes.

The Dalhousie Student Union website put it more specifically, saying that students have officially been granted amnesty, meaning professors cannot penalize students for missing classes.

Blasting the provincial

government for its funding of Dal was in vogue at the meeting. DSU reps, president Traves and Joan Conrod, chair of the budget committee, said that higher education grants from the province would help solve a lot of problems.

Tom Traves pointed out that Nova Scotia now contributes about \$1.35, the nation's lowest, for every dollar that students pay in their tuition fees. That contrasts with Ontario, which shells out around \$1.52.

"If we had that kind of funding," said Traves, "Dalhousie would be in a position to deal with a host of issues confronting the senate and the university."

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# University of dead-end jobs

by christopher harbord

the gazette

Last year, Matt Rowe was an accomplished student in the Foundation Year Programme at the University of King's College. He achieved high academic marks, and looked forward to completing his arts degree at King's and Dalhousie.

Now, Rowe has left school and is working a minimum wage job at a café. After one year of studies he is \$5000 in debt, and cannot afford to return to university.

"I can save very little," he says. "Enough to pay my bills, to get groceries. I really can't save anything."

Because he is still considered a parental dependent, Rowe cannot qualify for more loans, but must spend two years working to be eligible for "independent student" status. "I'm at a point where I'm trying to pay for university on my own but I can't get any help from the government," Rowe says.

Rowe's situation is not unique. According to a Statistics Canada study, students from low socio-economic backgrounds are now much less likely to attend university, compared to during the 1980s.

"This ever-widening gap has been evident since 1989, the same period of time when rapid tuition increases occurred," the study

says.

Nova Scotian students currently pay the highest tuition fees in Canada, and the costs will likely continue to rise. Since the early 1990s, tuition fees have doubled in Nova Scotia.

On Feb. 6, students will be rallying at the provincial legislature to protest high tuition fees. Shawn Tracey, the president of the DSU, will be speaking at the rally and believes that high tuition fees have already been taking a toll at Dalhousie.

"It's inaccessible, it's too expensive," he says. "I'm sure there are a lot of students at Dal who can afford this tuition, but it's not them we should be worrying about. We should make sure a university education is available for anybody."

The DSU has joined with its counterparts at the other post-secondary schools in Halifax to promote the Feb. 6 march and they are expecting a large turnout.

Mark McKenna is another casualty of high tuition fees. At

18, McKenna completed a year at Dalhousie in computer science, but could not afford to continue. Now, four years later, McKenna is working a dead-end job hauling laundry at the Halifax Infirmary.

Despite developing a self-taught proficiency in computer programming, McKenna could not find a job in his field.

"It really isn't feasible for someone not to get a degree in my field and still be able to get a job."

McKenna is planning to return to university, but anticipates a large debt-load by the time he completes his degree.

"At the end of it I'll probably have \$30,000 or more in student loan fees to pay back," he says. "But I prefer not to think that far ahead."

Alex Anderson is the external vice-president of the University of King's College Students' Union, and one of the main organizers of the Feb. 6 protest. Last week Anderson staged an audacious media stunt by confronting

Ministry of Education officials with an invoice for \$10 million, as 25 invited members of the media looked on. Anderson says the invoice covers what the government owes students in unpaid loan remission.

The government hurriedly issued a press release promising to look into the issue.

Anderson believes that public awareness and media attention will prove to be key factors in the campaign for more government funding for education.

"Students in Nova Scotia are the worst off public students in North America," Anderson says. "The price for students to access education is taking off recklessly."

Anderson is encouraged by this year's campaign momentum.

"The students are getting extremely militant," Anderson says. "[Feb. 6] is going to be bigger than anything that has happened before. We'll be sending a strong political message to government on that day."

## DAY OF ACTION: WHO, WHAT, WHERE

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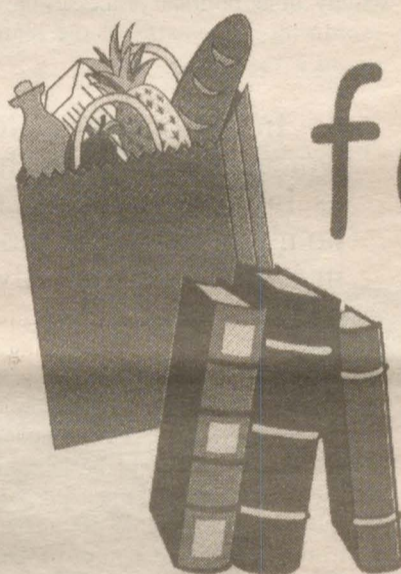
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# Devastating the already devastated

Taking the War for Civilization  
to the horn of Africa

by kristin nelson

the gazette

On Dick Cheney's list of "40 to 50" possible targets in a war "that may not end in our lifetimes" Somalia is precariously close to the top. Possibly the only nation in the world more impoverished and war ravaged than Afghanistan, it is an alleged "haven" for Al-Qaeda and Osama bin Ladenites. Extending America's New War into other countries like the Philippines has elicited minimal comment from an obedient press that limits the terms of discourse to the trivial and mundane, yet it demands further inquiry.

Like the rest of the "Third World" during the Cold War, Somalia (a geopolitical gem of strategic importance within the Gulf-oil region) became a pawn in the broader international struggle for power. Under its policy of communist containment, the US was the main supporter of President Siyad Barre, a ruthless dictator responsible for devastating his country and slaughtering up to 50,000 people, from 1978 through 1990. His atrocities were easily glossed over due to the warm hospitality he bestowed upon the US oil industry, which secured billion-dollar concessions to explore and drill large portions of the Somali countryside during his reign. When he was overthrown in 1991, Somalia spiraled into civil war, instability, and famine, much to the chagrin of the oil billionaires in Texas.

By 1993, the worst part of the crisis had passed, but the emerging leadership structure was less than palatable to US foreign policy makers. Enter the CIA. Contrary to the Hollywood version of the ill-fated US mission, Somalis were not a major concern of the operation. Mark Bowden, who wrote the book that the movie "Blackhawk Down" is based on, maintains that the "US Rangers were not in Mogadishu to feed the hungry," rather they were attempting to install a pro-Western leadership and to wipe out any opposition that lied in the way.

The rubric of humanitarianism was a weak cover for the targeted military operation that ensued, which was to be labeled a "great public relations job for the military" by Colin Powell. Its disastrous ending reflects the poor understanding of the situation by the military leadership, who made virtually no interaction with people on the ground prior to the mission's implementation. Rather than paying their dues to the UN, the US chose to embark on a grand unilateral, self-congratulatory "humanitarian intervention" that conveniently stimulated the slowly recovering national economy: a clandestine method during a period of burgeoning neoliberal consensus.

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It made for a good photo op while subsidizing the largest weapons manufacturers in the world. But it wasn't so great for the Somalis, upon whom US forces perpetrated extensive crimes of war, including firing on crowds of unarmed civilians and a direct military attack on a hospital. The motives and methodology of a "humanitarian" intervention that end in utter chaos with the supposed benefactors swarming through the streets, seeking "to punish the invaders" are definitely suspect.

In hindsight, the tragic deaths of 18 US soldiers is unquestionably overshadowed by the hundreds of Somali civilians who lost their lives, but whom are blithely forgotten in most accounts. During the summer of 1993, official reports have estimated 6,000-10,000 Somalis, two-thirds of whom were women and children, perished. American firepower alone was responsible for 1,000 Somali deaths, but this was inconsequential to the US operation commander, Marine Lt. Gen. Anthony Zinni, who informed the press: "I'm not counting bodies . . .

I'm not interested."

So now Somalia is once again on the radar screen of US policy makers and an emboldened military leadership that, according to one official, is eager to "exorcise that ghost". US commandos and CIA operatives have been spotted in Somalia in recent weeks, and Pentagon sources claim that surveillance aircrafts have flown waves of missions to map two al-Qaeda camps near the Kenyan border with a view to launching air strikes. Relief workers in Somalia are reported by the State Department to be bracing for action, and the Kenyan government has said it fears a flood of refugees.

As is the case with most African issues, the situation in Somalia has been trivialized and distanced by subtly racist western media coverage that depicts a condition of ongoing "tribal warfare". Although its roots often lie in colonial legacy, external meddling with corrupt leadership, and copious amounts of unwisely distributed foreign aid, the conflict is portrayed as a primordial, unavoidable reality. Rather than diminish the situation to tribalism the complex circumstances facing Somalia must be explored.

In the aftermath of the US intervention and the power vacuum left by the demise of Barre, Somalia underwent a period of what Davidson College professor Ken Menkhaus calls "radical localization of politics". Several characteristics of localization are problematic, most notably the militia leaders or "warlords" that we hear so much about. However, in the last decade or so, encouraging signs of legitimate political decentralization have also taken place. It is important not to glorify them, but some meaningful local organizations and networks do exist, and they were largely responsible for dealing with the effects of state collapse in 1991. Because of their existence the worst part of the crisis had passed by the time the Americans entered the region in 1993, but the majority of Somalis and their local institutions have been overwhelmingly ignored. In addition to the growth of civil society, other political processes have taken place.

In the peripheries of the region, the northwestern

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"Somaliland Republic", the Somali Democratic Movement of the inter-river area, and the autonomous Majertayn clans of the northeast have all made progress toward the creation of viable and sustainable political institutions. Although far from being perfect, these local political structures are often viewed as legitimate authorities performing essential government functions. Localization reflects a social adaptation to the collapse of the Somali state, whose arbitrary borders, centralized institutions and questionable leadership were flawed from the outset, maintaining legitimacy "primarily from the barrel of a gun". Menkhaus argues that it is important for both the international aid community and foreign governments to get past the notion of nation-state when dealing with Somalia, to recognize and work with local structures.

Somalia's current centralized leadership consists of a fresh and extremely tenuous power sharing Transitional National Government (TNG), established by a convention of clan elders in Kenya last year, which has been attempting to unite the fractious country and to gain the cooperation of local warlords. The TNG maintains effective authority over only small parts of the country mostly around Mogadishu, and Washington does not recognize this transitional administration. The very idea of "engaging" this fragile and complicated nation of precarious survival seems criminal, especially when the motives for the US to reenter are so incredibly vague.

Charges of terrorist activity are largely unsubstantiated. Transitional government leaders have ardently denied the presence of terrorist networks within the country, and have informed the US that they are on side in the war against terrorism. The Washington Post has reported that intense aerial reconnaissance has failed to produce hard physical targets such as terrorist training camps, and according to a regional security expert Somalia's al-Itihaad Islamic group, named by the US on its list of targeted terrorist organizations, is "not very visible at all".

Despite this lack of evidence, the threat of intervention is very real. As one unnamed American general put it: "We'll go wherever we need to go in Somalia, it's not like we'll be asking permission." Somalia is viewed as more politically suitable than confronting Iraq, which would put Arab leadership in an increasingly tenuous position and possibly alienate European leadership (although surely not America's obedient "brother" Canada).

There are, according to the Bush administration, three fronts of this hazy and elusive new war - military, diplomatic and monetary. One would imagine that monetary

punishment of this impoverished nation would be avoided at all cost, but the indiscriminate and superstitious way in which groups have been added to Bush's list of "terrorist organizations" has already caused further damage. One of the country's main financial organizations, Al Barakaat, was closed down last month. It is responsible for transferring an estimated \$200 to \$500 million each year to Somalia, and according to the UN, the majority of Somalis are dependent on receiving income from relatives abroad.

If Somalia does become the next American target, direct military action will likely be limited (remember there are no real credible targets for bombing). The Pentagon will most likely involve itself in the dirty business of arming the latest version of "freedom fighters", but drawing the line between good and evil is not that easy in Somalia.

There is no moral equivalent to the founding fathers

So why would the US even consider wading into this apparent quagmire? Because the world's biggest war profiteers are pulling the strings and making the policy.

to be found here, and getting into the game of playing one group off against another (while making a killing, selling weapons to both sides) will only add misery to innocent civilians. Several bystanders are killed each week in the crossfire between militia leaders, which has been heating up in recent months. Inflaming these tensions will worsen the situation here as much as launching another "surgical" bombing campaign - so "successful" in Afghanistan that only 3,000-4,000 civilians were killed.

Ambitious warlords have seized on the U.S. anti-terror campaign as their own route to power, and diplomats have warned that they hope accusing the transitional government of supporting terrorists will convince Washington to intervene and destroy their enemy on their behalf. One powerful warlord, Abdullahi Nur Gabyow, was quoted "I myself can mobilize up to 50,000 of my militia and fight alongside any international force which would come to Somalia to help eradicate the terrorist group destroying our country." The Ethiopian government also stands to gain from the war against terrorism, and it has already moved troops across Somali borders under the false claim that al-Itihaad has taken over a part of the country.

So why would the US even consider wading into this apparent quagmire? Because the world's biggest war profiteers are pulling the strings and making the policy. Congress recently approved a \$30 billion increase to an already absurd defense budget of over \$300 billion - the Pentagon hasn't been this giddy since the Cold War. Lockheed Martin, the maker of the ubiquitous F-16 fighter plane, the Hellfire missile, "bunker buster" munitions and the massive C-130 transport plane, has seen its stock prices rise almost \$10; from \$39.39 on Sept. 10 to a high of \$48.11 on Nov. 12. With the stock market booming like this, don't expect to see an end anytime soon to the "War on Terror" by the people who facilitate and profit from the business of terrorizing. Nor should we be surprised by the talk of expanding the war to include the Philippines, Indonesia, Yemen, Iraq...

Canadians should be extremely concerned about the situation in Somalia right now so that we can prevent suffering from being inflicted in our name. Let's not wait to be outraged until the horror stories trickle back; by now we should know what to expect. It shouldn't take damning photographs of our blue-bereted troops, roasting a Somali teenager over their campfire, to surface before Canadians demand explanations. If those pictures reflect a UN peacekeeping mission, I shudder to think of the atrocities that will be carried out by our troops in their subservient role to the lawless US military.

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**THE VARIED PRESCRIPTIONS OF DR. RON**

"Most human beings are speciesist. Ordinary human beings - not a few exceptional or heartless humans, but the overwhelming majority of humans - take an active part in, acquiesce in, and allow their taxes to pay for practices that require the sacrifice of the most important interests of other species in order to promote the most trivial interests of our own species."

- Peter Singer, Animal Liberation, 1975

"If we take for granted and accept unreflectively that community consists of an aggregate of unrelated, monadic, self-enclosed, and highly privatized egos; that the telephone, radio, television-set, and night letter constitute our principle windows to the world; that the shopping mall and its parking lots are our normal terrain for public intercourse; that processed and packaged foods, transported thousands of miles from remote areas of the country, are our major sources of nutriment; that "time is money", fast-talking is a paying skill, and speed-reading is a desideratum; that, above all, bureaucracy comprises the sinews of social life, gigantism is the measure of success, and clientage to professionals and centralized authority is evidence of a public sphere - then we will be irretrievably lost as individuals, will-less as egos, and formless as personalities."

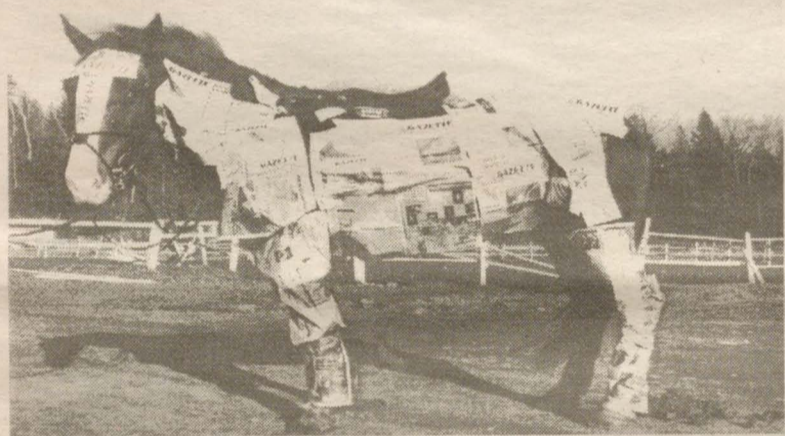
- Murray Bookchin, The Ecology of Freedom, 1982

"Let us not, however, flatter ourselves overmuch on account of our human victories over nature. For each such victory nature takes its revenge on us."

- Frederick Engels, The Part Played by Labour in the Transition from Ape to Man, 1884

**Editorial**

**NO HORSE SHIT**



**Gazette Anthem: Roxanne**

The Gazette is in the lucky position that it is free to say anything that it wants to. It is only accountable to itself. No Aspers own it. No corporations constrain us. No government governs us. Our only other shareholders are Dalhousie students. You guys pay a whole four dollars each year in the way of a levy to have us printed. Your four dollars, not the university's, not the DSU's. So I have lied. We are accountable not only to ourselves, but also to you.

So if, and more accurately, when we say something stupid, it's not because someone else has told us to say it. No, it was our own stupid. Stupid ownership is fully the Gazette's. And it means we can love the DSU or hate the DSU, and that we can report on the DSU. I can say that their comic book was terrible and that they aren't visionary. It means we can pick Dalhousie president Traves' brain. I can say he's stuck in an ivory tower and doesn't speak to students enough, and he can't stop me from saying it.

This is a newspaper, an amazing place, and it's more than what you see. You see our paper on the newstand, in a box, or acting as a table prop. You pick it up, you flip the pages, you think boring, you think interesting, you think funny, you think who is in the street and why isn't there a crossword.

But to the people we report on, to the names in the news stories, to the personalities in our features, to them, when they pick the Gazette up, they flip to a story where they're quoted, and can only mutter, shit, I did say that. And maybe they lost sleep over it. And hopefully they did lose sleep over it, because it means that they, whoever they are, know that they can't stop us from saying anything. It means there are no strings they can pull that lead to the arms of the editors, or writers here.

Don't you think that this is how any newspaper should be? Independent student newspapers are more free than any printed press in the world, more than the Globe and Mail, definitely more than the National Post, or the Herald, or even the Coast.

Unfortunately, not all of the student press is in the same situation as we are. Some aren't autonomous. Some have to write budgets that get approved by student governments. Can this be wise? That the politicians a paper reports on are the ones the cutting checks is the worst situation possible. All the stupid and smart things that they, the writers and editors, might want to say somehow don't get said.

So I guess this is a thank-you note to Dal students. Thank-you for your four dollars. Because by paying four dollars, the price of a draught or six k-mart socks (if you don't drink), you get a free press. Remember the song, "this is our rag, this is your rag"? Well, right after Roxanne, it's the Gazette anthem.

kip keen

**If tuition were a vegetable, I like them frozen**

Nova Scotia is number one. That's right, in a sea of statistics and tables we have come out on top in at least one category: we have the highest average tuition fees in the country. Through hard work and determination, the government has caused the average tuition fees for an undergraduate arts program in Nova Scotia to skyrocket from \$2,201 in 1991, to \$4,732 in 2001. That's an increase of 115 percent. Better yet, average student debt in Canada has more than tripled in the same decade from \$8,000 to an amazing \$25,000.

The government of Nova Scotia realized that having the highest tuition fees in the country was a monumental achievement, but there were other areas in which they could also top the charts. The government further broke away from the pack when, in the year 2000, they cancelled the provincial Loan Remission Program. This bold move made Nova Scotia the only province without such a program; when coupled with the absence of any form of needs-based grants, this makes Nova Scotia the only province without any form of debt relief.

These initiatives have had an unanticipated side effect, namely that students are seeking employment during their course of study. On average students taking a full course load are working 17 hours a week, compared to a lazy eight hours just ten years ago.

Now, our all too well meaning government, out of its concern for the students of this province, has been contemplating a redefinition of what it means to be a full-time student. They are looking at changing the definition from three credits per semester to four. This would mean that many of those students who are working during school would be ineligible to receive student loans. This move would allow these eager students to focus their entire attention on their employment and forget about post-secondary education altogether.

Now the John Hamm government, as a result of their generous nature, would like to give credit to their Federal colleagues for these stellar achievements. After all it was the Feds that cut funding to the provinces in the form of CHST (Canadian Health and Social Transfer) payments to the province. They also point to the fact that the Federal Government will not adjust the transfer payments to reflect the number of post-secondary students in Nova Scotia. As it stands, more students come to Nova Scotia to study then leave to study elsewhere. The discrepancy is 12.6 percent (the highest in the country). This means that Nova Scotia is educating students whose

Federal funding is going to their home province.

While I agree that these moves by the Feds have helped contribute to the dire state of post-secondary education in Nova Scotia, John Hamm and his government are being far too modest for not taking credit for the accomplishments that have already been listed. The Hamm Government not only has eliminated all non-repayable student financial assistance, but also took the funding provided through the Millennium Scholarship Fund and re-directed a portion of it into general government revenues, ensuring that Nova Scotia will remain a leader in student debt.

Fortunately, there are students in this province who do not agree with the goals of this Government. There are students who believe that it is vital to our society that anyone, regardless of socio-economic background, have access to post-secondary education. Students that believe education is the backbone of a healthy, tolerant, and productive society. Students that believe that families should not be put in the position of choosing which child (if any) will attend post-secondary education and which child will not. That students should not have to incur tens of thousands of dollars in debt to acquire a post-secondary education. These students are calling on the Government to legislate a tuition fee freeze that is fully funded by the government. They are calling on the Government to make post-secondary a priority and to increase funding to post-secondary institutions.

To this end, students in Nova Scotia, along with students across the country will be taking to the streets on Wednesday, Feb. 6 in order to tell the government that education is a priority and that tuition fees are out of control. The University Presidents of Nova Scotia recently announced that if the Government did not commit to increased funding then students could be faced with a 14 percent tuition fee increase. For this reason alone I call on all students, as well as other citizens, to join in the Day of Action on Feb. 6 and demand that the Government of this Province institute a fully funded tuition fee freeze, to stand up and say "Enough is Enough!"

david hare

*Feb. 6, Nation Wide Day of Action to Freeze Tuition Fees. Starting at 1 p.m. outside the Dal Sub. The Dal Senate has granted academic amnesty from 12 to 5, so talk to your professors to secure make-ups for evaluation that day.*

**The writing is on the wall for Feb 6**

In the January 17 issue of the Gazette, "NS carrying cost of come-from-aways" left the reader with several impressions that need debunking:

First, the Nova Scotia government has cut millions from post-secondary education in the last twenty years. This has been continued under successive governments. Only sustained protests and advocacy by the Canadian Federation of Students in the streets and in lobby sessions resulted in the previous government under Russell MacLellan deciding to increase university funding - barely providing for an increase, by 2001, to 1995 levels. Unfortunately, but perhaps not unexpectedly, the John Hamm Tories have suspended the increases and have begun rolling back. The first thing they did was to eliminate loan remission, a student-centred program that allowed for a certain portion of loan debt to be forgiven. Their only justification for this was the new federal program of Millennium Scholarships - a program which, it should be pointed out, helps less than eight percent of students.

Second, the focus of Nova Scotia students' concern should not be with the students of BC, it is the Nova Scotia government and Federal government who share the blame for the highest tuition fees in Canada. The Federal government drastically reduced funding in 1995, and has continued to ignore the needs of social programs, including post-secondary education, since. This is despite studies showing that students from low-income backgrounds are discouraged from entering college or university by high tuition fees.

Both levels of government are also to blame for the state of the health care system. To suggest that health care and education are a trade-off - that you can fund one but not the other - is to buy into the government rhetoric of deficits, debt, and tax cuts. In reality, there's lots of money for government priorities. When a few billion bucks are required to bomb the heck out of a tiny Asian country with no infrastructure left to bomb, the money is readily

available. But ask for a few hundred million for the priorities that Canadians again and again have shown in polls - education and health care - and there's no water in the well. Similarly, the Nova Scotia government can always dig deep for its corporate buddies, but can't spare a dime for better social programs.

Let's not let Dalhousie University itself, or the other Nova Scotia universities for that matter, off the hook. Tom Traves makes \$223,672 (He also gets a \$17,000 car and travel allowance). Other Halifax area university administrators make \$120,000-150,000 as well. And, let's note, Tom Traves is not exactly falling over backwards to make Dalhousie more accessible. He seems more interested in turning Dalhousie into a big corporation.

It's only when the faculty are threatening to strike out of desperation that Dalhousie's board puts on its pro-student face. If faculty wages go up, then tuition fees will go up, we're told by a suddenly concerned Board. In the black and white world of the Dalhousie Board, those are the only two options. How seriously can we take these claims to support accessibility, when one of the Board members is a director of Scotiabank, and therefore stands to profit from higher tuition fees? If they care so much about our fees, why don't they reduce them? They could take the money from administrator's salaries.

Now, what can we do about this sorry state of affairs? Let's start by getting out on Feb. 6 and demanding a provincial freeze on tuition fee hikes, supported by a funding increase to the entire post-secondary system. If they can do it in Newfoundland they can sure as heck do it here. Secondly, if the faculty hit the sidewalks two weeks after spring break, let's support quality education by marching with them. These issues are all directly related. Education is a right, not a privilege, according to the United Nations; let's stand up for our rights.

jessica squires



# Two Distinct Races on the Stage of Life

## A Compelling Look at Reading Hebron



by jeff wright

the gazette

A heated conversation between two Jews: a woman standing rigidly on the worth of her people, and a man evidently torn between his affection for his faith and that of humanity on the whole. She angrily points at him in indignation, "For two thousand years we've been persecuted!" He looks back, a wry grin peeling across his face. "And now it's time to return the favour?"

This is one of the many intellectually and emotionally profound moments that can be found in Jason Sherman's Reading Hebron, which is playing until Saturday at the University of King's College, in the venue that is affectionately known as 'The Pit'.

The play uses the Feb. 25, 1994 massacre of 29 Palestinians in Hebron by a right-wing Jewish reactionary as a starting point for this dissection of the nature of the conflict between the Israeli and Palestinian people. It follows the experiences of Nathan Abramowitz, a young Jewish man living in Toronto, trying to understand his own identity and that of his faith in the context of the modern world.

"I think the play deals with the impossibility of being objective with a topic like this. Each individual needs to take the event from their own opinion. It's healthy in a certain way, although difficult, not to just accept what's being said to you," explains James Sevitt, director of Reading Hebron. "We must embrace the struggle."

Danielle Bezaire, an actress in the production, points out the diversity of perspectives in the production. "Everyone is playing between 12 and 20 different roles. Each one of these roles presents a different point of view, and at the same time, it's showing how Nathan [Abramowitz] perceives all those characters. It adds an extra filter."

Perhaps most telling is one vignette, where a small boy is taught by his father the horror of playing a 'cops-n-robbers' style game of 'Arabs and Jews'. To

help the young child understand the real issue behind the conflict, the father uses childish, simplistic, and purely truthful language. It crossed my mind that more people need to be spoken to in such demeaning tones to get the point across.

For the musically minded, the play also includes a wonderful bass and guitar combo that bridges the gap between the slightly obtusive scene changes that come from the lackluster theatre space at King's College. Even though the play takes place underneath a church, in what looks like a renovated boiler room, the set designers have done a wonderful job in organizing the stage, which is surrounded on all sides by the audience. This helps add to the intensity and circular nature of the play and the problems within.

As summarized by Sevitt, "It's a commentary upon Hebron, an interrogation of that situation, demanding that we must read and understand far beyond the first layer that we see."

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for those who can't convince the ticket-taker that they really are a 'mature student'. The play runs through to Saturday night, starting at 8 p.m. Seating space is undeniably limited, so to ensure yourself an un-ergonomic seat for a great play, stop reading this article, and go start Reading Hebron.



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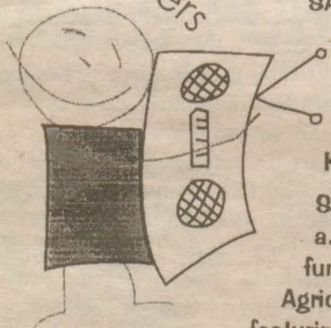
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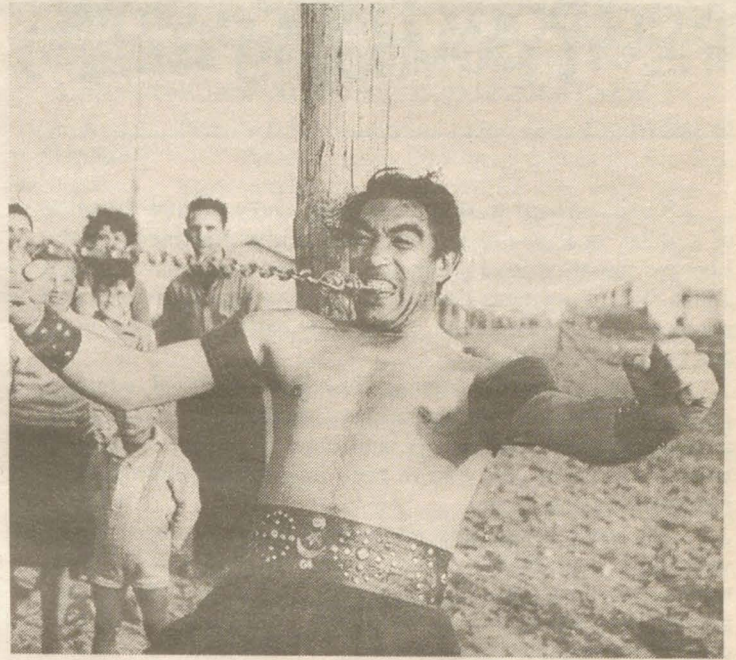
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# Phantasmagorical World of Cinematic Surrealism

The Dal Art Gallery's tribute to Federico Fellini



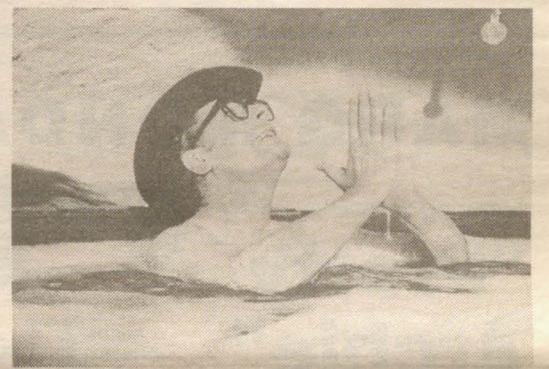
by janice macauley

the gazette

Need a break from the books but can't afford a vacation? Escape with a Fellini film at the Dalhousie Art Gallery. The late, great, Italian born Federico Fellini is the gallery's feature director this term, and six of his greatest achievements will be presented in a series running January through April. Although Fellini's career is rooted in the socially minded neo-realism of the post-war era, the series concentrates on Fellini's later work, where his signature phantasmagorical imagery and supernatural themes come into full fantastic bloom.

*Juliet of the Spirits*, the series' debut, is an exploration of an affluent woman's psychological struggles concerning her philandering husband, but, as curator Ron Macdonald points out, the plot is secondary to Fellini's trademark erotic whimsy. The plain and demure protagonist Guliotta is perfectly foiled by Italian sex kitten Suzy, her glamorously eccentric neighbour. While Suzy tempts her to indulge in her own as yet unexplored sensuality, séance-inspired spirit Iris taunts Guliotta with bizarre hallucinations designed to free her from the self-induced shackles of her marriage. Her extravagantly costumed, ethereally beautiful sisters and frivolously neurotic friends complete this panoramic experience of the marvellously peculiar.

So whether you are a part of the gallery's cinema savvy elite, or simply someone who can appreciate artful flamboyance and a sumptuous display of Italian couture circa 1965, a Fellini film is definitely a trip worth taking. *8 1/2*, *Fellini: A Director's Notebook*, *Satyricon*, and *Roma* round out the cinematic indulgence. Also of note, in honour of Black History Month (February), is a series called Four Black Filmmakers, and includes *The Watermelon Man*, *Sugar Cane Alley*, *Car Wash*, and *Eve's Bayou*. All screenings are each Wednesday at 12:30 and 8:00 pm. Admission is free, although donations are appreciated.



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# Everybody Dance Now (Insert Pounding Beats)

C + C Music Factory's Legacy: The Atlantic New Dance Festival  
by jeff wright

the gazette

If you're a hard-working individual, and you know the value of a dollar, or if you're a student and neither statements apply, I bet we can all at least agree that Halifax doesn't have enough dance. Yes, a jig here and there. Last week, I was privy to peeking at a private polka party. But really, is that enough? No. I say again, NO!

Thank god for the Atlantic New Dance Festival, which is packing the month of February with a diverse set of performances, workshops, symposia, panels, and other delicious events that will cure those of you who've been jonesin' for some modern interpretative dance.

The party begins this weekend at the duMaurier Theatre with the Contemporary Artists Series, the roster including a tribute to the Greek poet Aristophanes, a blend of modern dance and the art form known as 'clubbing', a multimedia work of dance and computer-generated images, break-dancing, and - "a sacred dance which seeks to transcend the world of the mundane and create spiritual ecstasy." (That's from the Press Release, but I couldn't pass up a quote like that.)

After having achieved spiritual ecstasy, you might think your desire for dance would be satiated. WRONG! There's a whole month of more shows and events.

Tickets to everything are available at both the Dalhousie Arts Centre Box Office (494-3820) and the Neptune Theatre Box Office (429-7070). The tickets can be bought in denominations of a single show, single evening, and three events, but really - with the Atlantic New Dance Festival, I think we'll all be most content if we shell out the relatively slight amount of cash for a full festival pass.

'Get your 'Freak' On' ... 'Bust a Move' ... 'Let your Backbone Slide' ... regardless, just have a good time.

# Too bad he's a Liberal

by caitlin kealey

the gazette

Warren Kinsella wears many hats. He is a political advisor, a journalist, a lawyer, a PR person, and a novelist.

More importantly, he is a lobbyist. He has been pushing the Canadian government to legislate regulations for the internet.

"It took September 11 and the way the Internet was used to recognize that it is a medium which these groups terrorize and propagandize," says Kinsella.

At a keynote speech in front of 100 student journalists last week, Kinsella spoke about his newest release, *Kicking Ass in Canadian Politics*. Like many of his fellow political affiliates he found great pleasure in flaming ol' Stockboy, and Ontario's "Mike [Harris] and Ernie [Eyves]."

He also gave a seminar on his novel, first published in 1994, *Web of Hate*. It details the far right in Canada, and their overwhelming presence on the Internet.

Kinsella began to fight against the far right in March of 1980. He was 19 and playing in a punk band called the Hot Nasties. At a punk show he confronted a group of punks making Nazi salutes. Then a fight broke out. He says that it was at that point, all of a sudden the idea of Nazism wasn't so "abstract."

Although looking at him 22 years later, it seems a bit hard to imagine him pumping his fist at a punk rock show wearing torn jeans with a mohawk, Kinsella is still fighting against the far right. His drive to shadow the far right has been questioned

many times. As he writes in his book, "usually the repressed to do the fighting." Nonetheless, Kinsella has been shadowing the far right and their movement for over 15 years.

His investigation of the far right has made them stand up and take notice. To the point that it has effected the way he and his family live their lives. They've been threatened many times.

"When it was just the two of us, we were ready to accept the consequences. Now with the kids, we've taken all kinds of steps. We even had riot squads surrounding our house in 1995."

The squads were called in because a group of Nazis were having a picnic in the park behind his house as a form of intimidation. "They've even found out where I go to workout now," he says.

According to Kinsella, before 1995 there was only one main hate website, *Storm Front*. In six years, that number has rocketed to over 4,000. He points to the bombing by two men of the far right in Oklahoma on April 19, 1995 as the day the "game changed for the far right."

The internet has been labeled as the "main culprit" in the rise of hate crimes in Canada yet the government has done nothing to fix the problems. Kinsella is quick to tell you the CRTC dropped the ball when it comes to regulating the internet. He is also quick to add that he still thinks they dropped the ball - even though he's a liberal. Although he says he isn't necessarily for the internet being censored he views it as "a clear and present danger...that has a potential threat to democracy."

The CRTC's decision in May '99 said they would not "regulate new media services." That angers Kinsella.

"They have fundamentally misjudged the far right. But if the CRTC isn't taking it seriously - who will?"

He urged the group to start their own anti-hate websites. To start from a grassroots level and work in the community to effect change. "Recent history has shown that it is far more effective when you call the provider and say that the webpage offends you. That you are starting a campaign; they don't care other than from a business sense, they'll usually take it down."

Regardless, I'd like to see a picture of Warren circa 1980.

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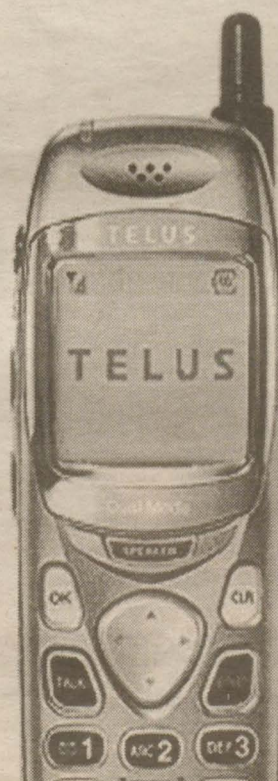
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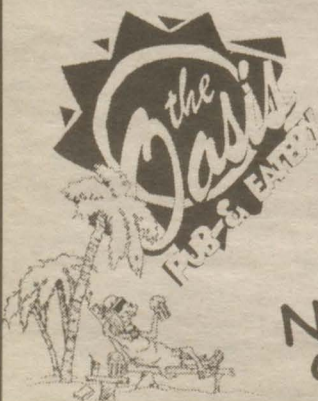
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# Lust & Revalation

If you're partial to this Particular Class of Women, come to Hell on the Weekend

by erin goodman

the gazette

What do we really know about the women whose profession it is to promote lust?

When we go to a strip club to watch women take off their clothes, it's not often we wonder about their personal lives, their motivations, or how they got started stripping in the first place. Finally, someone has given them a voice to speak for themselves.

A Particular Class of Women is the latest presentation by Halifax's Purple Octagon Theatre, a play based on the lives of women who work in the stripping industry. Written by Janet Fiendel and produced by Michelle McIntyre, the play focuses on the fact that strippers are not anonymous bodies, but instead have chosen the profession in order to survive and make a living.

The production takes place from Feb. 4 to 9 (except Thursday) in Hell's Kitchen, underneath the Marquee Club on Gottingen Street. By staging the play in a club rather than on a traditional stage, we are transported to the Toronto club called the 'G-Spot', where the girls not only dance, but they also divulge the stories of their own lives.



Throughout the course of the evening we meet seven women, current and former employees of the G-spot, as well as club owner 'Dog', played by Dalhousie theatre school alumni and founder of Purple Octagon Andre Davey. As the club owner introduces each lady to the stage, the audience is treated to their signature stage performance, directly followed by their personal monologue. Each story reveals the hardships, struggles, and goals of the strippers, all of whom are articulate and intelligent, as well as street-smart. Many of the cast members are current or former Dollhouse theatre students, another reason to come out and support this innovative and award-winning group. Cast members of A Particular Class of Women include Michelle McIntyre as Marky and 'Pink Champagne', Cora Clark as 'Petal Rose', Nadine Jackson as Glynis and 'Luv', Mary Rachelle Cherpak as 'Angel', and Sarah Riley as Georgia Scott.

Purple Octagon invites us to the strip show, and by peeling back the layers... of clothing and of emotion. Through this, A Particular Class of Women pushes the boundaries of our stereotypes about stripping and also about ourselves.



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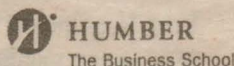
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# Bball ends week with two close wins

by gerry faber

the gazette

The men's basketball team had a three-game week, and after dropping a road game at Acadia picked up two much needed wins at home against UPEI.

In Wolfville, the Tigers hoped to grab a win over the Axemen but things did not start as planned. The first half was a tight affair because both teams had trouble putting the ball in the hoop. The two teams shot a combined 21 for 61 in the first 20 minutes and Acadia ended up slightly on top with a 27-22 score.

In the second half, the Axemen had some luck getting their shots to drop and Dal's struggles continued. The final score ended up 68-51 in favor of Acadia. Guard Benny Edison led the Tigers with 15 points while 6'8" Stuart Leech finished with a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds.

On Saturday, the Tigers returned to the Dalplex to meet the UPEI panthers. They started the game with back to back threes from Edison and Dal had things

working fairly well. These outside shots spread the defense and allowed for Leech to use his inside game and 5'11" guard Oreine Davis had some room to drive. The entire Tigers team did a good job with intensity and reserve players came in and did not miss a beat. The bench mob was lead by forward Hugh Mullaly who snagged boards and played great defense on league-leading scorer Jimmy Morris to help Dal leak out to a small lead at halftime, 39-32.

The second half was a story of runs. The Island school would not pack it in and came back again to take a seven-point lead with just under five minutes left in the game. The Panthers took some bad shots and the Tigers played inspired defense to keep the Panthers at bay. On offense, second-year guard Mike Harvey drilled a three-pointer with the shot clock running down to cut the lead to three, 70-67. With just over one minute left, Edison, shot a dagger to the hearts of the Islanders with a three-pointer to tie the game. PEI missed their next shot and the Tigers grabbed the rebound and

set a play to take the game. A shot went up and came down wide but Tiger Craig Slaunwhite grabbed the rebound with five seconds left. The inbound pass went to Edison who shot a long, long range three pointer to give the Tigers the win, 73-70. Team co-captain Edison led the Dal team with 22 points while Leech added 13 and Davis swished 11.

On Sunday, both teams came back hoping to erase Saturday's tight game but that would not be the case. UPEI came out of the gates playing well and the Tigers matched that. Dal got good production again from the entire team and especially from Leech and third-year guard Dion Walcott and the teams were knotted at 31 after 20 minutes.

The second half stayed tight with the teams trading baskets the whole way through. The 6'3" Harvey, a native of Deerlake, Nfld., scored some big baskets and Leech and Slaunwhite grabbed all kinds of rebounds. UPEI scored one foul shot with 35 seconds left that had Dal up one. A Tigers timeout with 17 seconds left led to a turnover and the Panthers getting the last shot. The shot rolled around the rim three times and fell out to the hands of a visitor who got up one last shot that fell short. The Tigers won 67-66.

Leech led the Tigers with 15 points and 11 rebounds while



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Slaunwhite added 14 points and 15 rebounds. Walcott and Harvey each had ten points off the Tigers bench.

"We are starting to find our form and becoming more consistent," says Leech, who is in his first year, from Victoria, Australia. "With this team,

everyone is always going to work hard and this weekend was a good team effort. Everyone played well."

The team is away this weekend and then returns to the Dalplex for the next four games. The first of which is against St. Mary's Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.

## Hockey still first

by terri feoner

the gazette

At the Dalhousie Arena, there has been a lot of talk lately about team defense and the team has been listening. The Tigers were on the loose in Fredericton Saturday and had reached PEI by Sunday and only allowed one goal in each

game. The Tigers picked up two wins along the way, keeping them neck in neck with St. Mary's for top spot in the AUS.

Pat Berrigan was in net for Dal on Saturday and put in top performance, stopping 35 of 36 attempts on net and team captain, Marty Johnston, was back in action after sitting out a couple of games

with an shoulder injury. The Tigers took contro of the board after 12 minutes of hard play in the first period when Chris Tellum netted a single. The game remained tense for the remainder of the first and entire second period with no goals scored for the duration. STU started off the third period by evening the score at 1-1 with a short-handed goal from the stick of Andrew Proskurnicki. Third-year Tiger Dan Tudin got the puck on a power play six minutes later and scored the goal that would clinch a 2-1 win for the Black and Gold.

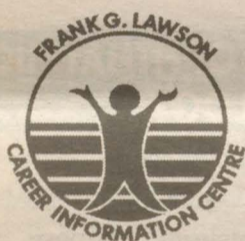
The Tigers made their way to the Island on Sunday where they continued the trend set the night before and picked up a 2-1 victory over the Panthers. UPEI opened the scoring only four minutes into the period but remained scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The second period remained scoreless, for 19 minutes, as both teams struggled to gain ground on the scoreboard. With one minute left to play, Marty Johnston showed his was back in top form by netting a goal on the power play.

With the score tied at 1-1 to start off the third period, both teams had a chance for a fresh start. After nine minutes of play, Tiger winger Dan Tudin scored what ended up being the game-winning goal for the second night in a row, to leave the Tigers with a 2-1 win in PEI.

The Tigers will be hosting Acadia on Sunday, Feb.10 in the last game of the regular season. Face-off will be at 2 p.m. at the Dal Memorial Arena so come on out and support the Tigers as it is Fan Appreciation day. Stick around after the game as the Friends of Dalhousie Society host a skate with the Tigers.

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# WBB keeps winning

by john haverstock

the gazette

The women's basketball team extended its latest win streak to four, after picking up three wins in a busy week of AUBC action.

Things started last Wednesday when Dal travelled to Acadia and beat the Axewomen on their turf. Fifth-year Sussex, N.B. native Angelia Crealock absolutely dominated the game scoring 30 points including five 3-pointers, dishing off for eight assists, and snatching seven rebounds in a 73-64 Tiger victory. Julia Burden also was very impressive in pouring in 18 points and also handing off eight assists.

Saturday afternoon's game

match up featured the nationally ranked Tigers (8-3) versus the UPEI Panthers (4-7). The Tigers started the game with a vicious full court defense that would set a tone for the full 40 minutes. Dealing with this defensive pressure proved to be difficult for the Panthers, who were rarely able to set up a decent half-court offense. Throughout the first half, the Tigers, who were full of energy, were able to beat the Panthers at both ends, using a run and gun offense to score easy transition baskets. With eight minutes played in the first half, the Tiger women had a 17-7 advantage.

The bulk of the limited scoring that the Panthers were able to muster, came from

UPEI forward Katherine Walters' presence in the paint. Back in the Tigers offensive end, a change of pace let the Tigers show off their balanced attack, scoring from all over the floor, exposing seams in the Panther defense.

With two minutes to play in the first, fourth-year co-captain Julia Burden hit the floor with a suspected knee injury. An apprehensive Tigers injury finished the first half with a 36-18 advantage.

After the break, both teams came out with full court pressure and intensity, fighting for control. Tiger guards Crealock and Gillian LeBlanc stepped up at both ends, creating turnovers and points to spread the lead to 51-24 at the 15 minute mark. UPEI's Kate Myron was one of few Panthers able to finish in transition. Throughout the second half the Tigers, playing at a higher level of intensity, got the entire bench involved in a shooting spree as they nailed 61 percent of their shots. In the end, the Panthers were not able to keep up with the defensive pressure and superior shooting of the Tigers, who walked away with a well-earned 82-50 win. Burden will be sidelined with a stretched ACL, but look for her to return in time for the playoffs. Crealock again led dal. The 5'6" basketball dynamo tallied 12 points. Forward Sonya Young tossed in ten while Burden also put in ten before her injury.

On Sunday, the two teams faced off in a rematch. The Panthers, desperate for the win, came out strong early. The home squad matched the intensity and the first half was an up and down affair. Dal forced their guests into 16 first half turnovers and opened up a ten-point half time cushion with 37-27.

After the break, the island school adapted somewhat to the Tigers pressure defense and took



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much better care of the ball, but could not catch up to the Nelson division-leading home team. Dal ended up winning 68-74 in a team effort. Former conference MVP Angelia Crealock supplied a big chunk of the offense as she nailed 25 points, but each person of the nine-member team scored. 5'4"

fourth-year player Gillian Leblanc used her sweet jump shot and acrobatic lay-ups to score 17 points.

The Tigers travel to Sydney this weekend to play the Capers for a twin bill. The next home action will be a mid-week tilt with SMU on Feb. 13.

## Tigers clinch first, will host play-offs

by terri feoner

the gazette

The Volleyball Tigers clinched first place in the league this past weekend with three weeks remaining in the regular season. Their two weekend wins give the team the right to host the AUS playoffs, which are annually played at the home court of the regular season winner.

The Tigers returned UNB on Friday and claimed a very fast, painless 3-0 win over the Varsity Reds. Dal easily took the first set 25-10 and continued to dominate the game, winning the next two sets 25-8 and 25-11. Fourth-year outside hitter Josh Muise put in another strong performance for the Tigers, racking up 11 kills and six aces while rookie Randy Scarf of Ottawa, Ont., was named player of the game for his eight kills and six aces.

The Tigers were off to Moncton, on Saturday, for their second match on a two-game weekend. UdeM gave Dal a real run for their money but ended up on the down-side of a 3-2 decision. The Tigers took the first set 25-15 but UdeM rallied to down the Tigers 25-18 in the second. Les Aigles Bleu kept up the momentum to win the third set 25-22. The Tigers worked well under pressure and found the drive to take the next to sets 25-21 and 15-7. Josh Muise had another outstanding game with 16 kills, eight aces and ten digs. Jeff Stevens led the Tigers with 19 kills, three blocks and four digs.

The Tigers are once again dominating the conference leader board. Of the five stats that are kept by the conference, Dal has three of the top five positions in all of them. On the national scene, the Tigers who just last week moved up to the number six spot in the rankings are well represented. In blocks, there are three Tigers in the top ten with first-year middle blocker Tim Wiley leading the entire country. Libero Jared Reiger is in the top five of the nation for digs.

The Tigers are on the road this weekend to UNB but finish the regular season with two home games the following week. The AUS conference playoffs will be the weekend of Feb. 15-17 with times to be announced. Check the Tigers out as they try to make it to Nationals for an unprecedented 23rd straight year.

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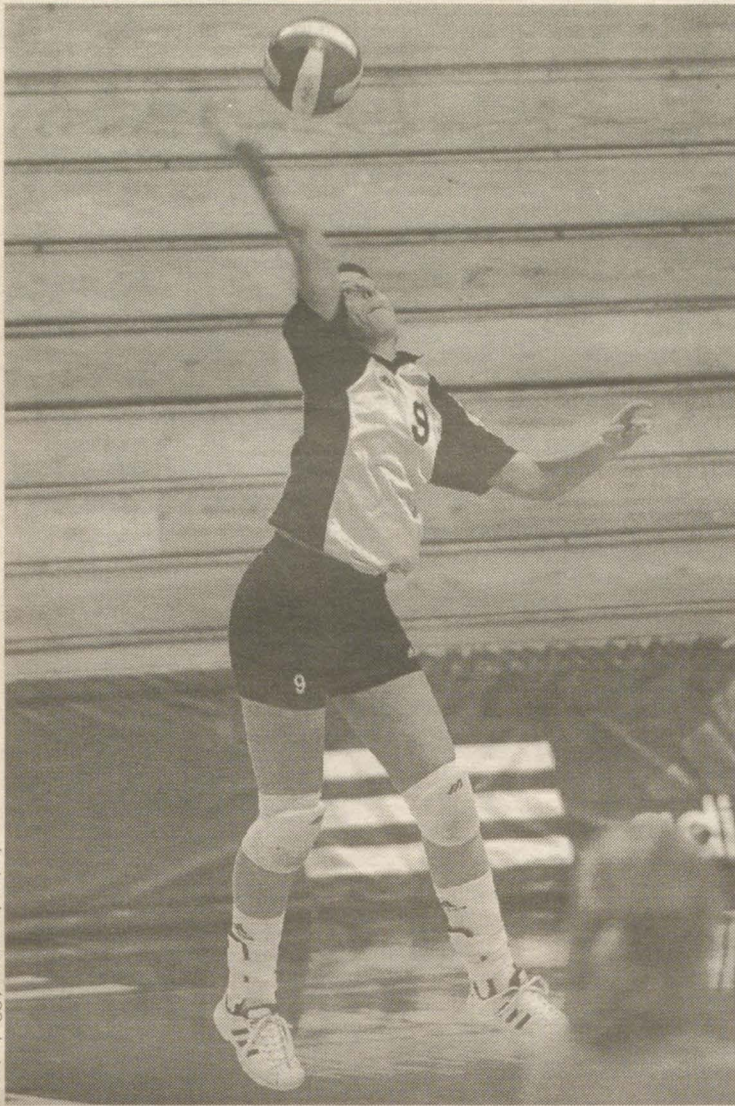
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# WVB move into tie for first

by joe leblanc  
the gazette

Following a successful weekend at the Dalhousie Classic, the Tigers returned to league play with UPEI and UCCB providing the opposition. First, on Saturday, the Panthers were in town and the Tigers took out the Panthers in four sets. The Tigers then followed up the win over the Panthers with a straight set victory over the Capers on Sunday.

The Panthers started out of the blocks quickly on Saturday as they took the first set 25-20. In set number two, the score was once again close as most of the set had both teams trading points. With the score 22-20 in favor of UPEI, the Tigers pulled it together and fed off the strong serving of Jenn Ward as she served out the set. The third set saw the Tigers play a much more consistent game as they led from the start. Once again their serving played against UPEI's fortunes as Allison Petrie served five straight points towards the end of the set. The final score of the set was Dal 25-19. Set number four proved to be the final of the match as the Tigers were able to maintain a slight lead throughout. Dal ended up winning 25-22.

The Tigers had many strong performances, but maybe the strongest of all was Ward's play as she was chosen AUS player of the match. She racked up 14 kills, had four blocks, two aces, and eight digs. Leah McInnis also played well at the net as she tallied 12 kills, and two aces. Libero Angela Cormier had 20 digs.

In the second match of the weekend, the Tigers took on a Capers team that was one up on them, following a five-set victory earlier in the season. So the Tigers were out to get some revenge and the fire was visible in their eyes from the very beginning. The Capers stayed close to Dal throughout the early parts of the first set. However, Dal went on a seven-point service run midway through. This resulted in Dal

closing out the set 25-16. The second set saw more consistency from Dalhousie and they held a comfortable lead following the second technical timeout. Although two UCCB runs made the score close at the end of the set, Dal held on for a 25-21 victory in the second set. In set three, the Tigers were out to finish off the Capers, and it's just what they did as they won the set 25-12. The highlight of the set was an 11-point serving run by Kelly Reinsborough.

The Tigers were led by the consistent play of fourth-year setter Allison Gillis. Gillis was chosen player of the match as she collected 29 assists, four digs, three kills, and two blocks. Middle hitter Jilliane Goulet also had a large game with 15 kills and nine blocks. "I was very pleased with

a total team effort today. We were able to create opportunities with our service game and that helped us have a strong blocking performance. We were able to maintain our focus and really did an excellent job of controlling the match. UCCB is a playoff team and it was a good test of our focus to be able to play aggressive and put them away when we had the chance," said Tigers coach Kirk Yanofsky, after the match, with nothing but praise for his team's efforts. As a result of the weekend successes the Tigers' record is ten wins and three losses, and they are tied for first place in the league with SMU and Moncton. Their next action comes this weekend as the Tigers play host to Memorial on Saturday and travel to Acadia on Sunday.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

**Adrienne Power**  
Women's Track  
Second Year Commerce  
East Jeddore, Nova Scotia



Adrienne Power of the Women's Track Team is the Dalhousie Tigers Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Jan. 27. Adrienne established a lifetime best in the 60m over the weekend at the Universite de Moncton Invitational. After a season best performance in the heats with a time of 7.75 seconds, Power came roaring out of the blocks in the final to win with a time of 7.70 seconds. Her performance was 0.03 faster than her CIS bronze medal performance last season and was an incredible 0.51 seconds faster than second place! Power is currently ranked third in the CIS rankings in 60m. In addition to her 60m victory, Power also won the long jump by almost 3/4 of a meter. Power had already established a CIS # fourth ranking in that event.

**Benny Edison**  
Men's Basketball  
Fifth Year Arts  
Baltimore, Maryland



Benny Edison of the Men's Basketball team is the Dalhousie Tigers Co-Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Jan. 27. Edison nailed 6 3-pointers in a 22-point performance as the Tigers defeated UPEI 73-70 on Saturday. His heroic performance included a game winning three-point shot from 25 feet with 2.6 seconds on the clock. He also tied the game at 70 with a three-pointer with just over a minute left. Edison also had two terrific defensive performances as the Tigers swept the Panthers with a 67-66 victory on Sunday.

**Dan Tudin**  
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Dan Tudin of the Men's Hockey Team is the Dalhousie Tigers Co-Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Jan. 27. Dan put in an outstanding performance this past weekend, scoring the game winning goals against St. Thomas and UPEI in a pair of Tigers 2-1 road victories. Dan is currently fifth in league scoring and has accumulated 32 points so far this season. He has been a key contributor helping keep the Tigers on top of the AUHC and in a hunt for a first round bye in the playoffs.

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#### CCNS/CaRE Summer Studentships

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A total of ten summer studentships will be awarded. Five will be dedicated to cancer-related research projects (any discipline) and five to clinical training/experience projects. Each award will be worth \$5000.00 to cover stipend support for the student for a maximum of 14 weeks.

Candidates and their supervisors will complete an application form and submit it to the CaRE office with the required attachments on or before Friday, February 15, 2002. Applications are available by calling (902) 473-4698 or by email christine.lockett@ccns.nshealth.ca.

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**Monday, Feb 4:**

Saint Mary's University Department of English presents the **8th Annual Gallery Reading Series** with Roo Borson. The poetry reading takes place at 5:30pm in the Art Gallery of the Loyola Academic Complex at SMU.

**Tuesday, Feb 5:**

The **Third Annual Toque Tuesday** carries on the tradition of supporting Halifax's homeless in style. Buy a toque for \$7 and wear it in support of Halifax's **Phoenix Youth Programs** and **Metro Non-Profit Housing**. Toques are available from high school and university students, RBC Royal Bank branches, Global Television, and Eastlink Communications locations.

**Thursday, Feb 7:**

The Eastern Front Theatre Company presents Jackie Torrens' **"Fables"** at the Alderney Landing Theatre on the Dartmouth Waterfront. The show runs from Feb 7-17. For tickets and information call 463-7529.

Dalhousie University Department of Music presents its annual **Alumni in Recital** with guitarist Dale Kavanagh at 8pm in Ondaatje Hall, FASS Building. Tickets are \$12/8, and available at the Music Department, 5th floor Dalhousie Arts Centre, and at the door.

**Friday, Feb 8:**

The Department of Chemistry

presents **Professor Hanadi Sleiman** from McGill University. Prof. Sleiman will speak about **"Metal-Mediated Self-Assembly of DNA"** at 1:30 pm in CHEM 226. Coffee and donuts will be served at 1:15pm in room 225. Bring your own mug.

The Dalhousie Music Department presents a **guitar masterclass** with Dale Kavanagh at 7pm in room 406 of the Dalhousie Arts Centre. Tickets are \$25 for participants, \$15 for community auditors, and \$8 for student auditors. Tickets are available at the Music Department, 5th floor Dalhousie Arts Centre, and at the door.

The Professional Association of Residents in the Maritime Provinces presents **Winter Bash 2002** at Duffy's Speakeasy. Tickets are \$5. The doors open at 8pm, and the show starts at 9pm.

**Saturday, Feb 9:**

The Khyber Centre for the Arts presents the **Khyber Kids Art Program Drop-In Weekend Workshops**. This week it's soft sculpture. Make incredible creatures from tube socks, stuffing, and thread. Workshops take place from 1-4pm at the Khyber. Drop-in fee is \$20 per child, and the workshop is open to students between the ages of 8 and 12. Please call 422-9668 a week beforehand to confirm enrollment.

**March 4-8**

**International Women's Week.** Get involved at the **Dal Women's Centre**, 1229 LeMarchant St, behind the SUB. 494-2432, [dwc@is2.dal.ca](mailto:dwc@is2.dal.ca)

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I'm going to try. Yeah. I think it is worthy but I don't know if anyone will listen.  
**Dale**



I most definitely will be, and I think everyone should go out.  
**Natalie**



What is that? Well...uh...no. I really don't support tuition freezes in this country. I think we need it to stay competitive with the United States.  
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**UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

**Germaine Lawrence** will be holding an Information Session on March 19, 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Room 307, SUB. GL, located in Arlington, MA, is a private, non-profit agency that provides specialized residential treatment for girls.

**Camp Winadu**, a summer camp in Western Massachusetts, will be on campus Feb. 13, conducting an Info Session and interviews.

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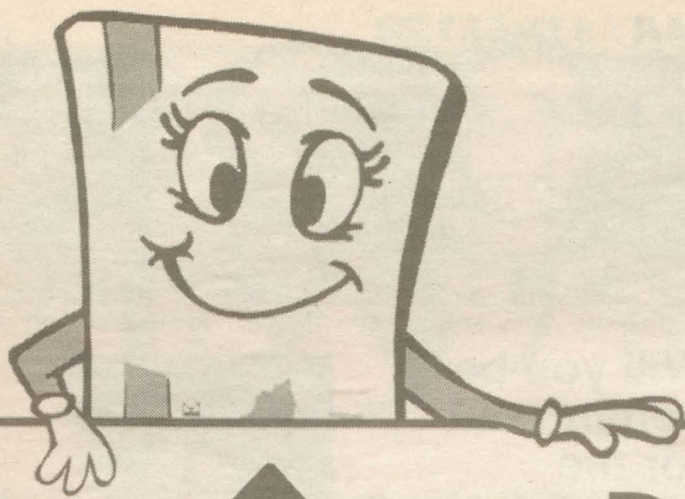
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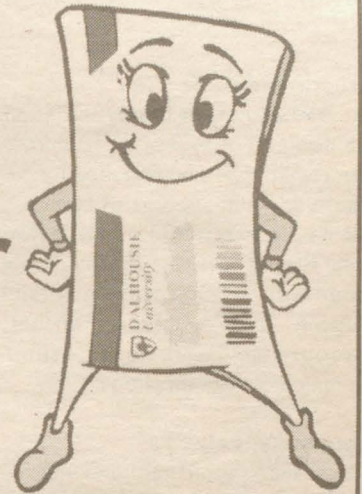
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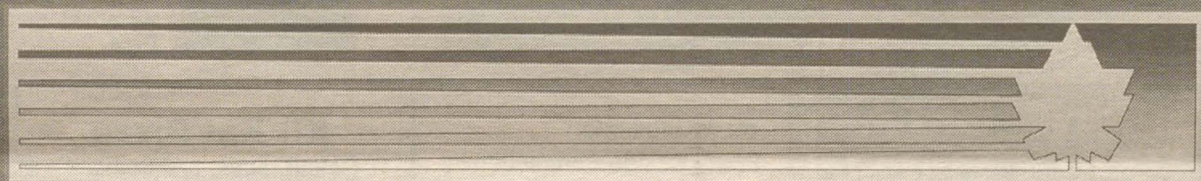


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