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Dal quiet as profs stage one day strike

By SAMANTHA BRENNAN

DALHOUSIE CAMPUS WAS quiet Jan 16 as faculty picketed the campus in a one-day strike. The usually packed Grawood bar sat empty during the lunch hour and there were no lines at the Garden cafeteria.

Bruce Crouter sat alone drinking a beer after his economics class Wednesday. Despite the strike his professor chose to teach and Bruce chose to attend the lecture.

He says of the 20 students who regularly attend the class, only about half were in attendance and the class was unable to continue with new work.

For many students the one day strike was a time to decide — a time to test newly formed political ideals. For many the test was made harder by professors who planned to continue teaching through both the one day and the indefinite strike scheduled for Jan 28.

Despite motions passed by the university senate Jan 14 assuring students that the decision not to cross picket lines will be treated as a matter of conscience not bearing academic consequences, some students are still worried.

One political science student says he's concerned that his refusal to cross picket lines will result in his losing a 10 per cent grade for participation in one class.

The professor made it clear that in the event of an indefinite strike students are expected to be there and those who aren't will lose out.

"I respect his decision to teach but he should respect my decision not to cross picket lines," he said.

Dave McCann, a student representative on the senate, says one of his top priorities has been trying to ensure students won't be hurt by the strike.

McCann says he's glad the administration has promised students they won't be penalized for supporting the DFA, but he's not optimistic about their abilities to see that promise through.

"They made a rash claim, now they're going to have to figure out how to administer it," says McCann.

Political science professor Dr. James Eayrs says he's not sure

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Members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association stand in front of the administration building during the informational pickets leading up to the one day strike on Wednesday. If no settlement is reached by Jan 28, this could

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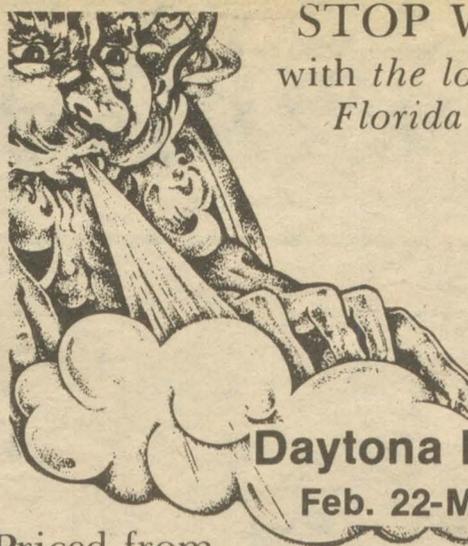
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700 students march on province house

By **BILL MITCHELL & JOAN SULLIVAN**

MORE THAN 700 STUDENTS from Dalhousie and Kings marched to protest underfunding the day of the Dalhousie Faculty Association one-day strike Wednesday.

"We are standing up for what we believe in," said Rusty James, DSU vice-president, as students gathered in the SUB to begin their march.

Beth Olley, Canadian Federation of Students chair, read out telegrams of support from Mount St. Vincent, U of Saskatchewan and U of Ottawa student unions. Underfunding was a nation-wide problem, said Olley.

The march ended at Province House, seat of the provincial legislature, with speeches from James, Alex Gigeroff (DSU president) and Mark Mackenzie, student union president of King's. Andrew MacKay, Dalhousie administration president, and Terry Donahoe, minister of education, declined invitations to speak at the rally.

MacKay replied to the invitation in letter only. He said that it was inappropriate to come in person. It could be misinterpreted by the DFA, he wrote.

"But your not here," cried a voice from the crowd. MacKay's letter said that everyone had to live within their means.

"Have you been to the president's house recently?" James added after reading the letter.

Donahoe also wrote a similar letter to the DSU. He said that past experience made him believe that there would not be meaningful dialogue at the rally.

"Bullshit," the crowd chanted in unison.

Donahoe says he found it strange that the provincial government should initiate a settlement between the DFA and the university administration. He denied underfunding was the central issue of the dispute.

Underfunding is the central issue of the dispute," said Gigeroff.

"It has led to increased class size, higher tuition (fees), no equipment replacement and uncompetitive wages for faculty. It is a major factor in the dispute," he said.

"We need competitive wages for the best university in the province. We want a settlement as soon as possible, and a mediator appointed by government," said Gigeroff.

Mackenzie said Nova Scotia should not ignore the demonstration.

"We are the victims of this thing. Summer job competition and graduation plans will be messed up," Mackenzie said.

Sandy Young, DFA president, said the faculty were victims too.

"We are asking for less of an

increase than St. Mary's University faculty received with their recent pay settlement," he said.

"We have done our damndest to negotiate for some time now. The Board of Governors don't seem to have a mandate (when they negotiate). I feel we have been reasonable and willing to listen," said Young.

John Holme, NDP education critic said Nova Scotia education was particularly underfunded. It is below the level recommended by the MPHEC, he said.

The rally ended at noon, with Gigeroff, James and Mackenzie invited inside Province House for talks with Donahoe.

After the meeting, Donahoe declined to say that underfunding was the issue. He said it was a subjective question, being dependent on the "eye of the beholder."

Both the student representatives and Donahoe agreed arbitration could be used effectively to settle the dispute.

MacKay calls it quits after one term

By **DAVID OLIE**

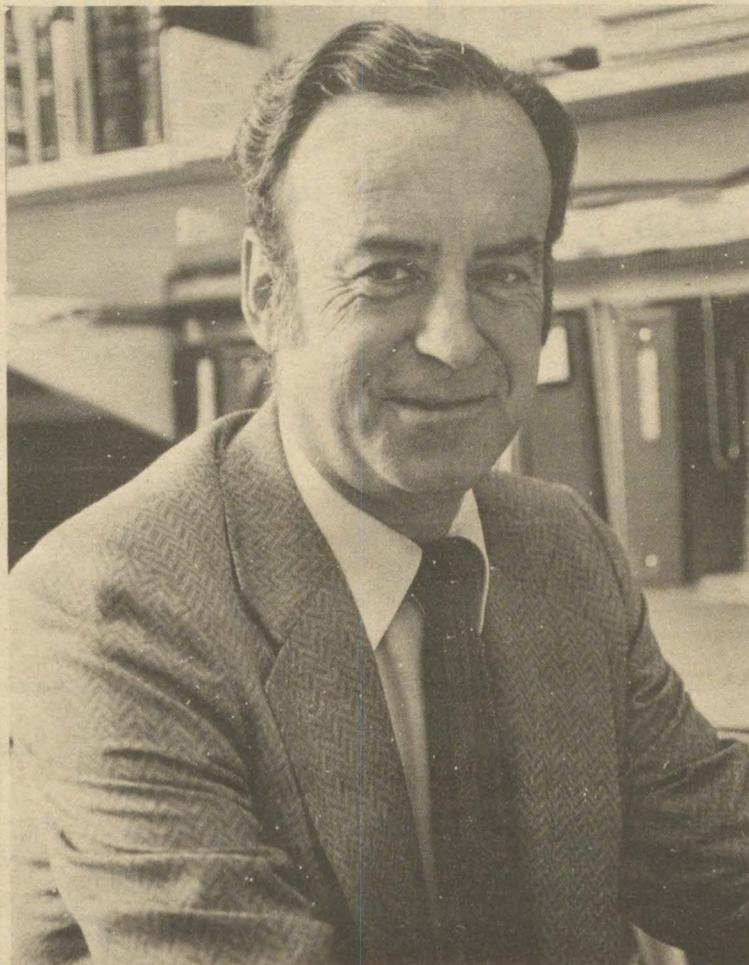
DR. W. ANDREW MACKAY will not seek a second term of office as president of Dalhousie University. He made this announcement to a meeting of Senate on Jan. 14.

MacKay, who became president in 1980, will complete the remaining 18 months of his six year term. The president is required to state whether he will reoffer at this time, giving the university a year and a half to seek replacement.

Dick Bowman, Dalhousie public relations officer, says MacKay's announcement is part of the normal procedure and is not a resignation. MacKay will carry on and even expand his duties in the coming months, including a trip to Ottawa to explain the current situation at Dal.

The procedure to select a new president is already underway. Seven professors have been nominated to serve on the selection committee, and more are expected. The seven are: Alan Andres; Robert Chambers; Judith Fingard; R.E. George; Robert Jones; W.T. Hosenhans; and Philip Welch. Elections to the committee will take place in the coming week.

MacKay was not available for comment at press time.



With an \$11 million debt, a faculty strike looming, and grim prospects for post-secondary education in this province, Andy MacKay decides that one term as head honcho is enough.

DFA-Administration no closer to accord

By **WENDY COOMBER**

ONE STRIKE LATER THE Dalhousie Faculty Association and the Dalhousie administration are no closer to solving their problems.

Last week after a three hour meeting, DFA members decided to hit the streets for a one-day strike — testing the waters before their proposed indefinite walk-out Jan 28.

"Another day, another dollar comes very close to explaining what the Board's been offering us in terms of salary," said Tom Sinclair-Faulkner, a member of the DFA's campus support committee.

While the administration is saying they are offering the DFA a 12 per cent increase over the next two years, the DFA is saying there are figures which cannot be included in that number.

Dr. Sandy Young, president of the DFA, said the Career Development Increment (CDI) is one of those figures, because its payment is flexible and left to the administration's discretion. Sinclair-Faulkner said without the CDI and the Income Maintenance Change, the increase is only 6.8 per cent.

"This is a classic labour versus management conundrum," vice-president Robbie Shaw told *The Gazette* last November. The DFA have "a legitimate bitch" against the administration, Shaw said, but the administration's first priority must be reducing the administration's \$11 million deficit.

"The administration has not

placed faculty high enough in their priorities," said Young.

Negotiations broke down between the two parties before Christmas when the conciliators said they were too far apart over salary and pension matters.

Besides salaries, the other main area of contract contention is the pension plan. According to Young, the Board told him pensions were non-negotiable because the Dalhousie pension plan included all Dalhousie employees and not just the faculty. Young said if the pension plan only included the DFA the administration might settle on it faster.

Sinclair-Faulkner told *The Gazette* last November that the administration was taking a "pension holiday," not paying their share into the pension fund because of its \$12 million surplus. The DFA says this surplus should be used to increase the faculty's inadequate pension plan, and not used by the administration to repair its debt.

A press release distributed by the DFA on Tuesday stated, "The DFA is willing to permit the Board to take the present pension 'holiday' as an interest free loan to be repaid over two years."

Dalhousie president, Dr. Andrew MacKay, said he is "ever an optimist" and feels the strike, if there is one, will not last long because "everyone is concerned over the problems of the students."

Meanwhile, contract negotiations have not resumed and the DFA's strike date is less than two weeks away.

Referendum delayed

By **KATIE FRASER**

THE DALHOUSIE STUDENT Union (DSU) referendum asking students to support Dalhousie's capital fund drive has been postponed due to impending strike action.

DSU President Alex Gigeroff says that the referendum is not on the student union's list of priorities at this time.

"The executive has decided to postpone the referendum until next month (February). We are putting it on the back burner because we are devoting all of our time to the strike," said Gigeroff.

Gigeroff says he was concerned that going through with the referendum might complicate the two issues.

"Most students are so concerned about the impact of a strike that it wouldn't be good to confuse them," said Gigeroff.

Gigeroff says that the DFA do not object in any way to the proposal, even though it might compete for university dollars.

The DFA agreed not to strike on the day of the referendum or to interfere in any way says Gigeroff.

Regardless of this position, Gigeroff feels that because the "strike situation is on everyone's mind it wouldn't be fair to confuse the situation by introducing the referendum.

McDonough says Terry adding fuel to crisis

By **SAMANTHA BRENNAN**

TERRY DONAHOE'S COMMENTS that Dalhousie has the funds to give faculty a reasonable settlement are adding fuel to the current strike crisis at Dalhousie, says provincial NDP leader Alexa McDonough.

Education minister Terry Donahoe was quoted in the Jan. 11 *Chronicle-Herald* as saying Dalhousie's financial crisis is due to administration mismanagement not government underfunding.

"I think it's ridiculous to talk in terms of either underfunding or mismanagement as being the cause of the dispute," says McDonough. She says at the same time the administration's expansionist policies of the '70's have "come home to roost" at Dalhousie, the federal-provincial government restraint policies have drained the university's resources.

"The two coming together seem to have been a recipe for disaster at Dalhousie," McDonough said. She says she was surprised to hear the education minister making a hard and fast statement about the cause of Dalhousie's current labour dispute.

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what he's going to do about students in his class who refuse to cross the faculty association's picket lines. He plans to teach but says he'll cross that "bridge when I come to it."

In a letter to the dean of arts and science explaining why he plans to continue to work, Eayrs writes: "I did not come to Dalhousie to shut the university down. I regard the shutting down of a free university to be a totalitarian act."

And some students aren't convinced the student union is doing all they can to protect the interests of students.

I think they're doing the easy thing," says Michael Klug. "The easiest thing in the world to do is blame the government."

Dalhousie Faculty Association president Dr. Sandy Young says it's hard to gauge how much support the faculty have among students.

"I've had hundreds of students come up to me who say our cause is just — but that's probably a very biased sampling. There's probably hundreds of others out there who think we're bastards."

Of 75 students questioned by *The Gazette* in the Killam library

and the Garden cafeteria Jan 11, 50 said they would cross picket lines to attend their classes in the event of a DFA strike, 18 said they would not cross the DFA's picket lines and the other seven said they had yet to decide.

Many seemed confused about the effect of their attendance on the strike.

"No one's made clear whether my not attending classes would help things," said one.

One group of students at Dalhousie standing to lose more than just marks are the 1400 full and part-time graduate students. Many of these receive scholarships and assistantships for work on campus.

Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students president Jim Collings says graduate student work doing demonstrations in the science labs or acting as

Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students president Jim Collings says most graduate students work doing demonstrations in the science labs or act as teaching assistants.

In a Jan 8 open letter to Dalhousie students, administration president Andrew MacKay said "stipends to graduate students for scholarships, bursaries and student assistance-

bursaries and student assistantships will be paid if these students continue to show up for their normal obligations."

Collings says MacKay's message leaves him unclear about what will happen to grad students who refuse to cross picket lines.

"What does normal obligations mean?" asks Collings.

Andy Knight, a graduate student in political science is a teaching assistant for James Eayrs.

He says that acting as a teaching assistant for this class is one of the conditions attached to his scholarship and part of his academic work. In the event of a strike Knight says he's confident the administration will be reasonable about his scholarship.

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Student helps with airlift

By GEOFF DIMICK

DALHOUSIE STUDENT Peter Dalglish felt something should be done for Ethiopian drought victims.

In November he, along with University of King's College president John Godfrey and retired diplomat Arthur Andrews, organized an airlift of supplies to Ethiopia.

Their efforts resulted in 40 tons of food and 40 tons of medicine and other supplies being flown to the famine stricken country on Christmas Day.

Godfrey says they "went about their task scientifically." He says the first thing they did was to find out what was needed and for where. Godfrey says that after discovering that the south was being ignored they located two agencies that were willing and able to distribute the supplies in the area.

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The medicine sent "was exactly what was needed," says Godfrey. He said that with the help of Dr. Robert Tonks, dean of health professions at Dalhousie, they were able to gather \$400,000 worth of the proper drugs in just eight days.

All supplies, Godfrey says, were flown first to Addis Ababa and then on to Diredawa to the southeast. Diredawa is a jumping off point for the south so the

group plans to have the supplies distributed from there, says Godfrey.

He says that future plans for the group include providing a mobile medical unit for southern Ethiopia and also sponsoring a particular town in the region through provincial universities.

Godfrey finds their efforts very rewarding. He said that when he realized that the supplies brought by the airlift were going to keep the emaciated people he saw alive, "it was the best Christmas present I ever had."

Tuition fee deadline extended because of strike

By JONATHAN PLYMOUTH

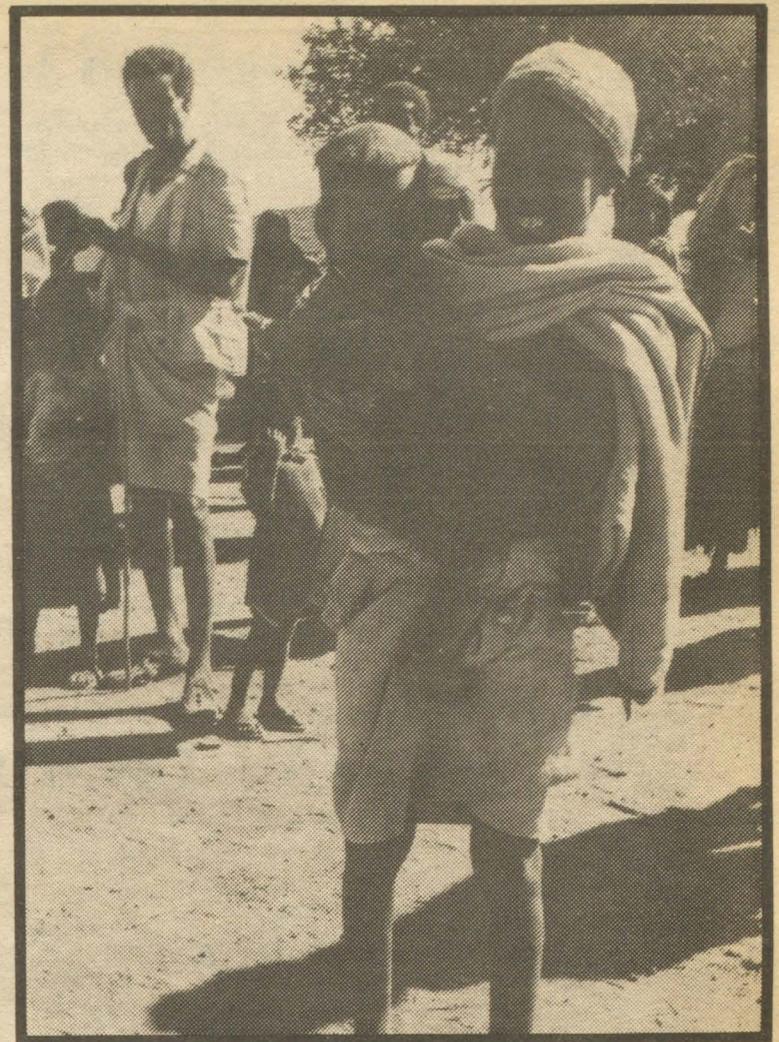
THE TUITION FEE DEADLINE has been extended for two weeks from Jan. 25 to Feb. 8, announced the Dalhousie administration Jan. 11.

The extension came after students voiced fears that they would be paying for services they would not get if the faculty went

on an indefinite strike scheduled for Jan. 28.

Students will also be able to get their bursary cheques without having second term tuition fees taken out.

Administration vice president finance Robbie Shaw said there is a possibility of the deadline for payment of fees being extended further if necessary.



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Hart House salvation?

By **BILL MITCHELL**

THE HART HOUSE IS ONE step closer to salvation.

The Halifax heritage advisory committee re-evaluated the property Dec. 20 at a rating that gives the Victorian heritage designation. Pervious to the decision by the committee the house was only one point short of heritage designation.

United Equities, the private investment group which owns the property, still plans to demolish the Hart House and other houses on Summer Street and replace them with luxury condominiums.

Keith Allan, United Equities vice-president and chief

executive, says that the site is not as attractive as the Friends of the Public Gardens believe, and of questionable historical value.

"It is like a row of teeth with the two middle ones knocked out," says Allan. He says that the condominium development would improve the site.

Betty Moore, the most recent occupant of the Hart House, says Halifax city council approval of the heritage advisory committee evaluation may be difficult. She said that because of the time involved with the administration and committees, the council have only officially made 150 properties in Halifax of heritage value, out of 3000 that have scored above the minimum heritage point level.

Moore says that despite this she is not totally pessimistic since she says that the Hart House issue has brought together many people and has been a focal point for local politics. Local residents, university professors, and prominent people such as Brenda Shannon, former Halifax deputy mayor, have been helping the Friends of the Public Gardens.

Moore insists the Hart House is of great historical importance. She says that the house is visually attractive and has not changed much since its construction in 1898. The row of houses also under threat from demolition in Summer Street are a rare example of a row of Victorian properties, says Moore.

The friends of the Public Gardens have other concerns besides the historic value of the Hart House.

"The United Equities plan

would harm the public gardens as well," says Moore. They fear that the new building may create a domino effect, with several more multi-story buildings going up in the area.

"I can see whole blocks of these constructions going up. I can see this area turning into a ghetto for the very rich," says Moor. She argued that it would destroy the character of the neighbourhood.

Allan says that fears for other sites in the area is conjecture and a red herring.

"The surrounding sites are fully developed already," he says. Allan argues that the precedent he is setting is one of open space, not of high-rise development.

Dr. Don Patton, professor of the Business Administration Department at Dalhousie is troubled by the lack of business ethics of United Equities over the acquisition of the Hart House.

"The Company seems to have noted whatever is legal and market requirement. That is OK, but ethics in business should exist beyond these requirements," says Patton.

"Other individuals should be respected," he says. Patton says that United Equities have not gone through this process.

Allan denied comment on the accusation of unethical tactics.

"We have gone to extreme lengths to consider the consequences of the development. We carried out a wind tunnel study with a company in Ontario, and have had a scientist in on the question of shadows affecting the plant life in the public gardens." He says that it is the intention of United Equities to make the place look attractive with a substantial garden area.

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Batterers get help

By ELIZABETH DONOVAN

MEN WHO BATTER THEIR wives or girlfriends may have access to self-help groups aimed at preventing violence and the attitudes that perpetuate it.

Proposal co-ordinator Ken Belanger says the Association for the Prevention of Domestic Violence received a favourable response from the federal government.

Belanger says he's convinced of the need for such a group. In the past two years, Belanger, a professional counsellor, has been inundated with phone calls from both battered women and their husbands asking for help.

"The need was banging on the door and no one was addressing it," says Belanger.

Local statistics seem to indicate an increase in visible domestic violence. Bryony House, a temporary shelter for battered women and their children, in 1983 sheltered 180 women and 207 children. Last year there were 200 women and 246 children, increasing the occupancy rate from 100 to 101 per cent.

An APDV proposal differs from the models it evolved from. The project objectives seek to change the behavior of both the victim and the perpetrator of the violence.

"The men and the women will be in separate groups, but I think

its important we look at gender role relations and how it affects both men and women. Often the victim of abuse has been prepared through life to be a victim. There must be an attempt made to unlearn that role as well as stopping the violence," he says.

Belanger says the onus is on the man to first take responsibility for his actions. But the focus is not only to eliminate the violent behavior, but to challenge those norms in society that perpetuate violence towards women.

"Value changes have to come about. That's why the group approach is so effective. Since attitudes usually form in groups, the group can be used to subvert what was learned when men were younger," says Belanger.

Belanger is also aware of the problems in the therapeutic approach.

"It's certainly difficult to make the distinction between a man who beats the woman he lives with, from hitting a woman who lives next door."

Belanger says the problem may be inherent in the language we use to describe a criminal.

"Some of them have been victimized themselves, 70 per cent of batterers are abused as children. It does not mean they should not be punished, but there is a problem when no attempt is made to help change the violent behavior."



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Faculty dispute part of long-term issues at Dalhousie

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T noticed, we at *The Gazette* support the Dalhousie Faculty Association in their dispute with the administration. In case you don't know why — here goes.

First, there are the obvious reasons. We support the right of all workers to a decent salary and pension plan. We also support the right of faculty to unionize and support their decision as a union to exercise strike action.

Then there are selfish reasons. Faculty who are paid less than faculty at other universities may leave to teach elsewhere, and that hurts us as students.

And then there's a larger issue. The faculty strike is only a symptom of problems in the governing structure of Dalhousie university.

The administration is arguing that as a community we have to work together to bear the brunt of Dalhousie's debt. They argue that if we give the faculty their salary and pension demands we'll only hurt our university in the long run. At first glance this talk about co-operation sounds nice and friendly, but it's not.

There's a problem in logic here. You see, we didn't work together to create the debt. Why should people who didn't have a say in how the university's money was spent now be expected to

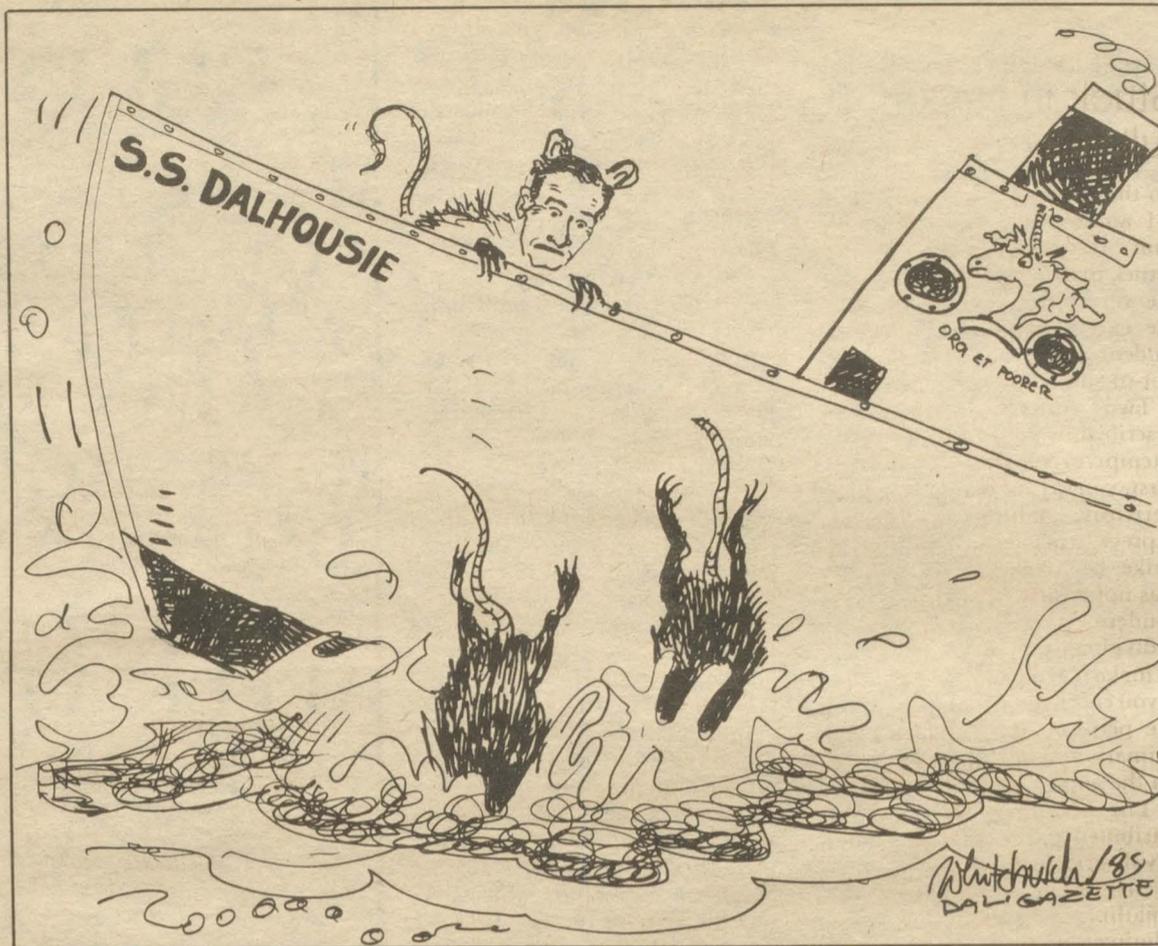
work with the administration to solve the problem.

For us the DFA issue is part of a long-term struggle — that of faculty, staff and students to have a say in the governing of our work environment.

For both students and the DFA this means wanting greater representation on governing committees of the university and an open, accessible board of governors. For students this also means a say in the setting of tuition fees and for faculty this means fighting for control of their pension plan.

The DFA has proposed a system that would move towards greater accountability by the board though increased involvement of students and faculty in the financial decisions. We support this as a step in the right direction for Dalhousie.

The bright side to this whole dispute is that the administration might wake-up and realize the strike isn't just caused by underfunding from the provincial government, or by mismanagement in previous administrations. It's the end result of years of alienation of the governed by those who govern. Restructuring the university is necessary and if that happens, in five years time maybe we won't be faced with the possibility of an indefinite strike by faculty.



Protect political freedoms of students too.

A PROFESSOR IS CONCERNED about her students.

Speaking to the class about the possibility of a DFA strike she assures them that she'll continue to teach. "My responsibility to my students is greater than my responsibility to my pocket-book," she says.

Sounds good? Not to Susan. She's a student in that class who for political reasons will refuse to cross picket lines. Work will continue in her class. Missed lectures and class discussions are the price attached to Susan's commitment.

The Dalhousie administration has promised students that they won't penalize those who refuse

to cross picket lines to attend classes. We'd like to know how they plan to see this promise through. Professors usually reserve marks for class participation. Will those go to students who participate by taking picket duty?

The professor is right about her responsibility to students. Her responsibility is to her students and that responsibility means not teaching.

One of the reasons that professors organized in the first place was to protect their won freedom of political beliefs. The time has come for faculty to help students protect their political freedoms. Don't teach.

university children's centre. It is true that organization is still a rare phenomenon among child care workers and the Dal centre's employees should be applauded for their efforts in this area.

However, the U.C.C. is not, as your article claimed, the first centre in Halifax to unionize. At least two other centres in the metro area, the North End Day Care Centre and the Children's Co-op, have been unionized for several years, the former as a local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Please be more careful of your facts in the future.

Isabel Fearon

Editor's note: We stand corrected.

Politically correct now at King's

To the editors,

Thank you very much for your article referring to King's College's use of Paarl (South African) sherry. We can happily report that that support of apartheid has now ceased here at King since letters of complaint, signed by twelve people, were sent to the president and to the chapel. The response was immediate and we now drink Spanish sherry. Perhaps Dal students could make the same switch in their liqueurs and tobaccos.

Tony Russell

Letters...

The deadline for letters to the editor is noon, Monday before publication. Letters must be signed and include a telephone number where the author can be reached (although telephone numbers will not be printed with the letters). Letters are subject to editing for style, brevity, grammar, spelling, and libel. Letters can be dropped at the SUB enquiry desk, mailed to our address (on page 2), or brought up to the *Gazette* offices, third floor, SUB.

Erratum

IN LAST WEEK'S EDITORIAL on the Dalhousie Student Union's stand on the dispute between the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the administration ("Stuck in neutral, p. 8, *Dalhousie Gazette*, January 10) it was stated that the DSU mailed out strike information with the administration. They did not. As well the editorial said the petition being circulated was created by the student union. It was not.

However while we stand corrected on these two points and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused the student union, we also stand by the basic argument of the editorial.

More unionization

To the editors,

I would like to correct an error made in the Jan 10 issue of *The Gazette*, regarding the recent creation of a labour union at the

Bioresources

To the editors,

In a recent letter, the general manager of Bioresources claims that "Bioresources does not compete with the Red Cross". Anyone with a basic knowledge of economics knows that the prospect of getting paid for plasma is preferable to giving it

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Illustration: Kimberley Whitchurch

In the morning, April 4
A shot rings out in the Memphis sky
Free at last, they took your life
They could not take your pride

In the name of love
One more in the name of love
In the name of love
One more in the name of love

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from "Pride (In the Name of Love)"
The Unforgettable Fire

Stuck in Neutral full of errors

To the editors,

I am writing in response to your recent editorial entitled "stuck in neutral." In it you make the very serious allegation that the executive of the Dalhousie student union is "engaging in not-so-subtle union bashing".

Two concrete actions are described by your editorial in an attempt to support this charge. First, you say we were "creating a petition" which sought to express students' views that a strike be averted. The petition was not created by the Dalhousie Student Union, but by an individual student; but we agreed to make it available. Incidentally, if you check the actual wording of the petition, it clearly lays the primary responsibility to settle on the administration.

The second action you attributed to the Student Union involved linking ourselves "fairly overtly" to the administration by "mailing out (our) leaflet in the administration's mailout."

No such mailout was conducted by us, either with or without the administration. Where this idea came from is unclear, but it is beyond comprehension that you make this assertion without any confirmation of its basis in fact.

I am expecting that you will print a retraction regarding the above allegations. I also hope that you will apologize for the possibly libelous charge of "union bashing" unless you can present alternate, concrete facts which are true.

Yours sincerely,
Caroline Zayid

Astonishing!

To the editors,

It is truly astonishing that Theresa MacDonald professes to know my "real views". The only two factual items in her letter were the fact that I did not attend the Daly lecture (which is irrelevant since my letter was concerned with Samantha Brennan's article, not the event itself) and the fact that I have spoken with Miss MacDonald.

In the two discussions (and I use that term very loosely) that I have had with Miss MacDonald I tried to explain that I do not think that it is very useful to make the blanket statement that "it is harder for a woman to live in this man's world." Inequities have to be individually identified if they are to be eradicated. In addition, it was my understanding that we were not just talking about "our society". In fact, I thought that it was quite clear that we were not restricting our discussion to the twentieth century.

I asked Miss MacDonald what she meant by "harder". Her sole concern seemed to be that "a woman earns 66¢ for every \$1 earned by a man in a comparable job." I agreed that this was an inequity and should be rectified immediately. I then tried to explain that the quality of life cannot be

measured in dollars and cents and suggested that since male and female experiences are qualitatively different, even if traditional gender roles are completely eliminated, they cannot really be compared objectively over such a broad frame of reference.

I am puzzled by Miss MacDonald's use of quotation marks. The words found between them are definitely not mine nor can I lay claim to the sentiment that is expressed. To quote out of context is bad enough but to misquote as well is just plain irresponsible.

As for my personal views, I still contend that all sexism is bad, whether it results in discrimination against women or men. I also think that those who stifle meaningful dialogue are guilty of an intellectual cowardice that is equal to that of those who twist other people's words to suit their purposes. Both of these points were quite clear in my original letter.

Inequalities do exist but they do not, as Miss MacDonald continued to insist, always favour males. In fact, the point that I was trying to make was that there are many inequalities which are not restricted to gender which deserve as much, if not oftentimes more, concern. For instance, someone with cerebral palsy or ALS, whether male or female, probably has "a harder time". Both male and female children are starving in Ethiopia. Unfortunately, Miss MacDonald could not divert her attention from that 34¢ for even a moment.

Although I am deeply concerned with women's rights and support every effort to eliminate any legitimate inequalities I do not think that women are the only group deserving or requiring justice.

It is not surprising that my message did not get through to Miss MacDonald. I did not ask her to accept my views, merely to consider them. My mistake was trying to appeal to her as an intelligent human being when she, because of her own sexist attitudes, could only deal with me as a man disagreeing with a woman. It is too bad that Miss MacDonald would rather talk about me and at me, than talk to me and with me.

Sincerely,
Brian D. Fantie

P.S. I would like to question the editorial policy of the *Gazette* which permits the publication of unsubstantiated and personally libelous statements which extend not into current issues but derive from personal conversations. The *Gazette* should learn to distinguish useful vindication from spiteful vindictiveness. An apology is in order.

Appalled!

To the editor,

"Oh, oh, I'm so appalled by your sexist rag! Oh, how could you print a picture of a nun getting a close look at the crotch of a statue (*Gazette*, Nov. 29, p. 12). In doing so you implied that all women have only one thing on their minds, even if they give a vow to chastity. Oh, what a fecal specimen you publish! Oh, oh, you have nothing to say and I hope you never publish again!

Oh, oh, I looked all over campus and I couldn't find a building that didn't have heaps and heaps of your women hating journal!

Many of you probably realise that this is an overreaction to Ronald Carr's excellent photography. But it was supposedly done to illustrate how several people reacted to the recent *Tupper Times* issue. In response to P. Dawson's letter (Nov. 29, p. 6):

It's a pity that you were so frightened by the intrusion of a medical organ in your cloistered world.

The *Tupper Times* is published by the medical students society and takes contributions from other health profession faculties and departments. It is not intended to be a publication for the entire Dalhousie community. Nor is it intended to reproduce the dry "literary redeeming" format of a major newspaper. Its main function is to provide us with a humorous look at ourselves and even present some important issues. This past edition was excellent at achieving these goals.

Those people who were so appalled by the *Tupper Times*

need never pick up a copy again if it scares them so much.

Robert M. Schertzer
Med II

Gazette slightly socialist, sexist

To the editors,

Congratulations appear in order to the readers of the *Dalhousie Gazette* if Amanda-Lynn Penny is representative of them. Miss Penny's letter of Nov. 25, 1984 responds to the question of "female intellectual equality with men" in a rational and sagacious fashion, unlike some of the authors on the *Gazette* staff.

My letter "Mail Genius" which appeared in the Nov. 15 issue of the *Gazette* was obviously in reaction to your editorial comments of the previous weeks. Surely it is the role of a student body newspaper to provide a platform (not a soapbox) for discussion and to educate the student body with responsible journalism. However, on review your editorials and the general tone of the *Gazette* staff are slightly socialist and definitely sexist (radically feminist).

The principle of equality behind your arguments is sound but the

methods you employ in trying to sway individuals leaves much to be desired. I once firmly believed in affirmative action programs. Reality has now crept into my microcosm and experience has taught me that these types of programs are rarely successful in the long run and always meet with great resistance, often causing a more discernible segregation of society.

Perhaps your attitudes on women's issues would be more readily accepted if you (the editors) tried to educate rather than tyrannize your readers. A more persuasive approach would be more effective and not cause the small 'C' conservatives such as the undersigned to appear reactionary and extremist.

Remember, women are a silent majority, not a minority and should be treated as one. If women do not like their current status—as they perceive it—the methods are available to make their collective thoughts known.

The whole "issue" of women's rights and feminine protest deserved a well-needed rest. Progress is progress, not revolution. The phrase "slow and steady wins the race" seems to apply here.

Christopher Thurrott

The chasing your own tail syndrome

THERE IS A PHENOMENON IN student politics known as chasing your own tail.

It occurs when student leaders, charged with the whole concept of representational democracy, decides to blindly follow their constituency which in turn is usually following them. The end result is confusion as the political process gets wrapped up in a slow circular waltz.

Rather than decide which side they're on, the student union has done its dance between the faculty, the administration and the students — inadvertently ending up offending everyone from one day to another. One day they are opposing any strike action the faculty might take under any circumstances, and the next day they are talking about taking legal action against the university.

Trying to look out for what they perceive of as "student interests," they have only thrown self-interest into a debate that should be fought on the merits of the respective positions of the two disputing parties.

Of course students can be and will be hurt by this dispute.

By trying to play the middle-road in hope of some kind of student union action that would force the two sides to reach an agreement (for example, taking legal action against the university), they are merely showing us how vain they can really be. They are merely fooling themselves if they think this two-step of theirs is going to solve anything in this dispute.

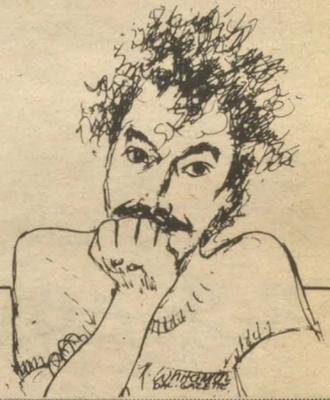
By coming out and supporting the DFA the student union is not about to avert a strike or pull some kind of power play on the administration. Instead they would simply be making a

simple principled stand that we could all understand.

No hocus pocus. No flashes of smoke. Its just a matter of doing what is right.

The student union has maintained its "supposed" neutrality for quite some time

RICK JANSON



now. How can they support the DFA's demands for a reasonable settlement and at the same time flip around and say the administration is not to blame for its bad offer? It is not the provincial government that the faculty have been negotiating with for nine months. It is not Terry Donahoe. It is not Brian Mulroney. It is the Dalhousie Board of Governors.

It is that same Board of Governors that is too easy to ignore as the student union lead charge of the light brigade heads downtown for a rendezvous with Terry Donahoe. It is not Brian Sure, underfunding is part of credible if the administration mismanagement of Dalhousie. So is the screwed-up priorities of an administration that wants to solve its monetary problems on the backs of its faculty.

Maybe the charge of the light brigade might be a bit more credible if the administration added their voices to the cries against underfunding. Maybe if Andrew MacKay was there next to Alex Gigeroff shouting "cutbacks— we say fight back." Maybe if the charge of the light brigade made a detour back to the administration building...but then again when you take a

position of neutrality...

When we are talking about a fair settlement for the faculty we are talking about more than money. We are talking about the very quality of the education we are going to receive in the coming years. Without good professors what value is this institution? That is one of the basic issues involved here for students.

If the student union wants to play a principled role in this affair, it should put the blame for this crisis on the shoulders of both the administration and the provincial and federal governments, and throw its lot in with the faculty. If classes are missed it will be a tragedy. But what students may have to return to afterwards may be even worse in the long-run if an equitable settlement is not reached.

Our self-interest and egalitarian principles should lie in the same place.

It is time for the student union to stop chasing its own tail. It is time for it to take a stand. It is time to make the down payment on the future, as painful as it may be. It is time for it to show some leadership by showing some solidarity. It is time for it to act as a students' union. That's right — a students' union.

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for free—leaving aside such externalities as ethics. Therefore, competition does exist; unless one assumes that the kind of student who will sell his or her blood would never give it away. If so, add them to the list of whimpers with which the world will end.

Although the plasma undoubtedly goes towards the excellent end of producing therapeutic products, we question the means. Bioresources is a commercial interest, albeit one whose existence is

necessitated by inadequacies in the structure of the present medical system. The more closely commerce is involved in medicine, if states such as the United States are any example, the higher becomes the price of human life, the lower the value. If more plasma were donated voluntarily, plasma-based products might become less expensive (hard luck on the pharmaceutical companies), and the costs of both medical and pharmaceutical care lowered to the point where both could be provided by the government.

If we have an intrinsic bias, it is against a society where blood, plasma, organs, even life itself is bought and sold, measured in terms of dollars and cents (if at all). We have a bias in favour of a society where blood is not sold but given, where "selective advertising programmes" (the *Dal Gazette*?) look for volunteers not vendors, and where people don't expect to get paid for what ought to be a social duty. Somehow we do not see Bioresources sharing that vision.

A.L. Penny
P.F. Dawson

The nature of the Ethiopian disaster

By TADISSE A. WOLDU

There have been a lot of relief efforts by the Dalhousie community and others in the last month to help the drought victims of Ethiopia. I thought it would be very important to reveal the nature of such a disastrous famine, which has so far been glossed over by the mass media. Without a clear understanding of the condition, the efforts of those trying to help alleviate the problem would hardly be successful.

So far, what we have all heard is only the government's version of the story. For instance, to anyone who wants to know why this fact was hidden for so long, the newspapers seem to offer no satisfactory answer. As an Ethiopian, I feel obliged to expose the developments which have led to the suffering of millions in that part of the world. Here are the facts:

1. Ethiopia acquired its present boundaries only by the end of the last century. It was not a voluntary

unity of nationalities, but one that was imposed by the Shoan regime. With the collapse of the late Emperor Haile Silassie's regime in 1974, the people hoped that the century-old discrimination and oppression would come to an end. Unfortunately, however, conditions remained unchanged. National liberation organizations claiming to represent their respective nationalities vowed to overthrow the regime and gain their political rights by force. The result has remained a deadlock which could not be solved militarily by Black Africa's largest army, 300,000 strong (and 17,000 Cuban soldiers and 3,000 Russian advisors).

2. Failing to solve political problems by military means, the Ethiopian government has for long been using food as a weapon. Eritrea, Tigray and Oromo have witnessed the most barbarous attacks (burning of crops, the killing of cattle in large numbers and also the poisoning of water wells) for so many years. This is reflected in the dis-

placement of people from their homes in quite large numbers. In fact, Ethiopians are the single largest number of refugees in the world, according to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) annual report.

3. Moreover, the Ethiopian government has until recently been extremely successful in keeping the world totally ignorant of the famine. Any aid that happened to arrive in Ethiopia was either distributed to the army or diverted to the U.S.S.R. (as was the case of the ship that was loaded with grain from a western nation in mid-1983—an action which led the British government to send aid through other means than Addis Abeba).

One of the most crucial questions that has not been answered by the media is whether the regime has effective control over all the regions of Ethiopia. It is an open secret that it does not control more than 15% of Eritrea and Tigray (with a population of 7-8 million). Even in the areas where it has effective control, the regime has been preventing many peasants from getting food just because they don't have government I.D. cards. Unless an effort is made to reach these people by the international organizations involved in relief efforts, 85% of the 7-8 million people in northern Ethiopia would be affected far more than they are now.

Besides, the Ethiopian government has recently tried to airlift the people in the refugee camps to the south. To we Ethiopians, the move is nothing but a way of breaking the resistance of the people and try to use them as a defence against the Somalis and the Oromos (who are waging a war against the regime). No one can expect the opponents of the regime in northern Ethiopia to keep silent when 250,000 people are transferred to a slaughter house. And if the current ceasefire is broken, the Ethiopian government would only close the doors to relief agencies in the hope of starving the people to submission.

Fortunately, however, there are ways and means of reaching the truly needy people where the government has no control. Those are the forgotten people dying by the thousands every day in the mountains of the north (especially Eritrea, Tigray and parts of Wollo). I don't mean that those are the only ones who need help, but I am trying to point out the fact that they are the ones who get the least, if any at all. I urge those involved in relief operation to consider this fact before it is too late. □

Tadisse A. Woldu is an Ethiopian student at Dalhousie University.

Abbie Hoffman & Jerry Rubin are really "misleaders"

To the editors,

At a cost of thousands of dollars of students' funds the Dalhousie Student Union is hosting a fraudulent debate between so-called "leaders of the youth movement of the 60's", Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin. While receiving much media hype, they are best described as misleaders, and were no better than their successors.

Anti-working class and anti-Marxist, they presented "youth as a class" to confuse and mislead democratic and progressive elements of the day. They created a false split between the young and the old, between youth and workers, which disrupted the mass movement. They promoted drugs and decadence as "revolutionary" substituting aimless anarchism for principled politics under the leadership of the working class and its Marxist-Leninist party. Was this not the greatest service to American imperialism?

Serious political people rejected them. Amongst youth and students the Internationalists fought and defeated them, advancing the cause of revolution and socialism, basing themselves on Marxism-Leninism and Canada's concrete conditions rather than New Leftism and American "student radicalism".

Now, the rich sing hosannahs that students have rejected the "student radicalism" of the 60's, no longer interested in democratic rights, opposing aggression, or progressive social change. But with the more serious situation of the 80's students are no longer interested in a token approach like student

power, student positions on boards, or lobbying officials to problems. Students are looking for a serious programme for solving the major problems of our day.

Students must vigorously reject the opportunist politics of U.S. imperialism as well as its fascist propaganda against the peoples of Central America, etc. These characters are brought onto the scene when the level of class struggle on campus is rising in order to spread confusion and block students from taking up Marxist-Leninist positions and programmes. Students should stop expropriation of funds for these Americans and throw them out.

Charles Spurr

Protest fashion

To the editors:

Okay, you're a student and you want to protest for a cause. If you want to make a maximum impact you should dress in dark, conservative business clothes and behave in a dignified, undramatic fashion.

Wearing jeans, t-shirts, and especially something "radical" or "punk" (eg. combat boots, black leather) means that when politicians and Joe Canadian see you on T.V. or in the *Chronicle Herald* etc., they will label you "left-wing freaks, radicals" or the like and not take you or your cause seriously. Even worse the media focusses on the people or the dramatics as opposed to a serious in-depth look at the issues being raised.

People who go to protests because it's glamorous to be arrested for civil disobedience and amusing to be on the front page of a newspaper should realize how detrimental they are to their "cause".

Nairne Holtz

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Gigeroff no longer joke

By DAVID OLIE

FOR A MAN ORIGINALLY elected as a joke candidate, Alex Gigeroff has learned the political game remarkably quick. Perhaps this is the ultimate statement of the political process among students: jokers do the best job as student leaders.

In all honesty, Alex and his Sancho Panza, Rusty James, have done a fairly creditable job in their positions. They have matured far beyond the two guys who spent four hours last spring in front of the SUB in pink bunny suits to fulfill a campaign promise. They have learned to take themselves and their mandate seriously.

Gigeroff, especially, plays the political game. Let us not underestimate the importance and difficulty of this game. As elected head of over 11,000 students, Alex faces the same problems as any other major politician. He has to mediate the vast and varied interests of all his constituents when they come in conflict with each other, and when they come in conflict with outside forces. He must be a

moderator, consequently he must be a moderate. This, for the average politician, is the essence of the political game.

In other words, there is no reason to think Gigeroff does not have the best interests of his constituents at heart.

However, once in a while a politician comes along who rises above the average, who leads the people rather than following them, who refuses to "play the game." This individual is of particular importance in a crisis, and a crisis is what Dalhousie now faces. The game is fine as long as the rules are in operation, but the rule book is out the window now.

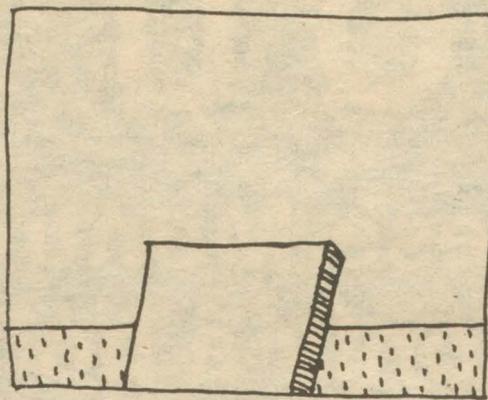
Gigeroff is going to have to realize, soon, that the game is over and real leadership is now necessary. That is, leading the students' union to the side of the faculty union in its legitimate dispute with administration, to put an end to the dispute as soon as possible. Whether or not he is up to it remains to be seen.

A final word of warning to Mr. Gigeroff: medical studies have shown that excessive fence-sitting can lead to premature hemorrhoids.

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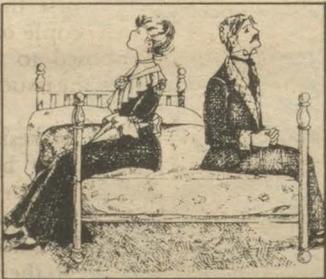
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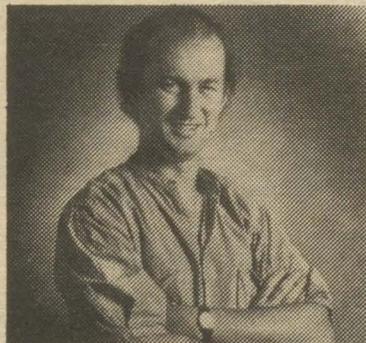
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THE SQUATTERS.

For these Montreal residents
it is not only a political statement,
but a matter of survival.

By Ken Burke

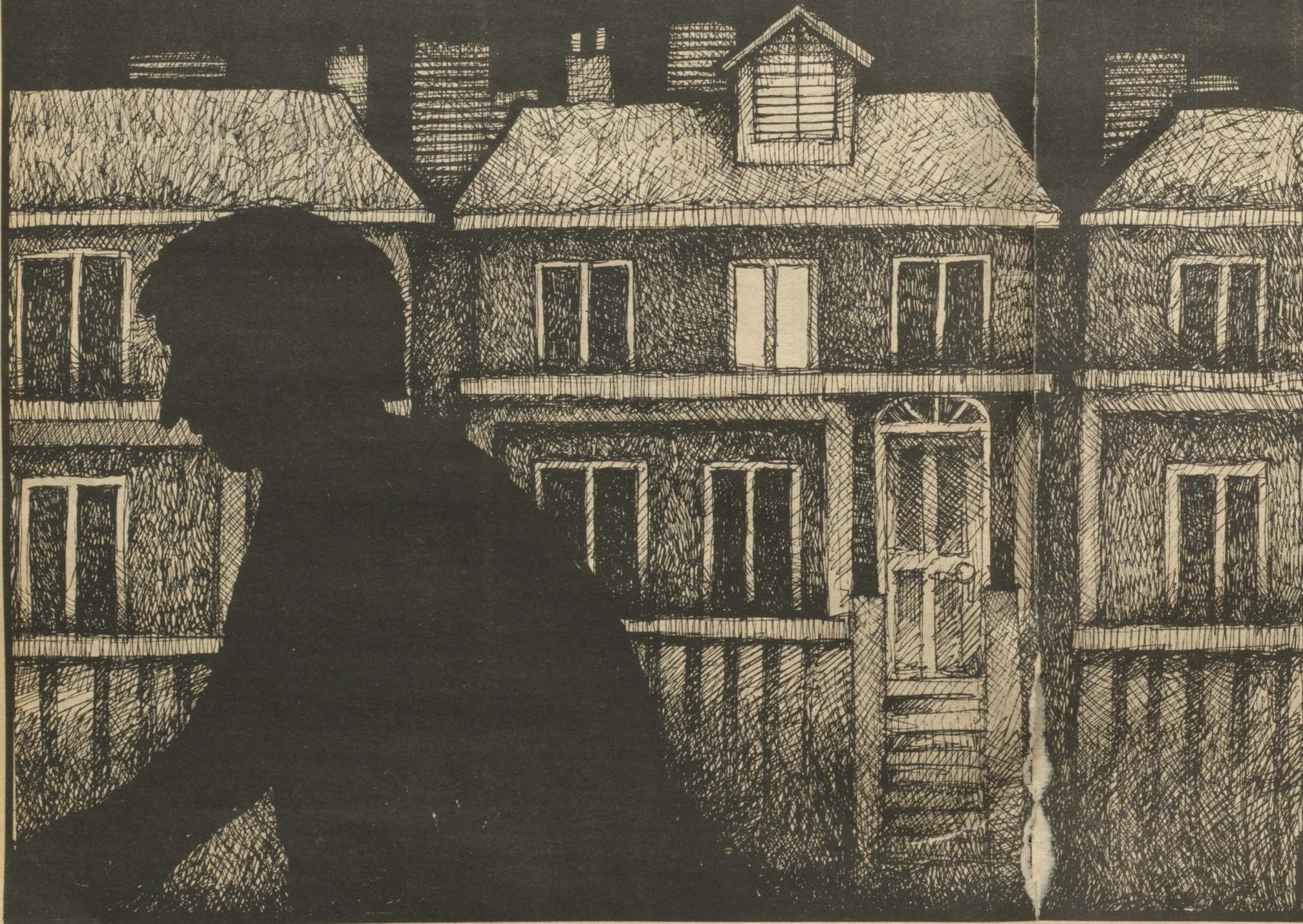


Illustration: Rick Janson, Dal Gazette

DOMINIQUE RICHOT looks at her neighbourhood in Montreal's Centre-Sud area and everything seems clear. She sees the poverty; about 65 per cent of the residents on some form of social assistance, the age and decay of the buildings, and now, the condominiums.

"I watch the condo's pop up all over the neighbourhood," she says, tracing out the all-too-familiar pattern in her head. "The landlords let a building's condition run down, throw the tenants out, then convert it to condos and charge five or six hundred dollars a month rent. I know that's what is happening to my apartment building."

But now Dominique Richot is fighting back.

She and a group of Montreal citizens are standing up for what they consider a basic right — the right to have a place to live. And they're doing it through direct action, not quiet lobbying, by starting the first organized squatters' movement in Canada.

Under the name of the Montreal Citizens for Direct Housing (MCDH), the group's members are working together to reclaim abandoned but inhabitable buildings. They plan to do this by squatting — entering buildings and living their without the permission of the owner. For Richot, it means taking control of her life. "You find your house, enter it, and you really take possession of it," she says. "You sweep it, try to get electricity, water...you're organising for yourself."

In Canada, the lack of any previous organized squatters' movement together with the law's emphasis on protection of "private property" has meant squatters attempting to organize face a steep uphill battle. Once discovered, people can be evicted or arrested immediately by the police; in this instance, they have no rights. Because of this, occupations have remained clandestine affairs, furtive and small scale to avoid detection.

The increasing crisis in low-cost housing in Montreal is one of the main factors in the creation of a genuine squatters movement. Squats have existed in Montreal as long as homeless people chose overnight lodgings in abandoned buildings rather than freezing to death in the street. The number of homeless in Montreal is now estimated at 10,000 by the city's own social care centres.

Aside from the large number of homeless, others on social assistance are finding themselves displaced by the onslaught of condominium developments in poor neighbourhoods. Up to 40 per cent of the rooms for rent in the city have been swallowed up through condo development over the last five years. The MCDH is organizing to change this.

To launch the movement, they chose to stage an underground squat, then announce their presence and use the publicity to gain support and new members. After spending some time looking for a building to best serve their purposes, they found it — in the abandoned brooding presence of Strathern School on Jeanne-Mance street in the downtown area.

No building could better express the

frustration with Montreal's civic planning than Strathern School. Since 1979, the school's halls have been empty save for periodic vandals and the homeless coming in to stay for a while. While the city holds title to the property, for the last five years they have not responded to proposals made by the local community for use of the structure. These proposals include creation of a daycare centre, facilities for women's groups and the handicapped, and low-cost housing in the building's four stories. "These ideas got lost in the bureaucratic shuffle," says Richot.

The squat lasted five days in mid-November until the police stumbled onto it late one night and broke it up, arresting MCDH member Denis Jean while two others managed to escape arrest. For many in the group, it was their first squat. For all who participated, it was an intense experience.

"You could see your breath in the building," says Doug Imerie, who spent three nights in the building. "Still, it was all right. People who had down sleeping bags got to sleep okay."

Once inside the building, the squatters set to the business of reclaiming the property. They examined all the floors, began cleaning the accumulated dirt and destruction of five years, and picked three rooms to centre their living and meeting space around. "What struck me inside the place was how large it was," says Imerie. "You could see its potential. That place could be used for damn near anything."

The following days were a concentrated rush of window patching, strategy meetings by candlelight and during the day, and choking on dust released into the air during the cleaning. Even before the police surprised them, the squat wasn't without drama as well.

"We were visited the second morning by a group of kids who vandalised the place," says Imerie. "They found we had barred the door, so they ran along the side of the school, yelling, and throwing chunks of concrete slabs through the windows. Some of the windows they broke were in rooms we were staying in."

Altogether, about 30 people participated in the squat, sleeping overnight, occupying the school during the day, and bringing food and supplies.

Much of the inspiration for the MCDH comes from the squatting movement in Europe. There are an estimated 35,000 people living in squats in London, England, with similarly large numbers in cities like West Berlin or Amsterdam. The squats range from small sets of row houses to building complexes with hundreds of people, creating their own communal stores, daycare centres, bookstores, and other community services. There is a squatters' union and advice service along with magazines with names like *Crowbar* and *Radikal*.

"In Europe, most of the squatters are young people, people on welfare, waiting on a housing list, or have no fixed address so they can't get welfare," says Denis Jean. Without any access to an income, squatting is their only means of survival. There, the squatters have fought for the legal rights which make long occupations possible.

"Over there, if you get through the

door without getting caught, it takes about six months of legal proceedings to get people out," says Jean. "Here, you can be evicted immediately."

For Imerie, Jean, Richot, and others in the group, their interest in squatting as political action comes directly from their own experience of being trapped in the poverty cycle. "I can remember times when my rent was higher than my welfare cheque," says Richot.

Another form of squatting the MCDH refers to is refusing to pay while continuing to live in the apartment, with or without the landlord's knowledge. Imerie recalls an experience of his in an apartment when just such a squat would have been called for: "There was no kitchen floor — plywood just covered a big hole there. The pipes froze in the winter and I had to keep the taps on all the time to keep them from freezing again. And when the guy upstairs flushed his toilet, it would end up in my bathtub..." he says, his voice trailing off in disgust.

"The idea that poor people actually have to pay somebody to live in a place like that is obscene..."

I paid \$95 a month for that. The idea that poor people actually have to pay somebody to live in a place like that is obscene," he says.

Now that the movement has gone public, the next step MCDH activists see is continuing to expand their network of support and organise towards one of their first goals — to set up a permanent squat on a large scale. "We'll need more support for that — altogether in the hundreds," says Denis Jean. "Support people would have to help with supplies, participate in picket lines outside the structure so the police won't be able to evict; there's a lot to do," he says.

To get to this stage, they plan to increase the number of underground squats linked to the movement, then gradually make them public. So far, expanding contact with existing squats has proven to be a frustrating task. "There are many squatters in Montreal but we can't find most of them because they can't advertise," says Richot. "Here, if the cops find you, you're out right then. They can't put up a sign saying, 'We're squatting to save this building.'"

Even so, Richot is encouraged by signs that others are organizing on a large scale in the city. She has heard of a squat ongoing somewhere in the city consisting of an entire block of houses — half not paying their rent and the other half occupying abandoned buildings.

An acceleration in squats is expected to be matched by an increase in "attention" from police and city authorities. "I expect them to react violently to any attack on what they see as their property," says Imerie.

"It's also a political statement by the poor — like a public announcement — that here's the housing, you can take it if you want," he says.

Shawn Woods agrees. Once there's enough people together it really gets possible. If there's 10,000 squatters in Montreal, you can't just squash it in a moment."

THE *NEXT* CANADIAN ECONOMY

Two Montreal economists chart Canada's economic future in a brave new book

Review by Rick Janson



Photo: Michael Scher

CAUGHT IN THE transition from an industrial economy to the information age, Canadian business leaders, economists and politicians are finding that traditional economic solutions no longer work.

Scrambling to cope with high unemployment, inflation, high interest rates and slow economic growth, the politics of the 1970's failed to grasp the fundamental changes that were occurring in our economy.

Montreal economists Dian Cohen and Kristin Shannon state in their new book, *The Next Canadian Economy*, that in trying to manipulate the "mood" of the present economy our leaders failed to ask the right questions about the next economy.

The Next Canadian Economy
by Dian Cohen and Kristin Shannon
Eden Press
\$9.95

Criss-crossing Canada interviewing chief executive officers, labour leaders and government officials, they have put together a concise analysis of our current dilemmas and suggest the options we are faced with in order to survive as a nation.

In the next economy "people are the source of wealth and information is the currency."

Westinghouse chief executive officer Frank Tyaack states in the book: "If our comparative advantage

is intellectual capital, then the thing that we should be investing in like fury is education. And my perception of the education system is that it is shrinking in terms of its support and its facilities. If I had to pick the priority area for government policy to enter, I'd pick that one first. I'll fore-go the tax incentives, the grants, the export aid and so on; if they would shovel all the billions into education, I'd be happier."

The book predicts that with the advent of new technologies and the better use of intellectual capital on the shop floor, the jobless rate will not decline over the next decade.

Fred Pomeroy, president of the Communications Workers of Canada says in the book: "The change is structural; the hardest thing to come to grips with is the jobless growth. We are not going to see increased employment in the next ten years; the new technologies are emphatically not going to bail us out. The 'winners' are downsizing just as fast as the losers. With technology that is on the shelf right now, for example, Bell Canada could, if it chose to, cut its labour force in half."

The authors criticize the fact that Canada has yet to realistically address the question of a permanent income support system for those left unemployed in the transition.

"Our present system of unemployment insurance, welfare, and job retraining evolved as a temporary response to a temporary problem. They were designed to meet the basic needs of a few people at the

margins of an economy for only a short period of time. That was an acceptable model for the last economy, but it is ill-suited to a lengthy transition period of high, structural unemployment among the mainstream of the Canadian middle-class."

As big business streamlines its operations, Cohen and Shannon see most of the new jobs in the transitional economy coming from small business.

The number of Canadians who are self-employed has risen by 30 per cent over the last decade to more than a million people.

Pat Johnston-Lavigne, former executive vice-president of the Canadian Federation for Independent Business, states in the book: "The history of entrepreneurship shows that people often start businesses when they're desperate. We have a lot of desperate people, and they're starting a lot of businesses. But there's a positive thrust as well in that desperation. Maybe it's the legacy of Woodstock to distrust bigness and bureaucracy. A lot of people just don't want to work in big places anymore. They don't want to be just a number. They have a different value system."

Although small-business has traditionally relied on big business for support, many fall into a new category of "stand-alone young companies."

"I think we're moving in the direction of more innovation and design going into the creation of manufacturing companies that are 'stand-alone,' that haven't been reliant on large companies for initial supply contracts," says Johnston-Lavigne. "The movement towards that has to do with a couple of things. First the market is full of things which can be imitated. Second, communications. Third, computer and skill levels."

The authors point out that small business people are adaptive, flexible, and mobile — they can move quickly to take advantage of the rapidly changing times.

While big business, big government and big unions agonize over the changes in our economy, Canadians are becoming more self-reliant and marching to the future in their own personal way.

"Complacency is being replaced by anger and annoyance, and even more shocking, by evidence of a determination to be more self-reliant, less dependent on government. As the authority figures of the past crumble before this onslaught, Canadians are wasting little time on grumbling and have turned to putting their houses in order," state Cohen and Shannon.

They remind us that the real indicator of government support can be found in the compliance of the public to the voluntary income tax system.

"And so the real vote of support for the government is reflected less in the support for a new majority government and more in what Canadians are doing with their taxable income. One thing is crystal clear — we are not willingly handing over hard-earned income to Revenue Canada with either the consistency or the willingness of the past. Some officials estimate that even if there were a recovery tomorrow, Revenue Canada would not receive the same volume of revenues that they might have gained only five years earlier."

Overtime

Trioc team triumphs in Csongrad

By MARK ALBERSTAT

JANUARY SIXTH WILL undoubtedly go down in the annals of Canadian sports history as one of the landmark days for Canadian athletes.

This was the day that the Canadian national trioc team won the World Championships in Csongrad, Hungary, the host city for this year's championship. As usual, most of the popular press did not report the happening because of their belief that the sport is just not big enough here. This is flatly wrong.

Mark King turned out to be the ace in the hole for the Canadian team during the season as he racked up over 300 points, a little less than half of the team's overall total.

King keeps in shape during the off season by swimming and tennis, which is undoubtedly beneficial to this type of sport.

Team captain Rob Minns says, "Mark is one of our best players because of his size (6'2", 195 lbs.), which is just perfect for a trioc player. He is also very agile, which just comes naturally to Mark. His personal accomplishments should not overshadow the team's efforts."

"I just seem to be in the right place at the right time," says King, adding, "the other players are a big help, of course, and I couldn't do a thing without them."

Through the season the team had a record of 12 wins, 4 losses, 1

tie, and 3 fatalities, which is the best record in the team's six year history. This is also the second best record of any trioc team this season, the only team with a better record being Brazil with 13 wins, 2 losses, 2 ties, and 5 fatalities.

One of the team's most interesting games played this season was one against the team from Scotland. With the score tied a 86-86 with less than three seconds remaining, team captain Rob Minns did a triple back chop with a right click and a left hook to put his puck in the net, letting teammate Roberts put his in almost undefended. Word has it that the other teams on the circuit have now got copies of the game film and are hoping to use the same type of play next year.

The championship game unfortunately was not as exciting, with Canada leading all the way from the opening moose call. The final score of the game was 92-77 for Canada. King put in 40 of Canada's 92 points.

The team is said to have returned to Canada without the fanfare and adulation that other athletes, the World Junior Hockey Championship gold-medal team, for example, have received. The few loyal fans who did go to the airport were in for a treat as the team freely mingled with their awaiting fans.

The Dalhousie *Gazette* sports staff would like to congratulate the team and wish them all the best in the coming season. We hope they can duplicate this season's feat next year.



The UPEI Panthers took it to the Tigers in a 6-3 AUAA verdict on Saturday at the Dal arena. Michael Scher, Dal Photo.

Hockey Tigers drop two

By MARK ALBERSTAT

SATURDAY EVENING THE UPEI Panthers took to the ice at the Dalhousie arena to face the third-place Dal Tigers.

The Tigers had lost to Moncton the previous night by a score of 11-2. The Panthers, on the other hand, came into the game ranked number one in the CIAU, and were there to show why.

The final outcome of the game saw the Panthers defeating the Tigers 6-3. Although the score seems lopsided, the actual play was not.

In a post-game interview, Tiger coach Kent Ruhnke said, "They (UPEI) must have a certain amount of respect for us, because they played with such intensity."

The first period started off poorly for the Panthers as they got a penalty just 40 seconds into the game.

Dalhousie scored first at the 2:13 mark off the stick of Peter Woodford, assisted by Lyle Kjernisted.

The action was continuous for the next four minutes until UPEI scored. Greg Gravel, a five-foot, six-inch forward, put it in for the Panthers. Gravel was one of the AUAA players who was on the Canadian Olympic team when the Moscow Dynamos were on their recent tour of Canada.

UPEI scored again in this period, when with 30 seconds left Gordie Roche got a pass from Randy Muttart and put it in for the Panthers, who went to the locker room ahead by one.

Saturday's match not only featured good hockey, but it was also the night of the Great Potato Shoot Out. This world-class

event was held between the first and second periods, and was won by Ian Steedman.

In the second period, the Tigers scored the tying goal at the 2:35 mark, with forward Terry Crowe getting credit for the goal.

Two minutes later, the Tigers' Neal Megannety took a shot a few feet past the blue line, which put Dal ahead and some of the fans on their feet. Megannety was assisted by Peter Woodford and John Cossar. This was Dal's third, and, unfortunately, last goal of the game.

Panthers' Ronald Carragher was the next to score for the visitors around the eight minute mark.

At 15:02 in this period, a brawl broke out on the ice, and three players from each team were penalized as a result. UPEI's Albert Roche was thrown out of the game, and teammates Ronald Carragher and Darwin McCutcheon got twelve and two minutes

respectively. Dal's Kevin Quartermain got five minutes, while Brad Crossley received four and Lyle Kjernisted two.

Twelve seconds after play resumed, Panthers' Greg Gravel scored for his second time and UPEI's fourth.

With about a minute and a half left to play in this period, Greg Gravel showed the 900 or so fans why he played on the Olympic team as he scored with an assist from Steffen.

The third period was much less eventful as UPEI's Darwin McCutcheon scored at the 8:45 mark to end the night's tallies.

The Player of the Game award went to Dalhousie forward Neal Megannety. Mention should also be made of Tigers' netminder Darren Cossar who had some brilliant saves throughout the game and stood up well to the potent Panthers offense.

The loss dropped the Tigers to fourth place in the AUAA.

Swim team swamps opposition

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's and women's swim teams improved their dual meet records to 6-1 and 6-3 respectively with wins over Acadia, Mount Allison and UNB this weekend.

On Friday, the Tiger women defeated Acadia 70-16, while the Dal men won by 56-30. The women took all eleven events, with Susan Duncan qualifying for the CIAU finals in the 100M back stroke and capturing the 200M freestyle. Jennifer Davidson won the 50M freestyle and the 100M freestyle. The meet

was held at the Dalplex. was held at the Dalplex.

For the Dal men, who won nine of the eleven events, John Burns won the 100M back stroke and the 50M freestyle.

On Saturday, the Dal women won eight out of nine individual events, topping Mount Allison 59-39 and UNB 51-43. The men, led by Jon Burns, who won the 50 and 100M freestyle, defeated Mount A 75-17 and UNB 66-28.

The Tigers will be at Memorial University this weekend for an AUAA invitational.

UNB tops Tigers

By LISA TIMPF

"THEY BEAT US FROM THE floor," was coach Carolyn Savoy's analysis of the Tigers' 74-49 loss to perennial power University of New Brunswick on Friday.

Although Dal out-rebounded the UNB squad 26-18, and had less turnovers (22 compared to 32) the UNB team posted a 50%+ percentage in shooting from the floor, sinking 35 of 62 shots, compared to Dal's 20 of 52.

The game was tied at 26-all at half time, but early in the second half a defensive breakdown on Dal's part opened the door for UNB to take control.

Once the Tigers found themselves behind by ten points, they began to play a catch-up offense, and poor shot selection was the result.

"I think we were getting mentally fatigued, then

physically fatigued," noted Savoy. "The communication broke down because players were becoming introspective about the way things were going rather than helping each other out."

Dal was led on the scoreboard by Lisa Briggs with 13 points. Peggy MacLean scored 12, while Sheri Thuroutt added 11.

The Tigers will be on the road this weekend as they travel to New Brunswick and PEI for games against Mount Allison and UPEI on Friday and Saturday respectively.

And, they'll get another chance at UNB on February 9th at the Dalplex.

Savoy, who feels that the Tigers could have beaten UNB on Saturday, is looking forward to the rematch.

"We played with them for 20 minutes," said Savoy. "Next time we have to play with them for 40."

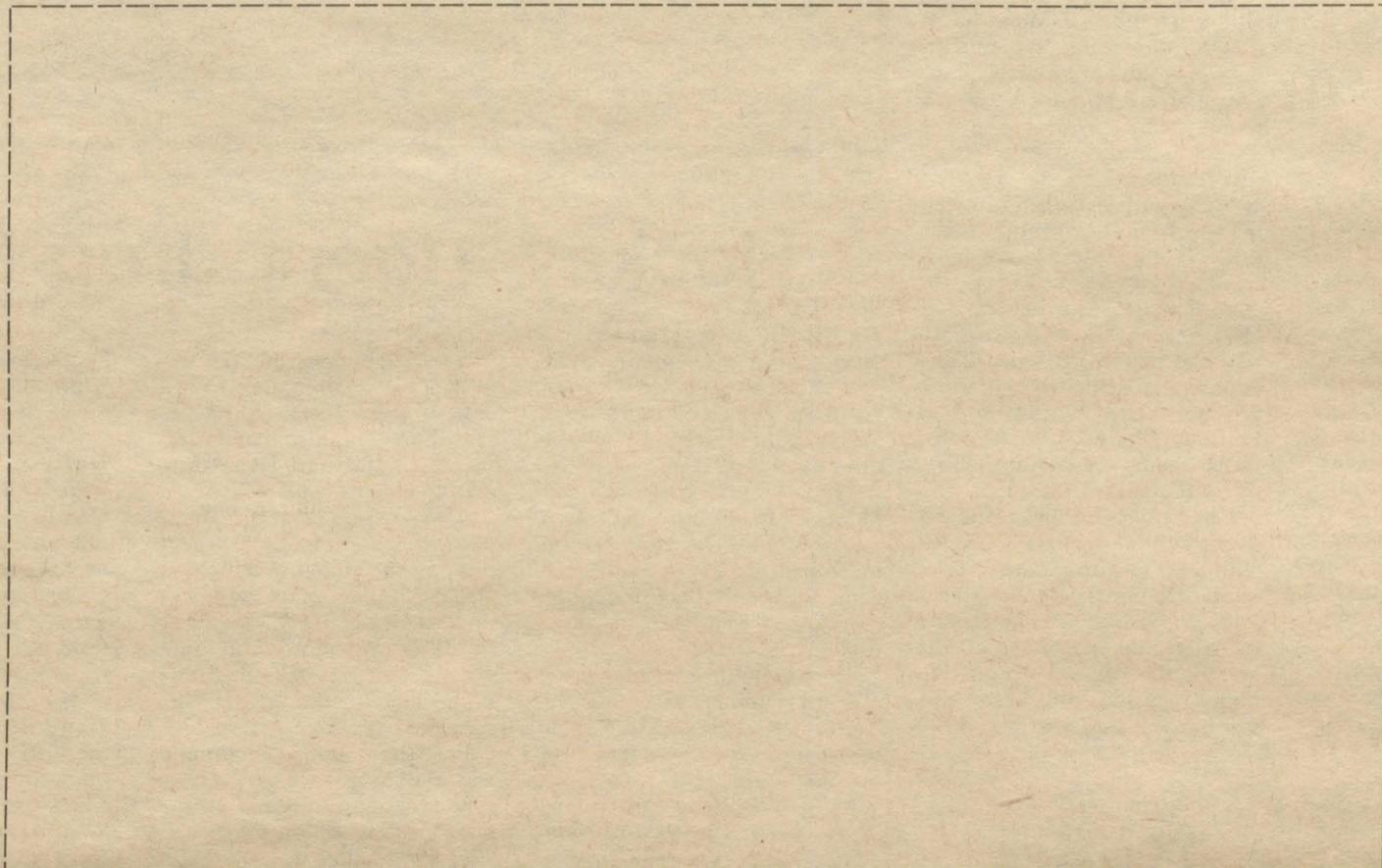
Time is running out

The Dalhousie Faculty Association is prepared to
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Ever since our General Meeting of 9 January we have been hoping for some sign from the Board that we can begin bargaining again. Here is what we have heard:



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This week the Senate of the University adopted the following motions: In so far as regulation 13 of the University Regulations and regulation 2-3 of the Undergraduate Regulations require attendance at classes and participation in examinations and/or tests, Senate agrees that these regulations not be enforced for the duration of any legal strike, and requests the vice-president academic to notify all

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Women's volleyball team drops Acadia

By LISA TIMPF

ALTHOUGH THE DAL women's volleyball Tigers extended their undefeated record to seven games for the season, coach Karen Fraser felt they could have played better in a matchup with Acadia on Saturday.

"It was a bit frustrating," said Fraser. "We weren't quite prepared enough mentally for a tough match."

The Tigers found the going rough in the first game, which ended 15-10 in Dal's favour. The Tigers swept the next two games 15-5, 15-2. The victory came without the services of Brenda Turner, who was being rested due to a nagging leg injury.

Player of the Game Simona Vortel hammered home ten kills, while Donna Boutillier added nine.

The Tigers are currently

preparing for the Dal Volleyball Callis this weekend.

"We hope to make it into the semi-finals of the tournament," said Fraser, "but we'll have our work cut out for us."

Seven of the eight teams participating in the women's section of the event are ranked in the top ten in the CIAU. Some of the toughest of these are in Dal's pool—number-one ranked University of Winnipeg, number six University of Ottawa, and eighth-ranked Laval University.

The Tigers, who were ranked eighth two weeks ago, have slipped to tenth spot in the national rankings, despite their undefeated record.

"The top ten rankings are important in determining seedings for the National championships," said Fraser.

"We have something to prove at the Classic."

Volleyball Classic slated for weekend

By MARK ALBERSTAT

THE SIXTH ANNUAL DAL—housie Volleyball Classic will be held this weekend, and will feature some of the best volleyball action likely to be seen in the area this season.

Each of Canada's five conferences will be represented at the tournament in both the men's and women's divisions.

The men's side will feature University of Saskatchewan Huskies, University of Winnipeg Wesmen, York University Yeomen, Universite de Moncton Aigles Bleus, Memorial University Beothucks, and, of

course, the Dalhousie Tigers.

The women's division has the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes, University of Manitoba Bisonettes, University of Winnipeg Lady Wesmen, York University Yeowomen, University of Ottawa Gee Gees, Laval University Rouge et Or, Universite de Moncton Aigles Bleus, and the Dalhousie Tigers.

The action starts Friday at 2:30 pm when the Tigers women's team takes on Laval and the men's team sees action at 4:30 pm against Universite de Sherbrooke.

Dalhousie coaches Al Scott and Karen Fraser are understandably excited and are hoping for the usual good fan support.

Tigers improve record

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's basketball team left the ranks of the winless this weekend as they swept a pair of AUAAs contests from the University of New Brunswick Red Raiders in Fredericton.

The victories left the Tigers with a 2-3 league record, while the Raiders dropped to 1-6.

On Friday, Tiger guard Bo Malott led the Dalhousie squad to a 73-53 victory. Malott recorded 21 points for the Tigers. Dal forward Al Ryan added 14.

On Saturday, Malott continued to impress, scoring 26 points and adding 11 rebounds in a 68-56 Tigers' victory.

Third year guard Ron Wright netted 16 for Dal while Louis Atherton and Ryan scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Tigers will be on the road this weekend as they head to Prince Edward Island for a pair of games against the Panthers. The Tigers' next home game is slated for Friday, January 25, when Acadia will be at the Dalplex for an 8:30 pm contest.

Oops, we forgot

ONE OVERSIGHT IN THE year-end review in last week's sports section was the failure to mention the women's soccer team's AUAAs title victory.

After four years at the top of the heap in non-varsity women's soccer competition, the women's soccer club finally got a chance to compete in an AUAAs championship tournament. The Dal squad made the most of the

opportunity, clinching the championship with a 4-0 semi-final win over St. Mary's and a 2-0 victory over Acadia in the final.

Dal squad members Cathy Charles, Sally Thomas, and Heather Kaulbach were recognized as AUAAs all-stars, while Leslie Cherry was named MVP of the AUAAs championships. Dal coach Terry McDonald got the nod as AUAAs women's soccer coach of the year.

Volleyball team still has little challenge

By MARK ALBERSTAT

THE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL team was in action twice over the weekend as they took on the Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles. The matches were to be a warm-up for next weekend's action in the Dalhousie Volleyball Classic, but instead of a warm-up, the Tigers faced some of their most anemic opposition this season.

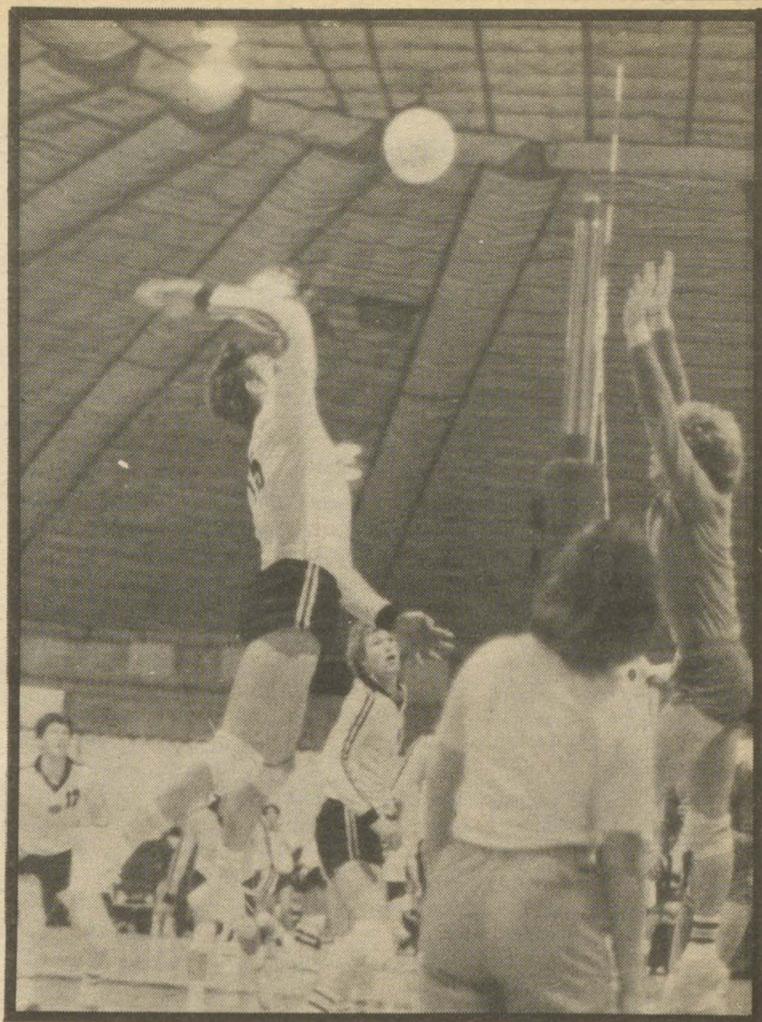
Friday night's match took very little time at all as the Tigers triumphed by 15-2, 15-11, and 15-2 scores.

The match got off to a quick start with the first Dal server picking up three points without surrendering the ball. The game continued in this vein until the 9-2 mark, when the Blue Eagles held off the Tigers and neither of the two teams put any points on the board for a short space of time. Once the Tigers regained their momentum, they finished off the match with the required 15.

The next game had the teams change ends and seemingly change fortunes as the visitors racked up a fast three points. The Tigers then got the serve and put themselves ahead with four points of their own. The score see-sawed back and forth throughout the game. The strongest rally of the weekend happened at the 14-10 mark in the game, as Dal had seven different chances to serve up the winning point before it was finally set up by Shane Munro.

The last game of this match had the Tigers well in control, allowing the Blue Eagles to amass only two points.

The Coke Player of the Match was Brian Rourke with four digs, five blocks, and six kills. Other leading Tigers were Reid Umlah



Deepak Seth, Dal Photo

with three kills and eight blocking stuffs, and Jeff Bredin with nine kills, two aces, and three blocking stuffs.

Saturday afternoon's match had the Tigers dispatch the Universite de Moncton's team with equal ease with scores of 15-7, 15-6, and 15-3.

The first match was a see-saw battle in the low numbers until the Tigers got to the nine point mark and the Blue Eagles seven. At this point the Tigers ran up the score to 15.

The next two games continued on in this manner. The Dal player who served up the final point in this match was veteran Phil Langille. The Coke player of this match was Jeff Bredin with eight kills and two blocks. Jamie Fraser had nine kills, two aces and two blocks, and Reid Umlah

had eight kills, one ace, and one block.

After the match, Tigers coach Al Scott said in response to the fact that Moncton was easily handled and is second in the league, "It (the league) should be tough at the end of the season," but did admit that to this point it has been a bit of a disappointment. The Tigers' league record to date is a perfect 11-0.

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Sport and the disabled

By ALISON PRITCHARD

Nova Scotian born Johnny Miles caught the imagination of the media and all Nova Scotians when he won the Boston Marathon in 1926 and again in 1929. His efforts are still immortalized with the annual Johnny Miles Marathon.

Another Nova Scotian is an equally proficient marathoner. In fact, Ross Sampson's finishing time of 2:15 is currently the fastest marathon time held in Nova Scotia.

Johnny Miles became a legend. Ross Sampson is virtually unknown. There is one main difference between these two men. Ross Sampson is in a wheelchair; Johnny Miles was not.

Part of the reason why wheelchair athletes do not share the limelight accorded their able-bodied counterparts is the novelty of their participation in sport. In the not too distant past, paraplegics and quadriplegics had to concentrate on survival—to participate in some form of exercise or sport was not conceivable.

The idea that physical activity may be an important element in the rehabilitation of the physically disabled was initially held during the Second World War. A new approach toward the disabled emerged with the suggestion that "it is not what you have lost but what you have left that counts."

This philosophy is nurtured by wheelchair users who strive to excel

in or to simply enjoy sports participation.

Sport provides an outlet through which the disabled person can transcend his or her disability. To be considered an "athlete" rather than "disabled" restores a sense of freedom to the individual.

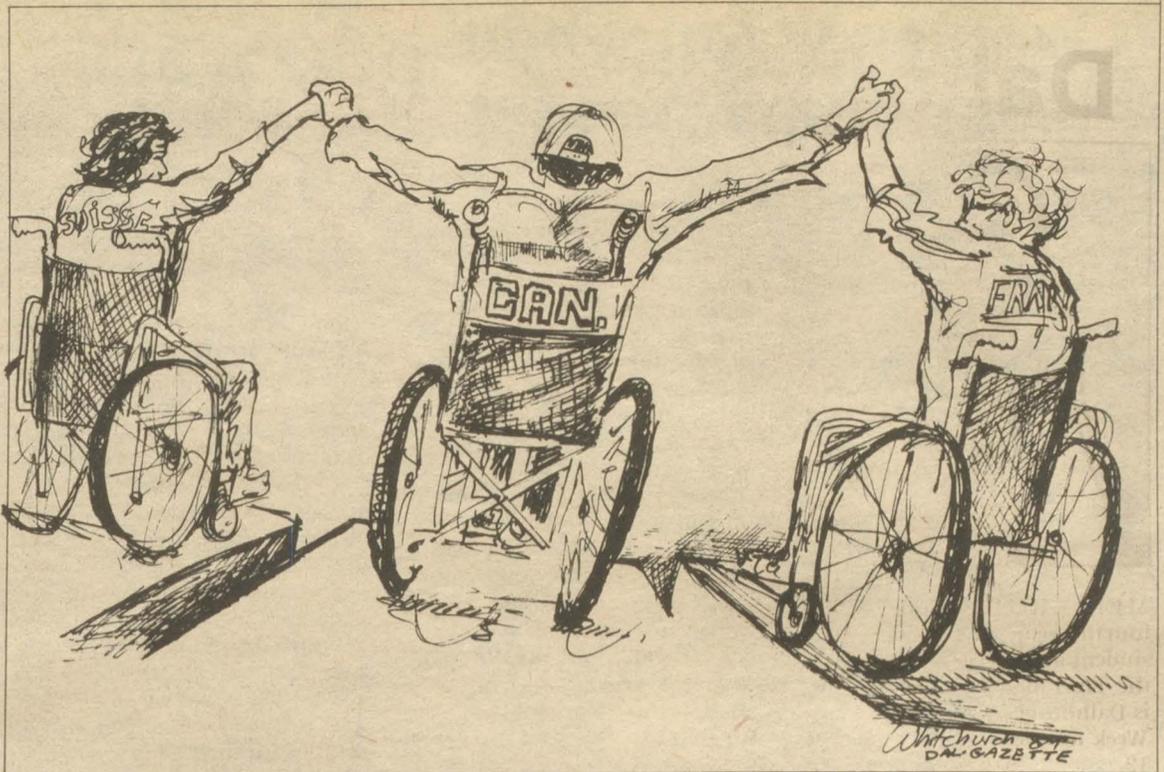
It could be that wheelchair sport's greatest accomplishment is the educational value that it promotes in the general public. Once witnessing the athletic feats of which a trained wheelchair user is capable, a reversal of the "inability" myth is inevitable.

Promoting wheelchair sports to the province of Nova Scotia has been one of the principle motives of the Halifax-based "Flying Wheels." This is a basketball team, comprised of over 20 paraplegics, who demonstrate a skill level in their game which is rarely matched.

There are other sports opportunities provided for the physically disabled in Halifax. Games such as murderball or "Quad-rugby" have been organized for the quadriplegics in the area. The Dalplex is also noted to provide a disabled swim program.

Yet the availability of and access to sport opportunities for the disabled in Halifax is sadly lacking. For example, the YMCA offers no programs for the disabled and the building itself is virtually inaccessible.

Even the Dalplex, which was built to provide "access to all," is rarely used by disabled participants.



One paraplegic woman remarked that the experience of arranging to be transported to the facility, using a side entrance and then waiting for the not-always-functioning elevators made visits to the Dalplex a chore.

Examples like this are repeated throughout the country. A recent study by Simon Fraser University found that two-thirds of the disabled population in Canada have extremely low levels of physical activity. The three most common barriers to participation given were cost, lack of facilities and, where facilities did exist, a lack of pro-

grams geared to people with disabilities.

The disabled community has made great strides (or glides?) since the days when they were considered incapable invalids. It seems, however, that sports participation is one area which requires greater focus. Recreation facilities should provide greater ease of access to the disabled and there should be a broader choice of programs and better advertisement of such programs.

Just think about it for a minute. If you were suddenly relegated to life in a wheelchair, wouldn't you appreciate having the same range

of opportunities open as you had had before?

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In their light wheelchairs . . .
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In the wheelchair race . . .*

(From an address given at the 1982 Pan American Wheelchair Games) □

Olympic retrospective

Politics and the Olympic Games

By MARGO GEE

For anyone who believes that international sport is only an athletic event, a quick glance at the Los Angeles Games is all that is needed to change this opinion.

The conspicuous absence of the Eastern bloc countries reveals political intrusion which cannot be ignored. The interaction of sport and politics, leading to large-scale boycotts, is now considered the biggest problem facing the modern Olympic Movement.

The Olympic Games have always involved a political element. It is inherent in any international event where national flags, anthems, and uniforms are constantly paraded. Even the founder of the Olympic Movement, Pierre de Coubertin, was not above the sentiments of nationalism. As a Frenchman, one of his main reasons for resurrecting the Olympics was to build character, vitality and a spirit of competition among the apathetic French military force.

The London Games of 1908 saw the first blatant political manoeuvring. During the Opening Cerem-

onies, the Americans refused to dip their flag to King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, thereby insulting their hosts and scandalizing the international sport community. Since then, nations have employed the Olympics for a variety of political purposes.

First, the Games are seen to provide a forum for international understanding and cooperation. According to de Coubertin, writing in 1896, the way to avoid wars, prejudice and misunderstanding, was to bring the youth of the world together every four years for "amicable agility". This is an aim of both the Olympic Movement and political leaders. However, it is often overshadowed by less altruistic political action.

The Olympics have been used to display propaganda. The 1936 Berlin Olympics were designed by Hitler to be a glorification of the Third Reich. More recently, both Moscow and Los Angeles have been accused of showcasing their country and ideological system to the detriment of the Games themselves.

The Olympics offer nations a chance for international prestige

which may not otherwise be attainable in political or economic arenas. Many smaller and developing countries have been "put on the map" by their medal-winning athletes. Examples which come to mind are Filbert Bayi of Tanzania and Kip Keino of Kenya, both outstanding distance runners.

Diplomatic recognition has been the root of much political controversy in the Olympic Movement. Canada's insistence in 1976 that Taiwan compete as Taiwan, as opposed to China, became more of a media issue than the African-led boycott of the Games that year.

Using the Olympics as a means of protest has been the most highlighted political ploy. The Games have provided a stage to protest unacceptable conditions within countries, as well as deplorable situations on the international scene.

Who can forget the image of John Carlos and Tommie Smith giving the Black Power Salute on the podium in Mexico City? This was repeated four years later by other black Americans protesting racial discrimination in the United States.

Boycotts of the past three Summer Games have involved international affairs. In 1976, thirty-two nations, mainly African, walked out in protest of New Zealand's participation. New Zealand had maintained sporting contacts with South Africa—a nation practising apartheid, or, legislated racial discrimination.

Anti-apartheid groups construed this to mean that New Zealand

condoned the South African system of government and, therefore, must not be allowed to participate in Olympic competition. The IOC did not see it that way, so New Zealand stayed and all but two African nations went home.

In 1980, Jimmy Carter declined the invitation to Moscow because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. He called for Western allies to join him in the protest. The end result was that 56 nations boycotted the Olympics that year with very few exceptions in the Western world.

In retaliation, some say, the Soviet Union convinced its satellites to join their boycott of Los Angeles in 1984. Reasons cited included; housing shortages, security problems, and the choice of Los Angeles, referred to by TASS as a "polluted den of vice".

What, if anything, have these boycotts accomplished? First, an entire generation has been deprived of viewing or participating in a "complete" Olympics. Neither the U.S.A. nor the Soviet Union have altered foreign policy because of them. Perhaps the boycotts only served as an embarrassment to the host countries on which the score has been evened out.

The 1976 boycott was marginally successful. It did not change apartheid in South Africa. But, it did focus world attention on it, with the result of increased sanctions against sport participation involving South Africa. This has caused changes in South African sport, if only on the international level. Therefore, it would appear that

boycotts aimed at issues involving sport itself are the most successful.

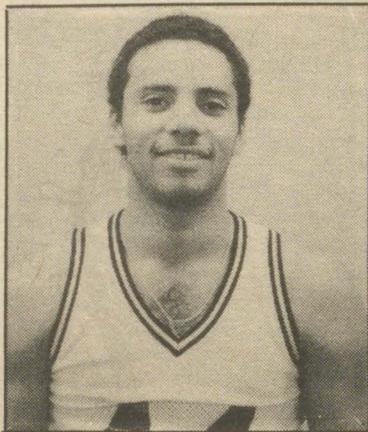
The National Olympic Committees met recently in Mexico City to discuss a possible boycott of the 1988 Olympics to be held in Seoul, Korea. According to the Director of Sport Canada, Abby Hoffman, the I.O.C. was unrealistic in selecting this venue. More than twenty per cent of nations participating in the Games do not recognize South Korea. Another boycott could spell the end of the modern Olympic Games. It remains to be seen if the National Olympic Committees can overcome this threat.

Possible solutions include staging some events in North Korea. But, who will decide what sports this will include and which countries will be allowed to compete there? Others believe that the Games should return to their original site in Greece. However, Greece is not at all enthused about this idea, considering the staggering financial costs involved. Another idea has been to eliminate all the trappings of nationalism such as flags, uniforms, and the involvement of political leaders. After all, in ancient times athletes competed in the nude and accepted their awards without flags or anthems.

It is unlikely that the I.O.C. will adopt any of these suggestions. It is only recently that they have owned up to some of the problems that politics may incur. Let's hope they haven't been too late in taking action.

For, to ignore the impact of politics on the Olympics is not only naive, but a prescription for the end of the Olympic Movement. □

Dal athletes of the week



MEN: BO MALOTT, A fourth year B.A. (Sociology) student and a veteran member of the Tiger man's basketball team, is Dalhousie's male Athlete of the Week for the week of January 7-12.

Malott recorded 21 and 26 points respectively in two games against UNB last weekend to lead

the Tigers to their first two victories in AUSA league play this season. Known as the "Secretary of Defence", the six-foot, four-inch Malott also pulled down 11 rebounds in the second game, eight of which were on defence.

The 23 year old native of Toronto was the Tigers' MVP last year and his experience will be an asset to this year's young Tiger team.

WOMEN: SUE FUREY, A transfer student in her first year with the Tigers and her second year of a B. Sc. program, is Dalhousie's female Athlete of the Week. A member of the Tigers' volleyball team, Furey had two outstanding matches for the Tigers last weekend. In two straight victories for Dal, Furey totalled 17 kills, four ace serves and five stuffed blocks. A former member of the Memorial

Beothucks, the St. John's native has played well since joining the Tiger ranks.

Now in her fourth year of eligibility, Furey played on Newfoundland's 1983 Canada Games Team.



Hockey club drops game to Prince Arthur

PRINCE ARTHUR JUNIOR High jumped out to a quick two-goal lead and never looked back in posting a 10-4 win over the Dal women's hockey club.

"They scored two quick goals on the first two shifts," said Dal coach Kim Houston. "I think it deflated us a bit. We never quite got back into it."

An early goal would have helped the Dal women get a handle on the game, but it wasn't until the third period that the squad put together some offensive firepower to notch three goals.

One bright spot for Dal, according to coach Houston, was the scoring production of the Gladys Mosher-Patti Meehan-Leslie MacFarlane line, as each of

them came through with a goal. Danielle Pourier was the only other Dal scorer.

"We didn't execute in our own zone," noted Houston. "Our defensive assignments really broke down."

He gave credit to the Prince Arthur team, however, adding, "The boys' team played good positional hockey. That's the style of play the team will be seeing at the Nationals."

The Dal hockey club is preparing for the women's national ice hockey championships March 21-25 in Summerside, PEI.

On Sunday, Dal will play Clayton Park Junior High in their regular time slot, 5 pm to 7 pm, at the Dal arena.

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Try Tai Chi

By ROB CHUTE

ARE YOU TIRED OF THOSE exhausting aerobic workouts accompanied by the repetitive tunes of bad music? Does weight training and muscle strain bore you? If so, try Tai Chi. The Halifax Tai Chi Association offers classes in Taoist style Tai Chi to develop mental and spiritual fitness, bodily health, and self-defense skills.

Lee and Van Keane are two brothers who have been taking Tai Chi for a year. Lee tried other martial arts and found other clubs to be arenas for one-upmanship. "It (Tai Chi) beats the Chuck Norris fan clubs like Karate," said Lee. "I just wanted to try something where you weren't competing with everybody else." Van chose Tai Chi for the health benefit. "I'm in better shape (and) I feel much better myself."

So, what exactly is Tai Chi (pronounced Tie Chee)? Tai Chi consists of the perfection of a 108 movement set which teaches the

correct execution of form. The set itself consists of complex linear movements done slowly to prevent self-injury and to master control. This internal martial art affects the practitioner in more subtle ways than more widely known forms of exercise in the West. Patience, discipline, concentration, and flexibility are increased while overall nervous and circulation systems are made more efficient.

The gentle movements of Tai Chi are deceptive in that there remain fighting applications to the movements. Though the development of fighting skill is not obvious, it does accrue over time and practice as the movements become reflex actions. In the meantime, Tai Chi makes the practitioner more relaxed as the movements are rejuvenating rather than exhausting. Unlike other martial arts, Tai Chi can be practiced throughout life without a peak in youth and then a gradual decline.

If you want to take your mind off classes and get fit the Chinese way, Dalhousie University's Athletics and Recreational Services, in co-ordination with the Halifax Tai Chi Association, offers a Noon-Hour Tai Chi program on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in early January. For more information call 424-2558.

BOOK REVIEW Quarrington scores with Home Game

By MARK ALBERSTAT

OVER THE CHRISTMAS break I had the pleasure of reading Paul Quarrington's *Home Game*. I was first under the impression that it had a lot to do with baseball which is what the back cover description hints at. The climax of the book does indeed involve the baseball game, but that is not until the last quarter of the book.

The book is about a group of side show freaks; there is the bearded lady, a two headed dog, a midget, a wild man, a fat lady, and a tall man. This group of social outcasts are a touring group but for the past little while have been stuck in a small town in Michigan. They are not the only unlikely group in this town — there are the religious fanatics called the House of Jonah.

The baseball game is a battle between the sideshow freaks and the religious fanatics. The

outcome of the game determines which of the two groups stays in the town and which leaves.

The House of Jonah is known to have one of the best baseball teams in the country, and used to play professional teams. The reason they no longer do this is because they were often given money and this is contrary to their religious beliefs. With this in mind you may wonder how this can be at all a fair game, or at least an interesting book to read. The travelling troupe has a secret weapon, and who is that you may ask, well it's none other than Nathaniel (Crybaby) Isibister.

We are told that Nathaniel was once one of the greatest ball players of all time. Once is the catch word. It is argued that Tekel Ambrose may have been the best, it just so happens that Tekel plays for the House of Jonah — what a coincidence.

The game itself is well laid out, and brilliantly written so it seems that the game actually did



happen and makes the book almost seem believable.

The writing style is an interesting one which the author uses a lot of brackets and narrates the story. His grandfather was at the game in question and wants it to be written down after all these years.

The book overall is an enjoyable one and makes for compelling reading. As a sports book it definitely fails. If you are type that shy's away from coarse language, this book is not for you. Otherwise, I would recommend it.

ARTS

Commerce students take home big debating cheese at Ontario tourney

By COLLEEN MACKAY

DALHOUSIE COMMERCE students John Patterson and Christina Woods, having first

hand experience of recent labour troubles at Dalhousie, won the Intercollegiate Business Competition (ICBC) debate "Labour is a growing pain."

Dalhousie's delegation of 13 commerce students competed against students from other universities — Queen's U., Concordia U., Carleton U., U d'Ottawa, and U of Calgary.

The delegation's trip to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, was financed by the School of Business Administration, the Dalhousie Commerce Society and a grant from the Dalhousie Student Union. Accompanying the students were faculty advisor professor R. Street and Dalhousie commerce society president Cynthia Langlands.

Don't miss MISSA night

ADDING DIVERSITY AND contrast to Dalhousie students' way of life, the Malaysian Indonesian Singaporean Students' Association will be featuring dance, cuisine, and music at MISSA night, this Saturday.

MISSA night is the highlight of their social and cultural activities. It is an evening of pageantry and music underlying pageantry and music underlining a mixture of arts and popular culture of Southeast Asia.

This year the programme includes an Indian wedding, Malay dances, the Chinese Mooncake Festival Lantern dance and a Chinese New Year sketch incorporating a spectacular lion dance.

Prepared by the MISSA students themselves, a banquet featuring Southeast Asian cuisine will be served.

Tickets are sold-out, but students interested in putting their names on a waiting list, or have purchased a ticket and

cannot go, should contact the MISSA office on the 4th floor of the SUB.

Hector Javier Garcia happy boy after students dance for him

HECTOR JAVIER GARCIA will be a very happy boy very soon. Due to the efforts of Robert Keddy, Dalhousie Winter Carnival Chairman; Heather Reynolds, Ravi Vethamany, Jennifer Flinn, and Bruce Kirby, organizers of the Carnival Dance Marathon; and the twenty participants and their sponsors, \$850 was raised for Hector, DSU's sponsor child.

Andy Kirk, DJ of the day,

started the music at 10:00 am in the Garden on Saturday, January 12th. The marathon finished in the Grawood at 11:30pm with the wonderful Mark Haines and The Zippers supplying more lively music to keep the dancers on their toes.

The organizers and dancers are vry grateful to the Dal Student Union, Coca Cola Ltd., Music Stop Stereo Shop and Koss (for supplying two personal stereos for the marathon winners), and



When the going gets tough, the tough go tricycling. Rusty James struts his stuff during Winter Carnival festivities. John Davie, Dal Photo.

Beaver Foods and The Old Spaghetti Factory for supplying much needed nourishment for the hungry dancers.

Although all dancers finished the marathon, Mark Seaforth and

Wendy Langille were rewarded the grand prize of two personal stereos for their dancing, the amount of money they raised, and their character throughout the marathon.

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SLIDE PRESENTATION—about Sea Kayaking will be held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Lower Water Street, Halifax, on Thursday, January 17, 1985, at 8:00 pm.

The presentation, given by Piet Mars, is an introduction to the briny world of salt water paddling. Some equipment, including a sea kayak, will also be on display. The slide show will feature a three-day trip at Cape Chignecto, N.S. The program is sponsored by the Canadian Hostelling Association—Nova Scotia.

There is no charge to attend. Everyone is welcome.

SEMINAR—Department of Biology presents a lecture entitled "An overview of precipitation chemistry in Nova Scotia" by J. Underwood. Room 2970, LCS, 11:30 am.

CARIBBEAN SOCIETY—general meeting will be held Jan. 18 at Mount St. Vincent in Don McNeil-Rosaria (Rm. 401) at 4:00 pm. All students from Bermuda and the Caribbean are cordially welcome.

FRIDAY

LECTURE—the school of Library Service presents a lecture entitled, "The School Library Situation in Nova Scotia—Present Picture—Future Plans". Friday, January 18 at 11:45 am, MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library. For more info call 424-3656.

31ST ANNUAL DALHOUSIE STUDENT, FACULTY AND ALUMNI EXHIBITION—On Thursday, January 17, the Dalhousie Art Gallery will officially open its 31st Annual Student, Staff, Faculty and Alumni Exhibition, a display of painting, sculpture, photography, drawing and crafts by members of the Dalhousie community. Jan. 17 to Feb. 10.

For more info contact: Gemey Kelly, 424-2403.

COLLOQUIUM—Department of Psychology presents a lecture by Dr. Robert T. Ross on Activation and control

of analgesia by Pavlovian conditioned stimuli. Friday Jan. 18, 3:30 pm. Room 4258/63, LSC.

SEMINAR—"The Public vs. the Courts: Recent Developments in the Northwest United States Indian Fishing Rights Controversy", Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Institute for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University.

SATURDAY

NATIONAL TAP DANCE COMPANY As a dance-theatre repertory company, their programs showcase the versatility, originality, creativity and the sheer entertainment value of dance. The Company will give two performances in



Halifax at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Saturday, January 19 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm.

MISSA NITE '85—Presented by Malaysian Indonesian Singaporean Students Association. Jan. 19/85, 7:00 pm to 1:00 am. McInnes Room, SUB. For tickets contact Tay, Kuang Yuk 422-9439.

SKI ORIENTEERING—to be held at Wentworth Valley Hostel on Jan. 19/85, weather permitting. Entry fee \$5.00. For additional information contact Phyllis Bend, 443-4162, or Mike Neary, 434-3057.

FILM-STREAMERS, directed by Robert Altman, will be screened at 8:00 pm in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium Sunday, January 20. For more info call 424-2267.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACE—to be held at Wentworth Valley Hostel on Jan. 20th, weather permitting. Entry fee \$5.00. For additional information contact: Mike Neary, 434-3057, or Phyllis Bend, 443-4162.

TAPDANCE—a concert featuring three well-known Nova Scotia dancers with electronic music. It will begin at 3 pm in the Sir James Dunn Theatre at the Dalhousie Arts Center.

MONDAY

THE HIDDEN JOB MARKET—a talk by a women's employment counsellor, Linda Roberts, will be held at the Woodlawn Mall Branch of Dartmouth Regional Library, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia at 10:00 am Tuesday, Jan. 21. Ms. Roberts will be available for individual counselling at the Woodlawn Mall Branch on Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. For an appointment call 421-2312 or 422-8023.

TUESDAY

EXHIBITION—The School of Architecture, Technical University of Nova Scotia, invites area residents to a Smithsonian Institution travelling exhibition entitled, "Buildings reborn: New uses, old places". The exhibition opens on Monday, January 28 and runs through Friday, February 22, and can be viewed weekdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more info contact 429-8300, ext. 263.

THURSDAY

SEMINAR—Dr. Oskar Sykora will present a lecture entitled "Dalhousie and early dentistry in Atlantic Canada". SUB, Rm. 100.

SEMINAR—African studies seminar series presents a lecture entitled, "The Wacala and Beira surface transportation systems in relation to Malani", by James Kadyampakeni. 1444 Seymour St. For more info call 424-3814. Jan. 24 at 4:30 pm.

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