

MPHEC endorses

Tuition increases

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Health plan

Be prepared to wait

by Daniele Gauvin

Dalhousie's new health plan isn't as rosy as its promotional flyers would indicate. According to Dr. Elizabeth Holmes, who practises at Dalhousie Student Health, "many students have complained that they have not received any money yet for their claims. Promotional flyers and user numbers were sent out right away but claims haven't been processed yet."

The flyers promote the H. Ingles Insurance Company's drug plan, which promises prompt repayment to users. Under the plan, which Student Council brought to Dalhousie in Sept., students pay for their own prescription drugs and are later reimbursed by the company. To do so, they must fill out appropriate forms (available from the S.U.B. information desk and Student Health) and mail them to the company's head office in Toronto.

Holmes feels that a drug plan which is so cheap (\$7.50

per person) and yet so all-encompassing must be based on the assumption that students won't bother to fill out and send their claim forms.

Nina Singer, the Centre's co-ordinator, is worried that students may have a lengthy wait before them if they were expecting a refund in less than three months. "By the time some refunds come in, students may have left for home," Singer said.

Students who have been part of the Ingles and Co. health plan at Acadia University and Simon Fraser University in British Columbia have had problems getting refunded as well. A story in the Peak, the student newspaper at Simon Fraser, disclosed that many students had not received repayment for medical bills and drugs after a six month wait and that some had to call Toronto directly at their own expense to ask for refunds.

The company had a disclaimer published in the Peak soon after the article ap-

peared. UBC no longer uses the Ingles plan, although the **Gazette** was not given a reason for the change.

Holmes said that most doctors at the clinic were satisfied with the plan's coverage of foreign students, who are not covered by MSI and would otherwise have to meet all medical expenses themselves. Doctors at the Centre are also concerned that the computer list which the university released to the company as proof of students' enrollment may be incomplete, as such lists have been in the past, and may therefore exclude some students from the plan unfairly because of computer error.

The plan itself was adopted at the first Council meeting in Sept. At that time, some councillors expressed reservations about the plan and asked for a longer deliberation period. However, the plan was adopted immediately on the executive's recommendation.

by Valerie Mansour
Canadian University Press

Tuition fee increases in the Maritimes, where tuition is already the highest in the country, seem inevitable according to a report from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

The MPHEC has recommended to the provincial governments a 9.5% increase in operating grants for 1979-80, but in its report said the grant would have to be 10.5% in order to prevent a tuition increase. The MPHEC's recommendation must be approved by the Council of Maritime Premiers who are presently studying the report.

Education minister Terry Donahue said that it is quite unlikely that the government would come up with a 10.5% increase to eliminate the chances of tuition increases.

"The treasury department is talking about 5% increases for many departments, so it's going to be difficult reaching the MPHEC's funding level this year."

Donahue would not commit himself to agreeing or disagreeing with the MPHEC's position that tuition should rise with the cost of living. However, he did say the gap between students' fees and the actual costs of education is widening. "At some point someone has to pay. I realize students are at a point when they're least able to pay."

Deric Burton, special assistant to the Nova Scotia Minister of Ed said he expects the government will tell the universities to accept the recommendation and then try to hold tuition fee increases around 9%.

In its report the commission said tuition fee increases have been considerably below rates of inflation partly because of government and student pressures placed upon institutions. No provision is provided to offset tuition increases because the commission believes it is reasonable for tuition fees to increase with the cost of living.

The Commission expressed concern about the levels of support being provided to post-secondary education and the resulting effects upon the quality and financial stability of the region's post-secondary education system.

The Government operating grants for the last three years have been less than the rate of inflation. The commission believes post-secondary institu-

tions should be affected by government spending restraints, but they feel the restraints being faced by comparable government departments is not as difficult.

The MPHEC is concerned that if faculty salaries continue to deteriorate, qualified faculty will leave the region. As well, institutions have come to the point where there could be reduced programme offerings and a lower quality of education.

B.J. Arsenault, chairperson of the Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) said he seriously questions the role of the MPHEC who have recommended tuition increases to an area which already has the highest tuition in the country.

"We'll be meeting with the MPHEC to express our view", said Arsenault. SUNS urges the government to provide at least 10.5% to prevent tuition increases. It is the policy of our organization to oppose any and all tuition increases this year."

Arsenault said SUNS will discuss plans for lobbying action at their plenary, the last weekend in January.

Terry Morrison, student representative on the MPHEC, said the increase is reasonable given the present economic situation. "I can live with it providing the Council of Maritime Premiers fund to that level. Another percentage point would be nice, but at 9.5% tuition at least won't rise beyond the cost of living."

"It's interesting that the MPHEC has pointed out that tuition is an issue", said Morrison. They are resolved they don't want tuition to increase drastically but they believe tuition should rise along with everything else."

John Keyston of the Atlantic Association of Universities said that individual universities had asked the MPHEC for a 17% increase. Although the AAU has yet to make an official statement, Keyston said he had hoped for a higher increase. "I think there are going to be tuition increases at a substantial number of institutions", he said.

The Council of Maritime Premiers was expected to voice their judgement on the MPHEC's recommendations December 18. However, Prince Edward Island stalled the decision by requesting that a new funding formula be established.

CMP's announcement is now expected in late January.

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Thursday.

The Halifax Coalition for Full Employment and the Nova Scotia Federation of Labor are holding a Public Meeting of protest against federal government cutbacks, including recent Halifax area layoffs and cuts in U.I.C. There will be speakers from the Maritime Fishermen's Union, the Public Service Alliance, Women Service Workers, Manpower Re-Training Students, and the Newfoundland Association for Full Employment.

The meeting will be in the lower hall of the Anglican Diocesan Centre, 5732 College Street, Halifax, at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 1979.

Childcare will be provided.

For further information, contact Ginny Green or Gary Burrill at the Halifax Coalition for Full Employment, 423-4813.

Books I through V of The Bible will be offered at the parish of Saint John Vianney in Lower Sackville starting Thursday, January 11. The program will be conducted by Prof. J. Barry Wheaton and will examine the earliest traditions of Israel in the Book of Genesis.

The Words about Music series is presenting a lecture *Beethoven and Hegel* by James A. Stark, Department of Music, Mount Allison, on Thursday, January 11, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in Room 406, in the Dalhousie Arts Centre.

Friday, January 12

The Halifax Philosophy Circle invites you to attend a public reading and discussion of the paper: *IS MEDICAL MURDER EVER JUSTIFIED?* by Roland Puccetti, Dalhousie University, comments by David Braybrooke, Dalhousie University, on Friday, January 12, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in The Faculty Lounge, Fifth Floor, Administration Building, Saint Mary's University. Sponsored jointly by the Department of Philosophy, Saint Mary's University and the Dalhousie University Department of Philosophy.

The annual meeting of G.L.A.D. (Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie) will be held on Friday, January 12, in Room 424 of the SUB at 12:30 p.m. Officers will be elected and plans for the coming months discussed, all are welcome.

The School of Library Service, Dalhousie University presents a lecture entitled, *"Recent Developments at CISTI"*, on Friday, January 12th at 10:45 a.m. Speaker: Mr. Tom West, Chief of Administrative Services, National Research Council, Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Ottawa. Location: MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library. Open to the public.

Wormwood films this week include *Skip Tracer* (Canada, 1976), the story of a Vancouver strong-arm debt collector, on Friday, January 12, 7:00 and 9:30, and *Hunger* (Norway, 1966) about a young writer in 19th century Oslo, reduced to abject poverty and shame by his failure to sell his work, on Saturday, January 13, 7 & 9 p.m. Both films will be shown at the NFB on Barrington Street.

On Friday, January 12, Professor Hermann Schwind will conduct a seminar on *Management-Labour Relations in Canada, Japan and West Germany*. It will be held in Room 410-412 of the SUB, between 11:30 and 1:30. The seminar is sponsored by AIESEC Dalhousie and everyone is welcome.

Saturday, January 13

Internationally known Canadian flautist Moe Koffman will be in concert at Mount Saint Vincent University on Saturday, January 13, 8:30 p.m. in Seton Academic Centre Auditorium.

Tickets are being sold by the Mount Saint Vincent University Student Union at \$5.50 for Mount students, \$6.50 for everyone else and \$7.50 at the door. They may be obtained through the mail or at other locations; such arrangements may be made by calling the Student Union at 443-4224.

The combined efforts of the Nova Scotia Museum and the National Museum of Natural Sciences bring together a fascinating collection of artifacts and information relating to Canada's northern regions, in an exhibit entitled *"Seals and Sealing"*, opening at the Nova Scotia Museum on January 13.

Sealing, a controversial topic these days, is presented first through its historical perspective; starting back thousands of years ago when native hunters first searched for walrus and seal. The 1700's brought the beginning of commercial sealing which continues today amid increasing questions about its effect on seal populations. In the exhibit the seals themselves are also featured—those incredible marine mammals that thrive in frigid northern temperatures and show amazing swimming and diving abilities.

The National Museum has also sent a collection of photos of Arctic wildlife which contain a definite plea for the establishment of Northern ecological reserves to protect the delicate flora and fauna.

Dalhousie Student Council meets Sunday, January 14, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the SUB at 8 p.m. All students are welcome.

Monday, January 15

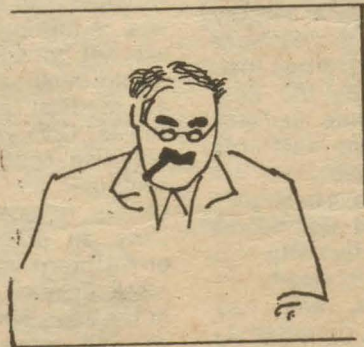
On campus, the Italian Circle, instruction in that language, continues for the fourth year with Lucian Bianchini. *Lifestyles and Laws* begins January 15 with Simon Guam. Sessions will examine the rights and responsibilities of adults and children in marriage, separation, divorce, common-law relationships, illegitimacy and adoption.

Wednesday, January 17

UNDER THE VOLCANO, the life and death of Malcolm Lowry. A NFB production, with on-location shootings in Canada, Mexico, Britain, and the U.S., gives an insight into the winning battle with words and losing battle with liquor that was Malcolm Lowry's life. Wednesday, January 17, 8:00 in the McMechan Room, Killam Library. Presented by the Spanish Club.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17—The ALLIANCE FRANCAISE will be presenting two films in French, *Le Médecin malgré lui* plus a short-feature Canadian film, at the National Film Board, 1572 Barrington Street, Halifax, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17. \$1.50 for non-members.

Five 4th year Health Education students will be presenting a clinic from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., January 16th, 17th, and 18th in the Dal SUB lobby. Various attending agencies include: Department of Health, Red Cross, Commission on Drug Dependency, Rape Relief, Children's Aid, Dal Student Health, School Board re: health, Heart Foundation, V.D. Clinic. All are welcome.



Natalie Zemon Davis will give a lecture in the Halliburton Room at King's on January 17, at 8 p.m. The topic will be *Gender and Genre: Women's Historical Writing, 1400-1800*. Natalie Davis is with the Department of History at Princeton University. Anyone interested may attend the seminar to be given the same day in SR1 of the History House on The Sacred and the Body Social, Sixteenth Century Lyons. Everyone is welcome to hear these special lectures.

Coming Events

Moved since this summer? Tell your summer employer your new address, so that you get your T-4 slip. Free change-of-address cards are available at any post office.

Loud-mouth kids wanted! Dartmouth Regional Library is looking for articulate and opinionated teenagers to take part in discussions on *youth rights* during International Year of the Child 1979. Call Lynn at 466-6295.

Anyone who wants to improve his or her basic writing and communication skills may take Let's Write with Mrs. Mary Keane and Sr. Therese Moore at Saint Thomas More parish in Dartmouth beginning Tuesday, February 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Dalhousie School of Library Service presents a lecture entitled, *"Information Systems: Past, Present and Future"* on January 19th at 10:45 a.m. Speaker: Mr. Richard Caputo, Washington Area Manager, Information Systems Programs, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company. Location: MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library. Open to the public.

Immunization: Students travelling overseas this summer should start their needles now. These can be given out at the Health Services. Contact Dr. Service at 424-2171.

WORKSHOPS FOR THE WRITING OF THESES & DISSERTATIONS

Suffering from the stress and mental anguish of writing your thesis or dissertation?

Then, these workshops are designed for you. They are open to M.A. and Ph.D. students in all disciplines who are currently writing their thesis or dissertation. Topics included are:

How to handle unrealistic expectations and mental blocks against writing.

How to utilize task analysis and set manageable time-limited sub-goals.

How to attain a balance between work time and non-work time.

How to use your support system for you instead of against you.

Sessions will be arranged for groups of eight beginning the week of February 1st. For more information and/or registration please call 424-2081 before January 22. All sessions will be led by Dr. Brad McRae, author of *"How to Get Your Ph.D. and Keep Your Sanity"*, at the Dalhousie Counselling and Psychological Services Centre, 4th Floor, S.I' P.

Dal wipes hands clean

by Daniele Gauvin

Dalhousie University and vice-president Andrew MacKay have been charged with unfair labour practices in connection with the ongoing strike of the Dalhousie cleaning staff.

Representatives of CUPE 1392 laid the charges with the Nova Scotia Labour Standards Board after the University notified the striking workers that they could no longer consider themselves employ-

ive Al Cunningham, the strikers still consider themselves employees of the university and intend to continue picketing. He said every effort will be made to bring the University back to the bargaining table.

Local President Florence Logan insists that the cleaners are wary of Modern's reputation in its field. "We don't want Modern", she said. "They drive people like horses. They have a bad reputation

"if Modern is to make a profit at Dalhousie and save the University money at the same time, then a substantial reduction in cleaning staff can be forecast; this could come about through transferring workers to other work settings in the Modern network, or through attrition by making working conditions intolerable for some of the staff."

The report adds that the 1978 wage levels for Modern Cleaners contracts with the Victoria General Hospital, the I.W. Killam Hospital and the

Lord Nelson Hotel, range from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per hour, while Dalhousie is currently offering its employees between \$4.22 and \$5.24 per hour.

The report concludes that both the university and the workers would benefit from a reversal of the contracting-out decision and a return to bargaining, "about the original issues of the strike."

The fact that Modern recently lost its contract with Scotia Square and may not have its contracts with the V.G. Hospital and the Airport renewed has made the mem-

bership even more determined to renew bargaining with the Dalhousie administration. However, a source at Modern insists "workers have never lost seniority, benefits or their jobs because of a contracting-out arrangement."

At the moment, CUPE Local 1392 is awaiting the outcome of the charges pending before the Nova Scotia Labor Standards Board. However, according to Cunningham, a one-day general shut-down of the university is a strong possibility for later this month.

by Alan Adams

A switch to Modern Building Cleaning will mean a loss of \$50,000 in revenue for Provincial Sanitary Products Limited, a Halifax firm that has been supplying Dalhousie with cleaning materials for over 15 years.

A spokesperson for Provincial Sanitary said "what it means is all the cleaning material and allied equipment supplied by our company will be lost to our competitor." He added that Provincial Sanitary

received no warning that Dalhousie was considering a switch in cleaning contracts, and now "it seems all the profits will be going to Ontario."

A spokesperson at Modern Building said that the firm has its own chemical business in that of Dustbane Products G.F. Shortt Limited of Halifax, a subsidiary of Modern Building. The spokesperson added the supplies would be coming from Ontario and not from local chemical dealers.

ees of Dalhousie University.

In a letter to the Union members dated December 21, MacKay notified them that the University no longer intended to provide its own cleaning service but had awarded the cleaning contract to an outside professional firm.

The Union, however, has refused to negotiate with the contractors, Modern Building Cleaners, a division of Dustbane Enterprises Limited. According to CUPE representa-

around town; companies that sign a contract with them don't often repeat. What happens to the workers if Dalhousie dumps Modern in a few years? What happens to our pension rights, our vacations, our union and our jobs?"

A research group from Dalhousie's Institute of Public Affairs has released a report critical of Modern that would appear to justify the Union's fears. The report states that

IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU WANT TO GO TO CLASS



In Grawood

Suds up 5¢

by Elissa Barnard

Beer prices rose by five cents at the Grawood Monday due to a five per cent increase effective January 3 in the retail price of packaged beer sold in provincial liquor stores.

A bottle of Maritime brew will now cost 90c and a bottle of western beer 95c.

The price of beer sold at the Graduate House may also rise by a nickle to 80c per bottle of local beer, depending on a

decision to be made by the Graduate Council within the next week, Bob Bagges, Graduate House manager said.

The Graduate House sells no western beer.

This is the first price increase in bottled beer in Nova Scotia since October, 1976, according to D.W. Pulsifer, general manager of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission.



Photo/Justin Hall

Hicks torpedos Halifax shipyard

by Alan Adams

Dalhousie University president Henry Hicks has been sharply criticized for public comments he made concerning the future of the Halifax Shipyards.

In an interview in the January 10 issue of the *Chronicle Herald* Hicks stated that "dying industries" like the Halifax Shipyards should

be closed in favour of "realizing our potential to move into new industries more relevant to the 21st Century." Hicks blamed the private sector for lack of enthusiasm in investing in marine research.

J.K. Bell, of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, criticized Hicks' statements saying "it is unfair for the

president of a university to make a comment when he is not apparently knowledgeable about the industry." He added "just because the industry is in a slump, there is no reason to close it out." Bell said a parallel would be like asking Hicks to close down Dal because of the obvious surplus of graduates on the labour market.

Al Cunningham

Interview with CUPE rep

by Danièle Gauvin

The Gazette asked Al Cunningham, representative of CUPE Local 1392, a few questions about the outcome of Dalhousie's decision to contract-out the work of the local's members to Modern Building Cleaners Limited.

Gazette: How did you find out about the move?

Cunningham: Florence Logan (President of the Local) and I were called on the afternoon of the 21st and asked to a meeting for 4 o'clock that day. They refused to tell us about the purpose of the meeting until we arrived. Andrew MacKay, Louis Vagianos, the university's lawyer and Al Cameron (in charge of personnel) read a press statement to us stating that the Local's work had been contracted out. There was a representative from Modern there, but we refused to speak with him until we had a chance to see our lawyer. The press statement was released on the 6 o'clock news that same day. We were both shocked.

Gazette: How did the membership react to the move?

Cunningham: They were stunned. No one had any intention of working for Modern and the initial reaction was one of total discouragement. Now, they're more determined to fight.

Gazette: What about your personal reaction?

Cunningham: Firing workers in the middle of a strike hasn't been done since the thirties. I had always thought of the university as a poor employer, but they've reached rock bottom with this. I really think that the university's reputation will suffer.

Gazette: What is the next move for the membership?

Cunningham: We still see ourselves as employees against Dalhousie and we will continue to picket. We hope to bring the university back to the bargaining table, maybe by staging a one day shut-down of the university this month with the help of the labour movement in Nova Scotia. Their concern is that other employers may start using this strike-breaking practice if a precedent is made now. We don't see ourselves as employees of Modern and we don't intend to negotiate with them.

Gazette: You speak of Labour support; what kind of support can you realistically expect? What about student support?

Cunningham: The CLC, the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour and other labour groups have all expressed interest and support and we're confident that their moral support will be augmented with concrete action. As for the Strike Support Committee, organized by students, they've done a lot for us, including organizing a benefit dance, but we feel that the input of time and energy that is being put into the committee is not worth it in terms of results. We'll go it alone in that respect. Right now, we're awaiting the results of the unfair labour practices charge which we've made against the university and Vice-President MacKay. That goes before the Nova Scotia Labour Standards Board later this month.



CUPE rep Al Cunningham (far right) at strike support meeting.

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Letters

Matacil mystery too

To the Gazette:

The Newfoundland government sprayed the forests of central Nfld., during the summer of 1978, to combat the dangerous infestation of the spruce budworm. The chemical used in this spray program was matacil. Before making the decision to spray the government set up a committee to investigate the effects of matacil on the environment. This committee reported that not enough information was known about matacil to risk spraying it on the forests. The government ignored its own report and decided to continue with the spray program.

The nucleus of the program was the town of Gander; because of its central location and airport facilities. In opposition to the budworm spray program the residents of Gander and surrounding communities formed the "Concerned Citizens Against the Spray". This organization held a public meeting, attended by government officials, and put forth a very strong argument against the spraying of matacil on the forests of Newfoundland. One of the main components of this argument was the possible connection between Reye's syndrome and chemical sprays. The Nfld. government again turned its back on the people of Gander, and on June 10th, 1978 the government commenced spraying matacil, an unresearched and potentially dangerous chemical, on the forests of Newfoundland.

The long range effects of this chemical on the environment and people of Newfoundland will not be known for several years. I sincerely hope

that these effects, on the environment, people and forest industry will be minimal.

This brings me to make a comment on the Gazette's interview with Dr. John Crocker. (Nov. 30th issue) One of the questions directed to Dr. Crocker was: "Two years ago, Fenithrothion and its emulsifiers were the chemicals under question in the spruce budworm controversy. Are they still today?" Dr. Crocker's reply consisted of a statement that "New Brunswick I gather is thinking of gradually switching over to other chemicals." He also gave a short history of Fenithrothion and the problems related to its use as a chemical spray. No mention was made of the Nfld. spruce budworm spray program or the chemical, matacil.

Some of the problems, "we don't know what happens to its toxic by-products (in the environment) . . . or its half-life in the environment", Dr. Crocker mentions about fenithrothion sound frightening familiar to those of matacil. Why Dr. Crocker does not mention matacil as a controversial chemical is a mystery to me. Does he not consider it a controversial chemical or is he simply ignorant of its use as a chemical spray? As a researcher of the possible connection between Reye's syndrome I think he should consider matacil as a chemical in his research.

Sincerely,
Keith Loveys.

CUTS gets you there

To the Gazette:

As I am sure many of you are not aware there exists in Canada an organization, composed of student unions across the country which is set up to provide various services to

Canadian students. This organization is the Association of Student Councils and Canadian University Travel AOSC/CUTS and has been in operation for some ten years now. Its primary function is offering student travel at low discount rates as well as, the sole issuer of the IsTc card, the world wide student discount card. Offices are located in Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa and Halifax as well as representative of CUTS in each student campus.

As I have mentioned, our reason for existence is to provide the university community with services which are not ordinarily offered elsewhere, but our ability of offering such services rests solely on the amount of use given to this organization. That is where you come in. If you are travelling overseas, going home for break, taking a southern vacation, skiing in the mountains or just about anywhere, just contact CUTS and they will get you there one way or another at a price usually considerably lower than you would expect.

A Student Discount Book will be issued to the campus in early January which contains names of hundreds of retail outlets throughout Canada where students are offered discount prizes on merchandise. Also, CUTS is presently attempting to put together a national mail out to each individual student, helping to expose this service to hundreds of thousands of students.

It is a good thing, and you're a part of it, so I encourage you to put it to good use. This organization can only work for you if you are willing to work with it. So next time you are planning a trip contact your CUTS office or representative in your campus area for any assistance or travel arrangements you may require.

If anyone has any suggestions as to how AOSC/CUTS may better service students

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In Edmonton

CUP bucks Chevron

by Marc Allain

Delegates to the 41st annual conference of Canadian University Press (CUP) reaffirmed their commitment to staff democracy by expelling the Chevron, the member paper from the University of Waterloo.

During the 8 day conference in Edmonton, Alberta, delegates gave priority to the status of the Chevron after delegates at the opening plenary called for a review of its CUP membership. Following the request the conference membership commission presented delegates with documents outlining a 2½ year history of internal harassment and intimidation of Chevron staff by members and sympathizers of the Anti Imperialist Alliance (AIA) a political group which had come to dominate the paper.

The AIA is the Waterloo front group for the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). The CPC (M-L), active on the Dalhousie campus as the Dalhousie Student Movement, adheres to the slogans "MAKE THE RICH PAY" and "DEFEND THE BASIC INTERESTS OF THE STUDENT".

Although delegates consistently referred to violations of staff democracy as the crux of the expulsion question, delegates from the Chevron maintained that it stemmed from "anti-communism" and "red-baiting".

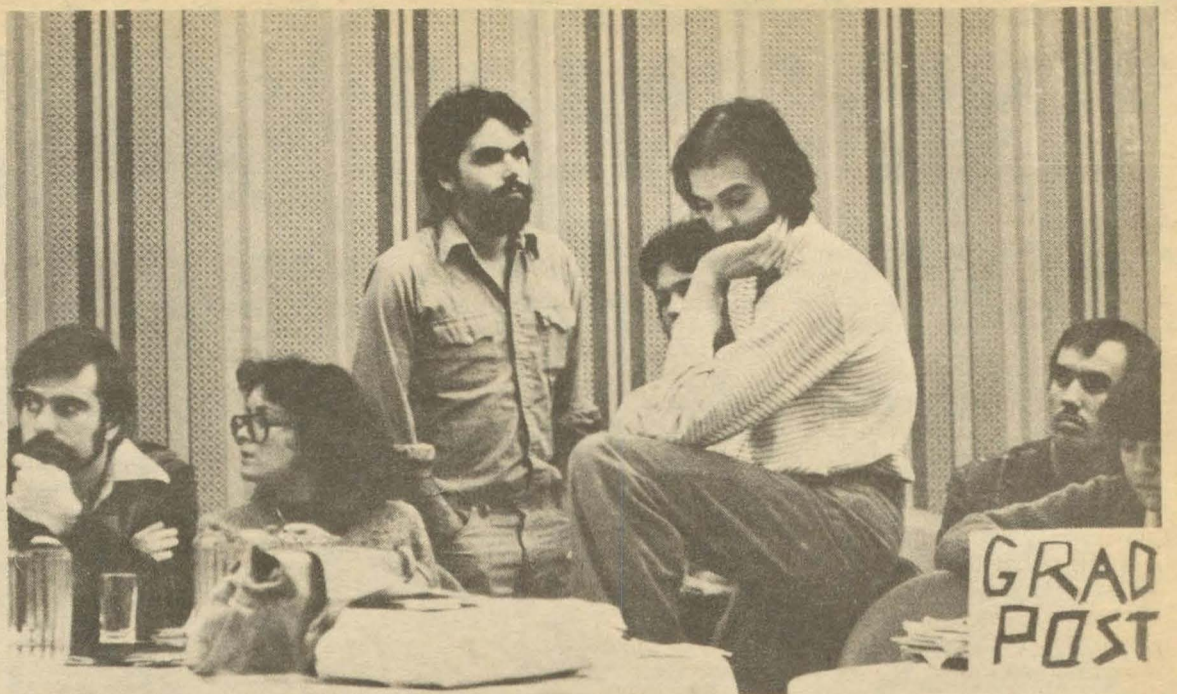
Minutes of the Chevron staff meetings, however, explicitly documented cases where opponents to the political line of the CPC (M-L) were systematically abused by members of the AIA. Cases were cited where staff members had their voting privileges suspended while others were expelled from the paper.

Many Chevron staff members left the paper last summer and formed their own paper called the Imprint. That paper will likely face a student referendum in the near future to determine if it will be the Waterloo students' official newspaper. In late November students voted 4051 to 786 against continuing support of the Chevron.

The CUP membership response to the Chevron's flouting of democratic principles was near unanimous as papers voted 37 to 2 in favour of expulsion. There were 8 abstentions on the motion.

Delegates also approved the signing of a new ten year contract with Youthstream, the agency which provides CUP papers with national advertising. The new contract makes provisions for a new membership category and includes a performance clause guaranteeing papers an annual income from national advertising tied to the fluctuations in the Gross National Product.

Gazette staffperson Susan Johnson, a member of the two person negotiating team



Gazette delegates Marc Allain and Matthew Adamson listen to debate on violations of staff democracy at the Chevron during the 41st Conference of Canadian University Press

which secured the new contract, said she was satisfied with the outcome and considered the contract mutually advantageous to both the CUP membership and the Ad agency.

The conference also elected a new executive slate for the organization. In a three person race for the presidency Gazette business manager Matthew Adamson placed second to Maureen McEvoy, currently the B.C. bureau chief.

The conference agenda included numerous technical sessions on newspaper production as well as several issue oriented workshops on such questions as the class structure of the media in Canada, gay rights, international students and immigration, nuclear energy and unemployment.

During the final plenary delegates also endorsed the demands of the members of CUPE 1392 in their strike against Dalhousie. Members

of the Gazette delegation, Marc Allain, Alan Adams, Matthew Adamson and Susan Johnson had previously prepared a display detailing the events of the CUPE strike for the conference delegates.

The following day irate hotel officials, citing the Xmas tree incident and subsequent acts of vandalism, threatened to cancel the conference arrangements unless a \$20,000 damage bond was posted by the organization. Placated by a certified cheque and promises that delegates would be advised to adopt more moderate behaviour the hotel management reluctantly allowed the conference to continue.

Gazette editor resigns

Gazette staffers returned from their Christmas break to receive the surprise announcement of Marc Allain's resignation as editor, effective January 12.

Allain is leaving because of another job opportunity. He said he doesn't plan to totally desert the paper and will continue to work on the Gazette and to act in an advisory capacity.

Allain said the whole question of replacement has to be discussed thoroughly by staff. "At this stage it is unlikely that one person will take over as editor", he said. "Some sort of shared responsibility by a group of people is possible. But people will have to be prepared to reconsider their commitment to the paper."

Staffmembers expressed disappointment over Allain's resignation. "It came as a surprise", said news coordinator Daniele Gauvin. "But by this time of the year we're pretty well organized and I know we can pull through. We have a lot of staff solidarity

and I think everyone will pitch in and do more than their usual share until we can work out some sort of cooperative editing arrangement."

The Gazette is meeting

Peter Kow Chang

Free to stay

from the SMU Journal

The case of Peter Kow Chang versus the Department of Immigration has finally come to a happy conclusion. The Saint Mary's University student no longer faces any threat of forced departure from Canada for "working" in his sister's take-out restaurant.

Chang, a visa student, had been ordered out of the country by November 4 by the Nova Scotia adjudicator for the federal Department of Immigration. He had been charged with violating his visa status by selling 15 cents worth of candy to children.

Saturday at noon to discuss future plans for the paper.

After working on the paper since September 1977, Allain began as editor in May for a one year term.

Chang was in his sister's store only because a regular employee failed to arrive and the store had to be opened to allow a milk delivery. After Chang opened the store, two youngsters entered, placed 15 cents on the counter, and took some candy.

Chang's date of departure was extended to December 31 and then his case was taken to the Federal Court. In light of a similar case in Ontario where a Greek student had a ruling in his favour, the Department of Justice supported Chang's request to quash the departure order. They agreed Chang was not "working" but had merely helped his sister.

Important Gazette staff meeting

Saturday
12:00

SUB room 314

Agenda:

- New editorial structure (Our editor is leaving)
- Staff recruitment campaign
- Map out the Gazette's course for the term-news coverage, what features can happen, autonomy, future seminars, hosting ARCUP conference and parties.

It is important as many people as possible attend. Brainstorming for a new set-up for the paper will not be easy and any staffer's input is welcomed. Make a point to come and make a point-Saturday 12:00, third floor SUB.

Students shafted by UI changes

"Students are among the groups hit hardest by changes in the Unemployment Insurance amendments passed by parliament in January." Halifax Coalition for Full Employment spokesperson Gary Burrill told the Dalhousie Gazette Monday.

"Students must work for two full summers to qualify for Unemployment Insurance, unless they have worked for five months."

Speaking at an information booth held in the SUB to publicize the group's public meeting protesting government-induced unemployment, Burrill explained how recent changes in the Unemployment Insurance Act will affect several groups including students.

Women, young people and both part-time and seasonal

workers will have their eligibility rules severely tightened. An action Burrill described as "part of the government's strategy of blaming the unemployed for unemployment when as everyone knows, unemployment is caused by government and business."

HCFE representatives distributed that organization's pamphlet "Students and Unemployment" which explained at length the effect changes will have on Dalhousie students. Young students new to the labor force must work for 20 weeks to qualify for UI, an impossibility when school is only out for 16 weeks.

Pressure from student groups such as the National Union of Students forced Employment and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen to abandon

his original plan requiring students to work for 40 weeks (9 months) in the previous two years.

Yet coalition representatives feel the changes that government finally did make still place UI out of the reach of most students.

The coalition pamphlet Burrill explained, was in error: "we quoted the changes they tried to push through in the fall, but public outcry made Cullen compromise on them a little".

Yet coalition representatives feel the changes that

government finally did make still place UI out of the reach of most students.

"If a student is unable to find a job, the government is forcing them out of school."

The HCFE is a coalition of community groups and unions organizing unemployed people. The Dalhousie Student Union is one of the organizations supporting the Coalition.

This evening (Thursday 11 January) the Halifax Coalition for Full Employment together with the Nova Scotia Federation of Labor is holding a public meeting on unemployment and the UIC cuts. The

meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the lower hall of the Anglican Diocesan Center, 5732 College Street. Speakers will be there from many organizations including the Maritime Fisherman's Union, the Public Service Alliance, the Newfoundland Association for Full Employment, as well as a student of a government retraining program and a former women's employment counselor.

Childcare is available. Interested people unable to attend could contact the coalition at 423-4813 for further information.

Philosophy department upset over campus mail

by Danièle Gauvin

Faculty and personnel at Dalhousie's Department of Philosophy have expressed dissatisfaction with the university's policy on mail delivery during the strike. The administration has asked all departments to collect their own mail at the mail office and to distribute it themselves. The Philosophy Department feels that being forced to collect mail, the responsibility of striking workers, violates their stand

of neutrality in the dispute and may be a legal violation. Robert Martin, chairman of the department, wrote to Vice-President Louis Vagianos to express his concern. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

"We wonder whether your policy of not delivering our mail, the property of each addressee, involves legal violations; for you are legally prohibited from forcing any employee to do a striker's job, yet at the same time you make it impossible for us to obtain

our mail, which we are legally entitled to receive, unless we do a striker's job of delivering our mail. We found your response to a query on this matter—an invitation to sue the university—unhelpful and offensive."

Since that letter was sent, the Philosophy Department has been receiving mail every ten days, on the weekends. According to Martin, the mail is being delivered by supervisory personnel, although the latter have denied doing so. Other departments have had to continue delivering their own mail or have received irregular deliveries. Martin feels that since not all departments are being told the same 'story' about mail delivery, the matter should be clarified by the administration.

Assault charges

by Alan Adams

Charges of assault have been brought against Wilfred White, an employee of Dal Security, by CUPE 1392 member Stephen Kelly over an incident at Shirreff Hall in early January.

Kelly alleges that White physically attacked and choked him in an attempt to remove him from a picket line so trucks could be let out. Kelly required hospital treatment and is under doctor's care.

Physical Plant Co-ordinator, Roger Jollimore, dismissed the incident saying "it was just another situation where a young fellow acted in a manner he shouldn't have" and Mr. White "just tried to subdue the individual." White was unavailable for comment.

The case will be heard on January 26.

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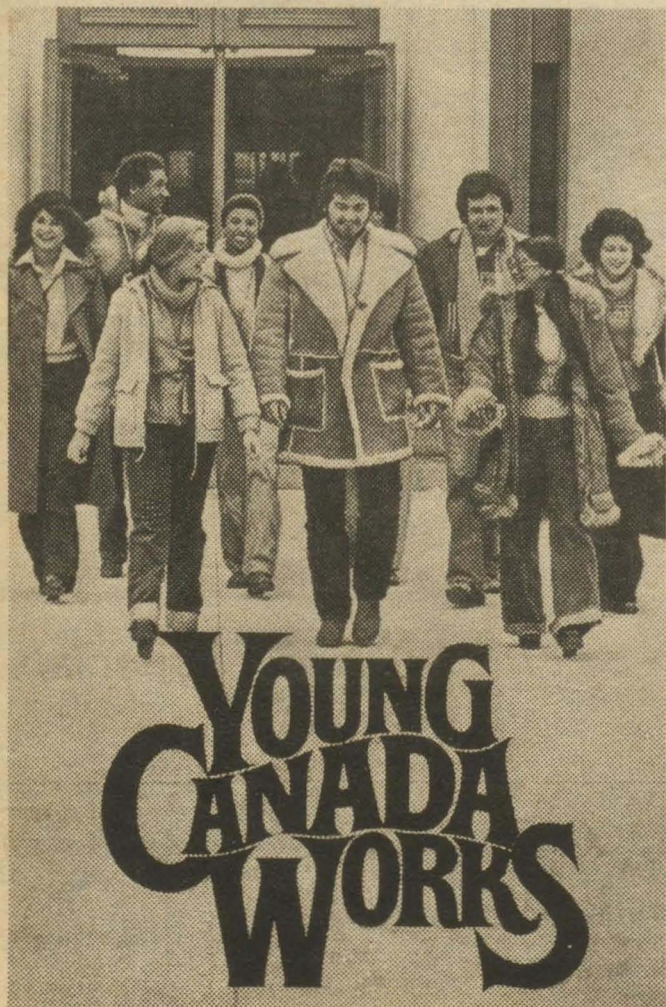
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All screenings are in Room 2815 of the Life Sciences Centre at Dalhousie University, 7:00 & 9:00 (March 9 at 9:45) Admission \$1.50. \$1.00 for children or members. Memberships available at the door for 25¢.

Haligonians going bald

Radiation fogs computers

by Alan Adams

Radiation emissions from naval vessels in Halifax harbour have been linked as a possible cause for disruption of computer terminals in downtown Halifax offices.

The Nova Scotia Power Commission has had serious problems with its terminals since re-locating its offices to a waterfront office tower. Technicians from both the navy and the NSPC have conducted tests on the effects of the radar system on the terminals. The tests showed that when the radar was functioning the terminals had problems.

The emissions are believed to originate from the 280 class destroyers which carry radar equipment more powerful than that used by the U.S. to track satellites and other

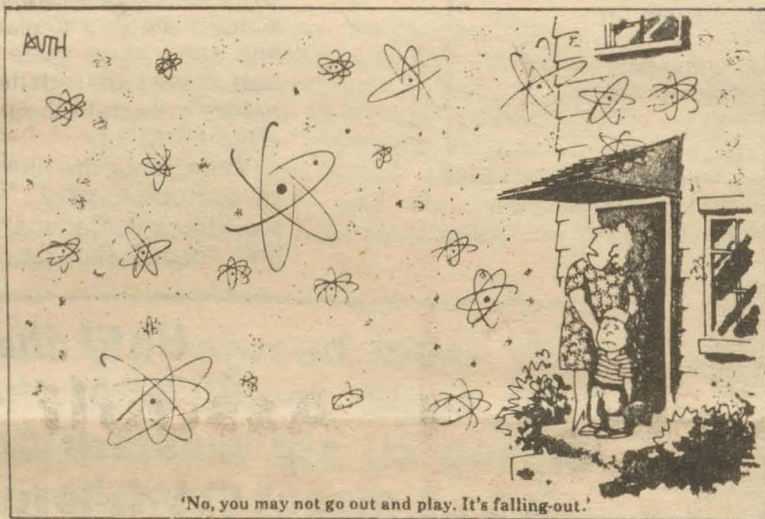
systems. Commander J. Maloney, the Public Affairs Officer for the Department of Defence, said the same radar system has been in use on Canadian ships for over 20 years. Maloney cited a report on the effects of emissions saying "even with the highest power, no effect would be felt on a human being unless he stood directly in front of the system."

Om Kamra, a Dalhousie geneticist, said the effects of the radar system haven't been documented well enough to gauge the effects of the emissions. Kamra said the radiation produces heat that "has reported to have effects on brain functions and cell membranes." He added "it is known to have produced birth

defects in animals under laboratory tests." Kamra referred to an incident at the American embassy in Moscow where employees were exposed to heavy microwave radiation. He said the Americans complained of sickness and inefficiency after the initial dose of radiation.

The Radiation Health Officer for the Province of Nova Scotia, T. Dalgleish, said the radiation emissions have virtually no effect on the local population. He said the standards "are not near the limits proposed" for that particular type of radiation and added "we know that you could not relate any health problems to the radiation levels we are receiving here." He described the matter as "highly uncontroversial" and reputed a statement that appeared in the Mail Star on December 22 saying "it (the levels) is almost enough to fry a guy" as coming from someone who knows little about the properties of radar.

The emissions have had little effect on the computers at Dal. Jim Laskin of the Dalhousie Computer Center said there have been "no problems whatsoever" and seriously doubts if there ever will be. He said the computers are located in an area where 3 feet concrete walls above and 2 feet on the sides provide adequate protection.



Fees could be impounded

by Nigel Allen

The executive of the Dalhousie Student Union will ask student council to impound the money owing to the engineering society at the council meeting Sunday night.

The decision is primarily because of an incident Nov. 23 in which two Gazette staff were injured, but was also due to the defacement of most of the copies of the Nov. 23 issue with the words "Engineers Ball Gazette Sucks", according to council.

He said that three of the four executive members present at their Jan. 4 meeting wanted council to withhold \$425, all that remains of the \$1.50 that each engineering student pays annually to support the Engineering Society. Although council doesn't have the power to transfer this money to the union itself, according to Murphy, council can withhold it until the Engineering Society agrees to certain conditions.

Murphy said these conditions might include apologizing to the two Gazette staffers and posting a bond that would be forfeited if a similar incident were to happen in the future. "We want to get them to conform to the general standards of behaviour in the SUB," he said.

On Dec. 3, council narrowly

defeated a motion to bill the engineers for \$425 as damages for the defacement of the Gazette.


Gazette staff members had kept about 3000 copies of the Nov. 23 issue from being stamped by hiding them in a small office inside the Gazette's suite. At about 5:25 p.m. that day, a number of men, including Engineering Society president David Bolivar, rushed in to try to take these papers. In the process, Gazette photographer-reporter Mark Simkins received a blow to the head, and staff member Gail Picco was

knocked to the floor. Later that night, she learned that she was suffering from concussion. Her vision was severely impaired for about two weeks afterwards.

The Gazette staff have referred the incident to the university senate's discipline committee and Picco has hired a lawyer in order to sue Bolivar. The other attackers have not yet been identified, Picco said.

The council meeting Sunday will also discuss whether to remove Bolivar from the SUB Operations Committee, on which he now sits.

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CUP briefs

NUS in McMaster

HAMILTON (CUP)—Graduate students at McMaster University have voted to join the National Union of Students (NUS).

But there wasn't much interest in the vote, with a turnout of only 25 of the campus' 1,100 students.

NUS will join 11 other groups to meet with members of the federal cabinet late in January to outline its position on government funding and cutbacks.

No UI for Ontario TA's

OTTAWA (CUP)—The federal government's decision to unilaterally cut people working less than 20 hours per week off unemployment insurance has effectively cut graduate teaching assistants off UI.

Since graduate TA's in Ontario are prevented from working more than 10 hours per week by the Ontario graduate commission, Lee Walker, president of the University of Toronto's Graduate Assistant's Association, said no Ontario assistants will be able to claim UI over the summer, an important time for thesis work.

Unemployment brief endorsed

OTTAWA (CUP)—"High unemployment rates result primarily from a lack of available employment", not from lazy or choosy workers, states a brief attacking the proposed changes to the Unemployment Insurance Act (1971) and endorsed by a group of six unemployment organizations from across Canada.

The six groups, the Ottawa Coalition for Full Employment, the Newfoundland Association for Full Employment, the Halifax Coalition for Full Employment, the Parallel Institute (Montreal), the Kingston Committee of the Unemployed and the Saskatchewan Coalition for Full Employment, told the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration December 6 that "we believe that the federal government is being totally irresponsible by continuing to implement policies which attack the unemployed rather than the problem of unemployment."

Quote of the year

OTTAWA (CUP)—"My goodness, if a person gets an education and they cannot broaden their horizons beyond Cape Breton, (they should) try Toronto, try other parts of the country, try other parts of the world," employment minister Bud Cullen said recently when questioned on a television program by an unemployed graduate Cape Breton student.

Cullen told the House of Commons December 7 that it is "just too bloody bad" that high levels of regional unemployment were forcing young people to move around the country in search of work. This migration of jobless youth "is the best thing that could ever happen to the country," he added.

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Sudbury miners take on INCO

The lack of control over the national economy is a phenomenon which has plagued developing countries since the early days of colonial exploitation. To the industrialized countries of the world it is a relatively recent phenomenon.

The growth of "multi" or "trans" national corporations, with allegiances grounded solely in profit margins, however, has suddenly, made control over vital economic sectors an immediate concern in countries around the globe.

Nowhere has this question been highlighted more starkly than in Canada where the mainstays of the economy (resource extraction) have suddenly and systematically been undermined by the main beneficiaries of its development.

The phenomenon has manifested itself in a consistent form across the country. In Newfoundland last year Alcan decided to shut down its operations in the town of St. Lawrence in favor of purchasing cheaper ore from Mexican sources. In northern New Brunswick, where Noranda Group holds a monopoly over the mining industry, operations have been gradually reduced in favor of more profitable investments in the mines of fascist Chile.

In the forest industry, the leading producers, have been rapidly cultivating high yield projects in South America in preparation for a mass abandonment of their Canadian investments as soon as the profit margins become more attractive.

In each case the disruptions have resulted in soaring unemployment rolls and economic stagnation for the communities most directly involved.

The incident which has elicited most attention, however, has been the case of the International Nickel Company (INCO) because of the sheer magnitude of impact that the company's decision to shift its operations to the third world has had on the Canadian economy and the people of Sudbury.

Art Moses, a resident of the Sudbury area and a former bureau chief for Canadian University Press outlines how the mining community, political and organized labour have reacted to the INCO pullouts.

On September 15 the 11,700 workers of INCO Limited in Sudbury, Ontario, closed Canada's largest mining operation. No ordinary labour dispute, the firm determination of the miners and smelter workers of Local 6500 of the United Steel Workers of America represent a challenge to the power of multinational corporations over Canada's resources.

Although feelings of unionsolidarity soared in the weeks before Christmas, as wives of the strikers organized giant parties, with toys donated by unions across Ontario and Sudbury merchants, there's no early settlement likely from New York based INCO.

Since 1972 INCO has slashed its workforce in Sudbury from 18,000 to less than 12,000, and made major cuts at Thompson, Manitoba and Portlaurie, Ontario. Meanwhile, the company bought a major battery manufacturer in the U.S., and sank more than 1 billion dollars into new mines in Indonesia and Guatemala, before growth in the nickel industry slowed after 1975.

Then came the announcement of layoffs in October 1977. INCO chopped its workforce in Canada by more than 3,000, and forced thousands more workers to

production from its most profitable operation (Sudbury) and increase production from Indonesia and Guatemala where profits will be low for some time."

INCO chairman Carter denies the company wanted a strike. "A strike is economic warfare, and there are no winners or losers."

The youthful president of Local 6500 disagrees.

"It's happening everywhere," said 29-year old Dave Patterson, elected president on a rank-and-file program in 1976. "Companies are trying to blackmail their workers into giving up what they had in the past. It's time somebody took a stand and it might as well be the workers in Sudbury."

His call has apparently captured the imagination of labour groups elsewhere in Canada.

After hearing Patterson speak in November, delegates to the convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labour voted to donate 23 tons of herring to the INCO strikers. Members of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers union caught the fish, and the International Woodworkers of America paid for transportation.

Until the 1960's Sudbury produced more than 90% of the capitalist world's nickel. Since then western financial institutions and the US government have encouraged other producers to get into the act. INCO's market share has dropped to about 33 percent, but its Sudbury operations remains the largest and lowest cost single source of nickel in the non-communist world.

accept demotions into jobs where they often could not use their particular skills.

The layoffs set the stage for 1978 contract talks.

Holding a stockpile of nickel least six months above normal supply, INCO demanded workers accept a one-year wage freeze. After an unprecedented six-week summer shut down, the company's final offer in September was a wage increase amounting to 4 cents an hour.

The proposal emerged from a eleven-hour meeting between INCO chairman J. Edwin Carter and Ontario Premier William Davis.

INCO's offer also included demands to alter and weaken the power of union stewards in grievance procedure, and contained no improvements in INCO's pension. INCO pensions are among the lowest in Canadian heavy industry. They are a top priority for the union which wants to encourage older workers to retire early to enhance the job security of younger workers.

Nickel industry analysts have predicted INCO would try to provoke a strike to force a reduction in its stockpile. They said that without a strike, the company's heavy burden of debt for its third world projects would have forced more layoffs in Canada in 1979.

"It's ironic," one analyst said. "But because of those debts INCO must cut

Northern Ontario locals of the Retail, Wholesale and Department store union raised money for 1000 Christmas turkeys, a donation matched by the union in southern Ontario. The Canadian Food and Allied Workers and the Ontario Federation of Labour joined "Operation Turkey" with 1000 more birds of their own.

And the St. Catharines and District Labour Council sent a truckload of more than \$35,000 worth of toys for Christmas. A spokesman for District (Ontario) of the United Steelworkers says donations from other union locals to Local 6500 have set a record for North America.

Teams of strikers are meeting an unusually generous response collecting money at plant gates across Ontario.

And in January the local started sending strikers to other provinces.

Their need is overwhelming. Local 6500 gets \$360,000 a week from the Steelworkers International strike fund in Pittsburgh. That works out to strike pay of \$25 a week for single workers, \$30 for married, and \$3 per dependent child. The local also needs more than \$400,000 a month to pay the strikers' medical insurance and life insurance premiums. That leaves a monthly deficit of more than \$200,000 for Canada's second largest union local.

The strikers' morale got a big boost the weekend of Dec. 9-11 when supporters

held benefit concerts in Ottawa, Toronto and Thunder Bay.

The mushrooming of support has apparently impressed the leaders of Steelworkers District 6 who were known to be lukewarm at first. District 6 director Stewart Cooke organized a \$40,000 Christmas fund and a spokesperson for Cooke applauded "the courage of the strikers in taking a stand against a multinational that doesn't think it's responsible to anyone". That statement came when he presented the money in Sudbury Dec. 21. Combined with fundraising and a car raffle by a citizens strike support committee in Sudbury, the money allowed Local 6500 to give strikers an extra \$5 per dependent child as a Christmas gift voucher.

Cooke caused some bitterness in September when he urged workers not to strike. He was speaking in a surprise telephone call to a reporter from Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he was attending the union's international convention. Sudbury media outlets used Cooke's remarks to discourage a strike vote, and the 61 percent majority was lower than expected.

Then two days after the strike began former Ontario NDP leader Stephen Lewis termed the strike "sheer madness". In a newspaper column he accused Local 6500 leaders of "misplaced militancy" and of being "Archie Bunkers of the left".

The column provoked an angry reaction from the Sudbury area's three NDP provincial legislators, and federal MP for Nickel Belt John Rodriguez. In a clear reference to Lewis they criticized "those who would sneer at workers struggles, and forget that many gains in the past have been won fighting against seemingly insurmountable odds." They were backed by current Ontario NDP leader Michael Cassidy, and delegates to the annual convention of the Ontario Federation of Labour who gave Patterson a standing ovation and called unanimously for the nationalization of INCO "under democratic and public ownership."

Advisors to federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent initially urged he stay away from the Sudbury strike, but on Dec. 14 he visited the picket lines to donate a cheque for \$1700 from members of the party caucus in Ottawa "to show we are deeply committed to your cause". It was Broadbent's first comment on the strike since it began.

Sudbury East NDP member Elie Martel introduced a bill in the Ontario Legislature in mid-December calling for the nationalization of INCO. He says "within ten minutes INCO public relations was on the

phone to ask for a copy." But Broadbent told a Sudbury news conference he "would have to do more homework" before he could endorse nationalization. Cassidy also equivocates on the issue.

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Local 6500 has been showing the movie "Controlling Interest" on the picket lines to focus worker attention on the problem of multinational corporations having a stranglehold on the world's resources. The strike in Sudbury may reach a turning point when INCO workers in Thompson, Man., decide what to do when their contract expires Feb. 28.

WIVES OF INCO WORKERS ORGANIZE TO BACK STRIKE

Perhaps the most significant development since the strike began has been the organization of strikers' wives to back the union.

The formation of Wives Supporting the Strike was sparked by an area feminist group "Women Helping Women", in response to the historic role played by INCO wives in 1958.

That was the last time workers here went on strike in face of large stockpiles of nickel. The strike also began in September, but by December conservative politicians and church leaders had organized thousands of workers' wives to a back-to-work rally.

The rally helped pressure the workers to accept a humiliating wage settlement and a \$25 Christmas bonus.

"We were determined that would not happen again," said Linda Obonsawin, spokesperson for Wives Supporting the Strike. "We formed the group because when the men are on strike, we're on strike too, and we wanted to get the women together to make sure they understood the issues, and figure out how we could help each other. Social tensions tend to increase during strikes."

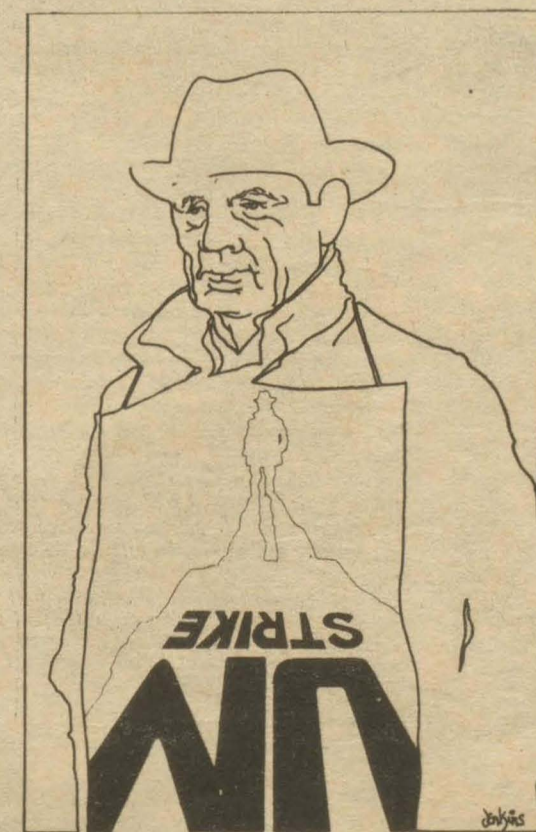
The group has organized clothing exchanges and pot luck suppers throughout the Sudbury region. The biggest project was a massive two-day Christmas party, in which the wives distributed thousands of toys to children of the strikers. The toys were donated by other unions and Sudbury merchants.

While the children waited in line to see Santa Claus, the women handed them a comic book called "What is a Strike".

Organized Working Women, a group affiliated to the Ontario Federation of Labour, organized a benefit concert in Toronto, Dec. 9 called "Women Fighting INCO". Joan Kuyek of "Women Helping Women" told the audience of more than 400 that the strike has galvanized "the hatred people in Sudbury feel towards INCO". She attacked the company for taking riches out of the Sudbury mineral basin, and leaving little in return, while always trying to split its workers.

Standing ovations also went out to Obonsawin and INCO striker Cathy Duhaime, one of about 75 women hired for surface work about 5 years ago. Only 33 women remain after the latest round of layoffs.

The INCO strike also raised an example of how student councils and the student press can assist labour and build links with unions. The student council at Laurentian University and the Lambda (student newspaper) staff agreed to provide free typesetting facilities and personnel for production of the bi-weekly "Strike Support News".



Woman clashes with company over IUD's

NEW YORK (LNS-CUP)—An American woman knows her sterility was caused by an intrauterine device manufactured by the Searle Drug Company.

But that doesn't mean she is able to successfully sue the company.

"Before the trial began, I thought I had a good chance of winning," Alison Perez said. "Besides having a firm case against Searle, my lawyer said that because I was young and pretty, the jury would be swayed in my favor."

Searle had its own ideas about "young and pretty"

single women. In fact, the company relied on sexist stereotypes and tactics to protect its "corporate integrity."

Searle, manufacturer of the Copper 7 (CU-7) intrauterine device (IUD) whose use ultimately resulted in Perez' sterility, made sure that Perez wouldn't win her case, thus precipitating a rash of well-founded lawsuits by other women who have suffered similar IUD-related complications.

Perez, now 26, recently sued the Searle Company after she had a hysterectomy

in 1974, the result of Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID). At the time, her doctor attributed the inflammation to her CU-7 IUD. But on October 4, a Long Island jury ruled that Searle was not responsible for Perez' sterility and concluded—with no supporting evidence—that her infection was caused by gonorrhea, not by the IUD.

The thrust of Searle's defense centred around Perez' sexual activity. The company flatly denied all suspected dangers associated with the IUD, even though women have been treated for IUD-based

problems ranging from serious infection to punctured uterus.

"Searle lied about a lot of things," Perez told LNS. "They said women only get PID from gonorrhea. They denied all the statistics which show that women have a nine to ten times higher chance of getting PID if they use the IUD than women who don't."

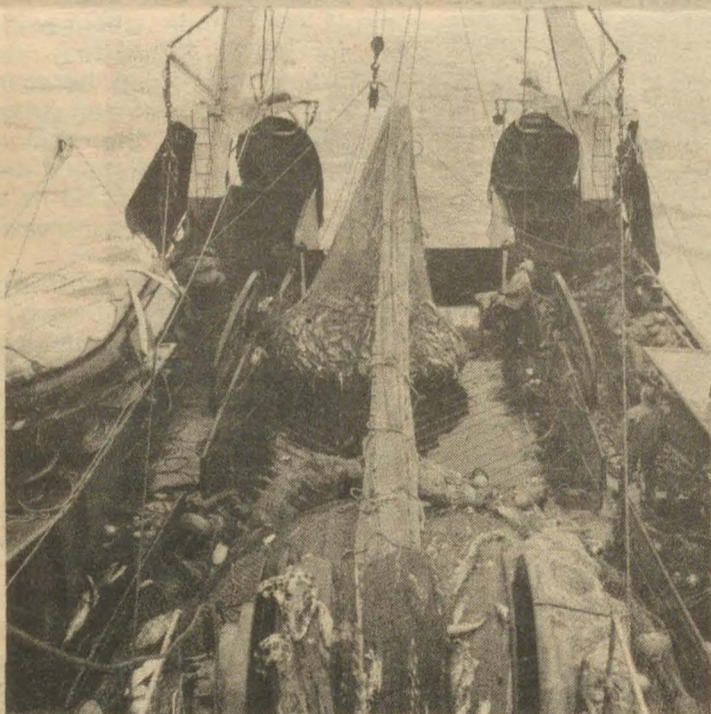
"They also probed into my sex life. Searle's lawyers even said that people only use birth control if they have unstable relationships, or if they hate kids. They really said that." Searle, of course, has had no

qualms about its role as manufacturer of "immoral" devices.

"I'm disappointed and upset that I lost the case," Perez continued. "I probably won't appeal because it costs \$4,000 just to get the tapes transcribed. And it's not that easy to get an appeal. Supposedly, there's only one chance in a hundred of getting one."

Though she will no longer challenge Searle in court, Perez showed no signs of resignation. She said she hopes to inform women of the dangers of the IUD by writing about her trial and documenting Searle's ruthless campaign to protect its profits. She hopes that women who have already suffered punctured ovaries and chronic infection will link their problems to the IUD and test Searle's strength in court again.

From Canada's oldest industry... a major new export opportunity



Canada has the opportunity to become the world's largest fish exporter. The federal government estimates that by 1985, the export value of Canadian fish products could amount to \$1.6 billion per year — almost double the current annual export value of iron ore.

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The trend to date is encouraging. Between 1972 and 1977, the export value of Canadian fish products more than doubled from \$350.4 million to \$815.7 million per year.

A major factor in this growth has been successful international marketing by the Canadian fishery industry. However, the federal government has said that it is considering intervening in the marketing effort. Such statements are causing uncertainty when what we need are co-operation, coordination and consultation. Federal government policies should be developed to encourage continued expansion of the private sector international marketing effort.

Government can enhance Canada's international marketing position by taking a skillful and exacting approach when negotiating access to foreign markets in return for foreign fishing rights in our 200-mile zone. Meaningful consultation by Canadian negotiators with representatives of the private sector before such negotiations are undertaken is a necessity.

For its part, the industry must take an even more innovative and professional marketing approach in such areas as new product development, packaging and quality control. It must consolidate the strengths of Canadian export brands by working more closely together and also with federal and provincial governments.

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Pill could lead to cancer

NEW YORK (LNS-CUP)—Another "side effect" can be added to the already lengthy list of warnings about the birth control pill; this time it's fatal skin cancer.

According to a December 1977 study just made public, women who use birth control pills for more than four years face almost twice the risk of developing malignant melanoma, or skin cancer, than non-pill or short-term pill users.

The study, which monitored 17,942 patients on the Kaiser health plan in Walnut Creek, California, is among the largest and longest ever conducted on the effects of the pill. It found a 79 per cent rise in the incidence of melanoma among women in the San Francisco Bay Area from 1970-1975. Half of those cases occurred in women of child-bearing age.

Pill-related melanoma is thought to occur when progesterone and estrogen, two hormones used in the pill, stimulate the over-production of skin cells. According to the authors of the study, the pill possibly increases sensitivity to the sun's rays, thereby increasing the probability of skin cancer.

The Head of the California Tumor Registry at Berkeley, Dr. Donald Austin, attempted to provide a "scientific" explanation for the relationship between skin cancer and the pill. "It might be a false alarm. There's a good possibility that women on the pill may have more sun exposure than women not on the pill. We know that women who choose the pill are different from other women in other ways."



Neptune's production of Hugh Leonard's *The Au Pair Man*

Hilarious play poorly presented

by donalee moulton

Neptune's second performance of the season, *The Au Pair Man* is, unlike the first, a comedy, and, unlike the first, stilted, poorly directed and poorly acted.

The play consists of two characters, an upper class boarding-school educated, eccentric woman and her lower class, uneducated, unrefined au pair man.

The play itself is hilarious. The female reigns supreme over the male and is said to be symbolic of England and Ireland. Flo Patterson, a familiar face at Neptune, plays the female while David Schurman, a face which must soon become familiar, plays the au pair man.

Paterson is atrocious, not only does she fumble lines, her gestures are awkward and her movements uncoordinated, resulting in mistakes which neither adlibbing or "fast moving" can correct. She at no time throughout the performance appears at ease, the audience is well aware that she is acting, an awareness that is not usually present when Ms. Paterson performs. One is left with the distinct impression that Ms. Paterson has not rehearsed properly.

Schurman, by comparison, can only come out looking good, but because the play has already been jeopardized, not

exceedingly good. The only dark shadow in "Othello", Schurman is the only light in *The Au Pair Man*. He too was obviously role playing in Act I, but in Act II he is easy, natural and endearing. He is truly *The Au Pair Man*. This naturalness and ease is in part due to the literary tactics of the playwright and perhaps somewhat to the director (although this seems most improbable) but credit must be given to Schurman. At last we see Schurman as a fine performer (although Shakespeare is definitely not his forte). With such a performance as Schurman gives, one can forget, at least temporarily, the uncomfortableness Paterson has created and enjoy the play. And it is meant to be enjoyed.

As with the former Neptune production, lavish praise must be given to the set designer and the costume designer.

There is, however, hope for *The Au Pair Man*. The play is not difficult and it is entertaining. While the directing is pitiful, half the acting is commendable and the other half could be. Ms. Paterson is a first rate performer. She just literally, on opening night, did not know what she was saying. With increased effort and rehearsing, *The Au Pair Man* can become a close second to Neville's "Othello".

Midday love a success

Neptune Theatre has just finished their second successful showing of Harold Pinter's *The Lover*. *The Lover* is not only a well-performed play, it is also the company's first attempt at noon time theatre.

From noon until 12:45 *The Lover* is performed in an informal atmosphere. The audience is encouraged to bring a lunch or buy it in the lobby from *The Bean Sprout*. Tickets, in accordance with this informality, can be purchased at a reasonable price of \$2.00.

The Lover itself is a one act play which centers on the relationship between Sarah (Susan Wright) and her husband Richard (Keith Dinicol). Sarah's life with Richard is basically boring, mundane, and ritualized. There is, however, one unique feature in their relationship—total honesty. And because of this

Sarah has told Richard she has a lover; indeed Richard stays away so Sarah can entertain him! Richard, less involved than Sarah, does keep a mistress for those times when he needs amusement and "pleasure".

There is another interesting aspect to Sarah and Richard, their respective lovers are themselves (in true Pinter fashion). This rather bizarre relationship exists because Sarah cannot act out her sexual fantasies with her husband—that is not the purpose of a steady, dependable man. Therefore she must create a lover, and Richard in turn must have a mistress. (A wife cannot indulge in sexual activity and enjoy it, or she is not a "good" wife).

Although rather heavy fare for a relaxing noon, the play is well acted, fast moving and entertaining. Sometimes the

play becomes a little suffocating but this is Pinter and not a reflection of the Neptune production. A more family-oriented plot would have been appropriate.

As the two year old in the back said during the "tea" scene, "Now what's going on Mommy?" I think she may have spoken for all of us.

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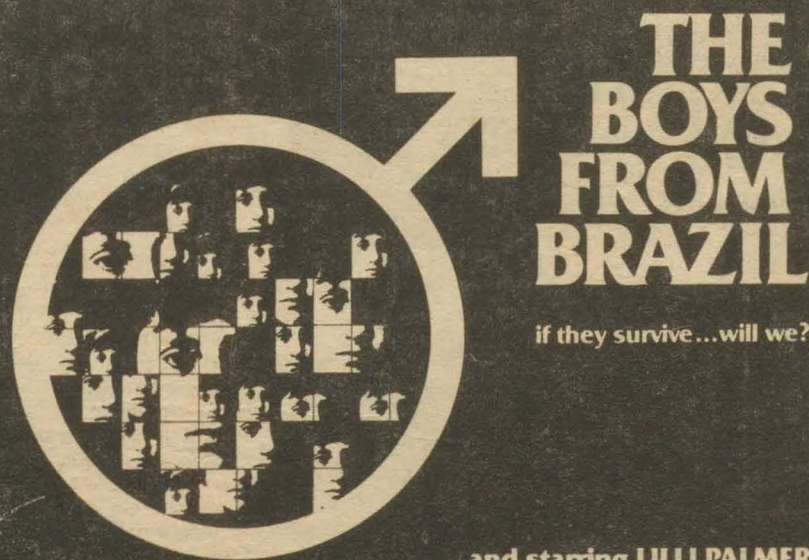
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Simple , superficial- Superman only half a hero

by donalee moulton

From outer space to out of the skies, movieland takes us from Star Wars to Superman. But Superman, like Star Wars, is a modern creation and bears little resemblance to the comic book hero.

Christopher Reeves is Superman and perfectly built for the part. He has little more to do than stand in front of the camera, which he does exceedingly well. Marlon Brando, in a small opening part, portrays his blood father, a portrayal which is surprisingly coherent. Glenn Ford, in an even smaller part, plays his adopted earthy father, and from the Brando-Ford mixture we get Superman, powerful yet compassionate, superior yet humble, liberated yet macho.

Contextually, there is little substance to "Superman". The opening scenes are a tribute to special effects, while the latter scenes are milleniums removed from such obvious talent. There is, temporarily, a bad guy to be defeated but more often than not there is just Superman rescuing falling objects, be they people or helicopters.

To the generation raised on the comic book hero, "Superman" must seem simple and superficial. To the current generation, he is neither. As real as life, Reeves represents a contemporary hero, with all the pomp and splendour and "animal magnetism" as-

sociated with today's ideal type. And Superman is fun, and Superman is awesome. . . Superman is a long-awaited and perhaps long-needed fantasy, for children and non-children.

"Superman" ends with two major unresolved questions. One has to do with the opening sequence; the other with Superman's power to change earth's history. These questions are left unresolved, or so it must be assumed, because a sequel is already in the making. One cannot help but feel that not only is Superman only half a comic book hero but that he is also only half a movie.



Chris Reeves :
perfectly built Superman



25th Annual ART Exhibition

Are you artistically inclined in any way?

If you paint, draw, sculpt, embroider, knit, print, batik, weave or handcraft in any way and you are connected with Dalhousie University then you are eligible for the Twenty-Fifth Annual Student, Staff and Alumni Art Exhibition.

The Exhibition will be held from January 18 until February 11 at the Dalhousie Art Gallery in the Dalhousie Arts Centre. Entrance applications for the

Exhibition are now available at various locations throughout the university. Applications will be accepted until January 14 and they should be taken to the Dalhousie Art Gallery during Gallery hours.

All paintings, photographs and prints should be framed and ready to hang and all craft articles should be ready for exhibition. Although the Art Gallery cannot be responsible for the works submitted for exhibition, security will be

provided at all times and small objects will be displayed in glass cases.

This extremely popular exhibition serves as a showcase for the artistry of members of the Dalhousie community. If you have pretensions to artistic expression then this is the ideal opportunity to have your work displayed for and admired by the public.

Further information can be obtained by calling 423-2403.

deNiverville : painter of fantasy

A retrospective of forty-two works by Toronto artist Louis de Niverville will open Thursday, December 21, at the Dalhousie Art Gallery. The exhibition, which was organized by the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, will remain in Halifax until January 14.

Born in 1933, de Niverville has been painting since he was fifteen. His humorous mural at the Toronto International Airport, Daedalus and Icarus, is a delightful example of one of his larger works which appeals to children and adults alike. His colours are subtle and muted, with subject matter spanning realism to fantasy. De Niverville's pieces are sometimes haunting and mysterious, and at other times, full of fun and nonsense. Underlying this extraordinarily subtle artist's work is a firm line of sensuousness and seductiveness.

For at least the first ten years of de Niverville's career, he wrestled with technical matters; many of his early ideas were unattainable as he lacked the technique with which to do them.

His development as an artist was gradual. There are no sharp divisions in de Niverville's work. Study in the 1954-55 of the work of the cartoon artist Saul Steinburg was important; other influences were Picasso, Matisse, Rousseau and Bonnard, and later, Magritte and the

Surrealists. Many of the artist's external influences were therefore international, particularly from the French school, and gave de Niverville the concept of beautiful simplicity and purity.

However, de Niverville's external influences and the artists he admired were never to be as important for him as his own personal experiences. His subject matter is drawn from the depth of his psyche, and in terms of content, he is creating symbols of reality which people seem to forget

and are suddenly revived in one's consciousness. He also focuses on the edge of vision where fantasies happen, and on the visual jest with its sense of paradox.

The Dalhousie Art Gallery is located downstairs at the Dalhousie Arts Centre, 6101 University Avenue. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the gallery is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Mondays.



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UNB dumps Dal women

by Judi Rice

The 1979 UNB Holiday Classic turned out to be a "toughie" for our Women Basketball Tigers. After a late arrival into Fredericton due to bad weather, Dalhousie took to the floor Friday afternoon for the first of two weekend encounters against the UNB "Red Bloomers". This game was played at a "torrid" pace

and all indications during the first half were that the game would go down to the wire. Although Dal put themselves in a "hole" early in the second half and trailed by as much as 20 points, the girls did not hang up their sneakers and go to the showers. With only five minutes left in the game, Dal trailed by 18 points and it looked as if UNB was going to

"blow them out" but, fine play by veterans Jill Tasker (20 points) and Anne Lindsay (15 points), with rookie Anna Pendergast coming off the bench (10 points), showed just what our girls are made of as Dal pulled within 6 points. But, as the saying goes, "time just ran out". Although the momentum was in Dal's favour, the clock wasn't and Dal went down to defeat after a "super" comeback effort by all players. Final score 71-65 in favour of UNB.

Saturday morning Dal played Midtown in the consolation game. Although the Tigers lost, coach Savoy was pleased with the result since this was the opportunity for the rookies and non-starters to show their "stuff". Leading the way for Dal was "Spud Islander" Anna Pendergast

with 16 points and veteran Chris Buckle with 8 points. If it had not been for a couple of costly turnovers late in the game the Tigers would have taken the game at the wire. This was a great effort against a strong experienced senior team and the future of Dal's rookies looks very bright. Final score 62-59.

Sunday was not to be the day of victory for the Tigers, this was the final away encounter between the UNB "Red Bloomers" and our Tigers. Again this game began at a rapid pace and early on it appeared as if Dal would pull away with a victory. But, as is so often true, "the home court advantage" makes the difference. This weekend was to be UNB's, they won their own tournament and continued on

to defeat the Tigers 75-57 in the second meeting. UNB's hustle defense appeared to be the difference along with fine second half shooting compared with a "cold hand" by Dal hoopsters.

What this past weekend boils down to is what should be a thrilling final league game between the two "powerhouses" this Sunday at Dalhousie. So far this season Dal has defeated UNB once, against two losses at the hands of the Bloomers, so our girls are "biting at the bit" to even the score.

It's nice to be home and even nicer to be before home fans, so let's give this fine ball team the support they deserve and arrive at the gym in full force on Sunday, January 14 / 79.



Dal Photo/Poslak

Wrestling season opens

The local intercollegiate wrestling season will kick off this evening at the Dalhousie University gymnasium when teams from Acadia, St. F.X., U de M., U.N.B. and Dalhousie begin competition in the 3rd annual Dalhousie Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The two day event will feature the finest college wrestlers in Atlantic Canada and is the first in a series of meets leading up to the AUAA wrestling championships which will be held this year on February 23 & 24 at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Dalhousie coach Bill MacLeod, in his rookie year at the Tigers' helm, has been working his charges hard since the Christmas break, and is expecting to meet stiff

opposition from the other schools. Leading the Tigers this year will be veteran 167 lb. AUAA champion Greg Wilson. He will be assisted by 134 lb. Debashish Bhattacharya, 126 lb. Peter Coulthard, 142 lb. Bill Sanford and 177 lb. Alex Faseruk, who are all seasoned performers and who give Dal a strong nucleus on which to build their team. They will be joined by 109 lb. Peter Boudreau, 118 lb. Blais Landry, 142 lb. Colin Campbell, 150 lb. Frank Vassallo, 150 lb. Ken Lemoine, brother Ted Lemoine at 159 lbs.,

Lloyd Guskell at 190 lbs., and heavyweight Denton Hurdle. The action gets underway at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, and at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, with the public cordially invited to attend.



Trainers clinic

A level one Athletic Trainers Clinic will be held on January 12, 13, & 14, 1979 in Room No. 3 of the P.E. Building.

The course is available to anyone wishing to obtain this basic knowledge and skill.

There is a maximum enrollment of 20 people at a cost of \$30.00 each to cover taping supplies.

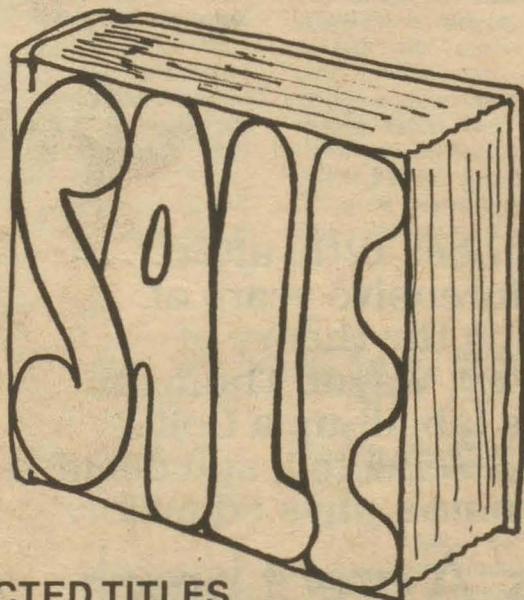
The course will cover the following areas: nutrition, training and warm-ups in sports, treatment modalities, ankle, foot and hand and wrist injuries, etc.

The first session will begin on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and will follow with two sessions on both Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is available at the Athletic & Recreation Office in the Dal Gymnasium. Further information can be obtained by contacting Nila Ipson at 424-3372.

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6- 7 a.m. Cameron
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Fri. Jan. 12
Ice Hockey
6- 7 a.m. Bronson
7- 8 a.m. Pharm.
SMU vs Pine Hill vs M.B.A.

Co-Ed Broomball
9-10 p.m. Med. B
10-11 p.m. Med. A
11-12 p.m. Ocean
Civic Educ. Pharm. Comm.

Sat. Jan. 13
Ice Hockey
2- 3 p.m. Law A
3- 4 p.m. Dent.
Forum vs Med. A vs Feo-Bio

Sun. Jan. 14
Women's B. Ball
9-10 a.m. Dent. A
10-11 a.m. Med.
vs Pharm. vs P.E.

11-12 a.m. Dent. B. vs M.B.A.
Ice Hockey
7- 8 p.m. Com B.
8- 9 p.m. Law B.
Forum TYP Med. B.

8-10 p.m. Phi Del. Hend.
Mon. Jan. 15
Ice Hockey
7- 8 a.m. Smith
SMU Cameron

Tues. Jan. 16
Ice Hockey
6- 7 a.m. Pharm
7- 8 a.m. MBA
SMU Comm. B TYP

Thurs. Jan. 18
Ice Hockey
6- 7 a.m. Pharm.
SMU Geo. Bio.

Fri. Jan. 19
Ice Hockey
6- 7 a.m. Dent.
7- 8 a.m. Comm. B
SMU Med. B. Law B

Co-Ed Broomball
9-10 MBA Dent. II
10-11 Physio Ocean
11-12 Med. A Comm.

Sat. Jan. 20
Ice Hockey
2- 3 p.m. Bron.
3- 4 p.m. Pine Hill
Forum Henderson Cameron

Intramural results

Co-Ed Basketball		MBA		Def. Dent. II		Def. loss
Bronson / Eddy	20	Fenwick Towers	31	win	2	1
Pharmacy	30	Oceanography	19	Def. TYP	2	0
Cameron / Shirreff	32	Geology	10	win	2	0
Men's Volleyball		Men's Basketball		22 MBA		28
Pine Hill A	0	Bronson II	2	Med. A	36	42
Cameron B	0	Def. Smith House	2	Law B	17	28
	loss	loss	loss	Eng.	33	30
Studley	1	Henderson	2	Geology		
Bronson III	2	Def. Pine Hill B	2	Law A		

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The Division of Athletics and Recreation Services is offering a continuing program in Leisure Activities.

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By popular demand Disco will be taught at Shirreff Hall and partners are not necessary.

Arabic (Belly) dancing and swimming classes will also be included in the program along with Ladies Fitness Classes.

Ski champs in Wentworth

by John Tonus

The Atlantic Provincial Championships of Cross-Country Skiing will be held this year at Wentworth, Nova Scotia on February 3rd and 4th. Skiers from throughout the region are invited to attend. Individual races will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 12 noon and the Relay races will be held the following day, Sunday, at 11 a.m. It is very important that all skiers be registered at Wentworth one hour at least prior to start of the race. No late entrants will be accepted.

Races will range in distance from 15 km to 5 km depending upon the division that racers fall into based on their age. When at Wentworth, entrants can obtain information on where to register at the Hostel.

This year's Championship promises to be the best ever since a new system of trails is now available for use at Wentworth and since new trail grooming equipment was recently made available by a grant to promote Cross-Country skiing in Nova Scotia.

In volleyball

Dalhousie defeats Mount A

by Kent Rogers

After a two week layoff, the Dal Women's Volleyball team played the Nova Scotia Winter Games' team and the Dartmouth Combines last Friday evening in exhibition play.

The Christmas layoff resulted in lacklustre play by Dal's black and gold and coupled with the poised play of the Wayne Brothers' coached Winter Games squad, resulted in a lopsided victory for the visitors by a score of 15-2, 15-3. Dal also fell to the Combines in two close games 15-13, 15-10.

However, in Sunday's league game against Mt. A. Dal showed much greater

poise and expertise than it has all year in defeating Mount Allison 15-5, 15-10, 15-8.

The Dal-Acadia match-up at Acadia took place last evening with the results being unavailable at press time. In upcoming action, Dalhousie travels to Waterloo, Ontario for the 12th annual Waterloo Invitational. This 12 team tournament features some of the top volleyball teams in the country. Dal and arch rival U de Moncton have been chosen to represent the Atlantic region.

Returning home on Sunday, Dal will host Acadia next Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Dal Gym.

Mason, Van Buuren win medals

Five of Dalhousie's top swimmers returned from Montreal this weekend having gathered four medals at the first Canada Cup Swim Meet of the 1979 season. They also established five new A.U.A.A. records and six Dalhousie team records.

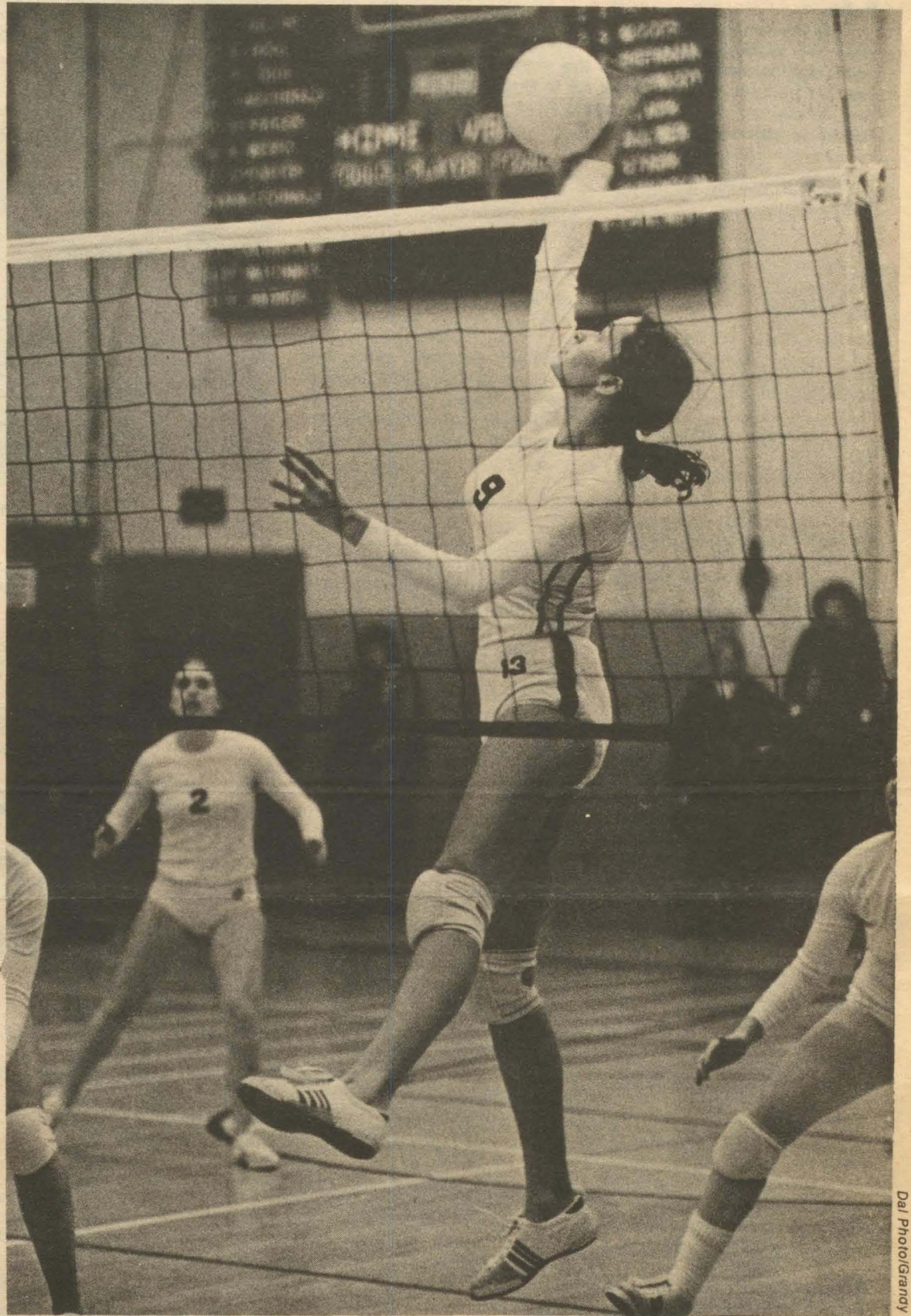
Leading the way were Dal swim stars Susan Mason and John van Buuren. They each won both silver and bronze medals at this meet. Freestyler Susan Mason swam to a bronze medal in the women's 400 metre freestyle in a new A.U.A.A. record breaking performance of 4:22.97—a time which will also be submitted as a pending C.I.A.U. National record. Winner of the event was Nancy Garapick of Halifax followed by Barb Schokey of Saskatoon. Mason set the second of her four A.U.A.A. records of the meet in placing sixth in the 200 Freestyle event. However, it was her performance in her last event, the 800 Free, that won a silver medal and another A.U.A.A. record in a time of 9:02.95. A season's best performance in the 200 Butterfly further consolidated her position as the number one ranked Canadian College swimmer in no fewer than eight events.

John van Buuren demonstrated his well established

prowess in both sprint, back crawl and butterfly with medals in both these events. After winning a bronze in the 100 backstroke on Friday, John took the silver in the 100 butterfly after being touched out by one-one hundredth of a second for the gold by Toronto's Levente Mody. Van Buuren also contributed significantly to Dalhousie's new A.U.A.A.—record performance in the men's 800 metre freestyle relay. His split of 2:00.13 combined with those of lead off Brian Jessop (2:01.46), Stuart MacLennan (2:06.00) and anchor Danny Berrigan (2:03.43), to slash over four seconds from their previous record with an 8:11.02 clocking.

Brian Jessop rounded out the record spree when he improved upon his own Dalhousie record in the 400 free with a 4:18.82 clocking.

Dal swimmers travel to Wolfville this weekend for their first dual meet of 1979 when they face traditional Nova Scotia rivals Acadia University.



Dal Photo/Grandy

Dalhousie ski team activities

by Peter Merchant

Approximately fifteen hopeful racers journeyed to Amqui, Quebec over the Christmas break to compete for positions on the Dalhousie University Ski Team. Coach Reto Barrington conducted a training camp for the competitors, and timed slalom and giant slalom races were held at the end of that week.

Selected on the men's team were: Reta Barrington, Lincoln Tucker, Jess Tucker, Peter Langille, Gregory Larsen and Peter Merchant.

Selected on the women's team were: Lynn MacGregor, Pamela Reid, Patricia Kearney, Sue Hutchison and Jane Mitcheli.

The team enters it's first competition of the year at Waterville Valley, New Hampshire this week. Teams from all over eastern Canada and the United States compete in

the bi-annual Can-Am Intercollegiate meets, and Dalhousie has done extremely well in the past few years. With a particularly strong men's team this year they have an excellent chance of placing in the top three and of bringing home a medal from this prestigious competition.

Ski team chosen

by Peter Merchant

Over New Year's approximately one hundred and forty Dalhousie students (and ten of the amazing Penguins) participated in the Amqui ski trip. Organized by the Dalhousie Ski Club, the trip was a

total success, with excellent skiing conditions and a whirlwind of après-ski activities.

The \$125 package deal included five days of skiing, six nights accommodation, breakfast and tows. (Caramac Tours still can't believe it.) Evening meals were organized at the various restaurants in the French-speaking community.

Some of the more popular activities of the week included a long-john party at one of the local bars (fishnet was out this year, but leotards were highly fashionable); a glüwein 'Party-til-you-Puke' at the infamous Penguin Place (now in its spectacular new location at the foot of the mountain); the World Caps Championships, with over fifty drunken contestants; amazing jam sessions with an extraordinary

variety of musical talent (some of the instruments included cured mastodon drums and a sterling silver wind section); a wine-but-no-cheese party in a totally inaccessible outhouse which became rather crowded after the first person arrived; and one of the truly great New Year's Eve parties of all time.

Another Amqui trip is presently being planned for the February Break, and this 'Mardi Gras' trip will be presented at the next Ski Club meeting. Please watch for notices.

Another item of interest for members of the Dalhousie Ski Club is the Oland Brewery Tour organized for January 17th at two p.m. Ski films will also be shown.

For further information on any of the above events call either Greg Larsen at 422-2524 or Peter Merchant at 429-6973.

New water records

Twenty-three of the thirty-three Dalhousie Team records have been re-written at this point in the season—a record in itself. The women's squad have broken thirteen of their sixteen team records—seven of them falling to first year standout and Commonwealth Games representative Susan Mason. In men's action ten of the seventeen team records have fallen, five of these to Dalhousie's 1977 World Student Games silver medalist John Van Buuren.

Dalorama

by Michael Cormier

Rules

Find the word which best suits the clue. The word begins with the letter above the clue you are dealing with. The number after each clue gives the number of letters in the word. When you get the word, try to find it in the box of letters. Circle the letters in the word. After all words have been found the quiz word will remain.

- A-
- Composition used for pavements (7)
 - B-
- Halved fruit (11)
- The capital of this country is Gabarone (8)
 - C-
- Edgar Bergen put wisecracks in the mouth of this character (15)
- You can't play with this ball (7)
- Union, hour, card and line (6)
 - D-
- Something held as an established opinion (5)
- Perception, interview, charge and psychology (5)
- Associated with hell (6)
- It conducts impulses towards the body of a nerve cell (8)
 - E-
- Halifax hot spot (11)
- A calcareous substance (6)
- American poet who died in 1972 (9)
 - F-
- A boxer weighs not less than 118 but not more than 126 pounds (13)
 - G-
- A tall, slender dog (9)
 - H-
- Manner of conducting oneself (5)
 - I-
- Greek epic poem (5)
 - J-
- The Canadian soldier cartoon here (12)
- A son of Isaac and Rebekah (5)
 - K-
- The Hindu God of love (4)
 - L-
- Stone with magnetic properties (4)
 - M-
- French munition ship that was involved in the Halifax explosion (9)
- A dark brown animal or plant pigment (7)
 - N-
- Female golfer of the year (10)
 - O-
- Large, flightless bird (7)
- Last letter of Greek alphabet (5)
 - P-
- Toes, willow, foot and cat (5)
- When postage is paid by the sender (8)
- An official document conferring a right or privilege (6)
 - S-
- Formerly called Ceylon (8)
 - T-
- Star of Grease (8)
- This person enlightens others while consuming themselves (7)
 - U-
- Your father's brother (5)
 - V-
- Russian unit of distance equal to 0.6629 miles (5)
- Quiz Word clue:**
Don't use your left hand to light a match (16)

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Boycott food

CALGARY (CUP)—Students at Mount Royal College, Calgary, are boycotting food services there because the service is supplying two city hospitals with food during a hospital support strike.

The student union and the college's faculty association are also supporting the boycott. However, it seems the food services do not intend on stopping or altering its operations.

University sued for sexual harassment

NEW HAVEN (ZNS-CUP)—A federal judge in New Haven, Connecticut, has ruled that a former woman student at Yale University has the right to sue the university because of alleged sexual harassment she was subjected to by a Yale professor.

Twenty-two-year-old Pamela Price, who is now a law student in California, charged in her suit that, two years ago, she was offered an "A" in a course in return for meeting the professor's sexual demands. Price says she refused the advance, and later received a "C" in the course.

Iranians arrested

MONTREAL (CUP)—Police arrested 22 Iranian students who were protesting against their country's ruler December 6 outside an Iranian trade mission in what students said was an act of police harassment.

The 22 were charged the next day under a federal disturbing the peace statute, which is an indictable offence. Under federal immigration law, visa students charged with an indictable offence can be immediately deported.

Approximately 100 Iranian students picketed the House of Iran, which one student, who did not wish to be identified, said was a cover for the SAVAK, the country's repressive secret police.

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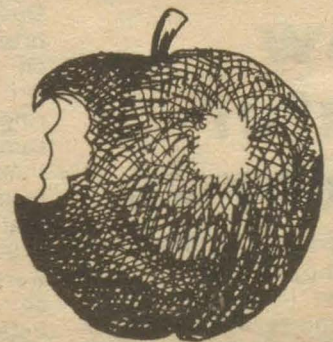
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