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DSU employee seeks revenge

BY LYNN DECKER

A former employee of the Dalhousie Student Union is preparing a lawsuit against the union that could amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages.

Andrew Younger claims that the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) ruined his professional reputation by not rehiring him this fall.

Younger worked at the DSU for three consecutive academic terms and claims that he "had already been guaranteed the job" for this academic term.

He claims that Pat Martin, director of facility operations, had asked him to return as an employee in September. Pat Martin was

unable to be contacted to confirm this claim.

Younger says that based on the assumption that he would be retained, he upgraded his technical skills at his own expense over the summer. He says that he was shocked when he received a letter in the last week of July, stating that he was not being offered a position for the upcoming school year. Younger said that he immediately attempted to contact Pat Martin, but was unable to reach him.

Younger says that at this point he contacted Amy MacIsaac, executive administrator of the DSU. He says that MacIsaac told him that he was not qualified for the position. Younger says that he felt this explanation was unsatisfactory,

as he had successfully retained the position for three years and had trained most of the technical staff employed in the Student Union Building (SUB).

He says that he felt the real reasons he was not retained were personal problems between himself and MacIsaac. Younger was the president of the Student Union Public Service Alliance (a SUB staff support organization). He claims that this position put him in constant conflict with MacIsaac.

"I was the one who made Amy's [MacIsaac] life difficult. She wanted to get rid of me last year."

Younger says that he then attempted to contact DSU president Chris Adams and DSU executive vice-president Bridgette McCaig. Younger claims that he left several messages that have gone unreturned.

At this point, Younger retained a lawyer who wrote a letter to MacIsaac, with copies to Pat Martin and the DSU executives. The letter requested an explanation for why Younger was not rehired, or immediate reinstatement.

"Their [DSU] lawyer responded... basically tough," said Younger.

Younger claims that his lawyer is now preparing a lawsuit to be filed against the DSU within the next few weeks. According to him, the lawsuit will be for the amount he would have made during the year and the lost revenue from his decreased value as an employee.

A representative from the Nova Scotia Labour Board said that there are many complexities to this case, but if it had been clearly specified in writing by the DSU that the position was for a specific term that ended in May 1997, then the DSU was under no obligation to hire Younger for this academic term. If Younger feels that he was not employed due to discrimination then it is a matter for the court system and not the Labour Board.

Both MacIsaac and Adams were contacted for comments on the potential lawsuit, but responded, "We cannot comment because it is a legal issue."

Adams did say that Younger had to apply for employment with the SUB along with any other applicants regardless of whether or not he had worked for them before.

When asked if they would normally respond to requests from a student as to why he or she had not been a successful candidate for employment, MacIsaac said, "We have no official policy on that."

Health Plan fees double

BY KAREN DOWNEY

Doubled fees — that's what Dalhousie students are faced with this fall if they are interested in purchasing the university health plan.

Last year, Dalhousie students paid \$90 for the health plan, but this fall it costs \$199 for the same coverage.

In the spring of 1996, Dalhousie students voted in a referendum to axe the mandatory health plan. Many students were already covered under their parent's health plans and felt that paying \$55 each year for duplicate coverage at Dalhousie was unnecessary. At the same time, there were students who weren't covered under an existing plan, or just wanted the option of purchasing a student health plan through the university.

In an effort to meet the needs of all students, the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) formed an agreement with Blue Cross for a health plan which would cost interested students \$90. Approximately 1,200 students purchased the plan in 1996/97. This number was significantly lower than Blue Cross had expected, and as a result the insurance company decided to pull out of Dalhousie.

"Back in March, Blue Cross told us [DSU] that they lost a bundle of money on the optional plan because the nature of an optional plan is that the people who sign up for it are people who are going to use it," said Carl Getto, DSU executive assistant.

"So Blue Cross said, 'If we are going to come back this year,

September 1997, we will have to raise the price from \$90 to about \$360.' And of course, this is unacceptable to us, so we decided to shop around."

Getto said that the best deal the DSU could find was with Taleski Insurance. Taleski also provides coverage for students at Mount Saint Vincent, Memorial and Daltech.

The plan costs \$199 per student, or \$398 per family. It provides the same coverage that was previously offered by Blue Cross. This coverage includes: prescription drugs; paramedical services; medical equipment and appliances; dental accident benefit; ambulance benefit; tutorial benefit; and accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

To help reduce the cost of the student health plan, the DSU is exploring the option of a mandatory/opt-out health plan. Under this plan all students would pay the insurance fees in the fall as part of their student fees. If students wished to opt-out of the health plan, they could bring in proof that they were already covered under another medical plan to receive a full refund.

Getto says that if the DSU decides that this proposal is viable, then it will be presented to students in a referendum this spring. The referendum would also include the newly incorporated Daltech.

Students have until 31 October to purchase the current health plan. There will be a table set up in the Student Union Building until the end of October for students' convenience.



Cramming already? These students were caught in the act outside of the Killam Library. Photo by Katie Teed.

TAs talk strike

BY STEVE PETRIE

Contract talks between Dalhousie University and the Teaching Assistants/Part-time Instructors Union broke down early last week.

After an unsuccessful meeting on 8 September, the university and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 3912 broke off talks. The main stumbling block was sighted as the issue of pay.

While Dalhousie has the second highest tuition in Canada, its teaching assistants (TAs) and part-time instructors are the second lowest paid in the country.

According to Mike Earle, secretary treasurer for CUPE 3912, the union has had problems with Dalhousie in the past.

Earle says that the university and the union have also clashed on the issue of job security for TAs and part-time instructors. He says that it took two and a half years of negotiating to reach an agreement with Dalhousie's administration on that issue.

Earle says that a strike is possible, as early as November, if the union and Dalhousie can't reach an agreement.

Currently, annual wages of CUPE 3912 members at Dalhousie differ from department to department. This means union members are being paid different amounts of money for similar work.

The university is proposing a standard salary of about \$2,350/yr to all TAs, with pay increases at three year increments. The union feels this is unjust as TAs at York University in Ontario are currently making close to \$10,000/yr for similar work.

With the gradual increase proposed by the University, pay would reach about \$2,470/yr by 2000-01, a rate which is substantially lower than the other provinces.

By implementing a standard salary, TAs in certain departments would also be forced to take a pay cut. For example, TAs in Dalhousie's History department earn \$3,000/yr. Under the University's proposal they would face a pay cut of close to 22 per cent.

CUPE Local 3912 can legally strike when the Provincial Conciliators who are reviewing the situation have given their reports.

According to university officials, talks are still proceeding and there is no indication of a strike. The university was unwilling to comment further on the situation.

If the TAs and part-time instructors do strike, it could have a large impact on Dalhousie students. There are approximately 600-800 TAs and 200 part-time instructors on staff at Dalhousie. Without TAs, there would be fewer people to grade papers, and without part-time instructors, some classes would be left without instructors.

Pre-packaged ponderance

"The day it's not tense, the day I don't get cramps before I have to photograph someone, is the day I'll start doing something else..."

— Annie Liebovitz, *Rolling Stone*

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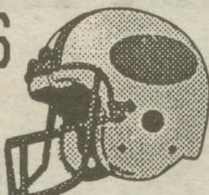
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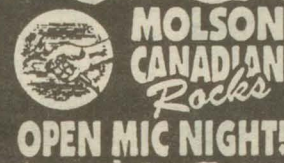
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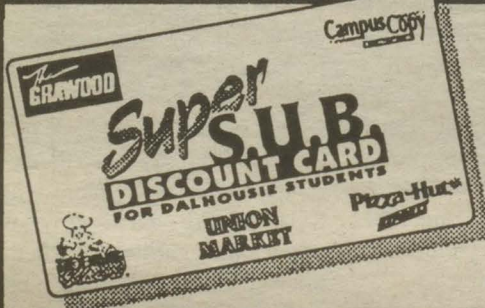


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Enrollment drops at French university

BY KAVERI GUPTA

Plummeting enrollment has struck the education department of Nova Scotia's only French university.

Over the past two years, the number of students enrolled in the education program at the Université Sainte-Anne's has dropped from 200 to 45. The decrease follows a change in program structure for the training of future teachers.

Prior to September 1995, the education program consisted of a combined Bachelor of Arts (BA)/Bachelor of Education (BEd). In a total of four years, students could complete their BEd while still working on their undergraduate degree.

With recommendations from the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education, education programs in Nova Scotia became a five year commitment. Students now have to complete their undergraduate degree before applying for a BEd. As well, applicants must fulfil other requirements to obtain admission.

Despite this change, Suzanne Allard, head of the department of Education at Ste. Anne's said there is no one reason for the decline in enrollment at the university.

"Students feel less urgency to prepare as a French teacher...although there is still a need," she said.

Allard said French/English issues in Canada are part of the

reason for decreased interest. She also said students may be reluctant to make the five year commitment, and be inconvenienced by having to re-apply for admission into the education program.

"But I have seen that there is a trend of low enrollment in most programs across Canada," she added.

Barbara LeBlanc, an education professor at Ste. Anne's agrees that low enrollment seems to be hitting many areas of post-secondary education in Canada, the U.S. and England.

"Many people are opting for

community colleges where they can get into a specialty quickly."

She also felt that increasing tuition prices make university education less accessible.

In reference to the decrease specifically at Ste. Anne's, LeBlanc said that a serious study needs to be done in order for a reason to be pinpointed.

Regardless of the drop in enrollment, LeBlanc sees only advantages to the new Education program at Ste. Anne's.

"When students come to a BEd after a BA, they come with academic experience and

maturity...they have had time to seriously consider what they want to do with their life," she said.

She feels the combined program allowed students to jump into the teaching specialty without giving it enough consideration.

She said the new sequential system is more enriching for students preparing to be teachers which in turn will greatly benefit their future students.

Ste. Anne's is located in Churchpoint, Nova Scotia. Its total enrollment this year is roughly 300 students. It is the only university in Nova Scotia that is a lead institution in languages.

Parking 1000: Panic at Dal

BY JENNIFER LAMONT

Parking your car at Dalhousie is not any easier this year, and it is only going to get worse.

The existing 1,750 parking spots at Dalhousie are not sufficient to accommodate all those who have purchased parking permits this year.

The total number of parking permits sold at Dalhousie is still unavailable, but Dave Johnson, who works for the security and traffic department of Dalhousie, acknowledged that finding a place to park, "is tough after 8:30 a.m."

"I don't have any answers for [Dalhousie students], it's been a problem for a long time," said Johnson.

The Dalhousie Physical Plant and Planning department is facing an additional parking problem.

Scheduled construction in the parking lot across the street from the Dalhousie Arts Centre will take away 105 parking spots for 18 months. Though the construction on the new Arts and Social Sciences Building is not slated to begin until December 1998, plans are being made to compensate for the places that will be lost.

Bill Lord, director of facilities management, admits that, "there is not a lot of space available on campus," but speculated that some space may come from the Halifax infirmary. In the meantime, his

department is searching for other options.

In the meantime, for students that are dissatisfied with their \$107.48 purchase, the permits can be returned within thirty days of the purchase.

For those wishing to continue trying to park on campus, Clement Tremblay, a Dalhousie librarian, offers advice. He says that he doesn't usually have trouble parking.

"The trick is that you have to know when to come back," said Tremblay.

If you are not up for chasing down spaces in the early morning, Tremblay says that you are likely to be able to find a spot if you park between classes.

Summer job

figures misleading

BY BRIANNE JOHNSTON

Despite a slight drop in the overall student employment rate this summer, not all students are singing the praise of the federal government's new job program.

Quoting a national student unemployment rate of 8.8 per cent (down from nine per cent last year), Dalhousie's Student Union (DSU) vice-president academics/external Kevin Lacey said that "numbers like this have been driving a renewed optimism among students as they return to school."

A national student organization, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) does not share Lacey's enthusiasm.

According to its figures, one in five students could not find work this summer. This means 19.7 per cent of students were unemployed.

The difference in numbers can be attributed to the scope of the surveys. The CFS has included all student job-seekers, while the DSUs figures only included university students.

The CFS and the DSU both reported that of those students who found work, 51.6 per cent only found part-time work at minimum wage. In the 1980s, only 40 per cent of students had part-time summer work.

"I applied to at least four different places this summer and waited three weeks before I got an interview," claimed one Dalhousie student.

With a part-time job at minimum wage in Nova Scotia, students would not even earn enough to pay tuition into a general arts program at Dalhousie, let alone living expenses.

"The average student debt will be \$25,000 by 1998," said Jennifer Story, deputy chairperson of the CFS. Story says that the CFS will be launching an aggressive lobbying strategy for a comprehensive youth employment program and national system of grants this fall.

Lacey says that students who did not find full-time work this summer probably did not return to school, or were forced to take out a student loan to cover the costs of living and tuition.

Despite these setbacks, Lacey has confidence in the federal government's youth job strategy which was introduced last spring. Under the plan, it is hoped that 120,000 jobs would be created for young people over two years, at a cost of \$240 million.

"While we are excited about the youth strategy, we have yet to see the full benefits of this new program."

Dalhousie hosts Fox Run

BY KELLY DONEY

Close to \$15,000 was raised for cancer research during the 17th annual Terry Fox Run held last Sunday 14 September.

Dalhousie's Student Union Building (SUB) was the starting point of the event. Registration began at noon and the roughly 180 participants, both young and old, were out early to show their support for cancer research.

Music was provided by a local radio station and was used to keep energy levels high for the duration of the event. Hot-dogs, hamburgers and pop were sold outside the SUB, with all proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation.

The event began at 1 p.m., and although it is called the Terry Fox Run, participants could walk, run or bike along the one kilometre route from the SUB down University Avenue.

The event lasted for three hours raising \$14,823 for cancer research.

Local coordinator Jeanne Bourgeois said that it was a great day. Bourgeois said that she was pleased with the turn out, and that she hopes everyone will come out for the run again next year.

Bourgeois also wished to thank the many supporters of this year's event including the Dalhousie Student Union, C-100FM, IGA, Beaver Foods, and the many other individual supporters.

Terry Fox was born on 28 July 1958. In 1976, his right leg was amputated due to Osteogenic Sarcoma (Bone Cancer).

Four years later, Fox's dream of a cross country marathon to raise funds for cancer research began. He started his run on 12 April 1980 in St. John's Newfoundland. Fox was in Thunder Bay, when succumbing to his illness, he was forced to end his cross country run.

During his marathon, he covered more than six thousand kilometres, running 42 km a day for 143 days. Fox died on 28 June 1981 at the age of 22, but his dream has endured.

Through his marathon, Fox hoped that he could get every Canadian to contribute \$1 to cancer research. His goal was surpassed when more than \$24 million was raised.

In the years since his death, millions of people have participated annually in the Terry Fox Run. Last year (1996), \$12.5 million was raised by participants in 58 countries.

Among Canadians, Nova Scotians are the most generous supporters, donating at least 55 cents per person to cancer research annually.

Since Fox's first run to raise funds for the National Cancer Institute more than \$180 million dollars has been raised for cancer research.

NEWS-IN-BRIEF

National student organization tackles student debt

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is joining with B.C. Premier Glen Clark and Education, Skills and Training Minister Paul Ramsey to call on the federal government to tackle the issue of student debt and financial assistance. They will be asking the federal government to implement a system of upfront and deferred grants for high need students, as well as implementing a national work/study program.

National Director for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Hoops Harrison says that CASA will work towards a "pan-Canadian" agreement on quality of education and accessibility standards.

CASA represents roughly 200,000 students across Canada. Dalhousie is a member of the national organization.

Dalhousie supports democratic development in The Gambia

The Minister for International Cooperation and La Francophonie, Diane Marleau has announced that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will increase its support to a democratic development fund in The Gambia. CIDA is providing an additional \$30,000 to a Democratic Development Fund, managed by the Canadian High Commission, in cooperation with Gambia authorities. The fund, launched in 1996 with a \$200,000 contribution from Canada, assists the country's Independent Electoral Commission in civic education and elections preparation. Dalhousie is involved in this program through the Law School.

Grad schools go on-line

Choosing a graduate school has just been made easier by Liberty City Promotions of Philadelphia. Gradschools.com (<http://www.gradschools.com>) allows students to seek gradschools by academic area, geographic region and key words. The site is updated daily and contains directories of grad school programs from around the world in more than 200 academic areas.

Students who check out the site before the end of November can enter the on-line contest to win free textbooks for one term.

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Dalhousie Student Union

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Union bid axed

BY SHELLY ROBINSON

A union bid by Dalhousie student workers in the Student Union Building has been scrapped.

The Student Union Part-time Staff Association (SUPSA), representing all part-time staff employed by the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) — except Grawood and Corner Pocket staff — withdrew its application to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) following questions of which part-time staff would be included in the union.

Last March's union drive was organized by SUPSA for SUPSA members. However, the Grawood and Corner Pocket employees also voted.

As a result of the participation of non-SUPSA members in the vote, the Labour Relations Board of Nova Scotia was to determine the appropriate bargaining unit and determine whose votes counted.

However, instead of going before the Labour Relations Board, SUPSA's bid for union status was withdrawn.

Last year's SUPSA president Andrew Younger describes why the bid was withdrawn rather than allowed to proceed through the Labour Board.

"What the board would have ruled, most likely, is for Grawood and Corner Pocket staff to be included. That would be fine, they would be included — but then there was some debate as to whether the votes [by Grawood and Corner Pocket staff] were ill-informed or were coerced or anything," Younger said.

Local CUPE representative Kelly Murray said that the job conditions of SUPSA members are similar enough to those of the Grawood and Corner Pocket staff that any attempts to unionize should be done jointly.

"They're all students...[SUPSA] was adamant to organize and [the Grawood and Corner Pocket] were adamant not to...the one was excluding the other and it doesn't

work that way.

"They'll have to get together — and not exclude each other — to apply [for union membership] again," Murray said.

DSU president Chris Adams says the dissolved union push will not significantly change how the student union deals with part-time staff.

"We carry on business as has been conducted, and will be conducted, with this council's mandate...the way we operate the building is the way we will continue to operate the building," said Adams.

"If there are concerns [from part-time employees] I hope they will be brought to our attention, and they will be addressed."

SUPSA president Meg Green said whether or not another union attempt is launched, the concerns that led to the attempt last March still exist, and SUPSA exists to help student employees.

"If the majority of staff say, 'We really want to try this unionization thing,' then that's what we'll do," said Green.

"And if they say, 'To hell with unionization,' then we'll say, 'What would you like?' There are other levels staff can go to, but the only people who are going to help [staff] are fellow workers," she said.

"I have my suspicions that this year a majority of people are going to feel differently than the majority of people felt last year...there's more new staff...coming in saying, 'Everyone's so cool, they're so nice,' so you can't really say, 'O.K. let's unionize,' because they'd be like 'Why?'"

Despite the optimism of new part-time staff, Green says she is not without apprehension.

"You always try to feel a certain amount of confidence in the beginning because it's a new [DSU] executive, new ideas...I don't know — we'll see what this year brings...we'll see if I'm still here by Christmas."

DSU ready for year

BY ALEXANDRA BONNEY

Preparation for the academic year began during the summer for this year's Dalhousie Student Union executive.

Last Monday was the first council meeting attended by the full complement of student councillors. The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) executive took this opportunity to report their activities over the past four months to the council at large.

Among their activities were the usual potpourri of expensive conferences, charity fund-raisers and renovations to the Student Union Building.

DSU President Chris Adams reminded the new council that its numbers would be augmented by a delegation from the Sexton Campus (Daltech) due to the consolidation of Dalhousie and TUNS.

These new positions are expected to give full representation to the entire student body. Adams explained that one of the new members, Jim Bayersford who is the Vice-President Academic of the Daltech Student Union, will have a double responsibility in the Dalhousie government.

"We're having a representative on the senate, and because he's a

representative on the senate, he will also sit on the [student] council," said Adams.

The floor was then turned over to Vice-President Academic/External Kevin Lacey. The VP introduced a plan which is designed to assist students in becoming more aware of the activities of his portfolio.

"This year I want it to be one of the more active committees in the university," said Lacey.

"I want to get students to get involved by bringing forth a series of campaigns, and have them get involved by new activities rather than the protest ways of the past."

Lacey went on to explain that historically student unions have encouraged protest. His plan is to rally students through information campaigns with the hope that they will become more aware of the issues facing them.

"Campaigns have been very effective in other parts of the country [UNB] has the best example, where they've had a lot of success this past week with their campaign. I'm pretty excited about the fact that students will finally be able to politically see what the Student Union is doing."

New BC university causes controversy

BY CRAIG SAUNDERS

VICTORIA (CUP) — Despite mounting opposition from students and faculty, BC's provincial government is going ahead with plans for a new university.

Plans for the Technical University of British Columbia (TUBC) in Surrey were approved by the NDP government in late July and have already sparked an international academic boycott, launched jointly by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) and the Confederation of University Faculty Associations-BC (CUFA-BC).

Unlike traditional universities, the new school won't have an academic senate or a tenure system. According to the opposing groups, the lack of senate, combined with a strong corporate presence on campus, presents a serious threat to academic freedom.

"We don't reject the idea that an applied institution can have ties to business," said Robert Clift, executive director of CUFA/BC. "But it needs to have academic freedom measures."

University senates normally include faculty, student, alumni and community representatives who oversee curriculum and programming issues. But at TUBC, the committees that advise the school on curriculum will comprise mainly of people from the business community.

The CUFA-BC fears that this structure will make the school a training tool for the corporations

that fund it.

Clift says a university should be a place for education, not just job training.

"General skills [should be] built within a context...not merely providing a set of specific skills a student will use unquestioningly when working," Clift said.

Representatives at the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, and TUBC President Bernie Sheehan both say Clift's concerns are premature.

"A number of the structures are just being developed, I think its disappointing and regrettable that at this stage in the process that alarm bell has been pressed...before [CAUT and CUFA/BC] have taken the time to adequately inform themselves," Deputy Minister of Education, Don Avison said.

Sheehan, who is both president and CEO of the new university, echoed Avison's sentiment, explaining the structure will develop over time.

"It's for the future to decide," he said.

But the CAUT does not recognize the new school as a university, and is encouraging academics to refuse to work there through an academic boycott.

As the campaign — which includes newspaper advertisements — continues to develop, the critics hope to see letters of support roll in. They also intend to ask accreditation agencies to deny the new school status as a university.

The first two program areas offered at the new university will be information technology and management. Later program areas will include medical and health technology, food design, industrial design and engineering.

The new school will also offer classes through the Internet.

Although there is no official TUBC campus yet, a site is available for the school in Surrey, and plans are in the works to offer some Internet-based courses as early as September of 1998.

Non-residents face hikes

BY IDELLA STURINO

MONTREAL (CUP) — University students in Quebec were greeted with a new twist upon returning to school this September, as the reality of a provincial tuition fee increase of more than \$1,000 for non-Quebec residents set in.

According to the new differential tuition fee structure introduced by the Quebec government last year, out-of-province students will pay an average of \$3,600 in tuition fees for a full-time academic year, while Quebec students will pay \$2,400.

Until now, all Canadian students at Quebec universities were charged the same amount.

As students from across Quebec and Canada poured into Concordia and McGill, the province's two largest English universities, many expressed anger over the fee increase.

"My tuition went up and now I have to get a student loan and I don't know if I can cover the full year," said Carey Hummerston, a returning McGill student from Manitoba. "It sucks."

Hummerston also criticized the new differential fee structure for being unfair because it charges Quebec and out-of-province students unequal fees. In the eyes of many students — particularly non-francophones — that amounts to discrimination.

McGill's student council is taking the Ministry of Education and McGill University to court, arguing that the differential fee structure violates both the Quebec and Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantee the right to non-discrimination based on nationality and the right of mobility between provinces.

More pressing than the debate over differential tuition fees, however, is the requirement for almost all undergraduate students in Quebec to prove their Quebec residency in order to avoid the

increase.

For many students, this has been a difficult task, leaving them confused and angry.

Kassandra Churcher, a first-year McGill student from Montreal, says she had to send in her proof of residency three times before the university administration charged her the correct fee.

"I think [the McGill admissions and registrar's office is] really stressed because they have so many people [coming in]. This is the conversation with every first-year student I've met. Everyone is talking about it," she said.

Members of Concordia's student union executive reported similar frustration among students, many of whom they say have had trouble wading through the bureaucracy of proving their Quebec status.

The government form for attestation of residency outlines very specific documents and criteria as proof of residency. For example, unless you were born in, or have parents or a spouse in Quebec — and can prove it with a birth certificate or proof of residency — you stand little chance of meeting the criteria.

Out-of-province students who may have been living and studying in Quebec year-round for the past few years do not count as Quebec residents. Only those students who have resided in the province for the past 12 consecutive months while not studying full-time can claim Quebec residency status.

Tracey Berman, supervisor of McGill's student accounts office, remarked that the fee increase has generated a lot of extra phone calls and questions from students.

"It's frustrating and bad PR for everyone. Out-of-province students must think they are being treated like second-class citizens," she said.

Out of province students may face tuition fee hike in BC

BY TODD SILVER

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Out-of-province students may pay higher tuition fees than their BC peers if the federal and other provincial governments don't do more to make education affordable across the country, BC premier Glen Clark says.

Although Clark said he doesn't favour differential fees for out-of-province students, and had no immediate plans to institute them, they might be necessary if increasing numbers of students come to the province because of cheaper tuition costs.

"If we want to try to do something [different]...than exists everywhere else in the country...then we have to have a certain kind of barrier...around what we are doing in British Columbia," Clark said in a press conference last week.

Last year, the BC government launched a virtual tuition freeze for Canadian students — keeping tuition costs at BC's universities among the lowest in the country.

Nationally, Statistics Canada found that tuition fees are up almost nine per cent from last year. And in provinces like Ontario and Newfoundland, the rise was even higher.

Quebec is currently the only

province with a differential tuition fee structure for out-of-province students. The fee structure is supposed to compensate for a tuition freeze in place since 1991. As a result, out-of-province students are paying \$1000 more than their Quebec classmates.

Vivian Hoffman, the director of finance for UBC's student union, spoke with Clark before the press conference, and said she is leery of talk of differential tuition fees.

"If we start giving rights only to those citizens of our provinces, rather than to the citizens of our country...there is not much of a country anymore," she said.

The Premier also had suggestions for making education more affordable. Among them, Clark said he would pressure the federal government to use any expected budget surpluses to boost transfer payments, and attempt to put student debt on the national political agenda.

Clark also said he would advocate systems for student loan applications to be processed over the Internet, as well as ways for banks to verify that student loan recipients are actually students.

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Internships receive mixed reviews

BY CHRIS BODNAR AND DAVID COCHRANE

OTTAWA (CUP) — A federal internship program will not pay young people enough to live on, says Canada's largest student organization.

On Sept. 8, the government announced a \$90-million youth internship program that will provide one-year public sector jobs for more than 3,000 people between the ages of 15 and 30.

But the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is criticizing the program because of what it calls "poverty level wages".

"We don't criticize the internships themselves. It's great the government wants to do something about [youth unemployment] in some way," said Jennifer Story, the Federation's deputy chair. "But if you look at what they are paying... it isn't a living wage."

Interns will be paid between \$9,880 and \$15,000 for the year. But student debt loads average \$22,000 nationally and Story says with a \$400 monthly loan payment plus living expenses, the internships won't give people enough to live on.

"I think \$20,000 a year is a more reasonable figure," Story said.

Youth unemployment averaged almost 20 per cent this summer and most student jobs were only part time. And while the intern program is being hyped as a new initiative, it contains no new government money. It will be funded by the same Youth Employment Strategy money the Liberals announced in February just prior to calling the last election.

"If the federal government was truly

committed to this issue it would allocate the resources necessary to bring down youth unemployment in this country," Story said.

The program is a joint initiative between the federal government, the YMCA, and Career Edge, a non-profit organization providing private-sector internships.

It will be tested this fall with about 100 internships in five major cities: Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

The 3,000 projected internships will be phased in over the next three years at various federal departments, Crown corporations, and government agencies. The jobs will be aimed at unemployed and underemployed youth, who will be recruited by the YMCA and Career Edge.

Canada's other national student organization was less critical of the plan. Hoops Harrison, executive director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), says the private

and public sector co-operative structure of the program is a good sign.

"It's a positive step because it's no longer one aspect of the workforce trying to solve the entire problem, because it's a joint problem," Harrison said.

At a media event to announce the program, Prime Minister Jean Chretien lauded the internships as a way to provide young people with valuable work experience. But even the Prime Minister says more needs to be done.

"We still have a difficult problem with youth unemployment," Chretien said.

Chinese leader declines honorary doctorate

BY DAN SEIBEL AND RICHARD CARLSON

VICTORIA (CUP) — The University of Victoria offered, but China's president will not accept an honorary degree.

Ottawa informed the university that because of other commitments, Jiang Zemin, will not be able to accept the honorary doctorate they planned to award him at a special convocation on Nov. 26.

But the controversial Jiang is still

scheduled to participate in the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation leaders forum in Vancouver this November.

"Both students and administration are probably glad he's not coming," said Anita Zaenker, the academics director of UVic's student union.

"We're happy because there won't be a dictator receiving an honorary degree from UVic and the administration is happy they don't have to worry about protests on campus in November."

News of the proposed award was leaked to students through the Senate, generating anger among student groups, faculty, and local residents.

Jiang is head of China's military, and although the 1989 Beijing massacre took place before he became president, some opponents of the degree link him with the Tiananmen Square massacre and other human rights abuses.

"We oppose this award on behalf of the students who were killed, and continue to be killed, under

oppressive regimes," said Michael Conlon, president of the Graduate Students Society. "I am stunned that UVic would compromise its principles and reward someone who clearly has the blood of Tiananmen Square on his hands."

But some members of the university community didn't see the degree as controversial.

"Jiang is widely perceived as a moderate," says Ralph Crozier, a history professor who specializes in China and teaches a course on the Tiananmen Square massacre.

"Deng Xiaoping appointed Jiang after the Tiananmen Square massacre as he was not directly involved in it," he said. "He wasn't anywhere near Tiananmen Square and I don't believe he had any role."

Besides the protests from students, human rights organizations also spoke out against giving him the degree.

"What we are seeing in China is not a change," said Bob Goodfellow, managing director of Amnesty International.

A new report by the human rights organization states that China led the world in executions last year with more than 4,367.

Amnesty cites the example of Wu Shishen, a one-time editor of the New China News Agency, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison after releasing one of Jiang's speeches to the Hong Kong media.

Jiang personally intervened and had his sentence bumped up to life.

Amnesty also reports that thousands of government opponents and religious leaders — many of whom were convicted after unfair trials or held under administrative detention — continue to be detained.

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University's hiring practices called into question

BY MEG MURPHY

TORONTO (CUP) — The University of Toronto (U of T) is too busy defending its reputation to respond to burgeoning community concern about alleged systemic racism in its law faculty.

This is the latest criticism being lobbed at the university amidst growing tensions between administrators and community members about the university's employment equity record.

"This is an open invitation for them to look at their system — it is up to them to take the opportunity or not. It is a call for those in power

to look at the system and recognize there is a real problem and that they are contravening the law of the land," said black lawyer April Burey.

After discovering a white lawyer had been hired for a post in race and gender issues, Burey wrote an open letter to the Dean of Law alleging systemic racism within the faculty.

"Obviously there is a systemic problem if they can't find a woman of colour anywhere in Canada to qualify for a post about the intersection of race and gender," she said. "It is ridiculous."

In her letter, Burey used herself

as an example of one of the qualified black women who should have been interviewed for the job.

Burey holds a Masters degree in law from Harvard University and recently argued the first racially-based case before the Supreme Court of Canada.

"It is not really about me. It was a race position. It wasn't a general position for which they can always find an excuse."

Last week, U of T president Robert Prichard told university governors and national media that, after a preliminary review, he saw no evidence Burey has been

discriminated against.

Dean Ronald Daniels defended the appointment committee's decision.

"We put forward the candidate in whom we had the greatest confidence," he said.

Daniels also defended the faculty's efforts at altering their primarily white composition.

"We are working on it," he said.

He added that a great deal of time has been devoted to recruitment of faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds.

"We will, of course, think of other ways we can increase our

profile in the black community and beyond," he said.

Currently, only one full-time faculty of law member is black.

The Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, the Jamaican Canadian Association and the African Canadian Legal Clinic have all taken an interest in the issues raised by Burey.

"This cries out for some kind of explanation at the very least," said Roger Rowe, executive member of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers.

"It is broader than just Ms. Burey's case — it is a systemic issue. We are certainly concerned."

Transcript error may have cost student scholarship

BY ANDERS KNUDSEN AND KEVIN WOODLEY

VICTORIA (CUP) — A clerical error made within the University of Victoria's Faculty of Law may have cost a student \$33,000 dollars in scholarships.

The mistake occurred when a B- grade was included on Bircham's transcripts from her first-year studies in Law. And while many students wouldn't consider a B- the end of the world, in Bircham's situation it couldn't have been worse. The B- significantly affects her GPA, and she sent out transcripts to three separate scholarship committees in January 1996, only to realize the error in March.

"I didn't work my ass off for four years to have this mistake cost me my future," Bircham said.

David Cohen, Dean of Law, admitted to the transcript error, but said the faculty responded promptly and sent a letter of correction to the scholarship boards 24 hours after an official met with Bircham.

"It was a clerical error," said Cohen. "But to my knowledge it had no impact [on] decisions made regarding Ms. Bircham."

And this is where the dispute

currently lies between Bircham and the university. Did the scholarship boards reject Bircham because of the error in her transcripts, or was she rejected for other reasons?

Bircham said the incorrect transcripts played a role — pointing to a scholarship she won after the error was corrected. Above all, she maintains that the grade caused her to lose a step in the tight competition for scholarships.

"The fact that after I got the error removed... I got a \$13,000 scholarship, tells me that something went wrong in the middle," said Bircham. "And maybe I wouldn't have gotten the scholarships, but this way I'll never know."

She no longer plans to continue her law studies, citing a hostile relationship with the law school and a lack of funds to complete a three-year law degree.

"I feel [the university is] responsible for my not being able to continue in law," said Bircham. "I follow all their rules and jump through all their hoops and they make a huge mistake and are totally unaccountable."



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“Mellow out and grow-up...”

A silly little series of events have unravelled over the last couple weeks, with Dalhousie's Shinerama at the centre of the squabble. Things started when Dalhousie frosh participating in Shinerama — a fund-raiser for Cystic Fibrosis — were harassed by frosh from Saint Mary's.

In the same week, *The Saint Mary's Journal* published a cartoon making fun of Shinerama and the frosh who participated.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) President Chris Adams sent a letter to Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) president, John Francis, and the DSU's VP Community Affairs, Terence Tam, joined in on the correspondence by sending a letter to the editor of *The Journal*.

The responses of both the SMUSA president and the cartoonist were contained in yesterday's edition of *The Journal*.

Normally, copies of *The Journal* lie untouched on the coffee table in the Gazette office, serving as extra-absorbent coasters, but this past week we've been avidly following *The Journal's* soap opera.

On the front page of *The Journal*, in a brief article with a big headline, the SMUSA president said he was “glad to see the healthy rivalry

returning to what it once was...since Dalhousie no longer has a football team, we need something to motivate students.”

Tam's letter was printed in *The Journal's* editorial section. In it, he huffed about Dalhousie's contribution to the community and issued a challenge to Saint Mary's to become more involved.

We found it interesting that Tam's letter was published with four typographical errors, when a copy Tam sent to us only had one.

The Journal's cartoonist, Andy Bower, weighed in with a big caricature of Chris Adams, as a giant baby, sitting in his DSU office, sucking on a soother. In a comic strip later in the paper, the Dalhousie Tiger, an unnamed frosh and Terence Tam are depicted sucking on large phallic objects, which Bower writes: “proves that Dal does suck!!!” Ironically, Bower concludes the comic strip by advising Adams to “mellow out and grow-up. It's university...”

This is all a little absurd. In fact we at *The Gazette* can hardly wait for the next round of panty-raids, spiked-punch, and that classic liquid-heat-in-the-jock-strap gag.

Most people have lost sight of the real issues in this mini-drama. First, no matter what school they

were from, it was wrong for one group of people to obstruct another from collecting money for charity. Cystic Fibrosis is a brutal disease that afflicts children. Those with advanced cases of the disease slowly starve and suffocate as mucus coats both their lungs and intestinal walls. They can hardly breathe or digest food.

Second, to make fun of those who worked to raise money for such a worthwhile charity is crass and ignorant. You wouldn't make fun of the Terry Fox Run, or the Aids Walk — is there something especially tickling about suffocating children?

Third, and both schools are guilty of this, to promote charity events as replacements to sporting events is obscene. There is something seriously wrong when the greatest motivation to participate in a charity event is the desire to beat someone else.

Finally, this rumoured rivalry between Dalhousie and Saint Mary's is bogus. The trashing of Dalhousie may be a popular pastime at Saint Mary's, but for most of the students I attend classes with, the notion of an inter-school rivalry is decidedly lame.

Besides, we haven't had a football team since 1976.

Andrew Simpson

Letters

Defending NSPIRG

To the editor,
If picking on NSPIRG is the only way John Cullen can make his paper more lively, I'm guessing the Gazette is hurting for new story ideas.

I have a few suggestions.
Ask Beaver Foods why they don't compost when it's the law in Nova Scotia. Organics from institutional cafeterias are not allowed in landfills.

Also, why isn't a single penny devoted to bike racks in this year's Dal physical plant budget? The situation around the Killam is totally inadequate, and has been ever since they removed the courtyard rack.

There's bound to be more story ideas at Tuesday's Eco-Action meeting to which Cullen, and anyone else for that matter, is more than welcome. Cullen's poison pen is a tool that's too good to waste on NSPIRG.

David Redwood

To the editor,
I am writing concerning the editorial “The problem with NSPIRG” written by John Cullen (Sept. 11). In the editorial, Cullen questioned the effectiveness of the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group at Dalhousie.

I want to clarify that NSPIRG's mandate is:

1. To facilitate social change and to encourage individuals, and members of the Dalhousie community in particular, to organize around issues of public interest.
2. To give students of Dalhousie University the means to re-translate their research into positive social action and to utilize university resources to the benefit of the community as a whole.
3. To promote student participation in public fora aimed at community action and regulatory and legal reform.
4. To promote the education of NSPIRG-Dal members and the public at large about issues of public interest.

NSPIRG strives to meet these objectives with our working groups and our projects. Just to name a few things NSPIRG has done in the past two years:

Active working groups hold regular meetings, host tables in the SUB, give workshops, work on petitions, etc. Our active groups include Humans Against Homophobia (HAH), People for Animal Welfare (PAW), the Women's Health Collective, Food Co-operative, Eco-action, and Economic Justice.

NSPIRG has also hired students to work on summer research positions focussing on Multinational corporations, Media literacy skills for students, Learning Disabilities, Africville history and many more issues. These projects have produced a wide range of publications which have been distributed throughout the province and are available in the NSPIRG resource library.

The direction that NSPIRG takes is fully determined by its members and its mandate. During the 1997 Frosh Week NSPIRG solicited awareness with a very successful

open house in co-operation with the Dalhousie Women's Centre, and we are planning to participate in the Volunteer Fair September 24 and have weekly tables in the SUB.

We welcome all Dalhousie students, new and returning, to stop by the office, room 315 in the Dal SUB. NSPIRG is Dalhousie's research and education centre for environmental and social justice issues. We are receptive to student's ideas and encourage participation in community action. It is only with active community involvement that NSPIRG can tackle the issues that affect all members of the Dalhousie community. The active NSPIRG member is not “confusing public interest with special interest”, but is working on issues of special interest for the public.

Jennifer Reynolds
Executive Director, NSPIRG

To the editor,
When we read your editorial (Sept. 11) about the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group, we were perplexed at your attack on the organization.

The problem that you initially identified with NSPIRG was that they (along with the Women's Centre) wanted a meat-free Frosh BBQ. From this point, you somehow came to question the purpose of NSPIRG.

Yet, one of the issues with which NSPIRG concerns itself is food. Is it not only logical that they would question the need for meat at the BBQ, given that they promote vegetarian food alternatives? In fact, NSPIRG was acting out their purpose in their actions.

The editorial went on to question the relevance of NSPIRG. NSPIRG is a useful and hardworking organization, and certainly relevant to the many people who have benefitted from their work. NSPIRG is involved with a food co-op and a community garden. They coordinate the group Humans Against Homophobia. The organization compiles a resource book called the Handy Dandy Guide. They've been involved in anti-racist projects such as the taped programme “Africville: Not for Sale”. The list goes on.

NSPIRG's input into campus and community affairs has been invaluable, often accomplishing work that would otherwise be left undone.

Such an assault on a useful and progressive organization is unwarranted. If anyone wants to know what NSPIRG does, just ask. The list is long.

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Parking woes

To the editor,
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Amir Nevo

Fill the void... write for the Gazette
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Attention Jewish Students!!!
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Big Brother is watching

where's your helmet?

It may not have caught the attention of every Nova Scotian this summer, nor of every part-timer from the rest of the country (or the world) who is just now returning, but don't be mistaken folks, a change has come over the province. The wise men (and a few women, to be sure) who pass for leaders in this fair province have decided that the ordinary citizen is once again not to be trusted with his or her own life, and that the masses should be protected from themselves. The bittersweet irony is that the legislation is designed to protect the very part of the body which our government must think is not working right: our heads.

Not long ago, in a province with which we are all too familiar, there was a government "of the people" whose members — along with their Rhodes-scholar leader — also thought they should do the people's thinking for them, and decreed that all cyclists should wear helmets. This sort of shut-up-and-listen i-to-your-father tripe was short-lived however, along with the intrusive photo-radar vans, when the government was overthrown by a common-sense revolution. Ironically, of course, it is the new régime which is usually labelled as fascist. Look again, I say.

As for the "cyclists-without-helmets-are-potential-burdens-on-

the-healthcare-system" argument, I don't buy it — major reality check required folks. Cyclists as a burden on the health care system? What about all the lard-arsed fast-food junkies tooling around in their gas-guzzling smog-belching Impalas? What about the glue — and gasoline — sniffing underclass? The same argument is hauled out time after time in persecution of that increasingly lonely band of society members known as smokers. Not content to simply let them quietly (and quickly) puff their lives away, the overanxious zealots hound the poor addicts at every turn. Nevermind that they have enough problems, being addicted to such a useless drug.

Of course bicycle helmets have saved lives and prevented serious injury, and of course they will continue to do so. But the only life they can save, the only injury they can prevent is that of the wearer. And therefore choosing to wear or not to wear a bicycle helmet is his or her decision to make. We all

make decisions like that every day — whether to eat two KFC snak-paks when we are already obese (and heart disease runs in our family), whether to rollerblade without knee pads, whether to smoke, or play squash, or ski. We all get out of bed each day and leave the house knowing full well that in doing so we increase the chances that accident may befall us, and thus render us a nasty burden on the public purse. If public health care is to be available to one and all, then it must be just that; not restricted to those of us who always put on a helmet, always do up our seatbelts, don't drink, don't smoke, don't ever leave the house; and it must not be used to compel (or impel) us to do (or not do) anything.

And if every individual in our society is to be free, then that freedom must encompass not just the freedom to lead an exemplary lifestyle, but also the freedom to lead a despicable one.

Milton Howe

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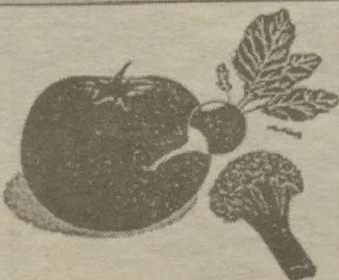
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Dealing with the devil

Alexa MacDonough prepares for battling Manning and Charest in Ottawa

BY MARK REYNOLDS

Last summer's federal election saw Halifax elect its first New Democratic Member of Parliament. Though new to the House of Commons, Alexa MacDonough has been on the political scene in Nova Scotia since the late seventies.

MacDonough graduated from Dalhousie in 1967 with a Master's in Social Work, and later returned to Dalhousie to teach.

She ran for office as the federal NDP candidate in both the 1979 and 1980 elections, but failed both times.

In 1980 she became the leader of the provincial NDP and was the only member of her party — and the only female — in the legislature. In 1995 she became the leader of the federal NDP.

The Gazette caught up with Alexa shortly before she participated in the Terry Fox run last Sunday.

Gazette: Your party won eight seats in the Maritimes when most polls indicated that you would be lucky to take one.

MacDonough: That depends on whose polls and who was putting the spin on the polls. We were quite confident that we could win a number of seats in the Maritimes.

What does your party have to offer a young Canadian who is heading out into a grim job market, especially since the social programs might not exist in the coming years?

I think a couple of things. A solid demonstrated record [exists] that a progressive political voice in politics can make a difference. Young people have the greatest degree of energy and optimism to progressive politics if they can be persuaded that they can make a difference.

Young people have the greatest degree of energy and optimism to progressive politics if they can be persuaded that they can make a difference. Unfortunately, young people today have experienced years of relentless right-wing propaganda pounding home the message that you can't make a difference; that life's a bitch and you just have to put up with it; that you're on your own Jack, or Jill, and don't expect society to be there for you. So we have a major challenge to try to turn that around.

Do you have any specific policies or goals in parliament so that social programs will exist for young people in the future?

You can't build a society on the notion that everybody is on their own. You've got to put in place the kind of infrastructure that will create some kind of cohesion in society; that ensures that people do provide for one another.

The most cost-effective way to ensure a pension in one's senior

years is a public pension plan. It's perfectly obvious that there is a huge lobby underway now to tear down people's confidence in the Canada Pension Plan. But there's no objective basis for it.

There's three reasons why the Pension plan is in jeopardy now. One is that the fund has not been managed with a view to future generations. The second is that there is a population bulge that will be a strain on the funds....Thirdly, we've gone through such a prolonged state of high unemployment that there haven't been the kind of contributions to the Canada Pension Plan that are needed.

But all of those are fixable. The battle is to make young people understand what the options are.

One thing is darn sure, and that is that there are some people that would be better off going it alone on private pension schemes...equally certain is that collective security of the population in general would be severely eroded. I'm optimistic that young people can understand why their best interests are served by doing a better job at providing for collective security.

Your party is only the fourth largest in Parliament. How effective will you be in getting your agenda across?

Well, it remains to be seen, doesn't it? If the question is that I think we can offer the alternative

that has been so missing in recent years, then I'm extremely optimistic about that. We've got the numbers to enable us, with official party status, to participate — we actually have a

voice again.

Notwithstanding that, we're the fourth party, there is considerable evidence that there are a lot of people that are questioning where we're headed if we continue down the road of a market driven society. But it's going to depend on how effective we can be in reaching out and broadening the base of understanding of the social democratic alternatives that brought us to where we are; with a whole range of benefits that are the envy of the world.

Our job is to work with the public and mobilize support around these social democratic options; because it's quite clear, in terms of

numbers, that there will be no occasion where the New Democratic Party can out-vote the parties that are there to represent the interests of the privileged and the wealthy, or the particular interests of the corporations. We're going to have to appeal to the broader range of Canadians. We're not likely to change the minds of very many parliamentarians, who are there representing the corporate elite.

During the election campaign you said that you would be willing to "deal with the devil" in Parliament to get your agenda across, a stance that many criticized as being against NDP principles. Do you still hold this view?

(laughs) It was a figure of speech, to make a point. I'm prepared to cooperate with whatever political party is willing to support the social democratic agenda. And if — for whatever cynical, self-serving reasons — any one of the

parliamentarians are willing to change their minds and support the strengthening of medicare for example, after contributing to its unravelling, then I'd be happy to cooperate. If Preston Manning were prepared to no longer be so adamant in advocating a two-tier education system, then we'd be happy to cooperate.

Our objective is to improve the programs and services for Canadians and whoever wants to work with us on that, well of course we'll work with them. It's not a question of abandoning principles, it's a question of using whatever resources and opportunities are available to you to try and make progress on the commitments we made to Canadians.

Jean Charest recently floated the idea that all the leaders of the federal political parties get together and work on a strategy for the Quebec situation. Would you be willing to participate in such a forum?

That falls into the category of dealing with the devil. I have no hesitation in saying that I would be willing to sit down with the other party leaders on any occasion where there is a possibility of strengthening a unified Canada.

...[In the Meech Lake and Charlottetown accords] too many things were done behind closed doors. I for one, will refuse to participate in a strategy that imposes a so-called constitutional

solution on a nation without people having an opportunity to participate fully in it.

...I think the NDP policy has long recognized the need for constitutional recognition for the uniqueness of Quebec in respect to its culture and civil law, but there's a lot of things that have to go along with it.

When I talk to Quebecers...particularly those that voted yes in the last referendum...they say to me [that] strengthening and advancing social democracy in the rest of Canada is the most promising course for luring "soft" sovereigntists back to the Canadian family.

They don't want to be a part of a society that tears up its commitments to its young people, senior citizens and its most vulnerable segments. I've become increasingly convinced that if the only federal strategy for national unity is to get into a narrow constitutional wrangle over two words [distinct society], then we're going to lose the battle. I think we can do better.

Nova Scotian university students pay among the highest tuition fees in the country. Does the NDP intend to work towards making university more accessible for Nova Scotians by bringing them more in line with the rest of the country?

Absolutely. I've fought long and hard to deal with what is really a triple tragedy for Nova Scotian students in having the highest tuition, among the highest unemployment levels, and the lowest level of student aid. I mean, it really is a recipe for exclusion of an awful lot of students.

As federal leader, one of the things I have been very vocal about is that accessibility be established as a national standard for post-secondary education.

Will the unprecedented number of Atlantic Canadians in your caucus, influence your party's policies in areas such as resource management and unemployment in this region?

Well it's pretty evident that there was simply no real voice for Atlantic Canadians, except for the most privileged, in the last Parliament...The government made a decision to push people out on a tight-rope, and then they took away the safety net at the same time.

There was no real voice in the Canadian Parliament on behalf of either the individual or families or the communities and the whole region...[was] impacted by those policies. I think the most immediate change we'll see from having eight New Democrats from Atlantic Canada is that we'll have a real voice for Atlantic Canada on these issues.

Alexa in 1980

The Gazette interviewed Alexa MacDonough when she was a federal candidate for the NDP in the 1980 election. The following are a few select excerpts.

On cutbacks affecting university accessibility:

"I think [cutbacks] do limit accessibility, certainly for lower income groups, when you don't do very much about ensuring jobs for people."

On university funding falling behind the rate of inflation:

"There is not really enough long-range planning involved in government decisions...I think it has more to do with a general attitude towards government spending that is created when people feel under pressure. I think the average taxpayer is feeling squeezed for all kinds of complicated reasons, and looks around for somebody to scapegoat...universities become popular targets for that."

On student employment programs:

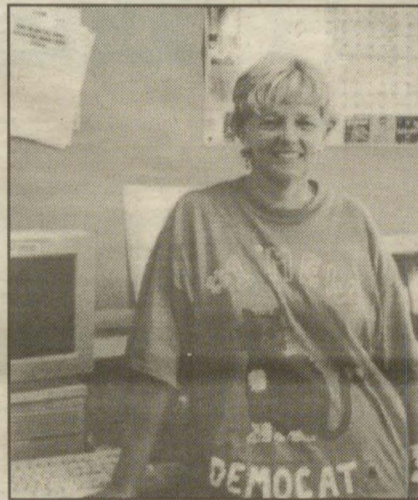
"We need quality jobs at reasonable levels of remuneration...the work that students do is real work that advances the development of programs or services."

On the Canada health and social transfer payments:

"[Allowing provincial discretion with CHST payments] abandons the kind of leadership that is necessary to ensure certain basic standards in the country and what happens is there are more and more inequalities throughout the country."

On student loans:

"Students that come from affluent socio-economic backgrounds have access to higher education, which in turn, will guarantee their future socio-economic status...those who do not have those kind of guarantees will not have access to higher education. It is a formula perpetuating the inequalities of the system. Certainly resources and education is our most valuable instrument of investment in resources. To lose sight under conditions of financial restraint is to me, very short sighted."



MacDonough visits the Gazette office before Sunday's Terry Fox Run. Photo by Mark Reynolds.

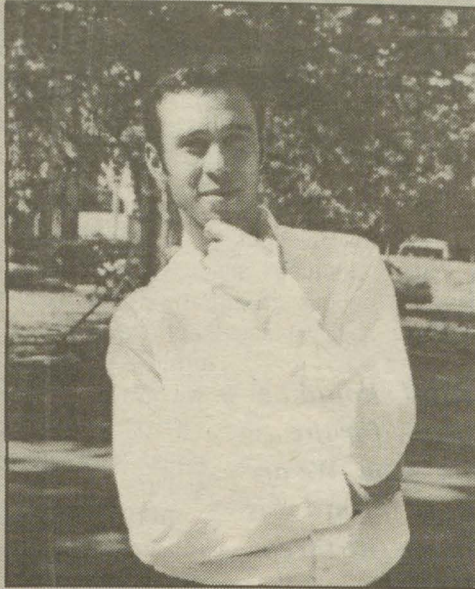
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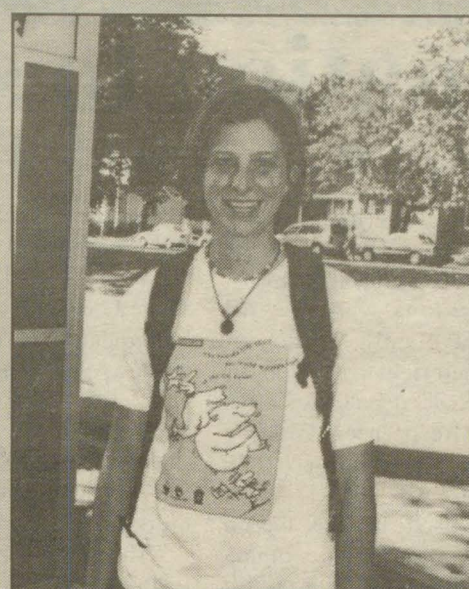
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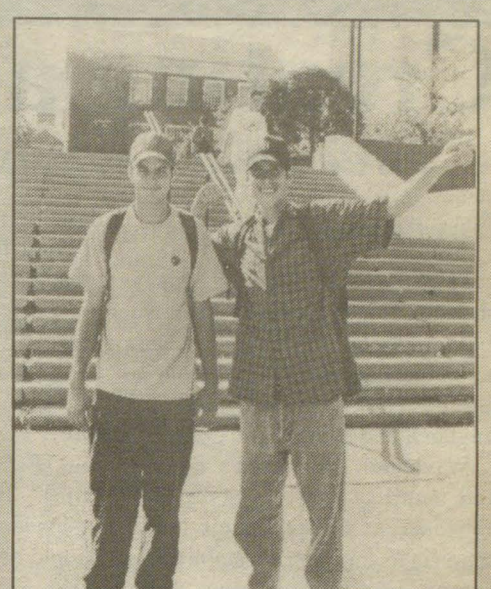
↑ "A professor that relates to the students. I like comedy in my lectures...it makes it a lot more relaxing and keeps my attention."
—Marco DiQuinzio, History, Halifax, NS.



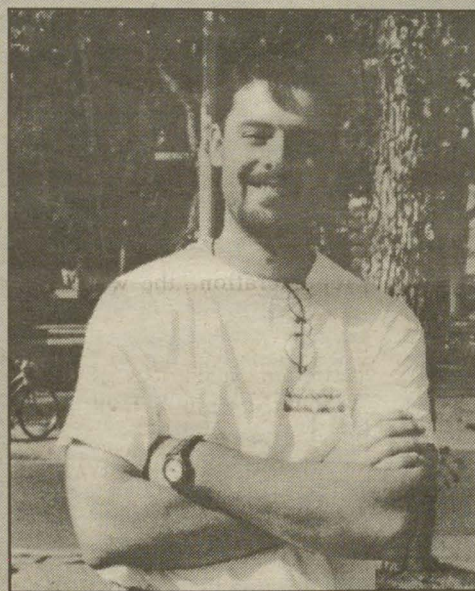
↑ "A good professor gives really good examples about what they're talking about and goes over what students don't understand. Also, they have to really like the job and not be in it just for the money."
—Amy Butler, B.A., Cole Harbour, NS.



↑ "A good professor is one who explains things clearly, and doesn't get too carried away in things they know are a lot higher than the level we're working at."
—Jennifer Lamont, BSc., Toronto, ON.



↑ "A nice beard."
—Justin Armstrong, B.Comm, Haileybury, ON.
—Dwayne Bisson, B.Comm, Shelburne, NS.



↑ "The guy can't be lame. He's got to be able to have a sense of humour. I don't really like it when the guy gets spittle in the corner of his mouth. I mean, the guy's been teaching for years, the guy's gotta figure out at some point that maybe he should wipe that stuff away."
—Paul Comeau, B.A., Halifax, NS.



↑ "A good professor is someone who is not necessarily teaching interesting material, but can make the material interesting to the students — period!"
—Aaron Bower, B.A., Halifax, NS.



↑ "A great smile and a nice butt."
—Jenny Johnson, Theatre, Baddeck, NS.

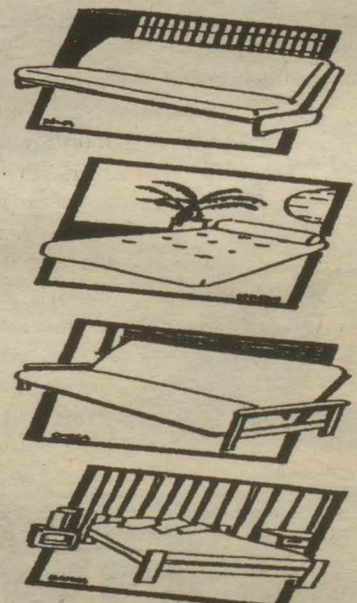
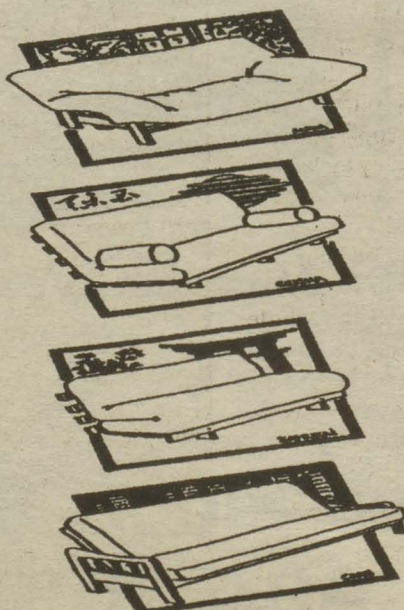


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—Kim MacKay, B.A., Coldbrook, NS.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Creating a nation to save the environment

Greenpeace activists form the country Waveland to stop oil development

BY CRAIG SILVERMAN

MONTREAL (CUP) — Early on June 15, as the sun crested above the horizon on the Atlantic ocean, a strange flag was raised above a jagged rock off the coast of England, and a nation was born.

Waveland, the world's newest and smallest nation, came into existence as Greenpeace's latest action in its tradition of establishing campaigning countries. The international environmental organization claimed Waveland after a six day occupation to save the surrounding oil deposits from

development. They had initially applied for the oil licence to the area, but had lost to an oil company.

"Four nations want the oil around [Waveland], we do not recognize their right to develop it," said Chris Rose, deputy executive director of Greenpeace. "We have told [British Prime Minister] Tony Blair that we don't want [Waveland] itself, but that the oil should be set aside for the common good. We are borrowing it until it is freed from the threat of development."

The new nation's capital is Rockall, a flat plateau on the rock.

It's a mere 70 feet above sea level and is only 14 by 8 feet, making it the world's smallest capital city. Three Greenpeace activists, Peter, Meike and Al, are living on Rockall inside a solar survival capsule. They were the first to be granted citizenship in Waveland.

Only identified by his first name, activist Peter spoke from Rockall on the day of its inception.

"There is another way to manage the Earth's resources: it is for the common good," he said. "Waveland gives people who share that conviction a means of demonstrating it and of joining the campaign to achieve it.

"For these purposes, we no longer recognize the jurisdiction of the British government, or any other government, over this territory and we call on our citizens to support our commitment to its protection."

Joseph Abbott, whose citizen name is Slowbean, was among the first to gain citizenship. He also believes governments must start making tangible efforts to protect the Earth's resources.

"I am tired of our government saying they care about global warming, but never doing anything substantial to stop it," he said. "They spend billions of dollars subsidizing the oil companies, but when it comes time to, say, pay off the debt — they say they have no money and must cut funding to health care."

Though Canada's Fraser Institute recently held a conference seeking to debunk the "global warming myth", British Petroleum and Shell Oil recently stated in a Vancouver Sun article that global warming is happening because of human activity, and that the world must switch to alternative energy sources.

These sources include solar and wind power. The latter has been proven to be capable of producing as much energy as fossil fuels or nuclear power, if the subsidies to nuclear and fossil fuels were to be cut.

"To explore for more new oil will only cause pointless destruction of a pristine area to produce oil we can never afford to burn," said Slowbean, who is a Web-page

designer and teaching assistant at the University of British Columbia. Although Canada is not among the nations striving to develop the oil near Waveland, our record when it

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comes to global warming and environmental issues is less than stellar.

In 1992, Canada (along with the other developed nations attending the Rio Earth Summit) signed the Climate Convention that committed it to freezing greenhouse emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000. But today, greenhouse emissions are up 9.2 per cent over 1990 levels, making Canada the second largest per-capita producer of greenhouse gases.

The appropriation of Waveland is the latest move in Greenpeace's campaign to protect the Atlantic frontier from oil exploration. The organization argues that the world has to begin the phase-out of fossil fuels and the phase-in of renewable energy sources to preserve the climate.

Greenpeace welcomes anyone anywhere to apply for citizenship in Waveland. The only requirement to obtain citizenship is to take the following pledge: "Without violence and by bearing witness, to defend nature, to protect the global commons, to reform industrialism, and to secure peace, believing in action, rather than words."

Applications can be made through the Waveland web site at <http://www.waveland.org>. Once a citizen, you can take part in discussions on the Website with other citizens and vote in upcoming elections.

New garbage rules

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

Next year, students dumping their Kraft Dinner leftovers will be breaking the law.

The Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) has instituted a ban on all organic material in landfills by November of 1998.

The ban began as an answer to the provincial government's target of 50% landfill diversion from 1989 till the year 2000.

The waste will be collected curbside, every two weeks, in large green carts.

The Green Cart Program, a 2000 household testing project, has already begun. In Halifax, some green carts are being used and collected between Quinpool Rd., Connaught Ave., and Oxford St. — an area with many student apartments.

Robert Orr, a project engineer with the HRM, said that although

it is harder to reach students — because they move so often — he is confident students will participate.

"It's the timing...more than the commitment. As long as [students are] aware, they [are] participating," he said.

The construction of a larger composting centre is underway, slated to be completed within the next ten months.

The choice to eliminate organic waste relates to the problems created in the landfill by organic material, as well as the benefits of reclaiming the waste.

Crushed by the weight of the landfill, organic food and yard waste decompose without oxygen, creating leachate, a poisonous liquid that can contaminate groundwater.

But organic waste that has been composted, can be sold as commercial soil.

Although the ban on organic

waste is law, there are no plans to punish those who don't abide by the new program.

"We haven't imposed penalties, we don't have fines...we look at it as an education challenge, not a regulatory challenge," Orr said.

Dave Redwood, co-interim executive director of the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG), said that it is the universities' responsibility to promote student awareness in the program, as well as to participate themselves.

"[The universities' should be] putting some attention and resources towards an on-campus composting system...green carts visible in important locations like residence cafeterias and the Student Union Building cafeteria," Redwood said.

"If universities were involved, students would jump on — no one doesn't want to compost."



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ARTS & CULTURE

Symphony for the freaks: the Rome Plows

BY AARON DHIR

In the January 16th, 1997 edition of the Gazette, I reviewed the eponymous debut of Halifax's Rome Plows, and described it as "... simply staggering ... demand[ing] the listener's attention from the first few chords." The band, which includes Mike Bégin (guitar, bass, vocals), Lenny Bowles (bass, guitar, vocals), and Andy Miller (drums, vocals), will be performing at Reflections Cabaret, on September 26th, as part of the Halifax On Music Festival. The following is the substance of my conversation with both Mike and Lenny.

Gaz: Since the band's formation in 1995, you've gained quite a bit of touring experience. What's the general feeling towards your shows, and have the audiences been receptive?

Lenny: We played in Truro with the State Champs. I guess you weren't there for that one.

Gaz: How was it?

Mike: There were four people there, outside of our friends.

Gaz: I apologize on behalf of Truro. How have other places been?

Mike: The responses have been great, especially in places like London...the people who are around, either during the opening slot or late at night when we play, have been really excited...and gradually the shows have been getting bigger.

Gaz: The CD achieves a high level of intensity, and has a relatively clean sound that doesn't

overly rely on amp distortion. In light of this, how do you feel about people often comparing you to the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, especially when their last CD [Now I Got Worry] seemed a bit more abrasive, whereas your new stuff seems to incorporate more traditional bluesy guitar parts, and clean jazzy rhythms?

Lenny: Well, I'm sure that part of it is because we're both trios, but for me it's like being compared to the Beatles, and that can't be bad. I'd rather be compared to Jon Spencer.

Mike: With Jon Spencer you've kinda' got trashy blues rock, and with us you hear that country twang, and I think it's an immediate connection that people make...plus, they're the hippest band that people can grab out of a bag of bands.

Gaz: I do find it strange when people describe your music as "original". Is it more accurate to say that the band does appropriate material, but then de-constructs it and provides a fresh interpretation?

Lenny: Yeah, well there's no such thing as originality...as long as you steal from good people, I

think you're alright (laughter).

Mike: In the end, I think that the newer stuff that we're doing...well, I can't think of anyone else who's putting trip-hop drum beats with big, loud rock guitar, and spaghetti-western style parts. To me it seems pretty new, and I'm excited about it.

Gaz: While not to take away from the band's technical proficiency, do you think it's possible that your local appeal has been enhanced by the fact that so much of what has become known from Halifax is generic, pop music,

while your sound is so different?

Mike: Yeah, totally. There's no trick about it—there are a lot of pop bands here, and because of the popularity of bands like Jale and Sloan, a lot of kids have been inspired to start bands. So now there are a lot of green bands trying to emulate the bands they've been listening to, and if you come out with something that sounds different, it's going to show.

Lenny: I mean, we went through that too, but we've each been playing individually for 15 years,
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Rome Plows. Photo provided by the band.

Halifax turns on the music

BY MELISSA BUOTE

The hype has been building for a year. The posters have been up for months. From September 26-28, Halifax On Music will be back.

Accompanying three days of seemingly unhindered musical exposition, will be an abundance of other events.

The Rock and Roll Carnival and Comic Book Jam will once again

hit the stage at Wormwood's Cinema, and Dalhousie's own CKDU will be cavorting with the participants in the form of radio shows from 1-2 p.m., starting on Tuesday before Halifax On Music begins, and concurrently ending the festival on Sunday.

Neko Case, The Inbreds, Number One Cup and Ladybug Transistor have all signed on to

dominate the airwaves.

The festival involves three headliners a night, each one possibly swimming in ambiguity in the eyes of an untrained music fan. One must be informed of who's who and what's what to choose which shows to see.

The acts range from country, lo-fi, feedback-infused pop, blues-influenced rock, to sparsely backed

solo musicians.

Some acts to check out: Elevator to Hell have been local favourites for years. The Moncton-based band's approach to lo-fi soundscapes allows for a break between the pop bands that dominate Eastern Canada.

Straight out of Memphis, the Grifters make it hard for any writer to deconstruct their music. Called everything from blues, to rock, to noise, the Grifters have persevered to craft their own style and a sonic resemblance to no one.

And Finally, Yo La Tengo. For over a decade they have entranced the masses with their organ-soaked droning and humming. From the hiss of waves upon waves of feedback, to the slice of a clean chord, Yo La Tengo are nothing less than hypnotic.

Other headliners include Ron Sexsmith, Neko Case, and Pansy Division (who played at the last Halifax Pop Explosion).

And so, with a rough outline of what these bands have to offer, make sure to venture out to Cafe Olé, the Blues Corner, Reflections Cabaret or the Lord Nelson Ballroom to see what the fuss is about. (see photo on page 15.)

Award winner shares Wives' Tales

Brian Moore

Lord Nelson Hotel, Monday,
September 8

BY NEIL FRASER

The room was packed as people came to celebrate National Literacy Day by hearing Brian Moore read from his new book, *The Magician's Wife*. The writer of *Black Robe* and winner of several awards — including two Governor General awards — started off a fall series of readings, sponsored by Frog Hollow Books. Other authors to be included in this series are Susan Urquhart, Carol Shields, and David Suzuki.

The Magician's Wife, due out on

Canadian shelves in January, concerns a French magician sent to Algeria by the French government.

The government is worried about Arab spiritual leaders who stir up trouble, making the people rally around them and their supernatural powers. So the French counter-act by sending over their own magician to show them that they are more powerful, and to scare them into submission.

The story, like Moore's other novels, is based partly on historical fact, and partly on imagination. The French government really did send a magician to Algeria to help in the war effort — the novel is set in a time when magic still meant something, and producing a rabbit

from a hat was akin to parting a sea.

The story is told from the magician's wife's point of view, hence the title. Moore said that he wanted to write from the woman's point of view because the man was "boring and arrogant," and because he had not written from a woman's point of view in a while. She begins as a young, shy girl, and the novel follows her development into a more confident and mature adult.

As the novelist took the podium, I was a little disappointed. One expects the literary greats to be larger than life, but the man standing in front of the audience was a timid-looking man with a grandfatherly appearance. He gave
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Live in Halifax

In upcoming issues of the Gazette, we here in the Arts and Culture section will be providing you, our reader, with a listing of various events taking place in Halifax. Expect a more varied listing, including films, art galleries, and theatre productions. It's just our way of helping you get more culture for your money. The following are this week's live music listings.

The Blues Corner: 18th: Burnt Black (w Adrenalin); **19th:** Big City Blues; **20th:** Paul Ryan's Opera Blues Jam (matinee); Big City Blues; **22nd:** Three of a Kind; **23rd:** Open Mic Night (w Dave Carmichael); **24th:** DJ Dance Party (w Marc Willet and Andy Haigh). **Cafe Ole: 18th:** DJ Loonie Toonz; **19th:** Soup, Pack Rat, Angelicatree, Slant VI (benefit for Metro Food Bank); **20th:** Dry Leaf, Carmines, Hope, Conformist Party. Cheers: **18th—20th:** Dutch Robinson; **23rd—27th:** Almost Brothers. **JJ Rossy's: 18th:** Mother's Cry. **Lower Deck: 18th—21st:** Clam Chowder. **Market Street Jazz Cafe: 18th:** Derrick LeLacheur Trio; **19th:** Spectre Rays. **New Palace: 18th—21st:** Pedestrian. **Peddler's Pub: 20th:** Kenny & Alex and the Swell Guys. **Reflections Cabaret: 18th:** Hu Noo; **21st:** "A Teenager No More" - Brandy Michael's 20th Anniversary Drag Show; **24th:** Atlantic Film Festival. **Seahorse Tavern: 23rd:** Soup. **The Tickle Trunk: 18th:** Rasta Gumbo; **19th:** Big Fish; **20th:** Mir; **21st:** Dale Lechter; **22nd:** PF Station; **23rd:** Open Mic Night; **24th:** R.A.F.A. (Rock Artists For Artists). **Your Father's Moustache: 20th:** Joe Murphy and the Water Street Blues Band (matinee).

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Rome Plows

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and we're older and have had the benefit of being exposed to a lot of so that it faced the two of you. Is that so the band members can see each other, or more for sound?

Mike: We always play with the drums on stage left, and it's so that we can see and hear each other, but it's also aesthetic, so that people can see Andy play. For sure, when we go on stage we have definite ideas about our setup, our sound, and how we look. Also, Andy's a great drummer and it is fun to watch him play — you get to see the body movements, and the dexterity that it takes to be a drummer.

Gaz: You guys have recently done the soundtrack for a film, which is appropriate considering that much of the band's material seems image-based, and creates a mood or an effect rather than taking on a specific song formula...

Mike: Totally, that's exactly what we've been after — mood music.

Gaz: What was the film project about?

Mike: It's called "Deadlines", and it debuts at the Atlantic Film Festival. There are two full songs on it and three stingers. We pretty much scored the film, and had a five piece horn section come in. [Mike proceeds to simulate horn sounds.]

Gaz: I haven't seen your video for "About My Breath...", but I heard that it debuted on Much East over the summer. Was it difficult to create a visual representation of such a disturbing tale of murder and obsession?

Lenny: Well, the video's pretty disturbing too...

Mike: We're pretty happy with it. It's very Fargo-esque, and the quality doesn't reflect the low budget. We shot it on Super-High 8, and it was filmed during the coldest day of winter. Lenny's car pulls up, and he pulls me, the dead body, out and carries me off to the woods to bury me.

Gaz: "Lampshade Aerodynamics" gained national television exposure when it was played on the CBC's "Black Harbour". How did it feel to hear your own creation on national TV?

Lenny: I'm really proud, I like CBC a lot and it's a great show.

Mike: ...the people at the show were cool 'cause they were in the position where they had the money, and they decided to keep things local.

Lenny: Definitely. Why go to

Ontario when you have people here that are just as talented?

Mike: I think there are bands here that really work at what they're doing, like Thrush Hermit. They totally put on a show, and their songs are thought-out, well structured and hook you right in. And that's the name of the game, especially if you want to play pop music like a lot of bands here do.

What we do is easy because it's so disjointed to begin with. We can pretty much throw in any time or key change that we want to.

Gaz: Maybe, but I think there's a difference. If you guys screw up during a live show, the listener will notice it because your music is more risky. When pop bands here screw up, it's not so evident.

Lenny: God, we fuck up all the time.

Gaz: Yeah, and you really notice it.

Lenny: Oh really, you prick... [laughter]

Gaz: So when can we expect some

new recorded material?

Mike: Well, the soundtrack is coming up, but other than that, probably not until after Christmas. Also, the CBC will be recording our On Music gig.

Lenny: The radio stations have been great. CKDU has been fantastic, and the college station in London has been really supportive too. I guess we fill the "weird role" for their late night shows...

Gaz: For all the freaks...

Lenny: Yeah, for all the freaks like us...those are the listeners we



From page 13, Cool Blue Halo is one of the bands to watch in this year's Halifax On Music Festival. Photo by Ian MacAskill.

Wives' Tales

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a little background to the work and proceeded to read from a section in the book. He described the magician's tricks and the awe in which the audience of Arabs and French diplomats observed — the Arabs with fear and the diplomats with satisfaction.

It is a great experience to hear an author read his own work, because only he can give it the life it was meant to have. Any other reader would give it their own interpretation, which might be different from the author's intention.

After the reading he had a very informative question and answer period in which he was asked to describe his writing process, his inspirations, and his film adaptations, among other things. He finished with a book signing where people could buy advance copies of the book.

The evening proved to be both entertaining and enlightening and I am eager to see the other authors in the series.

Poles to illuminate the Dunn

BY GREG MCFARLANE

Poles, an innovative dance production from Quebec, will be performed at the Sir James Dunn Theatre in the Dalhousie Arts Centre from September 18th to the 22nd. With the use of live action holograms and computer-generated multimedia effects, Poles promises to push the boundaries of conventional dance while telling the story of two exiles stranded on a foreign planet.

The show features award winning dancers Pierre-Paul Savoie and Jeff Hall (known throughout Canada for their productions *Bagne* and *Duodenum*) as the exiles, and is performed to the music of Ginette Bertrand.

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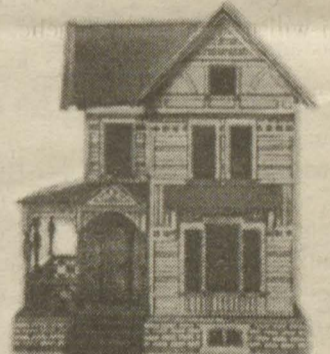
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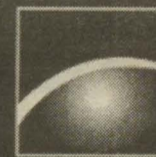
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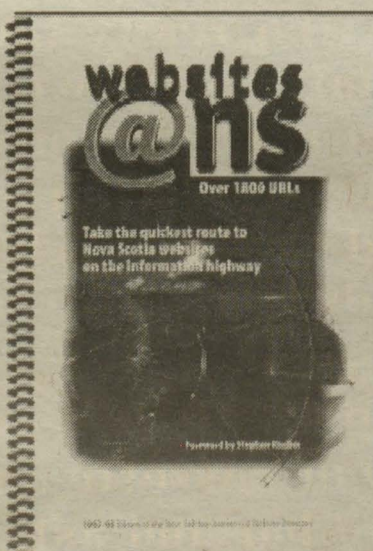


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Tiger season opens with a bang

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

Soccer season has finally arrived and the 1997 Tiger roster has been set, so get ready for some serious action.

Ian Kent returns for his seventh season as the men's coach. With a lifetime record of 47-8-15, his winning ways are certain to be reflected in this year's roster.

A wealth of experience returns to this year's line-up, including '95/'96 Atlantic Universities Soccer Conference (AUSC) All-Star, '95 CIAU MVP and one of last year's top goal scorers, co-captain Paul English (forward). Other veterans include '95/'96 AUSC All-Star and this year's co-captain Marc Rainford (back), '95/'96 All-Star Dave McFarlane (midfield), goalkeeper Mike Hudson, and midfielders Chad Denny, Danny Burns and Mike Ayyash. Also returning are Graeme Allardice (back), Kirk Cluett (midfield), Sam Ramsden (back), and Jeff Hyles (back) who returns after a year's absence.

There are many new faces on the squad this year, and key players include defender Stuart Cochran of Blackpool, England who, coach Kent says, "will set an example for others to follow with his maturity and will to win". Joey Fraelic, a forward from Liverpool, N.S. and former Mt. Allison player, is expected to score big up front.

"He's quick and athletic, and hungry to score", says Kent.

Tim Maloney, a Dal basketball player for the past three years, is also new to the soccer team this year.

"He has a high work rate, and holds the ball up front well," Kent says. "He will fit in well."

Richie Tobin, a former All-Canadian and two-time scoring champion at St. FX, is also expected to add offensive power to this year's squad. Also new to the Tigers is Tomas Ernst, a rookie from Victoria, B.C. who, according to Kent, is "always ready to do battle in the midfield". Rookie goalkeeper Grant Spence is from North York, Ontario and "has a knack for getting to the ball, and getting the job done".

Other newcomers include Dave Finlayson (goalkeeper), Paul MacInnis (back), Chris Coxon (midfield), Patrick Mather (midfield), and Emmanuel Gaopotlake (midfield).

Judging by last week's exhibition play, the loss of some key offensive players hasn't diminished Dal's ability to score. Newcomers Cochran and Fraelic each scored to lift Dal past Mt. Allison 2-1 on September 6. Dal beat Université de Moncton 2-0 the following day with another goal by Fraelic and one by Maloney.

When asked about the competition, Kent replied, "It's a new season [and] we must treat every team exactly the same. Having respect for the opposition gets results. When you lose respect for the opposition, you lose the game."

The 1997 AUSA soccer conference will be composed of two divisions. The Eastern division will

include Dal, Acadia, St. FX, SMU, and Memorial. The Western division will include UNB, Moncton, Mt. Allison, UCCB and UPEL.

Each team plays 13 games earning 3 points for a win and 1 for a tie. The East and West division leaders, as well as the next two point-leading teams, will advance to the AUSA playoffs to be hosted by the top East division team, November 1-2. The CIAU championship will be held at Dalhousie, November 6-9.

Dalhousie men's soccer opened season action with a bang in Newfoundland, sweeping the

Memorial Seahawks in two games. On Saturday, Denny scored two goals and Fraelic another to beat Memorial 3-2. On Sunday, Denny struck again, earning Player of the Game honors as Dal beat the host team 1-0. Spence succeeded in filling in for injured keeper Hudson.

"There is a lot of pressure filling someone else's shoes," Kent says. "MUN is a big team with six foot five strikers... Spence played well to get the shutout."

Dal's home opener is this Saturday against St. FX, while on Sunday Dal battles defending AUSA champions, the Acadia Axemen.

Even start for '97 Tigers

BY RACHEL JONES

The team is picked, the uniforms assigned, the boots are polished and the women's Tigers are already two games into the '97 soccer season. They have had their first loss and their first win to come out even from a pair of games this past weekend at Memorial University in Newfoundland.

The Tigers lost their season opener 1-0 on Saturday, but rallied to defeat the Seahawks 2-1 in Sunday's repeat match-up. Both goals were netted by rookie midfielder Mary-Beth Bowie who is a promising addition to the Tigers line-up. Bowie is one of several Dal players who spent this past summer representing their province at the Canada Games.

Also new to the team are strikers Stefanie Finateri, Patricia Norman and Linda Strong; midfielders Andrea Hollett, Melissa Michalko and Julie Pigozzo; defenders Petra deWaard, Katherine Fast and Claire Martin, and goalkeeper Katie Hindmarch-Watson. Along with the new players is a new coaching staff — head coach Dara Moore is backed up this year by long-time Dalhousie soccer veteran Jamie Sawler, who replaces Neil

Sedgwick, also a veteran Tiger, as assistant coach.

A significant number of players are also returning to the Tigers this fall, providing the team with a strong core of veterans despite losses including Karen Hood, Andrea Foreman and CIAU All-Canadian keeper Leahanne Turner. Returning are strikers Natalie Lindthaler and Sara Rush; midfielders Carolyn Campbell, Amy Dunphy, Kelly Larkin and Tara MacNeil; defenders Andrea Gillespie, Amy Harding, Sue Hunter and Tami Joseph, and goalkeeper Roxanne Murphy. For those of you who can't add (any SMU students reading this?), that makes 12 veterans and 11 rookies. With 23 players to draw from, 12 of them hungry to break into the starting 11, and plenty of talent and experience to boot, there should be no shortage of wins for this team.

A win and a loss may not seem a very auspicious beginning for the season, but as coach Moore says, "There's no better way to develop than to step right on the field and play."

With eleven more games to play the Tigers have plenty of time and, odds are, they'll end up a winning team.

X-country off and running

BY KRISTEN LEWIS

They came, they ran, they nearly got eaten alive. But in the true style of cross country runners generally, and Dalhousie runners specifically, the strong did more than just survive.

The Dalhousie men's cross country team outran mosquitoes and competitors to finish ahead of all other AUSA schools on an insect-ridden, 8km course at L'Université de Moncton on Saturday. Only Bowdoin College, visiting from Maine, ran ever so slightly faster.

Jamie Blanchard, who is in his second year, led the Tigers, finishing fifth amongst college runners entered in the event. Rookie Scott Simpson finished strong for 7th place, followed by veteran team captains Tim Lindsay (8th) and Trevor Boudreau (10th). All four runners recently returned from the Canada Games in Manitoba where Blanchard, Boudreau, and Lindsay competed for Nova Scotia, and Simpson for New Brunswick.

Women's x-country team wins season opener

BY MATT RICHARDSON

"We're not going to run hard, we're going to run fast."

Prophecies abounded this past weekend at the Université de Moncton as women's cross-country coach Al Yarr summed up the season-opening race in a pep-talk to the athletes before the start. This year's team is a mix of veterans and new faces.

They all showed they were poised to win an 12th consecutive AUSA title as Dal's 'A' team won the opening race handily with 23 points, to Maine's Bowdoin College's 41 points (in cross-country, the lowest total points score wins). Dal's 'B' team finished third with 73 points, while the University of Maine and St. FX finished with 132 and 142 points respectively.

Starring in the effort was Kristen Lewis, a rookie in her first ever race for Dal, placing second overall in 18:55 for the 5 km distance.

"That was fun!" exclaimed Lewis shortly after crossing the finish line.

Third overall was Jessica Fraser who described her race as "smart

and conservative". Fraser is a veteran CIAU competitor for Dal and this year's newly-elected team captain. Her time of 19:31 was only eight seconds faster than rookie Kelly McKean, who in her first race for Dal showed she will be an integral part of the team. McKean also played on the varsity soccer team last year.

Strong finishes included an 8th overall for Sandy Smith (20:11) who was a participant at this year's World Orienteering Championships; 11th overall for Juliet Thornton (20:43), and 12th overall for former Olympic biathlete Gill Hamilton (20:49).

Other results as listed: Sarah McNeill, 14th (20:58); Karen Martin, 17th (21:09); Amy Higgins, 18th (21:26); Laurie Legere, 20th (21:40); Kate O'Connor, 22nd (21:50); Laurie Munro, 23rd (21:51); Becky Craig, 24th (22:13); Sally Carpenter, 25th (22:27); and Kim McGivov, 31st (23:59).

The women next compete at St. FX on September 27th. This will be a preview of the AUSA course and that competition will be held on October 25th.

Athletes of the Week



KRISTEN LEWIS, CROSS COUNTRY
Kristen dominated the competition in the 5 km

event held at the University of Moncton on September 13th. With her nearest competitor 36 seconds behind her, Kristen controlled the university section of the race, which included two teams from Maine. Kristen is a first year BSc student at Dalhousie and is a graduate of St. Pat's High School in Halifax.



CHAD DENNY, SOCCER
Chad was instrumental in leading the Tigers to two tough road wins at Memorial University on the

weekend. He was literally all over the field, spending time at three different positions. Chad still managed to score what proved to be the winning goal in Dalhousie's 3-2 victory on Saturday. On Sunday, Chad scored the only goal of the game in the 58th minute of play to secure the sweep for the Tigers. Chad is a fourth year BA student from Sackville, Nova Scotia.

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Shelley has high hopes for Tigers

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

"I think Dal is a good turn in my hockey career."

So says Jody Shelley, captain of the Halifax Mooseheads last season, local sports hero and Darrell Young's most hyped new recruit to the hockey Tigers. However, Shelley is not new to Dalhousie. The 21-year old from Yarmouth has been attending Dal part-time throughout his time with the Mooseheads and is now entering his fourth year. He is currently in the process of switching from a BA to a BComm.

Tigers head coach Young was instrumental in helping him settle in Halifax when he first moved here.

"I've been with Dal since I moved to Halifax to train for the first summer of training camp when the Mooseheads first started," explains Shelley, "and I came to Dal and asked Darrell what I should do and you know, he said 'there's ice-time here if you want it, and there's a guy here that you can live with' and that was actually Brian King who was playing on the team back then. [Darrell] kind of just took care of me and I thought that this was the place to go. It's a good place for education and it's a great bunch of guys."

However, Tiger fans will have to wait a short while before Shelley makes his game debut with the team. He is recovering from surgery to repair ligament damage in his knee yet is quite optimistic about his hockey future and seems quite impatient to get back in the game.

"I just started skating last week and this is a big step towards recovery," he says. "It's been fourteen weeks since surgery and I probably hadn't skated for about a month before that so it's been a while since I've been on the ice..."

"The surgery's been successful and everything's been going well but it's going to take time. I've seen other players with it and they've come back one hundred per cent to the game, so I hope that in a few months I'll be back to top notch, but it's going to take a while for sure."

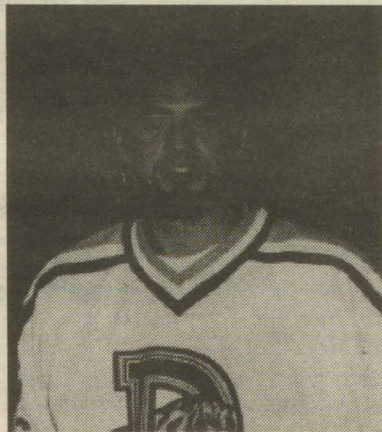
Shelley agrees that his time with the Tigers is almost like extended physio. His pro options have been put on hold for a while yet he doesn't "look at it as a step down. I look at it as kind of a layover period for a while and [a chance] to get some bonuses out of here."

"He's working with [assistant coach] Kim Houston right now and Dr. Bill Stanish and his physiotherapist," adds Young. "They say six to eight weeks [before Shelley can play] which means basically anywhere from the first of November to the middle of November. If you asked Jody he'd probably tell you tomorrow... He's excited about playing and contributing."

Shelley is one of five former Mooseheads expected to play for Dal this year, prompting John MacNeil of *The Daily News* to comment in late July that the QMJHL team were "forming an alumni club at Dalhousie University". Tiger veterans Jan Melicherick, Dave Carson and Neil Savary are expected to return to the line-up, while Derrick Pyke (most recently played for the Drummondville Voltigeurs) is also expected to join the team. Having

such a number of former teammates move to the same team is bound to prove advantageous for coach Young.

"It's always great when you know who you're playing with and you know the type of players and the type of guys that they are," notes Shelley. "I think that it's going to help [significantly]. You've got four forwards and we all know each other and, if we play together, then you gel quicker and things are already established in that sense. It helps but it's not a huge factor."



Shelley has high hopes for the Tigers during the upcoming season.

"I hope to get a CIAU championship, get a big fat ring..." he says, half-joking. He adds, "You know, I'm looking to have fun. It's a great bunch of guys and it's a good program and Dal takes pride in their program. The whole Dal varsity — all the sports — is a great system and I'm glad to be a part of it and I'm proud to be a part of it and I just hope to have a lot of fun and meet a lot of people."

Shelley is certainly ambitious yet, despite the hype, is surprisingly modest about his hockey future. Several teams have expressed

interest in signing him, provided he makes a full recovery, but he's not saying who, despite much publicity and speculation over the summer.

"There's a few teams that are talking but there's always teams that are talking," he says, "and I don't want to say anything 'cause it could jinx them..."

"There are teams that are interested but nothing that's too exciting right now. Hopefully by Christmas or the end of the season there will be something there. The way I look at it now is [that] I have a year to get ready for training camp and, competing at this high level, the CIAU, which is a fast game, it's a different game, I can work on a lot of my skills."

"People are aware of his reputation," notes Young. "You know, he's a better player than people give him credit for."

"Our style of hockey in the AUAA will [make him] technically a much better player, a much improved player [and]," Young jokes, "improve on his skills that he acquired playing junior..."

"Jody is a great player that demands a great deal of respect," he adds. "He's a physical presence and he can control the boards and he's a player that will keep everybody honest, not just the opposing team but our team also... Everything in life is psychological and basically mental and I think that other teams realize that he has a physical presence that is intimidating to begin with."

The one thing that is apparent though is that, although Shelley is optimistic, he is more realistic.

"I look at hockey as a bonus," he says. "I never expected to try out for the Rangers two years ago, I never expected to go to Portland last year

and try out, but it happened and it was a total bonus. I don't sit there and dream about it because I don't think that's the way to pursue it. I think that if you're good enough, you're going to play in the NHL and you're not going to be overlooked. Nobody's overlooked if they're good enough so I'm just going to keep working hard and if it happens, it happens and if not, hopefully I'll get my college degree and go from there."

"Right now he's the most recognizable name in sport in Halifax and the local area," concludes Young. "There's not an athlete in pro or amateur that has the same kind of appeal or charisma that Jody has. You know, with working the hockey schools, the children were excited to see him the first morning but so were the parents... [H]e's a very popular figure and I believe that he can bring people to our arena."

Young may be right and Shelley could be the Tigers' ticket to kick-starting waning 'Tiger pride'. Either way, it should be an interesting season.

Upcoming events

Sept. 20 Dalhousie Varsity SUBWAY™ Day. For every foot-long sub purchased 10 am-10 pm, \$1 will be donated to Dalhousie Varsity Athletics. Participating locations are Spring Garden Road and corner of Quinpool and Robie.

Men's Soccer

Sept. 20 SFX @ Dal 3 pm
Sept. 21 ACA @ Dal 3 pm

Women's Soccer

Sept. 20 SFX @ Dal 1pm
Sept. 21 ACA @ Dal 1pm

Cross Country

Sept. 27 @ SFX Open

Swimming

Sept. 28 Intra Squad Meet

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The fine print: The Halifax-JKA is a non-profit, university-based karate club operating at Dalhousie since 1979. Our Chief Instructor is Tony Tam, a Halifax lawyer. Sensei Tam, who holds a fifth-degree black belt, has been teaching Shotokan for 24 years. Our club was recently featured in articles in The Mail Star and Dalhousie alumni magazine. For more information, contact Richard Levangie at 425-2304. E-mail: Gankaku NS@aol.com

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The Dalhousie Art Gallery presents a panel discussion in connection with the exhibitions, "Hymn to the Sun: Jack Bush Early Work 1929-1956" and

"Jack Bush: Later Works". Artist Cora Cluett, art historian David Howard, artist and teacher Ron Shuebrook, and curator Karen Wilkin will discuss "Abstraction Then and Now" at 8:00pm in the Dal Art Gallery.

For more information, contact Mern or Susan at 494-2403.

Book Launch: *George, the friendly dragon*, a children's book written by new Nova Scotian authors Matthew O'Neill & Esther Theriault, will be launched at 7:30pm in the Halifax Regional Library (Spring Garden Branch).

NSPIRG's **Economic Justice working group** is having its first meeting, room 224 SUB at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

Frontier College Meeting 6:00pm-8:00pm in room 316 of the SUB.

BGLAD Meeting in the SUB at 7:00pm.

Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia meeting, room 224 SUB.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

WUSC Regional Workshop: the topic being addressed is Cross Cultural Communication. Registration is at 9:00am, and the workshop begins at 9:30am-5:00pm in the Dal SUB rooms 224/226. Absolutely free.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

NSPIRG's **Eco-Action working group** is holding its first meeting in room 316 SUB at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

The Women's Health Collective, an NSPIRG working group, is looking for help producing a magazine on women's health. Call 494-6662 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The 7th annual "Make a Change" Volunteer Fair will be held in the Green Room in the Dal SUB from 11:00am-3:00pm. For more information please call the SVB at 494-1561 or e-mail svb@is.dal.ca.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

People for Animal Welfare, a working group of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm room 224 in the SUB. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Take Back the Night: A March for Women begins at 7:30pm in the Grand Parade Square. Bring drums, guitars, flutes, spoons or any instrument. There will be an open mic and new women-designed T-shirts. For more information, contact Tara at the Dalhousie Women's Centre, 494-2432.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A five session group program on Overcoming Procrastination will take place at the Counselling Centre, for students who want to learn how to get their academic work done on time. The program starts Thursday, October 16, 11:30am-1:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Counselling Centre, 4th floor SUB.

The Department of Physics Lecture Series presents professor Michael Grunze of the University of Heidelberg and his topic, "Manipulating the Solid/Liquid Interface: From Sensors to Lithography". The lecture will take place Thursday, October 2 in room 117 of the Sir James Dunn Science Building.

Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy

The Philosophy Department at Dalhousie University is hosting the 20th annual conference for the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, to be held September 26-28. The thematic title of this

conference is "Form Within and Without: Perspectives on Relations and Relationality". Meetings will take place in Henson College, on University Avenue. For more information please call 494-3510.

The Multicultural Arts Resource Centre is currently accepting submissions for the gallery's winter programming. For more information call 423-6534.

Ward 5 Community Centre is in need of cereal, spoons, juice, jams, etc. for its School Breakfast Program. Donations may be dropped off at the centre Monday through Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm or call 454-0018 to arrange pick up.

The Centre for Art Tapes is a non-profit, community access centre for the exhibition and production of audio, video and computer arts. Registration for Fall classes is currently under way. Courses are offered in: video editing, camera operation, lighting, introduction to the internet, interactive animation, and sound engineering. For registration information call the Centre at 429-7299.

American Sign Language Level 1&2: The Maritime School of Social Work is offering ten week courses in sign language on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. The cost is only \$50 and classes begin September 15. For more info call 494-1193.

Peers Against Sexual Assault is a student run peer education group whose goal is to promote healthy sexual relationships and to educate students and faculty about the prevention of sexual assault and sexual harassment. For more information please contact the Dalhousie Sexual Harassment Advisor's office at 494-1137.

Youth Challenge International: If you are 18-25, volunteer positions are now available for community, health and conservation projects in Costa Rica,

Guyana and South America. For more information call (416) 971-9846 ext. 300, or e-mail info@yci.org.

Conference on Women and the Law: The Nova Scotia caucus of the National Association of Women and the Law are pleased to host the 12th Biennial Conference "Access to Justice for Women — the Changing Face of Inequality" in Halifax, at the Westin Nova Scotia Hotel, October 30 to November 2, 1997. The early registration deadline is October 1, 1997. Contact Conventional Wisdom Event Planning at (902) 453-4664.

Free film screening for Female Film-makers at Five. A special series of historic films by woman directors presented in association with the Atlantic Film Festival. All showings will be at five o'clock in the evening in the gallery. Screenings begin September 20 and continue every evening until September 27. For further information, contact the Dalhousie

Art Gallery at 494-2403.

Learn to talk to groups: A Speakeasy Program on how to talk to groups calmly and confidently will begin soon at the Counselling Centre. A \$20 deposit, refundable upon attendance, is required. Interested students should arrange to speak to Dr. Victor Day at the Counselling Centre (4th floor, SUB) at 494-2081.

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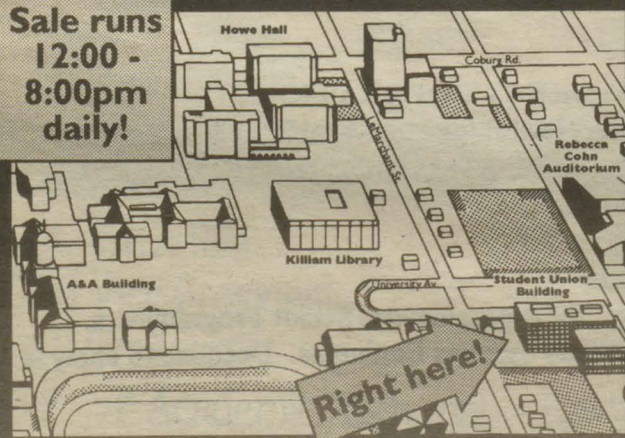
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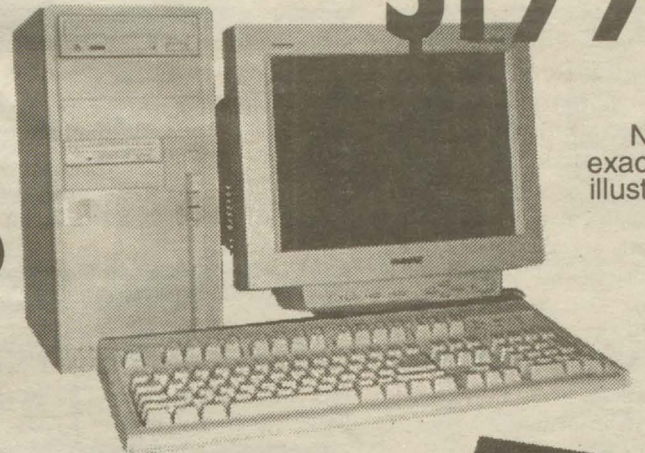
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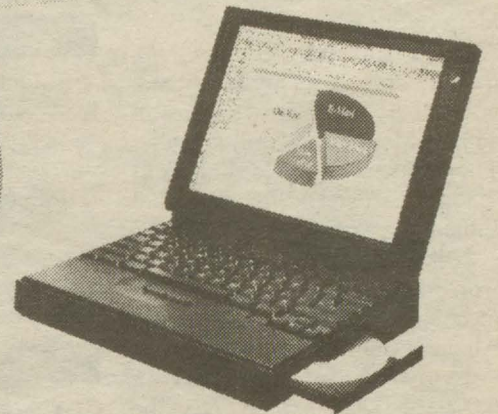
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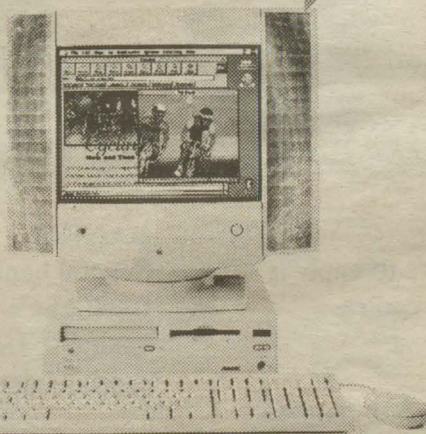
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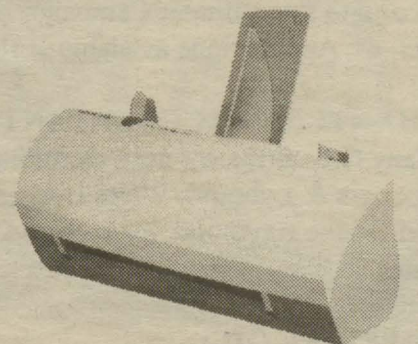


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