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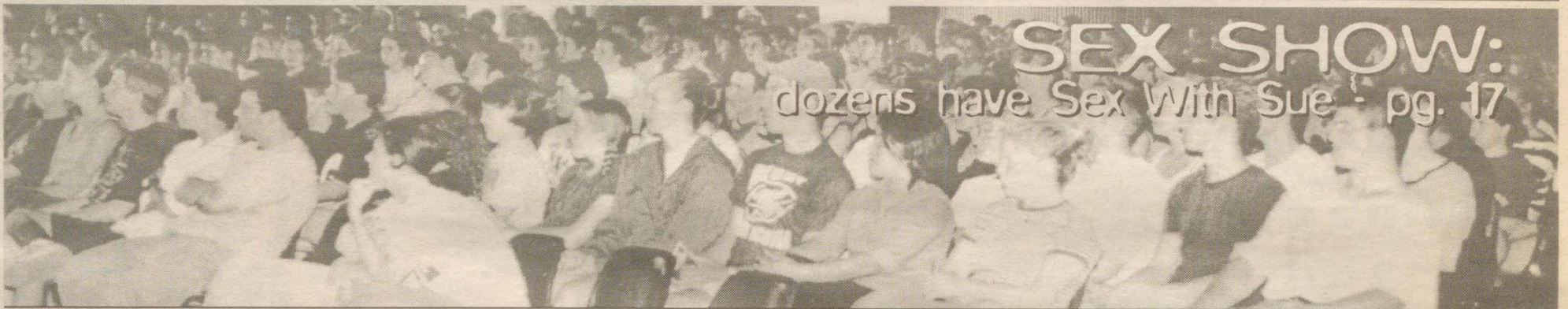
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Nova Scotia's Tuition Highest In Canada

Classroom conditions remain abysmal

BY VANESSA OWEN

In Nova Scotia, students this year will be paying the highest tuition rates in Canada.

This comes as no surprise to Dalhousie Undergraduates, who in the upcoming weeks will fork over on average about \$4,100 to attend university. This is on top of the escalating costs for books, rent, food and entertainment incurred during the year.

Students are faced with the difficulty of paying for their tuition. While it's true part-time jobs are easy to find, they often don't provide enough financial support.

"I have had so many people tell me to just get a job," sighs Belinda MacAskill, a third year chemistry student. "But let's face it, I get paid \$5.50 an hour. It is hardly even worth the sixty or so bucks I take in each week. I would need 5 part-time jobs to support me. My only option is student loans."

The image of the "starving student" is no longer simply an image. Recent tuition hikes have turned the image into a reality for most.

While British Columbia's NDP government has placed a freeze on tuition fees for the past 5

years, Nova Scotia tuition continues to rise.

The increase in tuition, according to Dalhousie Economics professor, Dr. Michael Bradfield, is due in part, to the number of students who come to Nova Scotia to attend university from across Canada.

"Nova Scotia has more university students per capita in part because of the high number of out-of-province students. The Federal Transfer for Post-Secondary Education and now the CHST (Canadian Health and Social Transfer) is based on population, which means it is lower in Nova Scotia."

While Nova Scotia students spend more money, they aren't always coming out of school ahead of other Canadian students.

In fact, Bradfield feels the opposite is true.

"Classes [at Dalhousie] are much larger now [than thirty years ago] and often taught by graduate students with their own studies to worry about and by part-timers who have to teach at two or three universities to make poverty-level income. They are over-worked and under-paid and often not available when students need them."

Adham Zayed, a first year

science student, is finding the over-crowded classroom conditions appalling.

"I don't want to pay \$1000 to sit in an auditorium with 900 other people. We have to write our notes using our laps as desks. It's brutal."

Students, like Zayed, wonder what can be done to lower the cost of tuition while increasing the quality of instruction.

Dr. Bradfield says that the answer lies in University administration spending policies.

"The Dalhousie Board of Governors could change its budgeting policies. For instance its policy with respect to spending out of endowment so that a higher proportion of earnings are spent rather than re-invested "for a rainy day."

Dr. Bradfield feels that university policies are not the only problem.

"The Federal government should restore its funding for education with a new formula based on student numbers, not provincial population," said Bradfield. This should be paid for by an education surcharge on the top 20 percent of income earners."

Many agree with Bradfield.

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Woman escapes sexual assault

BY DONNA LEE

Dal students and staff are being warned to be careful after a violent assault occurred near the campus.

At around 6 a.m. on Thursday, September 9, a woman was walking through Victoria Park when she was greeted by an unidentified man.

Ignoring the man's greeting, the woman continued walking towards University Avenue. She did not sense that the man was following her until she reached the back parking lot at the Nova

Scotia Rehabilitation Centre. That's when the unidentified man confronted her and tried to sexually assault her.

The woman managed to escape her attacker with knife wounds on her left hand and her left temple. Although the man did not succeed in sexually assaulting her, the police say his intentions were clearly sexual in nature.

The man fled shortly after the woman escaped. No arrests have been made so far in connection to the crime.

The Halifax Regional Police

is reminding everyone to use caution when walking regardless of the time of day.

"A crime can happen anytime," says a spokesman for the police, "we don't want women to think that they don't need to be diligent during the daytime."

Dalhousie students and staff can take precautions when walking on and off campus. Walk with friends when possible, and stay away from isolated or unlit areas. Pay attention to your surroundings and be prepared to react if necessary.



Before the divorce: Indonesian Police liase with UN a few days before massacres began.

Demonstrators call for action

Massacre in East Timor continues

BY RICHARD MCKERGOW AND KRISHNA LALBIHARIE

TORONTO (CUP) - Demonstrators crowded in front of the Indonesian consulate in Toronto last week to protest the slaughter occurring in East Timor.

Passing motorists honked in support of the nearly 100 activists, which included students, members of the Portuguese community and UN workers.

The demonstration quickly followed the United Nation's announcement to pull out of East Timor after days of escalating bloodshed sparked by the Island's recent vote for independence from Indonesia.

"There are currently clouds of black smoke hovering over East Timor as the Indonesian army follows a scorched earth policy," said event organizer

Maggie Holwig, a researcher for Canadian Action for Indonesia and East Timor.

"We want to get the governments of the world to impose stringent sanctions on Indonesia until the Indonesian government allows a multinational peacekeeping force into East Timor."

Unofficial reports place the death toll in the former Portuguese colony in the hundreds.

The violence in East Timor stems from a historic United Nations sponsored referendum, held on August 30, in the South Pacific Island.

According to referendum results, 78.5 percent of East Timorese voted in favour of independence from Indonesia.

Approximately 98 per cent of 450,000 registered voters are estimated to have participated in

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New ID cards a hassle

BY JANET FRENCH

The new DalCard, which is intended to make life simpler on Dalhousie campus, is causing frustration and confusion for both new and returning students.

Every Dalhousie student must obtain a new DalCard by September 30. The DalCard was created as a result of the implementation of the Banner system, a Year 2000 compatible registration system at Dalhousie. Under the Banner system, all students have been assigned a new number and a digitized photo of every student will be stored in a database.

DalCard production coordinator, Deborah Lusby, who is the Associate Director of Finance and Systems in the department of Housing, Conferences and Ancillary Services, says the new system has many benefits and conveniences. Lusby says when a card is lost, the digitized photos will not only allow the card to be easily reproduced, but will add extra security. Lusby also says the database of student pictures may eventually lead to pictorial class lists.

Library Information Studies Master's student Taryl Gula understands the necessity for the cards, and says they will be convenient.

"[With Banner] you can check your marks, check your schedule, add and drop classes, pay fees, even acquire transcripts from other universities."

But Gula says the university didn't do a good job informing students about the changes. She says the information is out there, you just have to know where to find it.

Although information about the new DalCard was mailed out to students in the registration package, some students are puzzled by the necessity of the new cards. Both old and new cards can be used to access Dalhousie libraries and both can

hold debit accounts with Food Services, bookstores and other amenities on campus. But only the DalCard bears the new digitized photo of the student.

Fourth year kinesiology student Anna Coolen admits she isn't sure why the new cards were necessary.

"I don't know why we had to change them all at once when there is this big rush of people. Hopefully it will make things easier."

One obstacle in DalCard production surfaced on September 7 when hundreds of students showed up at the Arts and Administration building at the same time hoping to get their cards made. Employees making the cards began to administer numbers so students could leave during the several hour long waiting period.

Lusby defends the system saying it was the sudden volume of students that caused temporary mayhem, not the DalCard production itself.

"Because of those bad couple of days, there might have been a bad impression of the ID making process," she says, "If you talk to students who have come through in the past couple of days, they would probably tell you that they had a positive experience."

Coolen waited one hour for her DalCard on the ninth of September. She says she was not impressed that there are only three cameras making DalCards for 13,000 students.

The temporary and student staff producing the DalCards have been working long hours, but Lusby insists spirits are still high.

"Most of the staff are happy to have the overtime," she says, "I have to applaud their efforts, they have been very cheerful."

Gula defends any apparent disorganization of the new system.

"The Banner system is so intricate, it is going to take two years before it works correctly."



One DalCard and no aces: students were dealt a bad hand when DalCard registration developed multi-hour waiting periods.

New bookstore opens for Health Science students

BY KATIE TINKER

Anyone still waiting to buy textbooks this fall may be relieved to know they will spend less time than in other years waiting in line.

That's because textbooks for Health Science students are now being sold in a new bookstore in the bottom of the Dentistry building. Store managers hope the move will ease pressure on the main bookstore, and give Health Science students a more convenient place to shop.

"We needed more space than the SUB had to offer," said Michelle Lassaline, Manager of Dalhousie bookstores, "and this

store is situated more appropriately for Health Science students, because it's where all their classes are."

The new store will carry textbooks for all the Allied Health Sciences, with the exceptions of Health Education, Health and Human Performance as well as Kinesiology and Leisure Studies, whose books will still be sold in the SUB.

Health Science students seem happy with the change.

"I find it a lot better," says Tanya Eastman, an Occupational Therapy student.

"All your books are right there, the line is shorter, and it's

less time and hassle all around."

Angie Meikle, also in occupational therapy, agrees, but adds that "the lineups were still too long."

Bookstore manager Lassaline says the transition has been very smooth, though she acknowledges that a lot of students still don't know about the change.

"It's hard to get the message across in the summer," said Lassaline.

"People are still coming to the old bookstore looking for Health Science books, and that's regrettable. But everything will straighten out once people get used to it."

Dal highest tuition

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"Sounds great," said Chris Caisley, a transfer student from British Columbia. "So why isn't anybody doing anything about it? I am still trying to figure out why

I came to Dal in order to pay more money for tuition and sit in buildings that have no air-conditioning and are literally falling apart," said Caisley. "But I must be expecting too much for my money because when I go into

these classrooms, they are packed. Some people are even sitting on the floor."

Student representatives and faculty across the country are lobbying university administrations for more financial support.

Dalhousie Gazette robbed

Other offices visited by would-be robbers

BY AMY DURANT

The Student Union Building had some unwanted visitors over the summer. Thieves tried their hands at robbing a few offices in the building and made away with some loot in the process.

On August 22, the Dalhousie Gazette's ad manager, Dallas Shannon, walked into work to discover the lock on the door broken.

Originally Shannon thought the lock had only been tampered with. Later, he realized the Gazette office had been broken into and computer equipment totalling approximately \$5000 had been stolen.

The Gazette doesn't have insurance.

But the Gazette wasn't the only office the thieves entered. Pat Martin, the SUB's

Director of Facilities, says beside the Gazette, NSPIRG in room 314 and one of the storage rooms for the bookstore were also visited by the thieves.

While the Gazette was hardest hit by the burglary, the storage room is also missing items.

"What it looks like is that they took some sweatshirts and wore them out," says Martin, "Maybe they were trying to make themselves look more collegiate."

Bill Roberts, the Gazette's artistic director, reported the burglary to Dalhousie security and the Halifax Regional Police.

"Dal security got here immediately and the police were here shortly after" says Roberts.

Brianne Johnston, the Gazette's Editor-in-chief, was disappointed with the news.

"It sets us at a disadvantage," she says, "especially at the beginning of the year when things

are so new, but we're managing."

Both Roberts and Shannon thought the theft was carried out well.

"They used a pipe wrench, a crowbar. It was all very professional," says Shannon, "They knew what they were doing".

Authorities also remain puzzled by the burglary.

"At this time, there are no leads," says Peter Brown, a Dalhousie security employee.

Gazette staff have taken precautionary measures to protect themselves from future acts of vandalism.

"We now have insurance, and better locks," says Roberts.

The Gazette is also looking into motion detectors which will be directly hooked up to Dalhousie security.

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Is minimum wage way too little?

BY CHRIS BODNAR

OTTAWA (CUP) —

Minimum wages should be set at the poverty line, says a new study by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

The report argues that setting minimum wages at the poverty line would ensure low-income earners could provide for themselves.

And the report says that contrary to popular belief, students are not the hardest hit by low minimum wages.

It says 61 percent of people in Canada working for minimum wage are adults.

As well, 64 percent of these low-wage earners are women, according to the study.

David Green, co-author of the report and a University of British Columbia economics professor, says while 50 percent of those on minimum wage are students, the effects of raising minimum wage will be most positive for two-parent families.

As well, Green said it is not necessarily true that increasing the minimum wage leads to layoffs.

"The rise in minimum wage does cause some lay-offs, but it's not gigantic," he said. "But any time this gets into the public discourse, there's this cry from the retail sector saying 'we're going to have to lay off all these people.' It's practically apocalyptic."

Rather, Green says when all competitors face the same hikes, workers have more disposable

income and everyone competes on an even ground.

"The net outcome on effects on employment is small, and in fact one of our main conclusions is that minimum wage is a big player in employment trends," he said.

But others don't agree with the CCPA's assessment.

Michael Walker, executive director of the right-wing Fraser Institute, says minimum wage actually puts most low-income employees at a disadvantage in finding work.

By requiring employers to pay a certain income, says Walker, people like the disabled are less likely to find work because they are not worth paying a high minimum wage.

He says people will become employed when they provide a value to their employer.

The rest of those on minimum wage have their own reasons for being low wage-earners, says Walker.

"These are either young people or people returning to the labour force are in those jobs temporarily or by choice," said Walker.

"Some of them will choose to be in those jobs because they don't want to make a full-time commitment. They only want something to do for a couple of hours a day until their husbands come back."

Instead, Walker says those on minimum wage could apply for government certificates to upgrade

their skills in private institutions.

These would be payable when they get a higher-paying job.

"In effect put a bounty on the heads of the people in these low-paying jobs so someone has the incentive to help them," he said.

Meanwhile, Green cautions against focusing too greatly on minimum wage as a single poverty issue.

He suggests using the

minimum wage as a tool to combat poverty along with other programs, such as Employment Insurance, child tax benefits and job creation initiatives.

"One thing we have to take a pretty hard look at is Employment Insurance," said Green. "We haven't come to grips with this group of people who just aren't getting stable employment like they used to."

Others studying employment and poverty issues seem to

agree.

Trish Harrison, the communication coordinator with the Centre for Social Justice in Toronto, says the gap between the rich and the poor is increasing, largely because of wage inequity.

"What is the government doing about it?" said Harrison. "At least make sure people are earning a livable income. And how about a maximum wage for the top corporate CEOs? Pay equity should be enforced."

University of Guelph students camping out

Students forced to find temporary residence

BY STEPHEN WICARY

GUELPH (CUP) — The housing situation for students at the University of Guelph is dismal.

Residence halls are filled to capacity and off-campus accommodation is extremely scarce.

In response, the university's Student Housing services is offering students without housing temporary crash space in the form of mattresses on the floors of lounges.

Faculty and staff have also been encouraged to offer any extra beds or couches to students while they search for permanent residence.

Despite these efforts, a student group has pitched tents on campus in conjunction with Guelph's Central Student Association.

"We wanted to set-up a safe communal environment for people

in transition or for people who do not have a place outright," said Kyle Patton, CSA spokesperson and Tent City organizer.

"Certainly people can stay with friends on couches or floors, but that leaves feeling isolated and thinking that they are alone in this shitty situation."

According to the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Commission, the vacancy rate in Guelph in 1998 was 1.6 percent — one of the worst in Southwestern Ontario.

Paul Kraehling, of the City of Guelph's Planning and Development Office, said a rate of 3 percent is ideal.

"That's the rate at which we find an acceptable availability of units and competitive rental rates," he said.

Another factor contributing to the problem is increased enrolment at the university. Approximately 400 hundred additional students were admitted

to Guelph last year, and there are plans to keep increasing that number.

To help accommodate the influx of students the university plans to build a new 500-bed residence. It is scheduled to be operational by September 2001 and will be solely available to returning students.

Josh Shook, CSA local affairs commissioner, is pleased the university is taking action and building more permanent spaces for students, but questions their timing.

"They upped enrolment last year but won't have a new residence on-line until September 2001?" he said. "They are letting additional students in now, and building residences for them three years later? That just doesn't work."

Meanwhile, the university has expanded its current residence space nearly to capacity.

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Man arrested after following woman

On Labour Day weekend, a man followed a woman in to a bathroom in the Life Sciences centre. He was arrested after the incident.

The woman, a graduate student, said she saw the man staring at her as she went into the washroom.

She screamed and he ran next door into men's washroom where he was arrested. The woman had called the campus police.

The man told police he followed the woman because he liked her. He has been sent to the Nova Scotia Hospital for psychiatric assessment.

The Chief of security, Sandy MacDonald said flashers are a common occurrence around campus. He says theft is a problem as well.

Concordia grad wants to be Mistress of Arts

A woman who is graduating from Concordia University with a Masters of Arts wants "Mistress of Arts" on her diploma.

Carolyn Gammon said the use of "master" is sexist. She even made a suggestion of using Spinster of Arts. Gammon said she wants her work to be reflected in her degree. Females have the right to be represented by the degrees they earn at any university, she said.

Gammon missed her graduation in May until the university makes a decision. The ministry in Quebec would have to approve the change which would then apply to all universities.

Gammon said she didn't mind waiting, but thinks the name change should be a priority. To wait for a decision is sexist in itself, she said. Gammon hopes other female students who see the necessity of the name change will come forward.

VP External comes home

Tom Digby, the DSU VP External has been reincarnated as a Dalhousie student. He left for Queen's University to study law but came back to Halifax three days after leaving.

Digby resigned as VP External to go to law school. He was second on the waiting list for Dalhousie law school and was attend.

The spot for VP External is still open but so far Digby is the only candidate. The election will take place on September 26.

DSU president Dave Shannon is the acting VP External until after the election. Shannon said there will be total fairness in this election process. The main issues for VP External this year are daycare, Via Rail budget cuts, the National Week of Action, and tuition fee increases.

U of T eyes business school in England

Deans in the business schools at the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia are trying to make a deal with Toronto businessman Sam Blyth for a school in London.

Blyth said he is prepared to fork out \$20 million for the project. Blyth's company is ready to buy the land and start building the school.

This is no new deal for Blyth. His company runs a school in southern France. That school is in affiliation with Laurentian University. He describes his company's involvement as being like a landlord. The academic side to the school will be left to the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia.

Students will pay Canadian tuition fees but travelling and housing will cost extra.

UBC gets ready to introduce classes with no teachers

BY NICHOLAS BRADLEY

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Student-led courses will be offered at the University of British Columbia for the first time in January 2000, giving students the chance to take full-credit classes for credit without a professor.

"What we're trying to do is to pilot-test some courses just to see whether there's interest among UBC students in this idea," said Neil Guppy, associate dean of Arts.

"I like to think of them as directed studies courses, but that are kind of group-directed courses."

Student coordinators will organize and lead the actual classes while a faculty advisor

will oversee each course.

Nicki Magnollo, an Asian studies student, is a coordinator for one of the five pilot classes — her course is entitled Film in Post-Colonial Asia.

"It gives me a different kind of appreciation for what it takes to put a good course together," said Magnollo.

The other four pilot courses will deal with alternative medicine, artificial intelligence, mathematical patterns found in nature, and resource development on northern Vancouver Island.

Magnollo believes students will be attracted to these classes.

"I think they're going to come away feeling like 'this was really my course,'" she said.

Former UBC Alma Mater Society President Vivian

Hoffmann started the drive for student-led courses.

"I thought it was a really interesting way to diversify the course offerings and let students pursue their own interests," said Hoffmann, who based the project on a program at the University of California at Berkeley.

During her term as president, Hoffmann pitched the idea to Barry McBride, UBC vice-president.

After consulting faculty members, the faculty association, department heads and students, Hoffman put together a proposal.

An advisory committee of three students and three faculty members met during the summer to evaluate her proposals for courses.

The committee had to

ensure the classes had "academic merit to them," said Associate Dean Guppy.

Neither Guppy nor Magnollo had a clear idea of what a typical class would be like, but both agreed there would be room for different approaches.

Guppy said the structure can vary, "as long as [the classes] meet a similar academic rigor as the other courses we offer."

Initially, the courses will have only pass or fail options.

Grades may be assigned in future courses if the class's student coordinator and faculty advisor agree.

Magnollo noted that she hopes to see peer evaluation play an important role in student evaluation.

"[Students will] get to set

the ground rules for what constitutes a good paper, and then have to adhere to the rules that they make," she said.

The Faculty Association has not yet taken a position on the project since it is still an experiment, and since faculty members will be acting as advisors for all courses.

Hoffmann did note, however, that she encountered some opposition from faculty and students.

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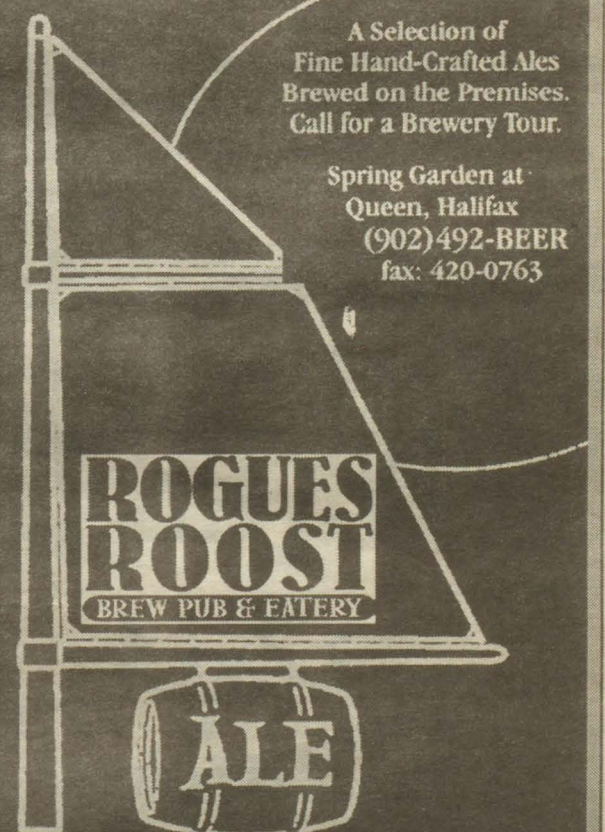
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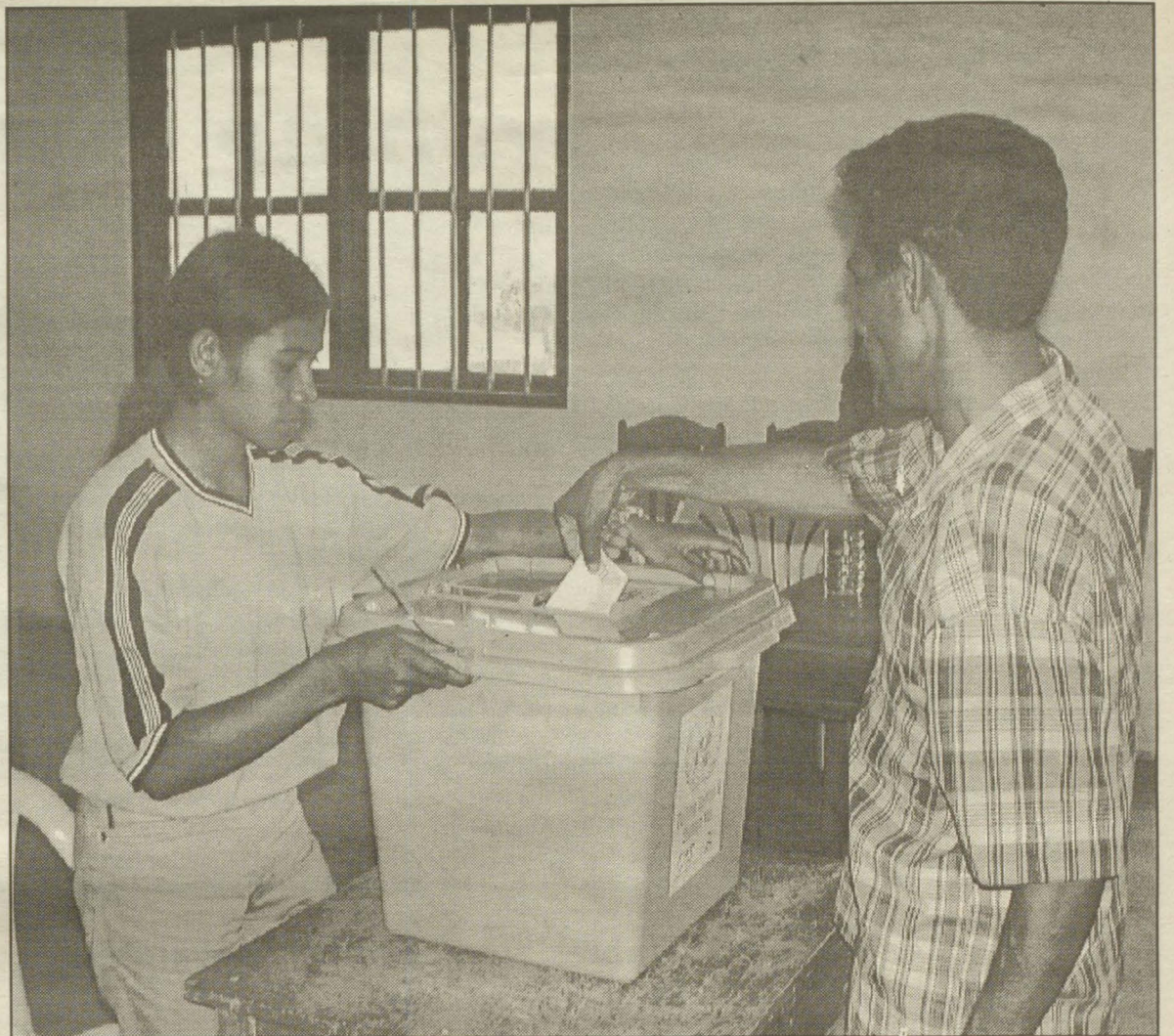
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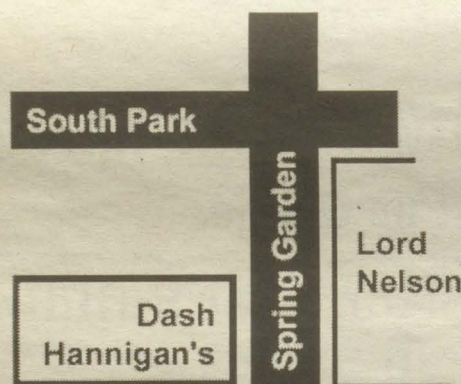
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Populism: East Timorese voting during recent independence referendum.

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East Timor

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the referendum process, despite a bloody campaign mounted against pro-independence movements by pro-Indonesian forces.

Following the vote, pro-Indonesian militia's mounted a bloody campaign against the people of East Timor.

Although Indonesian President B.J. Habibie has stated he would uphold and endorse the outcome of the historic referendum, results are not scheduled for ratification until November.

"I call on East Timor society and the whole of the Indonesian people to accept the fact sincerely and patiently," Habibie told the Associated Foreign Press (AFP) last month.

Those returning from troubled area paint a picture of chaos.

Ian Smith, an electoral officer with the United Nations Assistance Mission in East Timor, who returned from the East Timor capital Dili on September 4, spoke to the crowd of his recent experiences.

"Anarchy has broken out," he boomed through a megaphone. "The militia is everywhere. I helped 3,000 people register to vote, and 2,990 voted. Six of the 10 who didn't vote were too sick, two fled, and two died. But I'm sure many of them are now dead."

Smith stressed that East Timor needs UN intervention.

"This is an evil regime and it must be stopped," he said.

"We have to make sure people understand that what's happening now is that this is genocide by the Indonesian military. This is the organized killing of as many people as possible."

Although Smith and Helwig both say the Canadian government needs to offer much stronger support to East Timor, they agree that Canada has played a very positive role so far in protesting the bloodshed over there.

"Canada has taken a fairly leading role, not an insignificant one," said Smith, referring to statements made by Lloyd Axworthy and Jean Chretien, who both condemned the violence and called for an international peace-keeping force.

Others, however, strongly disagree.

Penny Howard, a spokesperson at the event for the Canadian Federation of Students, said the Canadian government has not met its responsibilities.

"We want to make sure that there aren't further betrayals by the Canadian government," she said. "The Canadian government helped monitor of the referendum, and has many business interests in Indonesia," she said.

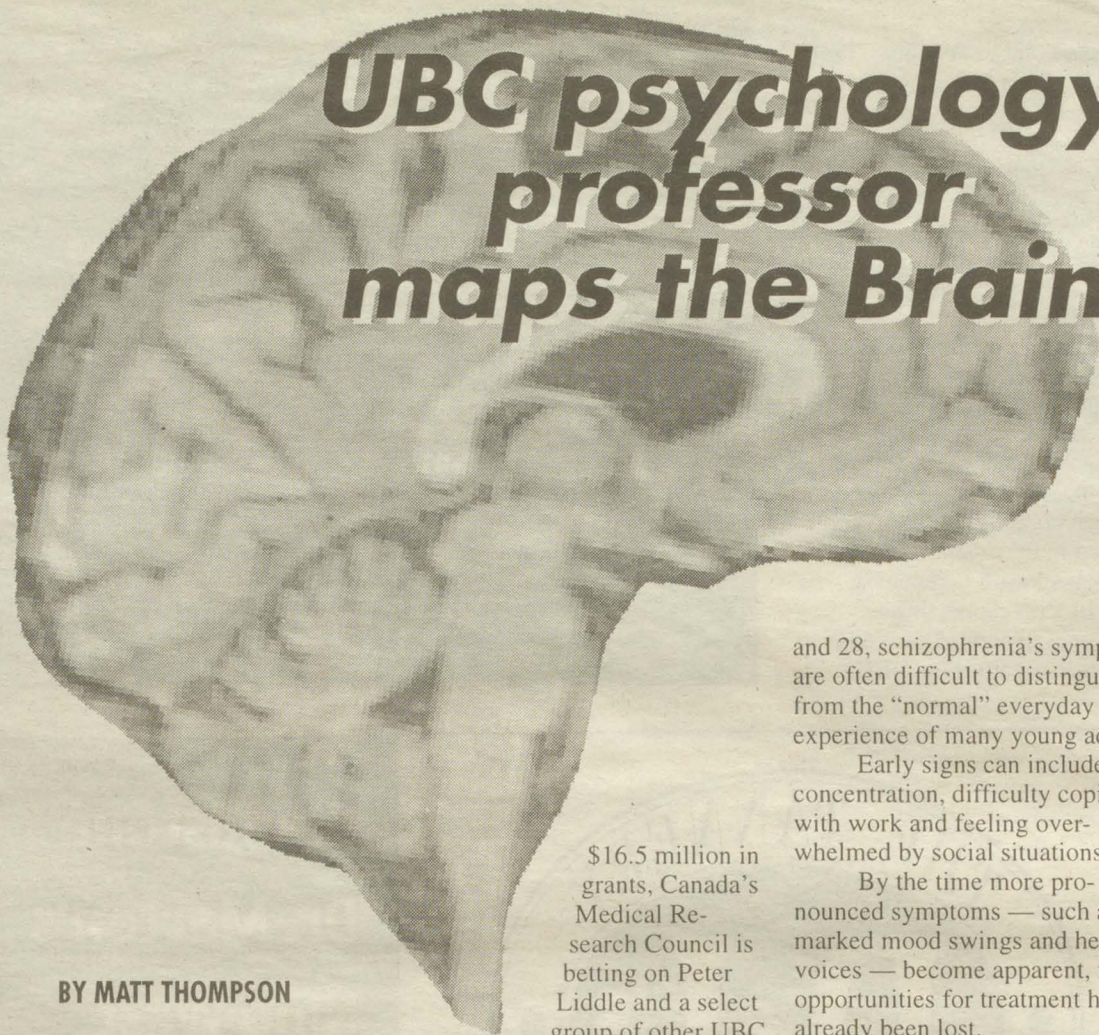
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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

UBC psychology professor maps the Brain



BY MATT THOMPSON

VANCOUVER — Right now, precise quantities of blood are racing through your head.

Reading, like any activity involving the brain, causes nerve cells to activate and subtly increase their supply of blood.

Using Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), University of British Columbia psychiatry professor Peter Liddle is able to produce pictures that show these infinitesimal changes in blood flow as brain "patterns."

Liddle's research indicates that for people affected by mental illnesses like schizophrenia, these patterns are comparatively abnormal.

And while he thinks he can develop a better way to diagnose and potentially treat the disease, to find out he is going to need money.

A lot of money — which he will get.

By providing UBC with

\$16.5 million in grants, Canada's Medical Research Council is betting on Peter Liddle and a select group of other UBC medical researchers to make the next

medical breakthrough.

The money will provide equipment and operating support for studies over the next five years ranging from heart disease to juvenile asthma to cancer.

That is good news for Liddle, whose research relies on a high-tech MRI scanner that is extremely expensive to operate.

"Without the grant funding, we simply couldn't do the work," the UBC professor said.

The results of Liddle's work have been encouraging so far.

By studying the correlation between abnormal brain patterns and schizophrenia, Liddle may be laying the groundwork for physically diagnosing a disease whose early symptoms are often vague and misreported.

Although it affects roughly 300,000 Canadians, most of whom are between the ages of 18

and 28, schizophrenia's symptoms are often difficult to distinguish from the "normal" everyday experience of many young adults.

Early signs can include poor concentration, difficulty coping with work and feeling overwhelmed by social situations.

By the time more pronounced symptoms — such as marked mood swings and hearing voices — become apparent, major opportunities for treatment have already been lost.

Liddle's technique could dramatically shorten the length of time between diagnosis and treatment.

"There's a lot of evidence that suggests that by intervening earlier, we can help people make a good recovery," said Liddle.

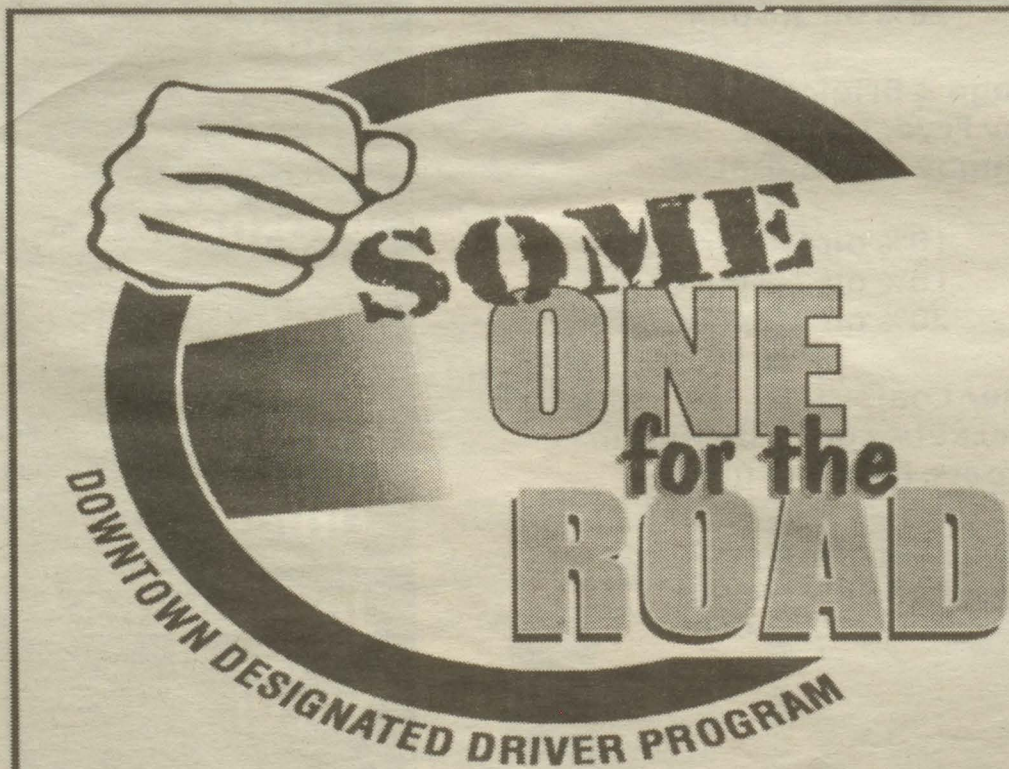
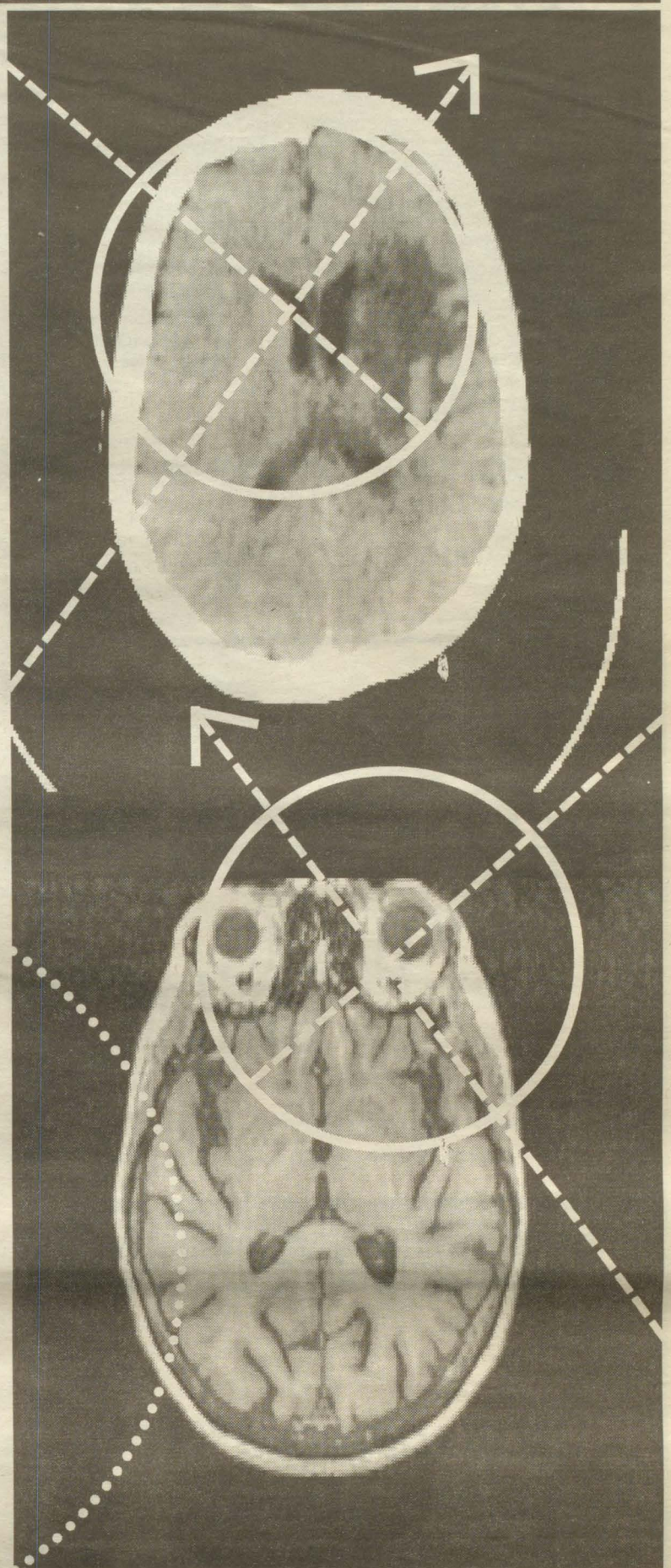
UBC is one of a handful of centers worldwide using similar techniques to understand how brain activity relates to mental illness, but Liddle is confident his research is unique.

"Nobody's doing it quite the way we're doing it," he said. "I hope what we're doing is going to turn out to be the most profitable way."

Like other medical research conducted at the university, Liddle's research could prove very profitable.

Given schizophrenia's place as one of the world's major

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Mapping the brain

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as one of the world's major illnesses, the commercial value of his findings could prove enormous.

While it will take at least another three to five years to further test and develop his

technique, Liddle has already considered its commercial implications.

Like most university researchers, he is aware of the often delicate balance that exists between the public who pays for his research and the private interests who stand to potentially profit as a result.

Liddle wants to ensure that any diagnosis is available for widespread use.

"If [the technique] works as a diagnostic test, I personally wouldn't want to patent it," he said. "I'd want it just to be used world-wide, and I think anything that was an obstacle to that would be a disappointment to me."

But as Liddle points out, there's a major difference between

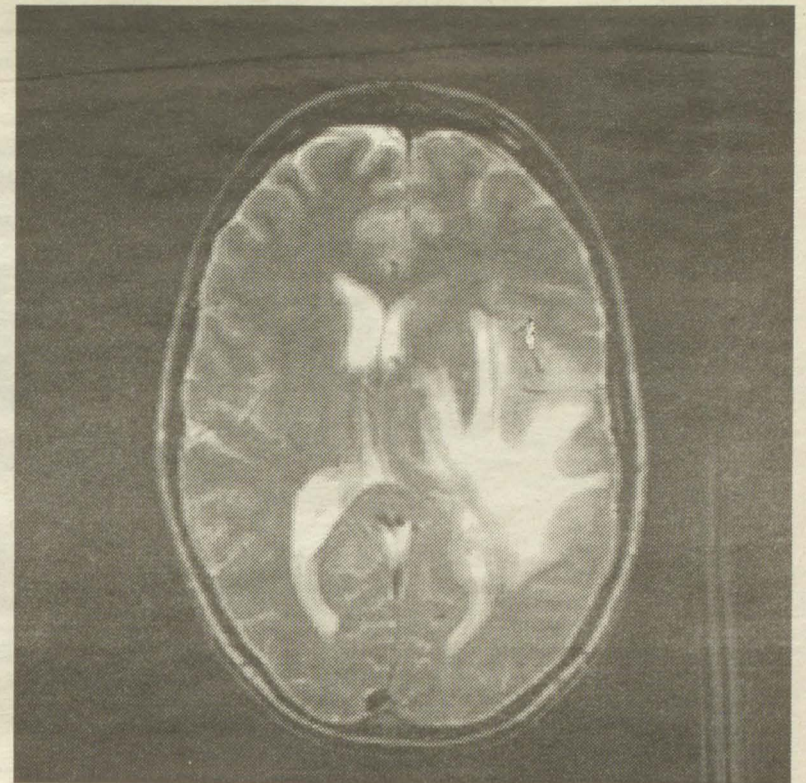
diagnoses and treatments.

While new diagnostic techniques can be shared relatively freely, new treatments like drugs are generally kept in the hands of pharmaceutical industry.

"You could imagine a world in which the pharmaceutical industry is a state-run or a university-run business, but that's not the world we live in," said Liddle. "I don't see any prospect of changing that, and indeed I'm not even sure we would want to change it."

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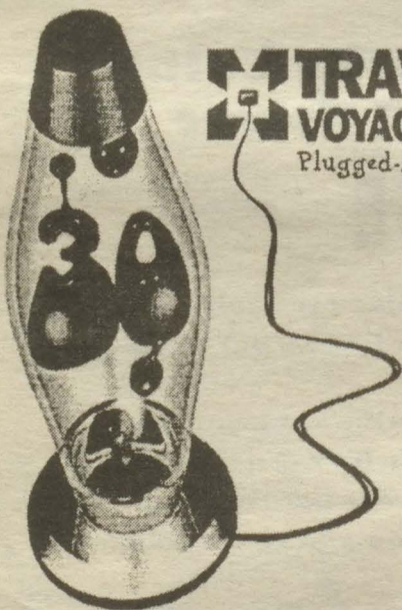
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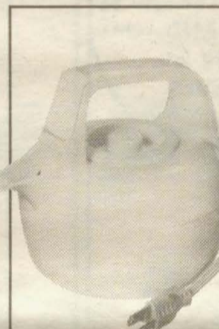
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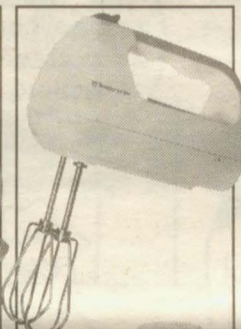
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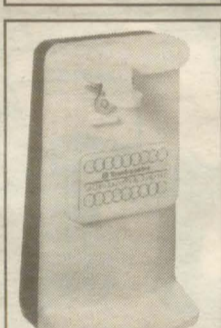


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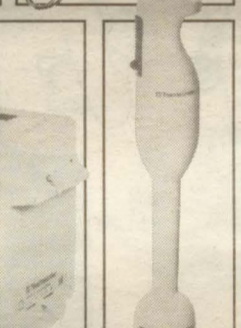
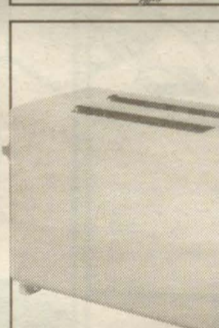


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To accommodate the influx of people that crowd into Halifax, the city has been developing numerous different cultural eddies that appeal to the extremities of the population, from local bars hosting Dead/Phish nights to a whole spectrum of sports clubs and teams.

One of the biggest scenes to skyrocket in Halifax is the rave scene, and although it has been growing in the last few years, this summer saw its popularity soar.

Raves are all night parties that occur anywhere from once a month to three times a month. They are held in various locations, some in the city, some outside, and usually feature various kinds of electronic music.

Raves are the breeding ground for drugs like ecstasy, although there is often a larger assortment of drugs at these parties.

Although not everyone who attends raves pops pills or smokes doobs, a large percentage do. A lot of people go simply to enjoy the friendly safe atmosphere.

But safety isn't a prevalent thing when referring to raves. Generally, raves go off without hitches, maybe a few injuries, drug related and otherwise, but overall, nothing serious.

This past weekend, a rave was held at Exhibition Park, just outside of Halifax, attended by several thousand people. Early in the morning, a man was dragged off the dance floor outside onto the grass. Within a few minutes, an ambulance was on the way, and witnesses had begun CPR, but to no avail. He was pronounced DOA at the hospital.

Maybe he didn't die from drugs. Maybe he had a fatal illness.

But that's not the most likely scenario. No one knows the entire story, but it is safe to assume that drugs played a prominent role.

EDITORIAL

Don't get me wrong. I wouldn't criticize someone for their own personal choices, as long as I remain unaffected by their actions. Bad things happen, sometimes people make bad choices and don't get the chance to renege.

But just because you're going to enjoy your youth, live dangerously and sample all aspects of social society, doesn't mean you have to poison yourself in the process. Other people can be affected by tragedies.

The very idea that someone could conceive of an argument that would discourage the use of drugs is preposterous, and the law enforcement is always three steps behind the sources, so users and non-users should concentrate on the real problem.

People need to understand what drugs do to their body. Don't stop if you don't want to, just don't kill or steal for your fix. As much as it sounds like a total contradiction, be responsible. Don't pop pills until your brain explodes.

I'm not encouraging the use of hard drugs, because that would be atrocious. I'm not condemning anyone because that would be futile. I'm just suggesting that perhaps people should understand what the hell they're doing before they do it.

Patrick Blackie

The collegiate spirit is dead

To the Editor,

There was a time when residence students, in a display of house pride, developed playful rivalries with other houses.

Unfortunately, certain childish Bronson House residents appear to have abandoned that long standing tradition.

The story began when Bronson House "borrowed" the O'Brian Hall flag during orientation week. They proudly displayed their acquisition at all subsequent Frosh week activities and guarded it with their lives.

The O'Brian Hall crew, not to be outdone, managed to unbolt and liberate Bronson's giant couch, replace it an O'Brian Hall banner and then carry the couch across town back to O'Brian.

After such an ingenious display of spirit, they expected Bronson to return fire with another tasteful and harmless rebuke.

To their surprise however, the Bronson council, in a display of childish frustration, complained to their residence assistants who threatened to involve the Dalhousie Residence coordinators. Talk of fines and sanctions against O'Brian executives if the couch was not returned promptly ended the rivalry and the harmless fun.

We all know from childhood that the rules and their enforcers (in this case, Bronson's RA's) are here to maintain order. In games of rivalry like this one, where no person or object is harmed, we do not ask authority to fight our battles for us, we either give up or we put our minds to the test and find an honorable way to ante.

The Bronson executives could at any time have asked for the couch back in exchange for the flag, or they could have devised a scheme to get it back on their own.

Instead, they chose the equivalent of crying to mommy and revealed a shocking lack of the collegiate spirit that Dalhousie is normally known for.

The residents of Bronson house should question their council's actions since those actions reflect on each member of the house the council represents.

If the council didn't want to be stung, they should have not stung in the first place. They have sent us all a clear message that Bronson would rather play in their sandbox by themselves, and nobody would mind that. Let's just hope they don't find themselves getting too lonely later on.

Vince Natori



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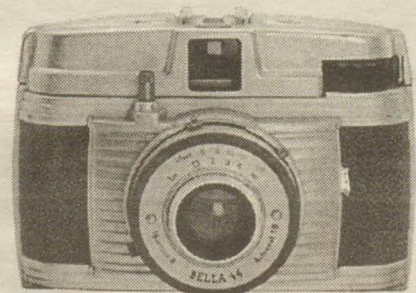
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The end of the UN

Like the League of Nations before it, the United Nations have now become the useless bureaucracy of the late 20th century.

The demise of the UN was apparent months ago when it became clear the secretary-general had no real power and was merely acting as a justification to US force around the globe. Although its many sub-agencies such as UNICEF, may still be of great use to the world, the UN body itself has lost all credibility and respect.

Last week many national leaders hid behind the statement "we must wait for UN mandate" in relation to the disgusting events in East Timor. Whether you agree with the Kosovo bombings or not, you must admit to seeing the hypocrisy of this statement next to NATO's "we cannot wait for UN mandate." When the events in the former Portuguese colony began to unfold, the response was to organize a meeting "within the next few days." The night of the 1967 Six-Day war in the Middle East, the UN conducted an all-night debate of the issue. Again, whether you agree with the Kosovo approach or not, we cannot avoid the fact of our "humanitarian" actions setting a precedent which, if not applied elsewhere, smacks of continental discrimination, if not colonialism, or even racism.

To fail to act in East Timor as in Rwanda tells two-thirds of the world that they still don't belong in the big-boys club of advanced Western maturity, protection, and humanitarian worth. One has to wonder if the US/UN only acts against nations for whom they do not outfit their

military. Yugoslavia and Iraq were supplied by Russia to some extent. Indonesia and Turkey are supplied by the US and Canada among others. I honestly do not understand what Indonesia has which is so important that we aren't piss them off.

And finally, the deciding body of the security council has no members from South America, Africa, or the South Pacific. Do they represent anyone else's security other than their own?

The UN is continuing to stall. Any further delays and I would call for Australia to do what it should have done over a week ago — mount an independent humanitarian protection force to oversee the peaceful transition to East Timorese democracy. Yes, their would be outcries from the West, but the opposition would be drowned by the overwhelming support. When our foreign minister explains that Indonesia does not belong to an organization like NATO, then I have to ask Australia to set up its own (the South Pacific Treaty Organization — SPTO?).

As for the UN, perhaps the time has come for its dismantling. I have no replacement to suggest until the "white West" decides they are not as mature as they think, that they are valid targets for indictments for warcrimes, and that all nations must adhere to a basic standard despite labels of "Industrial," "Developing," or "Third World." The lives of human individuals have no value if not protected universally.

Tristan Stewart-Robertson



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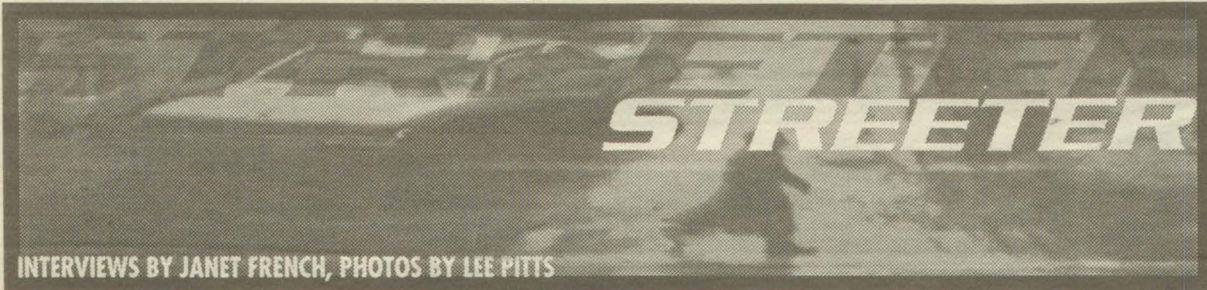
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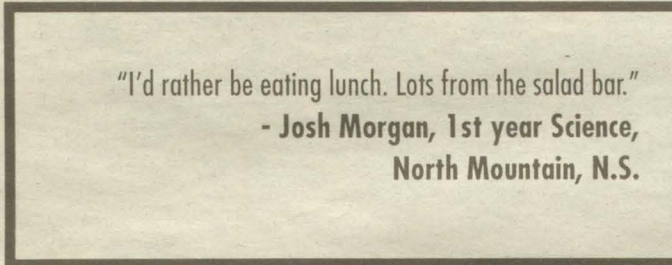
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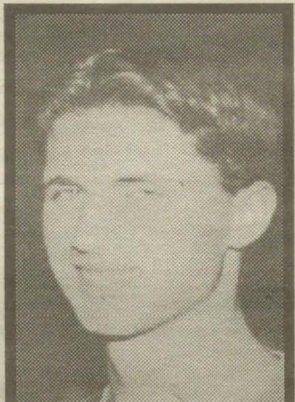
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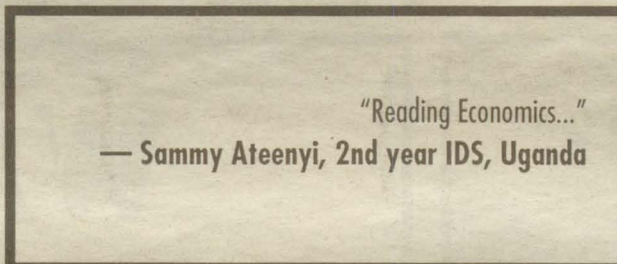
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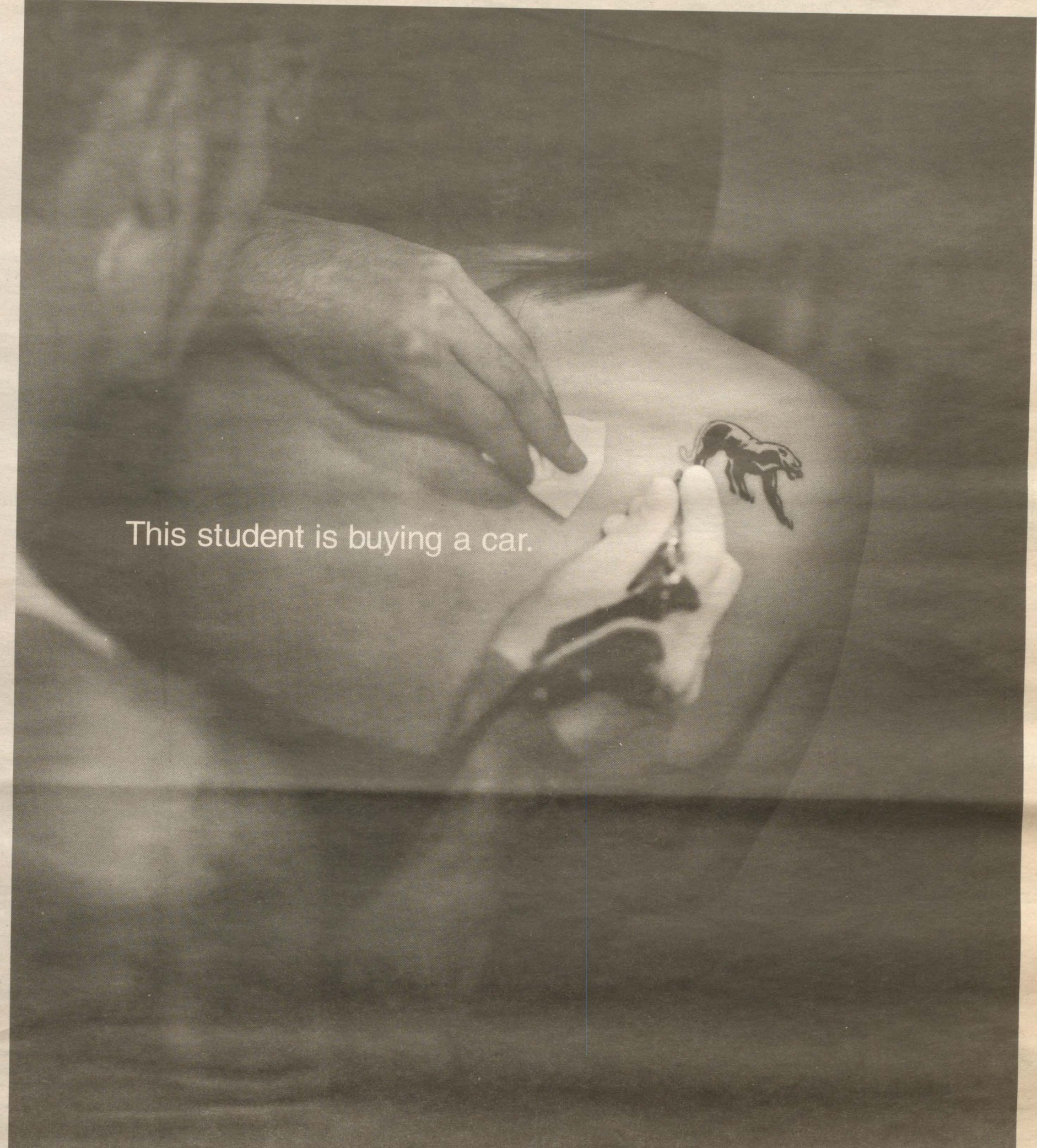
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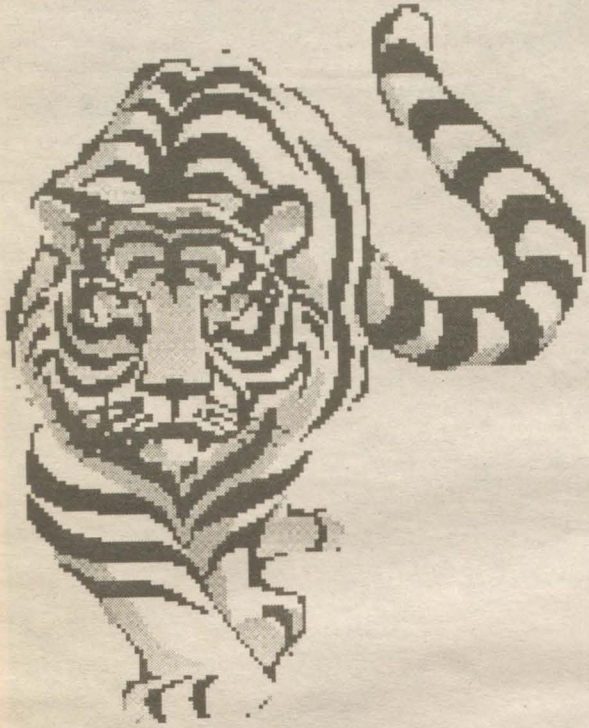
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Dalhousie student societies

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BY LEE PITTS

Dalhousie is peppered with student societies and clubs, just like most every university throughout the country and around the world.

Dal has a wide spectrum of groups, clubs and societies ranging from the Dalhousie Rowing Club, and the Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay Association of Dal (BGLAD) to the German Club and the Dalhousie Association of Psychology Students (DAPS).

Steve Cote, the Vice President Internal for the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU), believes student societies provide great opportunities for students to meet new people.

"You get to meet people outside of academics," he said. "You get to meet people who are interested in the same stuff you are."

Cote is speaking from experience. He's not only in charge of the student societies this year, but also joined the Kinesiology society his first year at Dal. "I'm a kinesiology student, so I joined Sappher." Cote says societies and clubs are important

for students who don't live in residence.

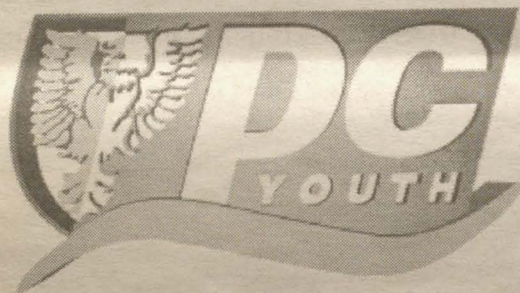
"It's important more for people who are off-campus. First of all, it's a way for those to get involved," Cote said. "It's a way for people to get to know each other besides through academics, and secondly, it's a good way to try new things."

Dal has close to 180 societies, with that number expected to increase to 200 this

be involved in things other than just studying. "It's generally recognized that students learn within the classrooms and outside it," McKee said. "It also adds richness and diversity to campus life."

And he adds, it looks good on a resume. "Employers look for it when they hire. They look for people with good grades, but they also look for people who have other experiences. People with

"You name it, we've got it"—Cote



Signs of the times: a few Dal society logos.



Lets get technical: a Dal Engineering group meets.

year.

Every year new societies are born. There's always a influx of new students with different interests and tastes. Two new groups joining the list this year include the Kendo Japanese swordfighting club and a self-defense course.

Societies have been around since Universities have existed, or so says Eric McKee, Dal's Vice President of Student Services. He says it's important for students to

group skills and leadership skills."

Dal's societies are broken down into five groups, "A" to "E". "A" societies have a seat on student council, and receive some funding from the DSU, such as the Dal Arts society. "B" societies also sit on council, but these groups don't receive a levy. These groups include BGLAD. "C" societies don't sit on the DSU, but they do receive funding. Whereas "D" societies neither have a seat on council, nor do they receive any money. Finally, "E" societies are just like "D" societies, except they don't have umbrella groups.

It's not difficult for students to organize their own societies, if a group they want isn't around. All that's required is a written constitution to be presented to council. Cote is in charge of that and urges interested students to go to him.

McKee feels it's important for students to get involved in student societies from the beginning of their university career.

"It may be easier [to join] after you've been [at university] for a few years and know the opportunities, but I think it's important to get involved in societies from day one," he said. "Particularly off-campus students, societies are one of the important ways [to meet other students]."

McKee feels student societies are one of three ways for off-campus students to meet others. The others being intramural sports and classes.

Dal has groups or clubs to fill almost all interests. There is a club for almost every language, including the German club, French club, and Spanish club. There's the Dalhousie Association of Marine Biology Students (DAMS), the English Society, Amnesty International, African Students Union, Dalhousie Progressive Conservative (PC) Youth, and the list goes on.

"You name it, we've got it," said Cote.

Almost everyone seems to agree that student societies and clubs are great ways to meet new people, besides helping provide a well-balanced university career and the opportunity to learn new things. Like skydiving through the Dal Parachute Club, or fencing in the Dalhousie Fencing Club. Now

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that's something to write home about.

Duncan Johannessen is the president of the Dal Fencing Club, which meets every Monday and Wednesday evening from 8:30 - 10:30. He says joining a society was a pivotal moment in his university career.

"In my under-grad experience at [the University of British Columbia], joining a society was essential to dealing with the size of the university. You can go through a day without seeing anyone you know [on campus]," he said.

He says societies do more than just their main activity, in his case, fencing. "We do a lot of other social events together as well, [like] go for wings together. It's a sports club, but it's also a very social club. And [with fencing], it's also a good way to

relieve tension," he adds with a chuckle.

Societies are a way to meet people with similar interest. That's not always the case with classes and residence. And, it gets students out of their rooms and doing something different.

Cote says groups that do things different are sometimes the most popular. "The Outdoors Club is really popular. They do everything from hiking, skiing, everything." He says there's many reasons for joining a group. "You can learn new things or you can just do it for something to do."

(This year's deadline for societies to be ratified by the DSU is October 1st. That must be done through the DSU's website: www.dal.ca/dsu. A list of societies can also be found on the website, or check with the DSU.)

Chuck Wagon



As students leave home to pursue academic goals, they face many challenges, one of them being eating well. And unfortunately McDonald's, KFC and Pizza Delight are not always the answer when meal time comes around. As convenient as they might be, they can be nutritionally and financially taxing to students.

Since mom isn't around to cook your favorite things and always have the fridge stocked, students are left to fend for themselves. This may leave some people a little nervous but cooking for yourself or friends is easy.

Start by doing simple meals, a stir-fry, spaghetti and meat sauce or Mom's "Tuna Surprise".

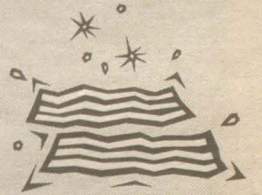
Dishes with fancy names once analyzed, are simple. For example, Ragout de Boeuf Jardinier is beef stew. Once you have a couple of pots and pans (compliments of Mom or the salvation Army surplus), you are well on your way to extraordinary culinary adventures.

Breakfast, though not a complicated cooking adventure, is often skipped due to the lack of time or is deemed not important. Yet come mid-morning, the hunger pangs arrive and energy levels start to drop because the body needs food to function. So for something a little different than cereal or nothing at all, try a frittata and while it bakes you can continue to get ready for school.

And remember recipes are not written in stone, they are meant to be guidelines so that you can customize them to your living.

Frittata Dalhousie (serves 4)

- 1 9" pie plate coated with a vegetable spray
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced green pepper
- 1/2 cup diced red pepper
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 4 slices of bacon sliced
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups of blend
- 1 cup grated cheese and a pinch of salt and pepper to add taste



Pre-heat oven to 350F. Warm frying pan on medium heat. Add bacon and cook for 1 minute. Add onion, peppers, mushrooms, salt and pepper. Cook until soft, stirring occasionally (3-4 minutes). Place in pie plate. Mix eggs and blend. Pour into pie plate. Add cheese. This can be done the night before and kept in the fridge, covered. Place in oven and cook for 25 minutes. Remove and let set for a few minutes before serving.

Enjoy!



Courtesy of Charles Lacerte

Charles has been cooking for over fifteen years and is currently the executive chef at Unni's Restaurant.

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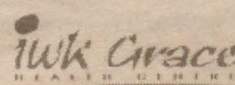
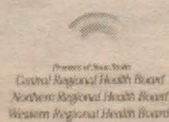
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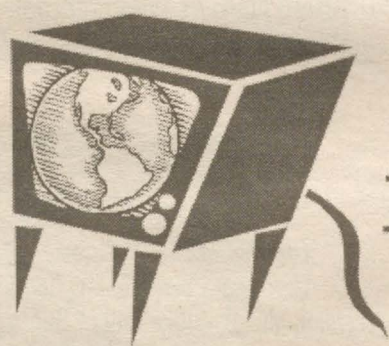
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The joy of sex

'Sex with Sue' hits Halifax

BY JANET FRENCH

Female Anatomy 101, masturbation and chlamydia epidemics: what do these three have in common? We'll leave that one to Sue.

On Friday September 10th, the McInnis room was packed with students anxious to hear a lecture from Canada's unofficial sex guru, Sue Johansen.

Johansen's claim to fame is found in her notorious Sunday

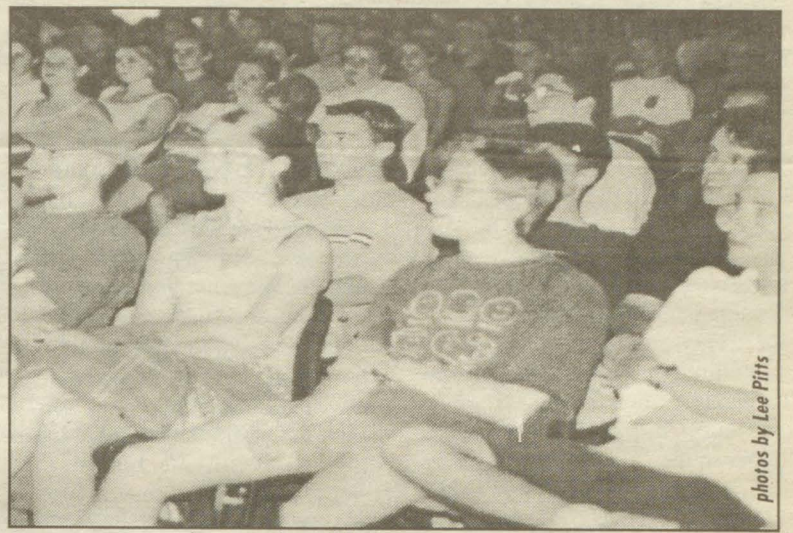
Night Sex Show, which began as a modest radio call-in program, but now holds down a late-night spot on the Women's Television Network. Apart from her televised duties of tackling Canada's stickiest sexual inquiries and reviewing the latest advances in sex toy technology, Johansen tours the country, speaking on the topic we all know too little about — sex.

Ms. Johansen kicked off the afternoon with a rant about the

sexual misinformation that results from a lack of emphasis on sexual education. She hammered bluntly through a barrage of topics that cause the average university student to blush when mentioned in casual conversation. The horrors of the first-time tampon insertion, crazy spontaneous erections, the myths of male masturbation, and to the delight of about half the audience, 1001 ways for women to "get off" while riding the subway — a list that includes the use of your teddy bear's arm bear and the wonderfully practical detachable shower-head. The session finishes with confidential Q&A from the audience, with questions ranging from lesbian relations to anal sex, and most points in between.

But this is not that awkward "chat" you have with your parents when you are thirteen years old, where all parties have their most solemn, serious faces plastered on. This mature, tiny woman is bouncing around the stage imitating ejaculation and other such sexual acts with vigor. This is not your regular education, this is a hilarious one-woman comedic act, that sends the audience collapsing into fits of laughter and applauding for more.

Even those well read on the subject of sexuality learned a



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Group sex: Sue's audience watch carefully.

thing or two, among them:

— 87% of women reach orgasm through clitoral stimulation rather than sexual intercourse.

— the female vagina can stretch up to five times in length and three times its width, thus enabling it to accommodate a penis of any shape and size.

— there are 500 million sperm stored in the testicles at all times, 100,000 on average of which are expelled during each ejaculation.

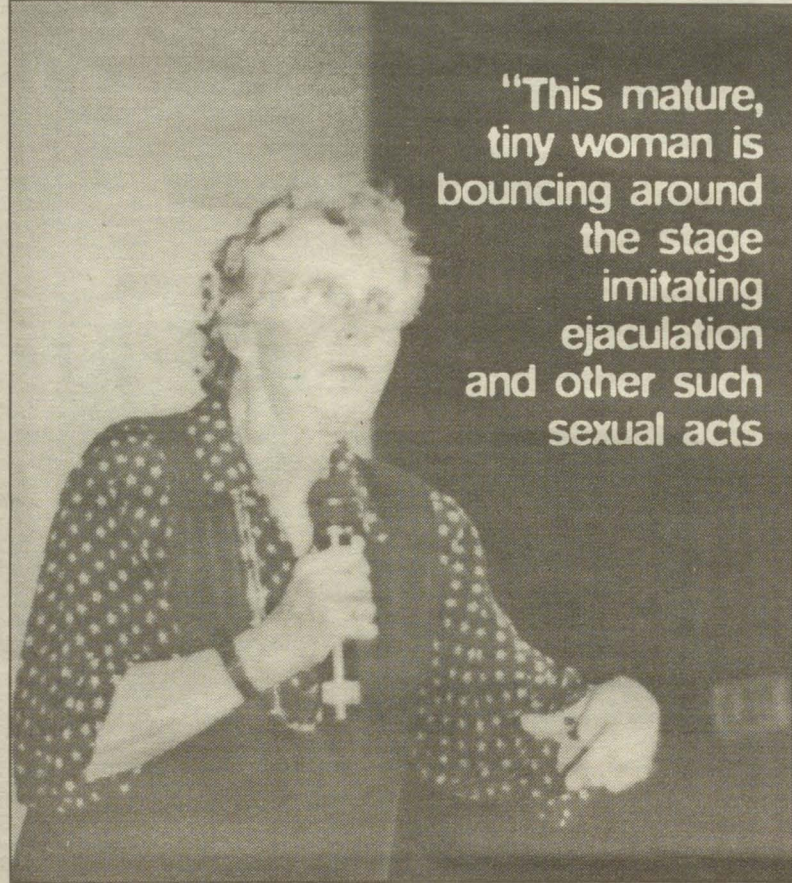
— chlamydia is currently a dangerous epidemic, which can cause sterility and may go undetected if you do not have regular examinations.

The Registered Nurse displays her mastery in the field of sex with her timely and witty

perceptions, which include comments like: "men need to tell women five things after sex before they are allowed to fall asleep: 'I want you, I need you, I love you, Baby you're the greatest, and I'll never leave you. 'ZZZZZZZ', and "studies have shown that 99 percent of men admit to masturbating and the other 1 percent are liars."

On a more serious note, Ms. Johansen is one of the best sexual education resources we have available in this country. She has the ability to tackle a delicate subject and present it in an entertaining but clear and informative way, demolishing any shame we have for being curious about the matter. The woman has an exceptional gift.

And damn, is she ever funny.



"This mature, tiny woman is bouncing around the stage imitating ejaculation and other such sexual acts"

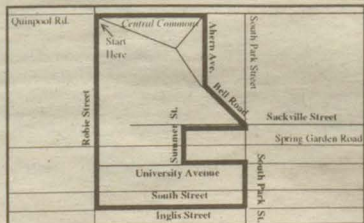
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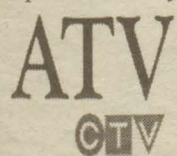
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Thrush Hermit and I, Mother Earth

BY JANET FRENCH

The McInnis room was rocked to shreds by I Mother Earth and opening act Thrush Hermit, on Wednesday, September 8. It was part of the Dalhousie Student Union's Frosh Week concert series, the evening delivered a healthy dose of Canadiana and local talent.

The evening quakes to a start with reverberating tunes from Thrush Hermit, a treasure from the Halifax music scene. No longer in the McInnis room, we are transformed to the world of a rockin' 1970's band, practicing in their basement. Laid back and comfortable in their stage space, Thrush Hermit pumped out catchy and upbeat tunes that send my foot subconsciously tapping. Just when the band is starting to sound generic, they spontaneously bombard the audience with trippy electric guitar manipulations which resemble cosmic sounds from space B-movies.

The audience is bopping — but only on the side of the room where they are serving alcohol. The rest of the crowd stands and stares at Thrush Hermit, intrigued and mesmerized. Either the band has lulled one thousand frosh into hypnotic slumber, or they have created a fabulous, spellbinding impression. The faces of the crowd indicate the latter choice, and Thrush Hermit should expect an increase in attendance at their shows, thanks to this fabulous publicity opportunity.

I Mother Earth is on for less

than one song before it is evident they are definitely not the band they used to be.

Times have changed since their 1996 release "Scenery and Fish," for they have replaced their former lead singer Edwin with the fresh vocals of Brian Byrne. Their sound is somewhat homogenous because most of the songs performed are from the new album "Blue Green Orange." Surprisingly, new lead singer Byrne tackles some old tunes also, back from the Edwin years. It sounds strange, like musical resurrection. However, the audience appears to be unscathed by the changes at hand. One fellow named Tom who refused to give me his last name, tells me "these guys blow Edwin away."

And the general consensus is no different from Tom's eloquent drunken utterings. They are consumed with enthusiasm and cater to every whim of the band's desire. Brian Byrne tells the audience to ignore the "No Crowd Surfing" signs. Crowd surfing commences within the minute. Byrne then instructs both the men and the women of the crowd to remove their tops at will. Shirts immediately sail through the air.

Perhaps I don't get it: I Mother Earth seems like another typical Canadian rock band, whose energy in concert is adequate, but not exactly phenomenal. Yet, the McInnis Room was packed with individuals seemingly possessed by the tunes, lurching deliriously around the



Adulation tools: IME's website has band bios & tour dates, another Canadian band for the road.

room. The evening simply proves that I Mother Earth does not fail to satisfy, and may even be gaining in popularity since their personnel renovations.

So grooving to good music aside, there are lessons to be learned from the evening. Thrush Hermit demonstrates that the appeal of the casual basement band will never die. On the other hand, I Mother Earth shows that change is never a bad thing, and should be welcomed with open arms.



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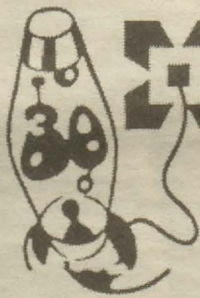
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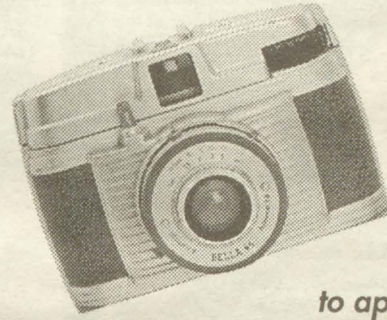
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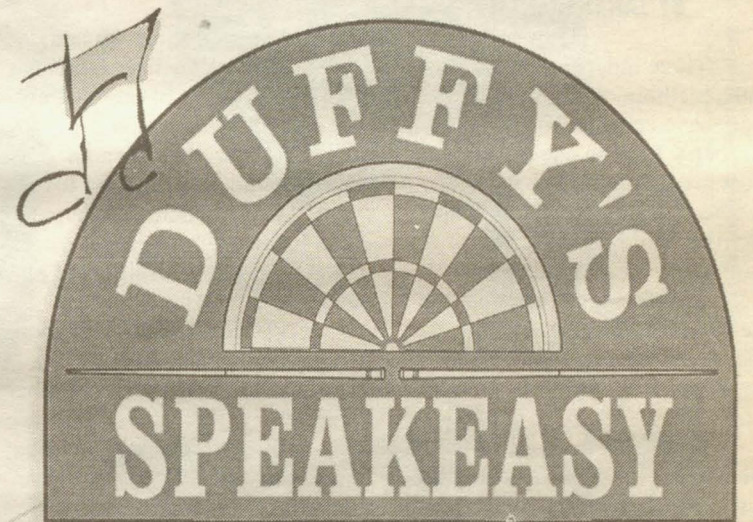
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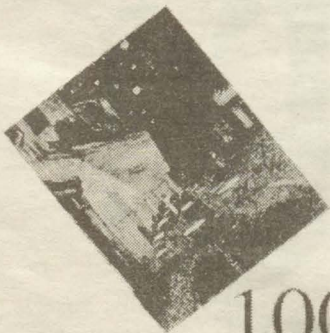
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A Day in the Life of



Jazzberry Ram

BY JANET FRENCH

Three independent releases and a plethora of cross country tours have cemented Vancouver's Jazzberry Ram as one of Canada's most prominent indie bands. Jazzberry Ram consists of Allan McInnis, Colin Stobie and brothers Drew and Stephen Stewart. We snagged the band on the road in Belleville, Ontario, and this is what they had to say for themselves.

Gaz: How do your varied musical backgrounds affect your songwriting and your sound?

JBR: If we weren't so varied like we are, we wouldn't sound like Jazzberry Ram. Each of us brings something totally different

to the table every time we jam, write songs or play live. Drew has an excellent sense of pop melody and incredible showmanship; Stephen is jazz trained and a wicked piano player; Colin loves trippy, far-out obscure music; and Allan has crazy influences, including a stint in a highland pipe band.

Gaz: How do you feel about being an indie band? Is the freedom of having no record label a good thing?

JBR: As far as integrity and headaches [are concerned], it's great. We've always been proud of what we have accomplished without the help of others. We're proud to be independent artists, free of corporate music in Canada,

but there definitely are things we are missing. It would be easier to tour if we had a video on Muchmusic, which is very difficult to get without the backing of a record company. We're happy with what we have achieved in Canada, but our future as a band [may depend] on getting more popular in the United States. [On our own], it is too hard to get across the border and get paying gigs, because of the exposure that you need.

Gaz: Are you actively looking for a label to join?

JBR: Somewhat, but nothing has come across our table that would make us happy. After doing everything on our own, with all the funding coming from our

own pockets and playing our asses off for the last six years, we're not going to give it away for some contract where the company takes 80% of everything first. We're looking for a contract where we still have complete creative control and ownership of everything. Until that comes along, we're not going to sign a deal, because we could keep going like we are now for years, and still be satisfied.

Gaz: What are your most and least favourite things about touring?

JBR: Meeting people and whole experience of travelling, that would have to be the best thing. The worst thing? Our country is too big. It's the best

country in the world, but it would be really nice if every city could be a couple hours closer together. These 12 hour drives don't do anything for your interpersonal relations.

Gaz: What's the craziest thing that has ever happened to you on tour?

JBR: The first time we played in Fredericton, we had never been there before and we didn't even know where it was. We show up to the gig expecting five people, and the place is packed. Everybody there had our CD's, and sang along to every song. Another time, we opened for a Tragically Hip cover band, called 'the Practically Hip' in Peterborough. There was a full

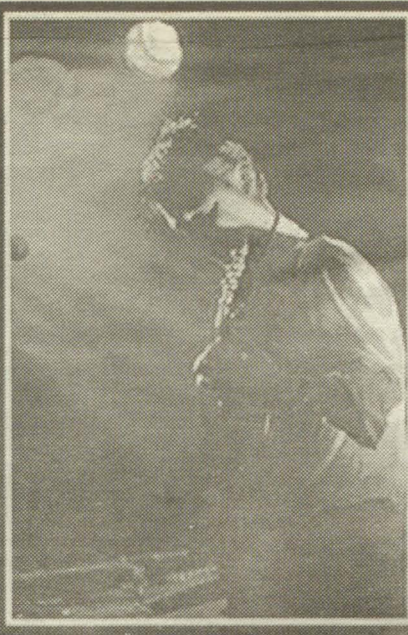
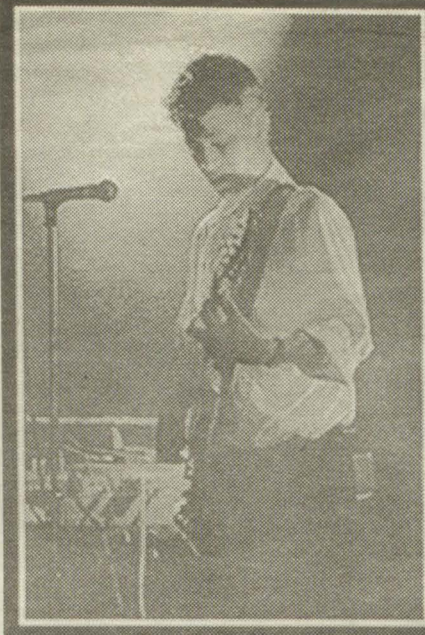
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moon, a bunch of fights in the bar, and people didn't realize that we weren't a cover band, that we played our own music. 'Which band are you?' they kept asking. They didn't understand.

Gaz: What would the four of you be doing if you weren't in this band?

JBR: Colin would be a cop, because he likes to wear this big fanny pack belt, with flashlights and gear and stuff. Either that or a superhero. Stephen would be an artist one way or the other, a

painter or a sculpture, or an independent film-maker. Drew would be a movie star, then a politician, like Clint Eastwood or Sonny Bono. Allan would be working at a restaurant at some suburban mall, slogging it out.

Gaz: Anything else you want to be asked?

JBR: Ask about the new album. It's by far the best work we've done. It was recorded at the legendary Mushroom Studios in Vancouver, where Heart and Loverboy have recorded their gold

albums. Rumour has it that it is haunted. Drew and Allan found a back room full of old master tapes, like Ringo Starr, and Burton Cummings. This back room was so cold, we couldn't understand it, so we think we found out where the ghost lives. Anyway, 'That Sound We Make' is what we are touring for right now, to let people hear it.

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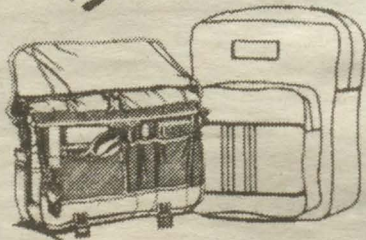
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BY GAZETTE STAFF

Manni is an idiot. Manni left a bag on the subway that contained 100,000 marks. A bum took off with Manni's bag, and a mobster is going to kill Manni if he doesn't come up with the money in twenty minutes. Where does Manni turn for money? The only place he knows, his girlfriend Lola, who promptly tears out of the apartment in search of the cash.

This is the premise of *Run Lola Run (Lola)*, a German film currently playing at the Oxford Theatre.

If you think the premise sounds a bit thin, you're right; with only twenty minutes to make the payment there isn't a lot of time for character development or action. Or is there? *Lola* proves that with clever direction and some techno music you can make an extremely goofy and satisfying little film.

Instead of padding the twenty minutes out to an hour and

a half, writer/director Tom Tykwer wisely opts to show us the same movie three times, sort of.

Every time Lola heads out on her trek things change. Does she steal a bike? Does she leap the hood of a car? Does she run into the nun with sunglasses?

A good part of the fun in *Lola* is watching what's changed in the next run. The people she meets come off even better, after she has dealt with them there's a little cutaway that shows what happens in their future. This too changes every journey, based on tiny little things such as Lola hitting them in the head or shoulder. It's fascinating to think of how applicable this is to real life, although you'll get a headache if you think about it too much. There's a sense of irony to go along with that too; since we find out little things every "run", the audience becomes the only people who have the entire picture of the things going on in the lives of the characters.

Among the many things Lola has going for it is a wicked

sense of humor, which varies from dry social commentary and sight gags to some truly bizarre slapstick. Not many films can claim to be as clever as this one, and the ending of *Lola's* second attempt has to be one of the funniest scenes at the movies this year (if you have a particularly dark sense of humor like myself, of course).

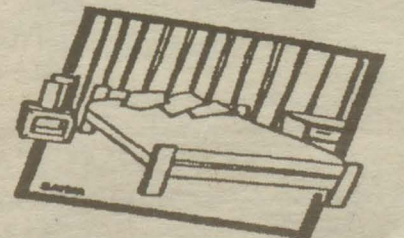
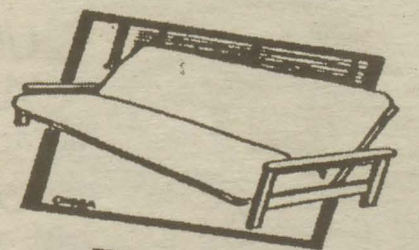
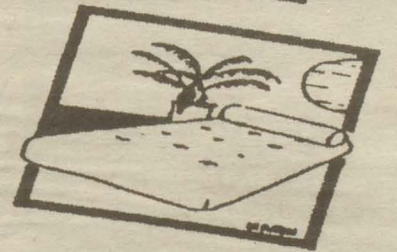
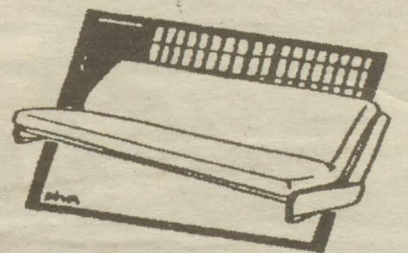
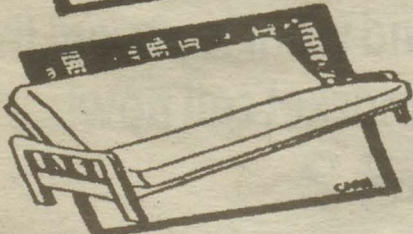
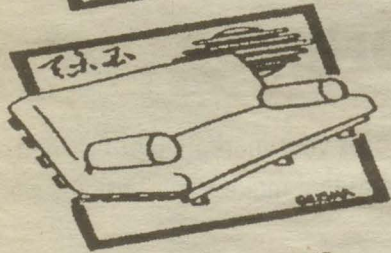
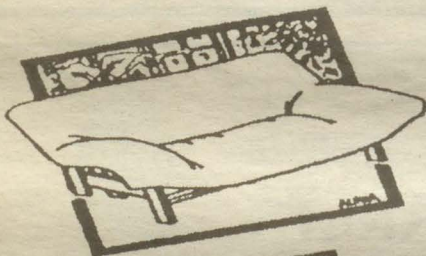
In the extremely short list of problems with this film there's only one that's really worth mentioning, the lack of character development. Although both Lola and Manni are likable characters and they're easy to root for even at their worst, we know so very little about them that it almost seems like they need a little backstory. However, that would ruin the pacing, and the few moments of calm where Lola and Manni discuss their relationship do clear things up a little.

So, in the end, *Run Lola Run* manages a well-deserved three and a half stars. Just remember, the ball is round, the game lasts 90 minutes, and that's all you need to know.

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NY subways get worse: Arquette tormented by demons.

by Mark Evans

Thanks to *The Blair Witch Project* and *The Sixth Sense*, horror has become a fashionable genre in Hollywood again.

Following closely on the heels of both movies comes *Stigmata*. While not in the same league as the two aforementioned films, it still manages to cough up a few good scares and some controversy to boot.

Gabriel Byrne plays Father Andrew Kiernan, a Catholic priest and Organic Chemist, who is sent around the globe to debunk miracles (the Virgin Mary appearing on the side of a wall, for example) for the Church.

He is sent to Pittsburg to investigate a young woman,

Frankie Page (Patricia Arquette), who has started showing stigmata, the wounds given to Christ on the cross. Things start to develop from there, and the film keeps ratcheting up both the level of horror and the suspense.

With the exception of Johnathan Pryce, whose role is written and subsequently played with no depth whatsoever, the acting in *Stigmata* is top notch. Byrne's Father Andrew is particularly well-done, showing a man who wears the collar yet clearly puts more faith in science than God.

The direction is fantastic on the whole, although there seems a deliberate inclusion of more religious symbolism than necessary. The visuals are reminiscent of *Se7en*, with dark colors and

shadows throughout, illustrating the decadence of modern society.

Stigmata does have problems that keep it from being a highly commendable film, however. The biggest is probably the ending, which is abrupt and abandons several characters without closure.

Ambiguous endings are ample in films like *Before Sunrise* and *Pleasantville*, but in *Stigmata* we are left without any hint of how things worked out. It is a cheat to the audience when they have to imagine scenes which were cut or never written. Finally, the ending can easily be predicted by anyone who is paying attention.

A couple warnings, however. This film is extremely bloody. The scenes in which

stigmata manifest are gory by necessity, and it does not get any better from there on. The film can be extremely intense at times as well, which is exactly its aim. *Stigmata* may cause some uneasiness among the religiously devout, especially hard-core Catholics. In addition to the main story line of the film, which will not be given away here, some may see *Stigmata* as an attack on faith in general. This is especially so, given that Frankie is an atheist displaying a trait often reserved for the religiously devout. However, *Stigmata* is not anti-Catholic, and people should view it with an open mind.

Stigmata merits a good three stars out of four, it's slightly flawed but has a lot to recommend it.



Close cut: Patricia Arquette plays a hairdresser with serious spiritual issues.

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SPORTS

Women's soccer want threeppeat Men look to improve under interim coach

BY TERRY HAWES

To say that there is parity in AUAA soccer at the moment would be the understatement of the year.

No fewer than six teams on the men's side have a legitimate shot at the conference championship while the women's side feature five schools capable of lifting the trophy on November 7.

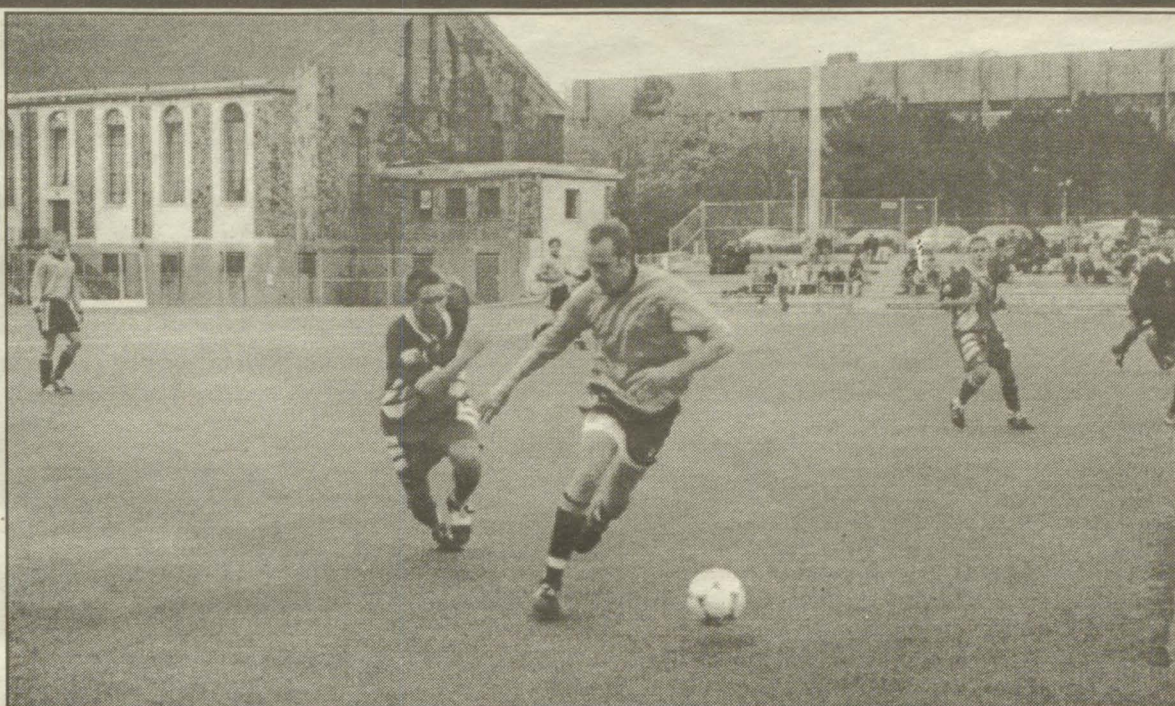
The Dalhousie women are looking for their sixth AUAA championship in seven years and second threeppeat in the same span, however, last year's run was done the hard way. Dara Moore's squad finished third in the East Division, then had to get past UPEI, St. FX

and MUN to win the title leading to the Tigers' bronze CIAU finish last year.

Dal lost AUAA playoff MVP Malin Wester, Mary Beth Bowie, Amy Harding and Kristy O'Connell, but has managed to hold on to the core of the team with ex-Tigers Stephanie Finateri and Julie Pigozzo back after a year of absence. The Tigerettes appear to be the early favorites, but the task will not be easy.

The St. FX X-Women (9-2-2) look to be the Tigers' nearest competitor with key returners Beth McCharles and all-star defender Maureen McSween.

St. Mary's were the surprise team of the regular season with most of their players either in their



Kicking as a habit: soccer action at Dal last spring.

first or second years, and one more year of experience may prove to have been valuable to the young team. Other contenders include Mount Allison and MUN's Sea-Hawks.

The Dalhousie Men's Soccer team will have interim coach Pat Nearing on the sidelines in 1999 due to a back injury to long time skipper Ian Kent, forcing him to miss the year.

Nearing will have his hands full with a team that failed to live up to expectations last season — the Tigers were fourth in the East Division and eventually lost to the UPEI Panthers in AUAA semi-finals.

The team will see the return of many players, including scoring threats Nador Awanen and Jeff Hibberts, goaltenders Grant Spence and Andrew Sears and defenders Ilir Koliqi and ex Dal player Steve Cormier. Still, Nearing has stressed that he is

going to bring some control in the way the team plays.

Among the other contenders will be UPEI, the 1998 AUAA champs, St. Mary's, who have a wealth of experience behind them. Acadia, St. FX, UNB and MUN all have strong teams, however, so the season is still wide open.

The team that finishes first in the East Division will host the AUAA's from November 5-7.

Women's soccer (Sept. 12)
St. Mary's 1 Dalhousie 0

The ladies season opened on a sour note as they went down to a single goal defeat to cross town rivals St. Mary's.

Husky Dianne Hatcher, who scored in the Huskies 2-2 draw with Acadia on Friday, tapped in a goal in the 22nd minute of the match, leaving Dal keeper Roxanne Murphy helpless.

"It was disappointing to get a

loss in our first game." says Dal coach Dara Moore. "We are not physically fit right now and we didn't come to play."

Dal heads to Newfoundland this weekend for a pair of games against the Sea-Hawks.

Men's soccer (Sept. 12)
Dalhousie 1 St. Mary's 1

The Tigers started off the season on a good note as Dal's Chris Delvin hammered in the equalizer with a mere two minutes left in the game.

Nador Awanen opened the scoring for SMU with a shot from just outside the box that hit the post before crossing the line.

SMU, considered the favorite for the East Division championship, stumbled to an opening day defeat at Acadia and looked far from convincing on this day as well before Delvin saved the day with his late goal.

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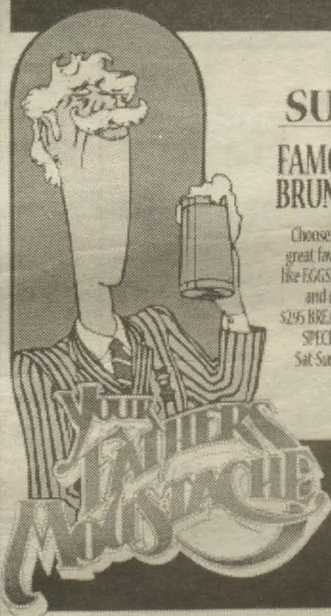
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Dalhousie Wrestling Club starts season

BY GAZETTE STAFF

Now that you are going to Dalhousie University, you are no longer a big fish in a small pond. University life has an enormous amount of opportunities for everyone, from clubs and societies to nitelife.

Sports teams are one of the possibilities for frosh who want to test their athletic limitations and

explore interests.

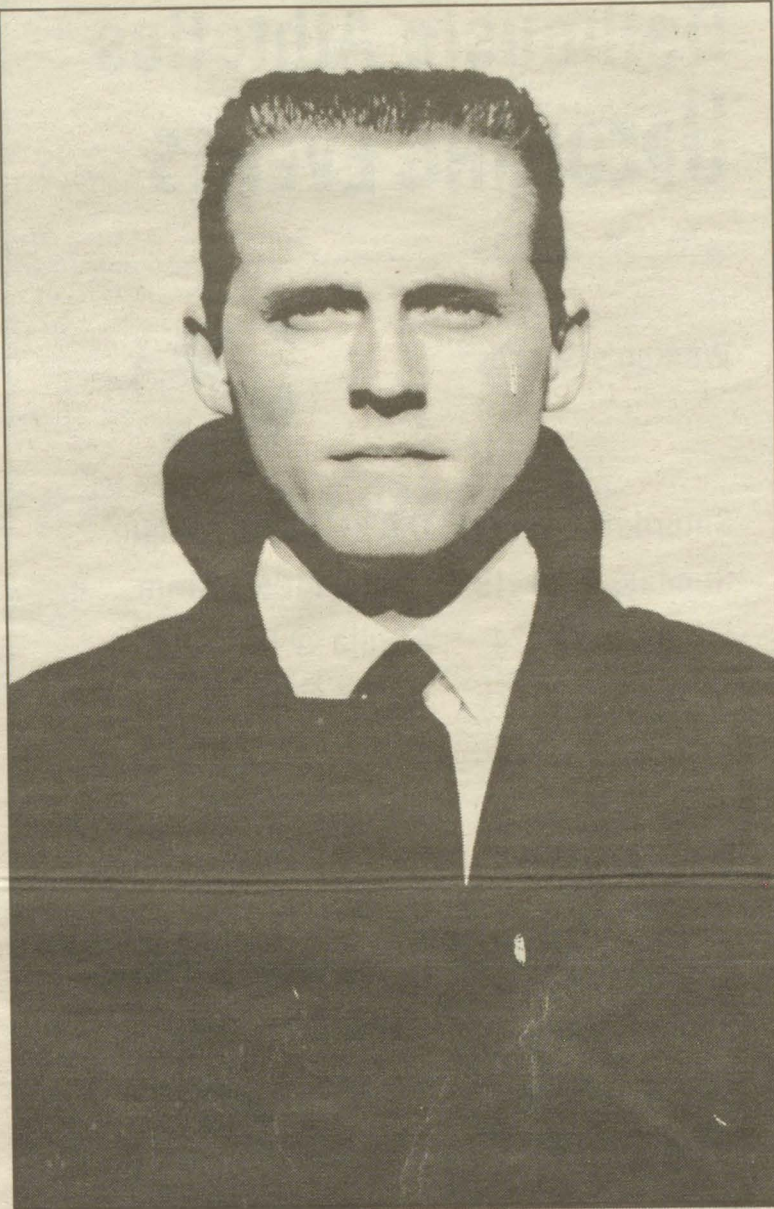
The Dalhousie Wrestling Club gives students opportunities to take part in a physical activity while meeting people. Anyone, short or tall, male or female can join the team. Even if you have never wrestled before, it's never too late to try, and who knows, you may love it.

The best of the athletes are given an opportunity to demon-

strate, and the best wrestlers get the opportunity to compete in the AUSA's and the CIAU's.

The Dal Wrestling Club will be hosting a meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20 in the Grawood at the SUB for past and future members looking for information. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For further info contact Scott Aldridge at 494-7070 or Logan Ward at isward@is2.dal.ca.

Kendomania



Shocked: Mark MacLeod pleased by large numbers.

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The first lesson of Dal's newest club, the Dalhousie Kendo Club, was not only popular, but saw 75 new members for its first meeting, and they are still welcoming new members.

Mark MacLeod, president and founder of Dal's Kendo club, was shocked at the numbers.

"Approximately 100 students to a Kendo lesson is unprecedented in Europe and Canada, where a typical Kendo Dojo class has six to ten students

on average," said MacLeod. "This is incredible."

The lesson consisted of an introduction of MacLeod and his assistant, and an introduction to the Kendo philosophy. Students then assumed a position of meditation for 60 seconds to relax the body and mind.

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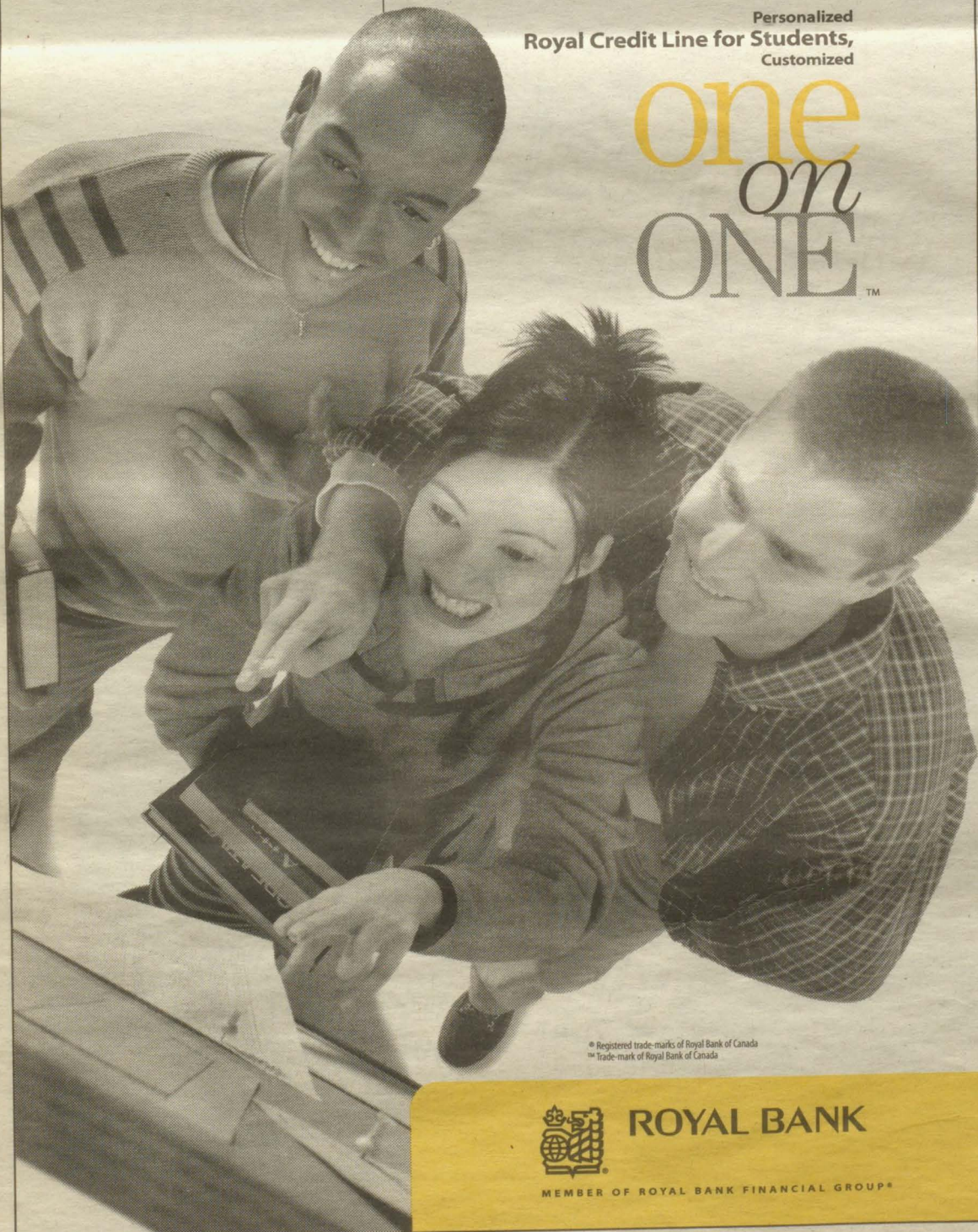
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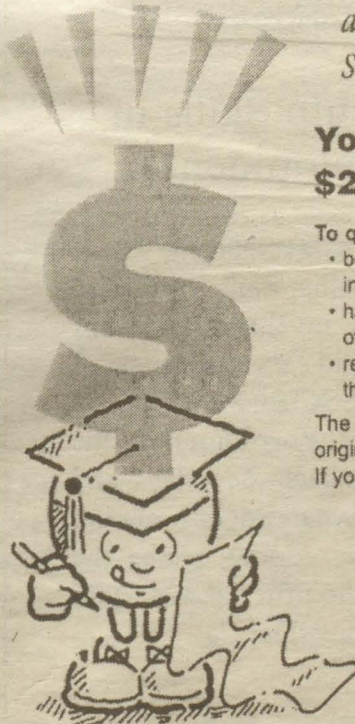
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Tuesday, September 21

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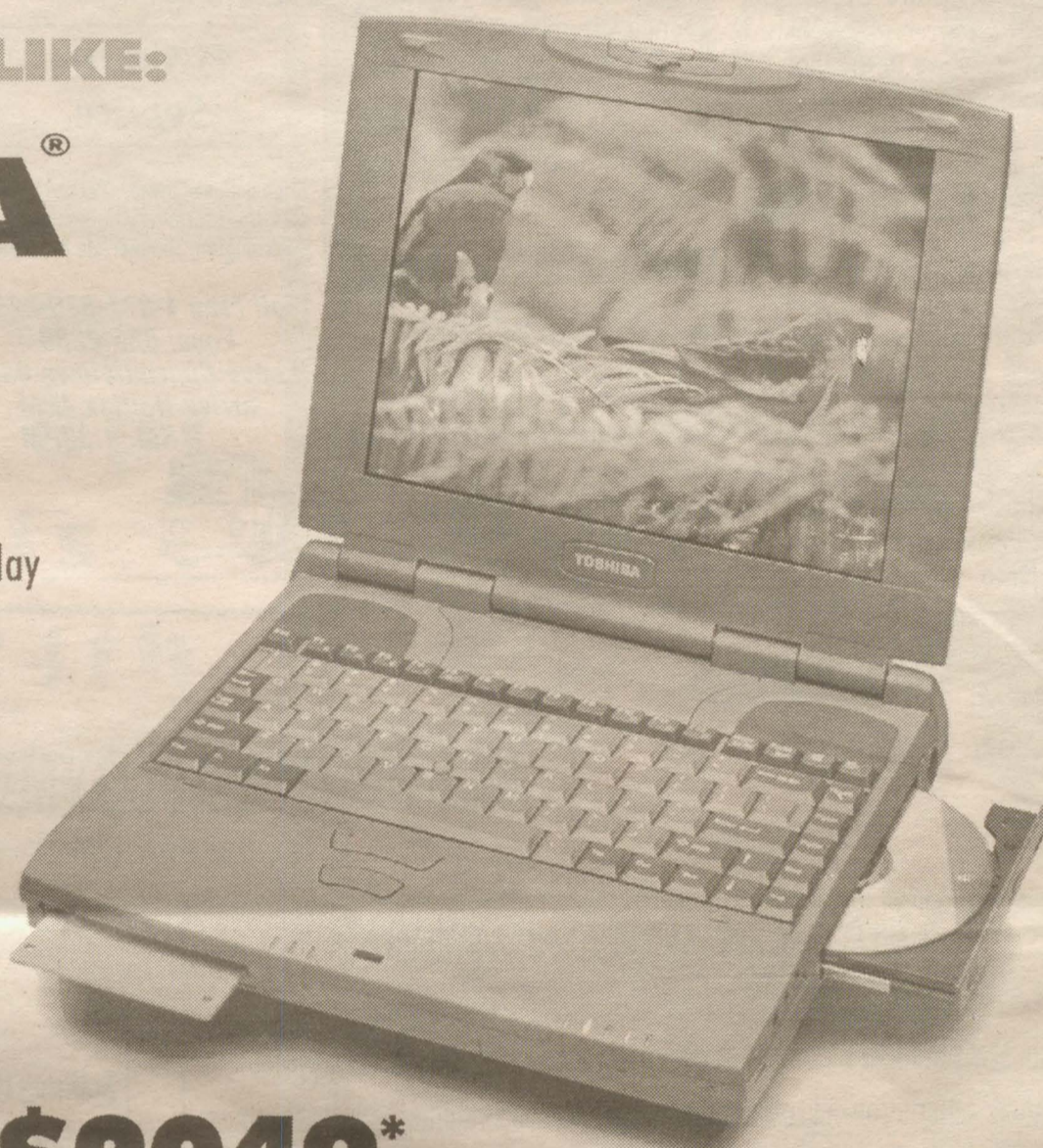
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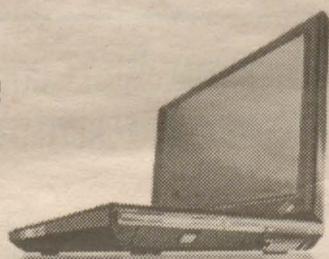


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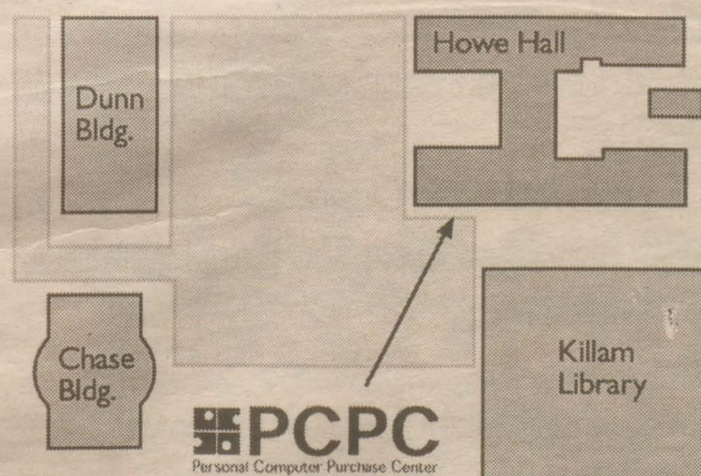
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