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# Women forced to choose religion or breast cancer walk

*The never-ending fight continues*

by ali bresver

*the gazette*

Does the fight ever end? Margie Lieberman, a breast cancer survivor says "no".

"After treatment ended, many of those around me chose to view me as 'cured' and have had expectations for me to return to my 'old self,'" said Lieberman. "This was for their own peace of mind as there is no cure for breast cancer."

But this year, as the October Run for the Cure of Breast Cancer took place across Canada, some had to make difficult decisions on whether or not to participate. The event was scheduled on the same weekend as Rosh Hashanah — the holiest of holidays for the Jewish people. And like many fellow Jews, Lieberman was torn on what to do. Attend synagogue or volunteer at the Wall of Hope like she originally planned.

After getting past the initial shock that the Run was set for Rosh Hashanah weekend, the decision on whether or not to attend was simple.

"It was the humanistic thing to do," said Lieberman, a psychologist who works with people traumatized by murders, suicides, accidents and sudden deaths.

When she arrived at the Wall of Hope, located near the starting point of the run in Toronto, Lieberman said her plan to hand out information and Kleenexes to families of victims changed.

"I saw the messages my two daughters had written for me when I was sick and I just couldn't stay there," said Lieberman.

She chose instead to walk the one-kilometer route with her two daughters.

The Wall of Hope displays messages for those who struggle with the disease as well as those who lost the fight.

Messages are never erased. When Lieberman was first diagnosed her "life became a gambling casino and I had to decide which games would give me the best odds. I had always been disdainful of gambling and then I was forced to play."

Lieberman feels it was important for her to go to the run because not only is she a breast cancer survivor but so is her mother. And with two young daughters of her own, "it is a life affirming day," says Lieberman.

Not all people came to the same conclusions as Lieberman.

After long consultations with family, friends and even their rabbi, the Cloth family decided to plan their own memorial for wife and mother Heather. They had their own walk with friends and family the following week.

Heather Cloth wasn't one of the lucky ones. She didn't survive. To commemorate her life, her family and friends formed Heather's All Stars, a team of people devoted to help find a cure for the disease. The name for

the team came from Heather's maiden name, Starr.

Temple Sinai's Rabbi, Michael Dolgin, is outraged that Jewish families were forced to choose between loved ones and religion. Dolgin spoke with Heather's husband a few weeks ago and tried to help him with his decision.

Roz Doctorow, Cloth's sister, said the Jewish community is such a large supporter for Breast

Cancer research.

"We shouldn't be overlooked."

David McLeod, National Chair and President of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation says the foundation planned a number of alternate events for people who couldn't participate. Walks were planned in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal the previous week with all proceeds going to Mount Sinai Hospital.

But Doctorow says it wasn't publicized enough. Her family didn't even hear about the event until after it was too late.

"The organizers have to be pro-active. They should have seen this coming. I called them to try and help make alternative plans and nobody ever called me back."

"This holiday is no surprise," Doctorow continues. "They should

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# Candidates not allowed to canvass at U of T residences

by richard mckergow

*the varsity*

TORONTO (CUP) - Federal election candidates aren't allowed to canvass most of the residences on the University of Toronto's downtown campus.

Although the 22 residences represent 3,000 of approximately 100,000 voters in the Trinity-Spadina riding, the university says the privacy of the students living in them is at stake.

"If I lose and I wasn't able to get into the residence, and it was only a difference of 300 votes, I would be very angry," said Michael Valpy, a federal NDP candidate.

Valpy campaigners have been trying to canvass in the colleges since late October, but

have come up against resistance from the university and the residences. In the

last election, NDP candidate Olivia Chow lost by only 2,000 votes to Liberal incumbent Tony Ianno, who said he would also like the chance to meet students one-on-one to secure their votes like he did in 1988.

Although the university says politicians are allowed to canvass in common areas and public buildings, they aren't allowed to walk the halls and knock on dorm room

doors.

Susan Bloch-Nevitte, public affairs director, says residences are quite a different setting from most apartment buildings.

"Our understanding of this was that residences are distinct.

There are common areas where candidates are allowed to set up."

Candidates can canvass in the four self-contained residences on campus, if the residence counsel agrees, she added.

Even if candidates are prevented from going door to door in residences, the process is still democratic, Nevitte said.

"The campus is a place for the free exchange of ideas, I don't know why the focus is on the student residences," she said.

With more than 20 publications on U of T campuses, debates are happening all over the place, she said, adding that there are many ways that students can inform themselves

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# Manitoba education group blasts leading parties

by david leibl

central region bureau  
chief

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The front-running parties in the federal election are doing little to address Canada's beleaguered post-secondary education system, a coalition

of Manitoba student and faculty groups has charged.

Target Education — an organization that represents virtually every student and faculty association in the province except the students' union at University of Manitoba — last week assigned the Canadian Alliance and Liberal parties respective grades of "F" and "D" on their education platforms. The Progressive Conservatives also received a "D" and the New Democrats scored highest with a "B".

Not unlike a recent report issued by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), Target Education claims the country's major parties have refused to make

post-secondary education a priority during the election. Only the NDP, it says, offers a comprehensive set of policies to ensure students will have fair access to

adequately-funded institutions.

Liz Carlyle, a spokesperson for the Manitoba office of the CFS, praised the NDP for proposing a "clear plan to implement funding increases" for education.

Carlyle complimented the party on its strategy to establish a national grants program that could increase post-secondary participation amongst low income Canadians

and on its plan to work with the provinces to reduce tuition to 1995 levels.

The Alliance, on the other hand, was criticized by Target Education for including only two short paragraphs about education issues in its platform handbook. The party's platform alludes only to implementing an income-

contingent loan repayment plan (ICR) — a policy Target Education claims will only lead to higher tuition and

greater debt loads. "[ICRs] are a failed and discarded student aid model," said Carlyle. "They're really just a smoke screen for a different kind of financing in post-secondary education."

Target Education members claim that ICR schemes imposed over the last decade by governments in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom were accompanied by longer repayment periods, greater debt loads and higher tuition. Only because of strong opposition from education groups, the coalition claims, was

a 1995 Liberal ICR proposal put back on the shelf.

The Liberals, Target Education claims, are guilty of chopping more than \$5 billion from post-secondary education since 1993. And since education funding is bundled as part of the Canadian Health and Social Transfer that the provinces receive from Ottawa, there's no guarantee individual provinces will actually direct

money to universities.

The coalition credited the Liberals with increasing research funding, but complained not enough money was being kept within the public sector.

"Although the Liberals have reinvested more than \$2 billion in research and development, most of it is devoted to subsidizing corporate research, often at the expense of the public good," said Judy Walker, spokesperson for the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations.

Target Education acknowledged the Conservatives' recognition of the importance of federal transfers for education, but criticized the party for its support of ICRs.

U of M graduate students' association president Amanda Jones complained the Tories offer "no solution to underfunding" by proposing ICR programs.

She also cited the party's past

record on education funding.

"The Progressive Conservatives, between 1984/85 and 1993/94 cut a total of \$6.8 billion dollars," she said.

The Target Education Coalition is comprised of student, staff and faculty groups from the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, College Universitaire de St. Boniface, Brandon University and Red River College.

U of M students' union president Steven Fletcher has said the union won't join Target Education because the coalition allegedly carries a bias. Coalition members say

the organization is non-partisan.

## Women forced to choose

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have made a pitch so the Jewish community could relate. It is a great way to start off the New Year. Everyone can observe it in his or her own way. This would have made us feel more included rather than ignored."

In the end it is the struggles that these people have experienced or witnessed that placed their devotion to a cure for the disease higher up on their list of priorities than religion.

"You can never forget," said Lieberman. "Sometimes the memories float away until suddenly they come crashing in on you. Reaffirming life, missing those who are gone, remembering... that is what it is all about. I have learned to let go of the statistics. After all I am not a number, but a living, breathing person and delighted to be that."

## Candidates

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about the issues and make a decision on who to vote for.

But the two leading candidates in the riding disagree.

"Everyone has the right to see their member of Parliament or aspiring member of Parliament," said Ianno.

"Through a technicality, the university uses [residence rooms] as a bedroom, but there's a door to that bedroom."

"It's a close race and every vote counts," said Valpy. "It's important to me that students are engaged in the process... It distresses me that young voters are turning away from the elections, but they are not apathetic."

Former NDP candidate Chow, who is now a city councillor, said she has canvassed in student residences before, and it's no different from apartment buildings.

"The university should foster and encourage face to face discussion," she said.

Chow said she fears that without meeting the candidates in person, many students may not have much incentive to vote.

"It could really lower voter turnout if you don't get to meet the candidate," she said. "It's a violation of the spirit of democracy."

— with files from CUP

# National News

from the Canadian University Press newswire  
by Wendy Sawatzky

## York students in third week of strike

TORONTO (CUP) — After three weeks of picket lines and no compromise by the administration, frustrated York University undergraduate students headed to York's president's office last Monday to ask for an end to the strike.

A group of seven exchange, international, and local students marched to the president's office, pleading for a quick solution to minimize the damage to their studies caused by the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3903 strike. A vice-president of the university said she understands the students' demands, but that she could not promise an end to the strike soon.

The CUPE local, which represents teaching assistants, contract faculty, and graduate assistants, has been on strike since Oct. 26, however the two groups are no closer to reaching an agreement with the than three weeks ago when the strike began. The union says the university is stonewalling and refuses to compromise for a fair settlement.

The administration, however, claims to have offered a fair contract.

On Monday, a provincial Ministry of Labour mediator was brought in to bring both sides closer to an agreement.

## New Brunswick university cuts off after-hours counselling

FREDERICTON (CUP) — Overworked and understaffed counselors at the University of New Brunswick are no longer responding to after-hours calls from students.

For years, counseling staff have answered students' concerns nights and weekends through a pager system after a call was placed with the university's security office.

All that ended two weeks ago, sparking concern from several residence students, who say the timing of the decision couldn't be worse because stress levels tend to rise with the end of term academic crunch and the approach of December exams.

The university's director of student affairs said the counseling office has been short-staffed since August because of illness and accident. As a result, the normal complement of five counselors has been reduced to three.

While no official contract has yet been signed, the director has been talking with a well-known local crisis intervention organization as a temporary solution for after-hours service.

This is not the first time the issue of overworked counseling staff has surfaced at the university. A 1996 report following an external review of student services stated that since 1986 there had been more demand on counselors due to large enrollment, reduced staffing and an ever-increasing number of students with serious psychological problems seeking help.

## Protesters granted bail after 16 days in jail

MONTREAL (CUP) — Three young protesters who spent 16 days in jail for allegedly throwing rocks and chunks of pavement at riot police during a G-20 demonstration were granted bail in a quick appeal hearing last Tuesday morning.

Quebec Court Judge Gerald Locas initially denied the three men, aged 18 to 25, bail on Oct. 25. The denial came after being charged with armed assault on a police officer in Montreal, where finance ministers from 19 of the world's strongest economies, along with representatives from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, met to discuss globalization.

In Quebec Superior Court Nov. 7, they were released on the condition that they avoid public protests and respect an 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew until their trial.

Crown Prosecutor Normand Chenier, who had argued successfully in the first bail hearing that because the trio represented a threat to both police officers and society they should be incarcerated until their trial, said last Tuesday that keeping the three in prison until their preliminary hearings on Nov. 17 would be unjust punishment, especially given their age. He said the "circumstances" under which the trio was incarcerated — presumably the G-20 meetings — no longer applied.

Judge Locas had also originally reasoned that releasing the three men would have undermined confidence in Canada's legal system — especially in the eyes of international public opinion — because police officers are the "guardians of democracy."

Outside the courtroom, one of the men's defense attorneys insisted that 16 days behind bars was an excessive punishment — almost unheard of for this type of alleged infraction.

He refused to speculate on the Crown's initial motivation in demanding such measures.

## McGill student society accused of racial insensitivity

MONTREAL (CUP) — Members of McGill's Black Student Network are outraged this week after their new constitution was rejected by the Student Society of McGill University.

Members of the club say the constitution was rejected because of its preamble, which refers to James McGill as a slave owner and notes the socioeconomic disadvantages

Black people face in society. A member says he heard the club's vice-president told him the constitution was not accepted by the student society, which must approve all changes to clubs' constitutions, because it was "inflammatory" and "exclusionary."

But the vice-president denies saying the constitution was rejected because of any such reasons, citing incorrect paperwork as the real reason the constitution was rejected. He later admitted, however, that he may have said such a thing, but that he said it "informally" and not in any official capacity.

This is not the first time that student society has clashed with the Black Students' Network. In February 2000, an ad by student society's newspaper, the Tribune, referred to a black man as a 'spade' and implied that he should stay away from white women. The ad was approved by student society front desk staff.

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# Saturn Canada sponsors Business Project

by sofia kalormakis

the gazette

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Saturn's PR spokesperson says that participating students need to be innovative and practical.

Isabelle Troitzky says this is a project created by students for students.

"Saturn wants [the students] to prepare a full fledged market strategy for Saturn's new Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) in a University market specifically targeted to students," said Troitzky.

So far, the competitors are from Ottawa University, Wilfrid Laurier University, Rodman School of Management, McGill University, University of Alberta, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, McMaster University, Georgian College and Carleton University.

Four schools will be selected and four prizes will be awarded. The first prize is \$15,000; the second \$6000; third and fourth are \$5000 and \$4000, respectively. The Universities can have as many teams as they want but only one final project can be submitted per school.

The judging panel for this

project includes the Manager of General Affairs at General Motors, the Cossette Marketing Communications Company and the director at Saturn.

Submissions must be in by the end of January. The judging panel reviews the projects in February and the winners will be announced in March.

The winners will be judged on most complete submissions, including the best objective marketing research strategy and best overall campaign ads.

Saturn's involvement with the communities it works with is part of its *A Different Kind of Company* campaign, which funds many projects for communities across the country.

"It's Saturn's philosophy that people should be recognized for their efforts," Troitzky said. "It wants to give back to the community in which it lives and works."

The company builds playgrounds for children and offers scholarships to University students in Canada, among other things.

This fall, Saturn Canada awarded five female students attending University or college in Canada with Saturn's "Commitment to Excellence" Award. The \$1,500 award was given to female students having made significant accomplishments academically as well as in other areas in their communities.

Professor Tony Schellinck from the Faculty of Management

at Dalhousie University says the School of Business intended to enter the race but decided to stay out of the competition in the end.

"We thought that, given the time frames, we couldn't put a good effort into it," Schellinck said. "We didn't feel like throwing the students into an environment where they couldn't work at their

best," he said.

Schellinck points out that, although the University decided not to participate in this competition, it has participated in the Saturn Business project in the past.

Moreover, Dalhousie entered the Canadian Marketing Association Student R.S.V. P Award and two of their MBA

students are among the top three.

This major event involves about 1500 people in the business community.

"The students are being flown to Toronto this Friday, Nov. 24, and whoever wins will be the winning team from all of Canada," Schellinck said.

## New principal turns "hard school" into positive learning environment

by meghan stewart

the gazette

Principal Edy Guy-Francois works the canteen at 10:30 a.m. on a Tuesday morning.

During the recess which she has extended by five minutes, she quickly makes change and hands out chips, chocolate milk and ice cream bars left and right.

In the midst of the noise and shuffle, she notices a grade seven boy in the corner telling off a classmate and repeatedly kicking the wall.

"Hey! You know, I don't even know your name."

The boy ignores her.

"Hey you! Orange! Over here."

The mischievous smile on the boy in the puffy orange vest fades as he approaches the principal. She addresses him in a lowered voice. He nods and departs.

Guy-Francois, in her early fifties, has been a member of the school board for almost 24 years. It took two rejections for principalships she'd applied for, a few months as vice principal and seven months as acting principal of Caledonia before she got the job as principal there.

It began in Digby, where Guy-Francois was born to a teenaged mother. At age five, she and her two sisters were moved to a foster home in Weymouth Falls.

"It wasn't healthy. She couldn't look after us. She was still a kid. She wanted her life. Can't blame her," Guy-Francois says.

Guy-Francois attended an all-black elementary school for grades primary to four, and spent grades five to 12 in a consolidated school.

"In grade ten, friends of mine were dropping out like crazy, going to the big cities like Toronto," Guy-Francois said with a laugh. "Then when my best bud, Anita Langford left, I was the only black female left in the class."

Guy-Francois attended the

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Nova Scotia Teacher's College in Truro for two years, then moved to Halifax.

After years of teaching elementary and junior high classes across the province, she got the position of vice principal at Caledonia last year.

Seven months, an on-site assessment and a formal interview later, Guy-Francois got the job as principal of Caledonia.

She was in a position where she could start initiating change in a hard school.

Guy-Francois says it's seen as a hard school largely because of the black student population and stories circulating about the black children.

"Some of the students were wearing their parents worries and bad rumours they'd heard about this school," Guy-Francois said.

She says a major problem was the amount of office referrals.

"All these office referrals, I thought no one can be sane having five or six kids out of class at any given time," she said, shaking her head.

Guy-Francois says office referrals have reduced by about 90 percent this year. One student was sent to the office before lunch that day.

"There's no way you can compare that [to last year]," she said.

Students and teachers seem to agree that Guy-Francois has brought positive change to Caledonia.

"At first, she did seem kind of strict," said Kate Rogers, 14, a grade nine student at Caledonia. "She enforces rules. Everybody's more well-behaved," said Rogers.

Guy-Francois may be tough on enforcing the rules, but she also believes in positively re-enforcing good behaviour.

"In grade seven, we had maybe three dances a year," Rogers said. "Now we have a dance every month. They're really fun and well-organized."

Rogers says Guy-Francois is easy to approach with any problems. She's always in the hallways talking to students or visiting classrooms.

"What do I think of Edy Guy-Francois," Caledonia's acting vice principle Terry Barro said with a deliberate bellow. "She's mean, loud, cranky..." Guy-Francois chuckles as she passes the open door to Barro's office.

"No. At first, I thought she was tough and stand-offish. Very cool," comments Barro in a quieter voice. "Now that I know her...I see she's fair, she's caring and has a strong vision of where she wants to go with Caledonia," said Barro, his smile widening. "I love...her laughter."

Grade seven teacher Natalie Hagerty and learning centre teacher Sally Nanton worked with Guy-Francois at Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Junior High School.

When she became acting principal, she invited them to work at Caledonia.

"She's involved in absolutely everything in the school," said Nanton. "She's involved in peer mediation to help out the students, which gives kids the power to deal with their own problems."

Hagerty says Guy-Francois does wonders for school spirit by investing a large amount of time in school dances, assemblies, winter carnival and getting guest speakers.

"I remember during African

heritage month, she let students interview her in front of their class," Hagerty remembers. "She was so honest in her answers, so thoughtful."

Guy-Francois says she wants to continue proving to students and teachers that if they get involved, this can be a positive learning environment for them.

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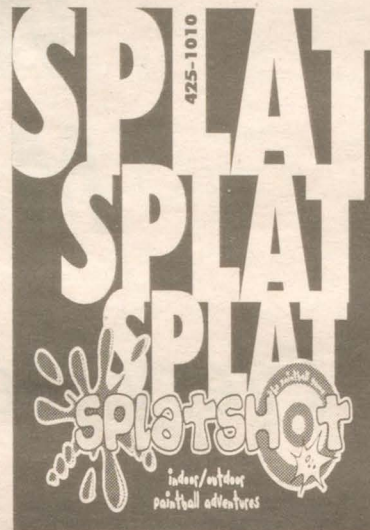
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# EDITORIAL

## Dalhousie: Ivy league or divey league?

Dalhousie, was a University established by the English upon colonization of Halifax and functioned as an elite college for the English of Halifax. Meanwhile, the Irish people of Halifax developed St. Mary's. Since then, other universities have developed such as Acadia, St. Francis Xavier, Mount Saint Vincent and, most recently, University College of Cape Breton. Although all universities in Nova Scotia are supposed to be credited equally in terms of education, every university does not get a fair cut of the money. In fact, most of provincial governments funding goes to Dalhousie which is still the premier school of Nova Scotia, and the sole holder of law, medical, engineering and many other specialized colleges.

**Personally, I can in fact attest to how "elite" of a school Dalhousie really is. Currently in the science program I transferred from another**

*So I guess this raises more questions. Do you want Dalhousie to have stringent standards that are those of ivy league schools. Do you really mind the elevated tuition although it enables the school to be a little better. What teaching method do you want. This, I guess, is something widely overlooked by the student body and should really be addressed.*

university and I've seen a different style of teaching. That is, the professors are teaching in a method that is in the context of cutting edge research. This, I really didn't experience in the past.

I've heard many students refer to Dal as an "ivy league" school Dalhousie is an excellent school with descent funding and higher standards of learning is it really an Canadian version of an "Ivy League" school? Of course, it does have the ivy on the side of buildings, it's old, and very attention-demanding.

The answer is completely up to your judgment. I suppose in a Canadian context it would certainly be ivy league, with some of the best researchers in the world and projects going on here that are revolutionary. It can also be stated with certainty that Dalhousie certainly stands out from other universities. It, in fact, draws many of the best students from across the country (if not the world) to come here to study. All of this, combined with the fact that class averages at Dalhousie are kept around 60-70 percent, makes it considerably harder to excel here.

For instance, in a class of 200 students, you probably won't be faced with a multiple choice tests with four "clear cut" answers. Instead you're going to see, "all of the above," "none of the above," and "two of the above." This type of testing called F-style testing has been recently outlawed in the Dalhousie medical school, however, it still remains in many of the undergraduate disciplines at Dalhousie. In fact, this is due to

the fact that Dalhousie only wants to produce the best studies and wants to "weed" out those that are not trying or unable to perform well.

In recent months, in fact, there have been many complaints in Dalhousie about "scaling down" marks. It seems that in some instances when the class average is too high, in comparison with the universal standard averages of the course, some professors believe that it is the university's best interest to scale down grades. As controversial as this might be, these types of actions are common in some of the ivy league schools in the US.

The kind of extracurricular involvement at Dalhousie also seems to be quite unique from other schools. *The Gazette* has, in fact, been trying to promote them as much as possible but it can be presumed that Dal's student involvement will probably never

be the same as St. Mary's. For the most part, people at Dalhousie aren't dressing up and painting their faces like SMU students do for a Huskies game but rather they are partaking in human rights clubs like the Women's Centre or part of an academic club like the science society. Its student newspaper, *The Gazette*, is the premier newspaper in the area and has many diverse articles published from its student body every week. This gives Dalhousie a different feel from other schools. It gives the impression that Dalhousie brings forth a more diverse, individualized, mature and refined crowd.

Despite all of the characteristics that Dalhousie has of an ivy league school, it also seems to be lacking in some major areas. Dalhousie definitely does not have the funding of an ivy league school and this is, for the most part, due to the tuition we pay. Although Dalhousie's tuition is rather high in comparison with other Canadian schools it is infinitesimal compared to American ivy league schools. This has led Dal to try to make cuts in particular areas like, for instance, the amalgamation of the science library which would certainly save money but be to the school's detriment.

So, I guess this raises more questions. Do you want Dalhousie to have stringent standards that are those of ivy league schools? Do you really mind the elevated tuition although it enables the school to be a little better? What teaching method do you want? This, I guess, is something widely overlooked by the student body and should really be addressed. These are definitely things you should consider.

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# Ahoy, It Is I, The Real Herodotus Blackburn!

Dear Sir/ Madam,

It has been a trying week for me I must say good sir; two events have brought distress to my humble house and cast a dark pall over my oxygen tent. I was flipping through your weekly this past week when I noticed the name of sweet Darla leaping from the page. I then was affronted by a crude version of my own noble name. I demand to know who is this Blackbird fellow? Although his words would have been more injurious had they not read like a conversation with an aspiring

ether saturated Elliot, this still cannot stand. Alas and Alak good sir this affront borne twice the sting, as it appears young Darla has left me, yes Dear Editor I, Herodotus Blackburn former Gadfly, dandy and Man about Town has been cuckolded.

But first to this upstart Blackbird. I will not be usurped sir, no, the Blackburn name has long struck fear into the hearts of those least able to defend themselves, truly the name Blackburn has as often been reviled as revered, but we could speak of fond memories all day,

allow me return to the matter at hand. Sir, cease and desist your nonsensical mockery or I shall set my manservant Finbar upon you. The choice is yours Blackbird, withdraw or risk joining Tad in my Oubliette, this question demands an answer!

Which brings me to the second event this past week, I received a correspondence from Darla stating that she had lost the love that she once felt so powerfully in her youthful breast. I am certainly accustomed to negative mail, but as you must have guessed the news usually

relates to the misfortune of others at my interest's hands and rarely requires more than a note to my solicitor. As such I was unprepared for this heartbreak. It seems Darla sought solace in the arms of that rapsallion Tad. Could it have been the failure of our union to be consummated or the reek of death that has been seeping from my iron lung of late, one can only guess.

Well Sir, I cannot say if it was a result of a new found generosity or the glow of well being that follows my daily colonic irrigation, but I wished the young harlot well and after stripping her of all the gifts that

I had bestowed upon her I bid her adieu having Finbar drive her to the edge of town. I could not however allow Tad's indiscretion to go unpunished and so the young man, formerly a blossoming Philosophy student at the local academy will discover if tepid water and stale bread are "brain food" while listening over and over to "The Sorrows of Young Werther" read by Gilbert Godfrey.

So dear editor I leave you with this thought — perhaps it is not a woman scorned but rather a deranged centuagenarian scorned who should be minded.

Ever Onwards,  
Herodotus Blackburn

## Can Rant: No assholes, please

I take a class in the A&A twice a week and for some peculiar reason, I always have to "have a doodie" just before class.

I'm not sure if anyone else does this but I habitually pick the same stall for my number two deposit. Anyway, the particular stall I use always makes me sigh in disgust, not because of the stench of my own production, but because of the incredibly asinine phrases written on the door and walls.

Here's a small sample: "Gay boy die AIDS victim," "Insert here," accompanied by a detailed sketch of a women's genitals and

an arrow, and other similar comments.

To whoever writes these kinds of messages on bathroom walls: get the fuck out of Dalhousie and go back to whatever highschool you came from, please. A university is an institution of higher learning, a place where people have, assumably, attained a certain intellectual level, and a place where students prepare to inherit society's reigns. If you morons are the ones in control of tomorrow's Canada, I'm moving to a more progressive state, like Afghanistan.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for graffiti. At my favourite desk in the library, I used to enjoy the debate going on between two students about the advantages and disadvantages of post secondary education. And the bathrooms in the business building have some very funny jokes. But the kind of crap — no pun intended — on the walls of the A&A bathrooms has no place at a university. Instead of spending so much time mapping out the female body with your pen, read a book, get educated, and become a productive member of the Dalhousie Community.

Jeff Myers

## Putting words in my mouth

Dear Editor,

Mr. David Silver says (Nov. 16) that I was calling for "continuation of violence." That is a total falsehood. I call again for the implementation of UN and Security Council resolutions and allow the Palestinians to have their truly independent state on only 22 percent of historic Palestine, and not the ghettos or the 'bantustans' that Mr. Barak is proposing for them. Thus the two states can live in peace together.

Mr. Silver claims that he is

"not blind to the plight of the Palestinian people." If so, we plead with him to call on Mr. Barak, like many Israeli Jewish people of conscience who have already done so, to comply with international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention, and withdraw from the illegally- occupied territories, of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. Thus, we can have peace and good neighborly relations.

Yours sincerely  
Ismail Zayid, MD.

# RANT OR RAVE Potluck or the real deal on the world famous chronic

Why is marijuana illegal? Because it's bad.  
Why is it bad? Because it's illegal.

I think the time is upon us to reconsider the laws that prohibit the possession, use and sale of weed. I think we are all responsible enough to have the freedom to choose. You can buy tobacco and alcohol quite easily with a piece of ID that says you are 19 years of age. The effects, both long and short term, of either of the two "recreational" drugs that we are allowed to use are no better than those of marijuana.

Speaking from observation, "potheads" usually sit around and listen to music, play video games or eat. Drunks on the other hand are quite well known for activities such as smashing windows, picking fights, driving or just being obnoxiously loud in the wee hours of the morning. These descriptions fit well the behavioural patterns of people under the influence of either substance and if you don't believe me, move into a university residence for a year.

Our government simply can not say that weed is illegal to protect Canadians. They regulate and make a killing — killing, I say — off the production and sales of addictive and poisonous substances — booze and smokes. They sign ridiculous free trade agreements that basically will allow other countries to drink us dry in a few decades when the world's water supply will be if not seriously depleted, then horribly contaminated. Why then is a normal, hard-working, tax-paying Canadian seen as criminal that needs to be locked away from the rest of society when (s)he decides that on Friday night (s)he will relax at home, on his couch, smoking pot and watching TV.

It makes no sense.

Let's break it down: Joe Pothead works all week. Joe gets a paycheck on Friday and spends a bit of it on weed. He gets high at home with his wife or friends, whatever.

Somehow the RCMP learn of his illegal activities on this particular Friday and bust him. He gets taken to the station, eventually goes to court and later to jail. Now I don't know what government employees get paid exactly but I am sure police and judges are paid quite well. I would also imagine that it is not cheap to house, clothe and feed a jailbird for any length of time. A lot of time and energy is spent on "protecting" society from Joe Pothead and his antics. Had Joe been left alone, he probably would have sat around a little longer, watched some more TV, ordered pizza then gone to bed. Nothing that constitutes a threat to society.

Why then is weed illegal? I don't know.

What is even worse is to think of the potential dollars that could be had from the legalization of marijuana. Some people smoke pot. Chances are you can think of a few people close to you who do or have smoked pot. The fact of the matter is that, legal or not, weed will be smoked. And if someone is smoking it, somebody is selling it.

Why not the government? We pay the government through our taxes, the government uses our money to pay the RCMP the judge and the jails to keep dangerous Joe away from us.

Well Joe is not dangerous! Joe is my brother, Joe serves my coffee and teaches my classes. Instead of this insanity, grow weed and sell it to Joe. It would be much easier for Joe to stop by the weed mart on his way home from work than it would be for him to try to track down a "dealer" and probably much cheaper too! Then use this pot profit for productive things like cleaning our harbour, educating our young or caring for the old.

Not only does pot hold a recreational value for some people but has many other uses as well. Apparently, for those who don't own a copy of *Black Sunday* by Cypress Hill, one acre of weed makes as much paper as four acres of trees, and grows to maturity in 1/20 of the time. Weed fibre can also be used to make clothes, and rope. Weed seed oil can be used as a healthy alternative to saturated fatty oils. It is an effective treatment for an eye disorder known as acute glaucoma, sickness resulting from kemio-therapy and chronic pain disorders, to mention a few.

There are many arguments that can be made for the legalization of marijuana. While booze and cigarettes are legal there are few against it.

I think our course of action is clear. Legalize marijuana. Grow it under government controlled regulations and sell it and tax the heck out of it like alcohol and tobacco. Some may say "If pot is legalized everyone will start smoking it and that would be bad, mmmkay!?" I think that is silly.

Seriously, from my earliest days of middle school to the present, marijuana has been seemingly available to anyone who felt so inclined. People who want to smoke marijuana at present, smoke it and those who don't, don't. The government is missing out on a ton of cash. Let's not forget that our pal Joe has many friends south of the boarder, and elsewhere in the world.

Jeremy Scarr



# Top Ten Reasons for Students to Vote

- 10** Since 1993, the Chrétien government has slashed \$5.2-billion in federal transfers for post-secondary education.
- 9** Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day thinks transfer payments to the provinces for education and health care are "intrusive" and would consider abolishing them altogether.
- 8** Chrétien proposes to spend \$100-billion of the projected \$130-billion surplus on tax cuts, primarily for wealthy Canadians.
- 7** Stockwell Day wants to spend even more -- \$125-billion or 96% of the projected surplus -- on tax cuts.
- 6** In the past decade, tuition fees have increased on average 126% in Canada and an astounding 208% in Alberta under Stockwell Day.
- 5** Chrétien has offered no significant plans to reduce student debt, now averaging \$25,000 at graduation. His Millennium Scholarship Fund will help only 7% of all students, and virtually none in Ontario and Nova Scotia.
- 4** Stockwell Day wants to replace the Canada Student Loan Program with a funding model known as an "income contingent repayment loan scheme" that would see tuition fees and student debt skyrocket.
- 3** Youth voter turnout is lower than any other demographic in Canada.
- 2** "If the federal government has the fiscal capacity to help students with college loans, then they have too much fiscal capacity." (Stockwell Day, May 23, 2000)
- 1** Three words: Palm Beach County.

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## UBC clinic offers private medical care

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A cutting-edge diagnostic tool used in the fight against cancer is being offered for the first time in BC at a clinic on the University of British Columbia campus, but patients should be prepared to pay a hefty price to use the facility.

Patients suffering from various forms of cancer, as well as heart and brain diseases, can now receive a full-body Positron Emission Topography (PET) scan on campus. The procedure can help detect cancerous body tissues.

But the \$2,500 scan offered at the PET scan Centre — the private clinic which opened two months ago at the BC Research and Innovation Complex on Wesbrook Mall — is not covered by public health insurance.

Brian Lentle, the medical director of the facility, said that he realizes the privately-owned, for-profit nature of the clinic may draw criticism, but claims that the B.C. government is usually unwilling to invest in new medical technologies.

"The smart thing to do is to have a situation where you have private people making the investment, like we did here, and then simply make it an insured service so that it becomes available to people either in the hospital or in the clinic. Ultimately I think both will happen," he said.

While several PET scanners are available across Canada, the

\$4-million facility is the first in the country to offer scans solely for clinical purposes and the first to offer a "full-body" scan.

Jennifer Hazlewood, a BC Ministry of Health spokesperson, confirmed that the government is looking into approving medical coverage for PET scans.

"At this point, it's fairly new technology," she said. "It's funded privately right now, but there's no saying that's going to be the way it is permanently."

She added, however, that the government must also consider that much of the equipment at BC hospitals needs upgrading.

Coleen Fuller, a medical researcher working for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, worries that clinics like the PETscan Centre could have a detrimental effect on BC's healthcare system.

Fuller asserted that publicly-funded coverage of a medical procedure in a private clinic could strain the health care system because this cost would be higher than if offered in a public facility.

"Whenever these new technologies come on to the market, the first thing people want is the public purse to pay for the testing," she said.

But Lentle said that having a private clinic in BC is better than having none at all. He added that before the clinic's inception, BC patients who needed PET scans were often referred to clinics in the Seattle area.

He points to a Vancouver General Hospital study that suggests an annual demand of 9000 PET scans — far greater than the 2000 scans that the PET clinic is potentially capable of.

But Fuller is also concerned that private companies may over-advertise the usefulness of a new technology, which could result in doctors unnecessarily referring patients to the expensive procedure.

The PETscan Centre requires a medical referral before it will conduct a scan.

Lentle said the clinic was set up to be near UBC's TRIUMF research centre, in hopes that TRIUMF would manufacture the radioactive tracer that is injected into patients during the scan.

But due to strict government regulations on the clinical use of the tracer, and possible conflicts with using public TRIUMF funds for a private clinic, the clinic is instead shipping in tracer from Seattle.

Because of the material's two-hour lifespan, Lentle said shipping them across the border is like "buying a melting ice cube without the ice box."

He added that heavy traffic jams on the roads could create "a clinical and economic disaster."

## Vanessa's Closet

by vanessa owen

advice from someone completely unqualified

Dear Vanessa,

I am totally in love with a guy that I have only met a few times. We have been going to school together for three years and I don't know how to profess my love for him. I get so tongue tied around him and nervous.

Lost in Love

Dear L.I.L.,

Before we go to far, I must ask, how do you know you love him? Is it because your legs turn to mush whenever he's around? Your heart beats faster when he looks at you? You can't speak coherent sentences around him? My dear... that's not love, that's fear. You know next to nothing about the guy and what you think you are in love with is nothing short of an imaginary boy lurking around in your cranium. I would definitely advise against telling him you are in love with him. Instead ask him out for a movie or a coffee and see if the real boy is on the same pedestal as the imaginary one.

Dear Vanessa,

I think my boyfriend wants to have anal sex with me. What advice can you give me?

Position Mission

Dear Mission,

If there is a hole a man will want to fill it. But in response to your question, just because your boyfriend wants to engage in anal sex, doesn't mean you have to do it. Make sure it is a decision that you make without pressure from him. It is your body and what you say goes. Now, if you have decided that this is the route to go, you should have ready the following:

- I. A willing partner (presumably that is you)
- II. Lots of lubrication
- III. Plenty of foreplay and patience

Some advice to the BF, you best make your visit a pleasure, if you wanna get invited in that back door again. No one likes a pain in the ass. Have Fun!

Dear Vanessa,

I have been reading your column all year and I must say that I have enjoyed your witty responses and progressive advice. I have a few questions to ask you: 1) How can I get the opportunity to worship at your feet? 2) What's your favorite position? 3) What is your sign?

Adoring Fan

Dear Freak,

Stand in Line  
President and CEO  
Stop Sign

## Desk monkey? Not me!

by amir walberg

the gazette

A response to "What are YOU doing after school"

I was one of the precious few high school students who knew what I wanted out of university. I had bought in to the idealism of the 60's and 70's, believing that spiritual enlightenment and wisdom should come first, and money will follow.

When I first stepped on campus soil, I was grossed out by the materialism I saw for the first time. I could put price tags on people's wardrobes as they walked by. Within an

hour, I had seen \$5,000 worth of Gap Crap and other worthless baubles.

I watch the world change in the hands of unscrupulous merchants, and I don't understand how anyone could sink low enough to cause the state of affairs to sink into further absurdity.

My goals were unclear at first, but now I can see myself way above my own horizon. My passion lies in the causes and effects of human existence. I want to understand what I call the three human C's: human consciousness, human cognition and human communication. I

believe that there is no upper limit in either of these, and the truth of evolution depends on these three human attributes.

I am a philosopher and pseudo scientist, a profession that pays less than nothing by its nature. I work a low paying job to keep my biological functions going long enough to explore the secrets of the mind. I have no desire for earthly possessions, as I had so little to begin with.

Indeed, I feel sorry not for myself but for millions of people who are doomed to be nothing but desk monkeys. I fear only death without reprisal.

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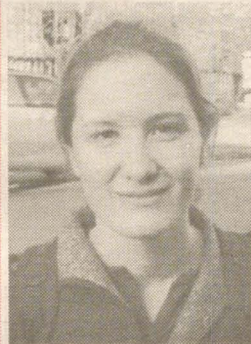
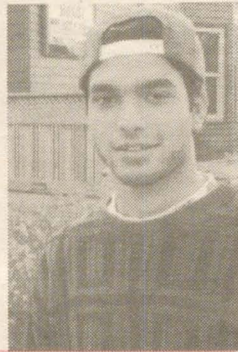
"I have no idea."

Anna Dorey



"\$50,000? I don't know."

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"I didn't know they got paid."

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"I have no idea what he does."

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



I gaze onward through the windows of my eyes, and though my view is curtained by ice, I hope for the warmth of spring again in my offended heart. Herodotus Blackbird : >

# JOEY the ROBOT

By: Christopher Hensworth

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Panel 1: A robot with 'ROBOT' written on its side looks at a tree. A speech bubble says "AHHHHH!!!".

Panel 2: The robot asks "Hmm... WHAT, WHAT IS IT?".

Panel 3: The robot asks "WHAT'S WRONG?".

Panel 4: The robot scratches its head and says "YOU... LOOK... DIFFERENT.".

Panel 5: The robot says "IT'S 'TREE-PATTERN BALDNESS.'".

Panel 6: The tree says "OH.".

Panel 7: The robot says "WELL, I GUESS I'D BETTER RAKE THESE UP.".

Panel 8: The robot is shown raking the ground with a rake. A speech bubble says "RAKE, RAKE, RAKE, RAKE.".

Panel 9: The robot continues raking.

Panel 10: The robot continues raking.

Panel 11: The robot says "I'M SORRY TREE, BUT THIS IS JUST TOO WEIRD.".



## Tossed Cookies

alphabet two  
by thomas cameron edelson

A is for Apple  
B is for Bed  
C is for Cunt  
D, that means Dead  
E is for Emily  
F is for For  
G is for go  
But H is a hore  
I is for itching  
J can mean Joint  
K is for Kicking  
And L's the low point  
M is quite Mean  
N wants it Not  
O because Obviously  
P is for Pot  
Q is a quotient  
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## Painting Nova Scotia

by kaitlin naugler  
*the gazette*

Barbara Thompson Wilson's private art gallery and home is tucked away in Clayton Park.

An artist and a musician, Wilson focuses on the emotion of art.

"I bring to my art the universal approach of fluidity, warmth and communication, within a specific response to each unique locale," says Wilson. President of the Contemporary Arts Society of Nova Scotia, she is currently preparing for her third annual show.

Wilson prepares all year long for her show happening on Dec. 8 and 9. As she travels she makes sketches and turns them into paintings. Wilson considers paintings "a gift that gives throughout the years."

Most of her work is land and seascapes from Nova Scotia.

As I walked around her gallery I was able to recognize many of the places she had painted. Her work is done in either oil or water colour, she has no preference between the two. The painting that is pictured here, was donated to help breast cancer. The vase symbolizes love as the foundation, and the blooming

flowers show that there is always hope.

The bottom floor of Wilson's home acts as her art gallery and studio. Most of the paintings she plans to sell this year have already been framed and mounted on the wall. You can tell from looking around that Wilson likes to work large. She does realize that many people do not want to buy something large, or spend very much money so she has a good selection of small paintings as well.



Most of her paintings are very photographic and seem to capture the area she has painted in great detail.

"I only use the photographs as guides because I like to use my imagination as well," said Wilson. She explains the way in which you

can tell if a painting has been copied straight from a photograph.

"In shadows there are many colours, there is not just black. If you ever see a painting that has black shadows, you know that it has been copied from a photograph."

The art gallery is open anytime by appointment, however she does contribute paintings to galleries at times.

The gallery is located at 9 Cedarbrae Lane, off Lacewood Drive. She seems to be willing to arrange any time for people to visit, and she gives great explanations of stories behind her work.

Wilson's work is worth the effort to check out, at least at her show. I found her paintings interesting and pleasant to look at. They are very detailed and more traditional than anything else.



Barbara Thompson Wilson (not shown actual size)

## CD REVIEWS

James Michael — *Inhale*  
(Beyond Music)



Only a diseased society gone mad with greed and monstrous consumption could allow this shit to be released. Only the syphilitic mind of a record executive could mistake this for anything other than a total waste of time. For too long we, the music loving peoples of the world have had to endure these savage beatings to our intelligence by the likes of James Michael.

This album was produced, engineered and mixed by James Michael. He also does almost all the vocals, guitars, bass, keyboards, piano, drums, percussion and programming. Being able to balance all these tasks will come in handy. This time next year he'll be working in some Hollywood Wal-mart and he'll be able to work as greater, checkout, stock boy, sales associate and manager. The combined budget savings ought to increase Wal-mart shares by a couple of more dollars. There's your stock tip for the month. — Jason

Patricia O'Callaghan — *Real Emotional Girl*  
(Marquis)



Not until I heard Patricia O'Callaghan do Pearl Jams "Better Man" did I realize just how much I miss Barbara Streisand. Now I can see that I have only been masking my pain with a brave face. Unable to own up to the truth, I have suffered alone. Embarrassed and ashamed I have sat many a night in a darkened room watching *Yentl* over and over again.

But now it doesn't matter. Patricia O'Callaghan is here to save me from myself and the vacant place left in my heart. She has come offering a soothing balm to my misery.

I can only ask, how long before I can expect a duet with Neil Diamond or Kenny Rogers? How long oh lord how long must I wait?

Too long my friends, far too long. — Jason

Talib Kweli & HiTek — *Train of Thought*  
Rawkus/Virgin Canada



To get into the many fine points of this album I could write pages, since I actually want people to read this I'll keep it brief. In a word, it's amazing. Together Talib Kweli and HiTek (both of whom combined their talents with Mos Def to release the Black Star album in 1998) offer one of the genre's best and most refreshing albums this year. DJ and producer HiTek's beats are superb and truly unique in that they are hypnotically bassy yet jazzy at the same time. It's a combination that keeps your head nodding while at the same time is relaxing. If the beats alone don't sell you on this album the mic skills and well written lyrics of Talib Kweli, which are unmatched by most emcees today, will justify picking this up. Talib's "Train of Thought" on this album is without a doubt the state of hip-hop today, and

attacking its emcees. Dissing rappers, though prevalent throughout the album, is most blatant in "Too Late" where in the chorus Talib states "nowadays rap artist's comin half hearted/commercial like pop or underground like blackmarkets/where were you the day hip-hop died/is it too early too mourn, is it to late to ride?" — Rick

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# What? drunk people? at the Dome?

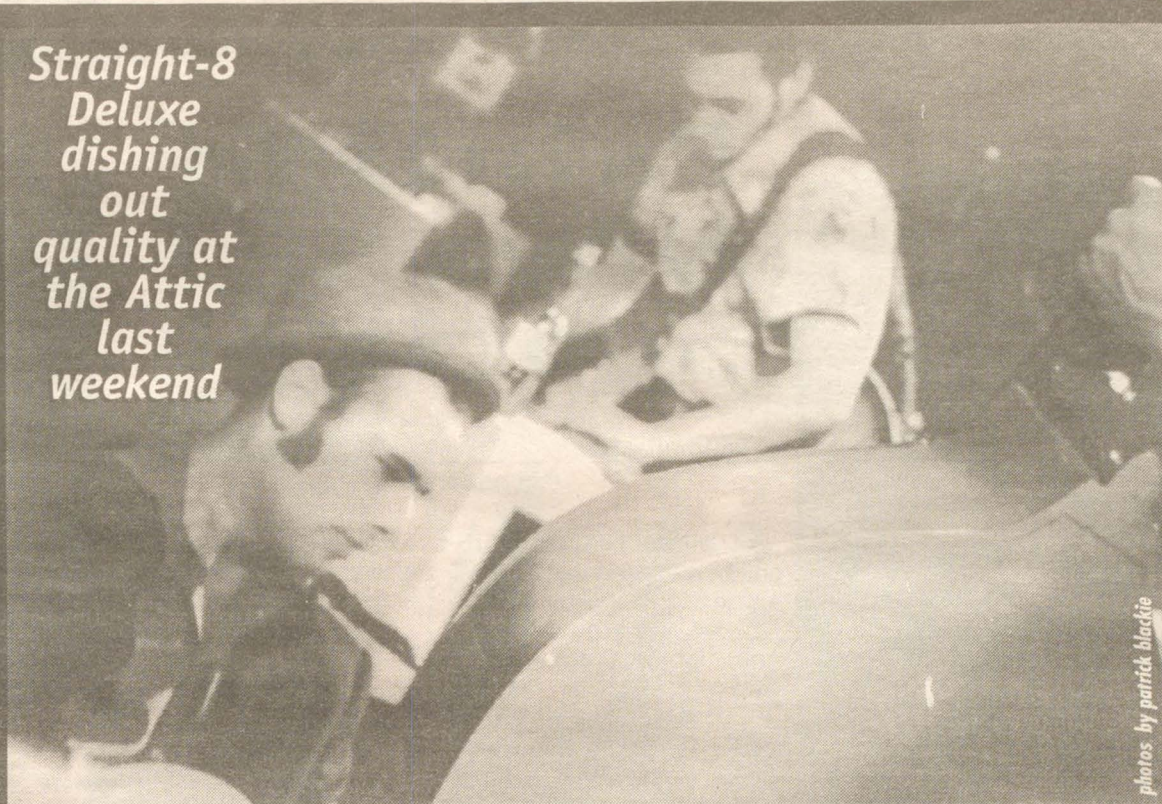
by patrick blackie

the gazette

The Attic was the scene of much drunkenness last Saturday as Halifax ska legends King Konqueror booted out loud music that tossed the alcohol-fueled crowd into complete mayhem, Liquor Dome style.

But before getting to the final act and their faithful gorilla, mention must be made of the opening act, or at least the second of the two openers.

*Straight-8 Deluxe dishing out quality at the Attic last weekend*



photos by patrick blackie



Dead Red led the evening, also regulars on the Halifax circuit, pumping up the crowd with their Halipunk stylings.

But the story of the night was Straight-8 Deluxe, who, despite an early and depressing early finish, rocked the crowd to almost destructive levels and impressed me considerably more than either of the other two bands.

Decked out in a hipster collage of tank-tops, short-sleeve button shirts a la Value Village and stylelessly hip vests, the boys cranked out their Stray Cats meets Shadowy Men on a Shadowy Planet funky tunes without breaking a sweat.

They went through their set, the songs being blurred together by my own inebriation and the crowd's complete insanity. The dance floor of the Attic was chocked full of people so wound up that during Straight-8 Deluxe's set that it wasn't safe to venture out, but if you did it was impossible to do so without taking an elbow or two.

The climax was reached when the bassist grabbed a Corona that had been handed to him from the mass of people kicking and climbing the guard rails in front of the stage, took a slam and headed back into the set.

Like I said, these guys has some serious style, and during the next tune, the bassist swung his stand-up in a twirl, caught it, and continued to bask in one of the craziest crowds I've ever seen the Attic host.

At some point in the insanity, the poor bastard with the stand up lost control, dropping his bass face down, and doing some moderate damage. The band finished the song with guitar, slide guitar and drums, but stopped to fix the bass.

Well, the fixing didn't go well, and their amazing set was cut by this unfortunateness, to the unmannered chagrin of the drunken crowd.

A little while later, the large gorilla walking through the crowd indicated that King Konqueror were about to unleash on the crowd.

They were good, fast, loud and definitely got the crowd working, but for me the show was over with Straight-8 Deluxe. King Konqueror are a well known institution in the Halifax scene and a great band to get sloptastically drunk and rambunctious to, but the hip and potent stylings of the opening band made the night worth it for me.

That's the kind of show that makes the hot, sweaty drunken mass of the Attic worth enduring.

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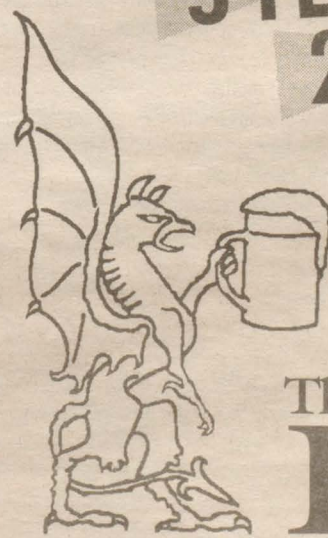
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# Making sardines funny in *Noises Off*

by nicole heringer

the gazette

In a few days Dal's theatre department will unveil its second production of the year. The play in question is *Noises Off*, a farce by British writer Michael Frayn.

"Bang, you're on. Bang, you've said it. Bang, you're off.... That's farce. That's theatre. That's life," is how director Lloyd Dallas explains the play to his actors. Of course you have to realize that Lloyd, played by Ian Langlois, is just another character in *Noises Off*. The play is about a cast and crew trying to successfully launch their new play, *Nothing On*. So you see, *Nothing On* is really just part of what goes on in *Noises Off*.

The play has two separate plots. There is the plot in the play the characters are staging; this play is a wacky little farce of

its own. The other plot of course is the behind the scenes backstage business that goes on between the cast and crew. The backstage plot involves secret love affairs, lots of petty fighting and countless hidden bottles of booze.

If you want to get technical and "theatrical," *Noises Off* is a farce, not just a comedy.

Farce moves quickly, the jokes come fast and usually you have no time to recover from what you were laughing at in the first place. There is also the slap stick element to farce, there is plenty of physical comedy in the show.

In *Noises Off*, the laughs start in the first few minutes and don't ever seem to stop. Even sardines become funny in *Noises Off*, and how often are sardines really funny? Of course it's the actor misplacing the sardines that's funny, and not the odd little fish themselves. Dotty, played by Shelly Banks, is forever leaving sardines somewhere.

Staging *Noises Off* has been

exciting for the cast and crew. The director, Patricia Vanstone, has worked with the cast for about six weeks of intensive rehearsals. Even though the show should be absolutely hilarious, long hours were spent working on the "art of comedy". The actors had to learn about physical comedy and how to really nail the best laughs in the script.

Vanstone is a director with experience. She has directed several plays throughout Canada, and has appeared in countless productions as an actor. Vanstone has performed in many of Canada's best-known TV programs, everything from the *Road to Avonlea* to *Jonovision*.

As for the cast of nine, they are all part of Dalhousie's acting program. The students from the graduating class of the acting program appear in four shows throughout the school year. *Noises Off* is the second of Dal theatre's four plays this year, and the last one until February.

## NOISES OFF

Written by Michael Frayn. Directed by Patricia Vanstone.



*Noises Off* is a fun show, you can't help but laugh.

By the way, if you happen to be in to seeing only plays that have made it to Broadway in the past, *Noises Off* was a Broadway hit in the eighties.

If you're still not convinced seeing the show is your thing, remember this: you get to see live theatre for less than the price of a movie ticket. Student tickets to the show are only \$5. The show is running at the Arts Centre starting on Nov. 28.

# How The Grinch Stole Christmas

by mark evans

the gazette

My original urge, and probably the worst, was to write this review completely in verse. However, I stopped myself when I realized that I'm not Dr. Seuss, nor could I hope to live up to his own genius style of writing. That concept obviously didn't stop Ron Howard and company from taking a children's book and stretching it into a ninety minute movie.

If there's a creativity-inspired reason to make a live-action version of *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (*The Grinch*), I'm sure I don't know it. I somehow doubt Ron Howard does either. One might see this as a homage to the original animated special seen every Christmas and brilliantly narrated by Boris Karloff. Given the cynical nature of Hollywood and its lust for anything with the potential for profit, it's more likely *The Grinch* is in theatres to try and capture some holiday dollars.

The first problem here is the fact that *The Grinch* is only a half hour story and watching him steal Christmas for ninety minutes would probably get a little annoying after a while. Well, the apparent answer is to script a huge back story explaining just why the Grinch hates Christmas so much to the point that he'd try and steal it.

This is probably the best way to handle things, but at the same time it feels a little flat. Dr. Seuss is unfortunately no longer with us, so somebody else was brought in to try and emulate his style of writing for the first hour (the last half hour is devoted to an accurate recount of the book itself). I really don't think any writer today would be up to that kind of challenge.

The middle of the film in particular sags considerably despite one standout hilarious sequence where the Grinch gets nominated for an award by the citizens at Cindy Lou's request. The rest of the movie, from writing, narration, and set design, oozes

cute and goodwill in every direction, even when the script is sagging a little.

The movie as a whole really concerns itself with two main characters. The first is obviously the Grinch himself, played well by Jim Carrey. It's not quite the dramatic role of the century, but goofy anti-social types are certainly in Carrey's element. I will take this spot to mention the astounding make-up effects in the movie. Rick Baker, the genius behind the make-up effects for such films as *Star Wars*, *MIB*, and *The Nutty Professor* was responsible for turning Jim Carrey into the Grinch and it's an amazing sight to witness onscreen. Carrey is completely unrecognizable except for his actions, and it's very impressive.

Cindy Lou-Who, played by Taylor Momsen, remarkably manages to be cute and sweet without being cloying and obnoxious at the same time. Much of the back story is fueled by her need to find out why the Grinch

comes across so mean. The other major part belongs to Anthony Hopkins, who narrates the tale. His voice certainly comes across well in the role, but it's not quite up to the standard Boris Karloff set so many years ago.

Despite being a children's story, *The Grinch* mercifully only has two musical numbers during its running time, a mawkishly sentimental number by Cindy Lou-Who that's as brief as it is forgettable and a rendition of "You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch" performed by Jim Carrey.

Bottom Line: There is no point at which anybody would label this as anything other than a kid's movie. That's not to say *The Grinch* doesn't have its charms for all ages, but it's a children's story first and foremost. And on that count it succeeds admirably, despite having, at best, a dubious soul. I still prefer the original to this version, but I do think this is the best live-action version anybody could have hoped to make.

# Diving Into Men of Honor

by mark evans

the gazette

The American military is a lot like the American military movie. Both are steeped in tradition and an intolerance for things which break the mold or go against those traditions. Sometimes they are heavy-handed and sometimes they can make a powerful statement about the world. Often they are the subject of scorn and derision, and occasionally they go too far. *Men of Honor* manages to encapsulate both of these concepts in its two hour running length.

Getting off to a good start, the movie pronounces itself to be based on the life of one Carl Brashear, rather than based on a true story. For some reason this seems to give the movie a little more leeway when altering the facts, as so many biographical pieces like *The Hurricane* change the story so much that their basis in

fact is dubious at best.

Carl Brashear was the first colored navy diver in the U.S. Navy and the film details the huge number of ordeals he was forced to undergo. Serving as a focal point for everything wrong with the navy at the time is Carl's instructor, Master Diver Billy Sunday, an arrogant bigot whose mission in life is to see Carl fail at all costs. I don't think it's giving away too much to say that the two men develop both a respect and bond between one another over the course of Carl's training.

Brashear is played by Cuba Gooding, Jr. in the movie, giving the best performance he's had since *Jerry Maguire*. Robert DeNiro plays the bigoted diving instructor and does a good job bringing life to a character who might as well be a caricature in films like this. Sunday is not as well fleshed out as he should be, but to be fair this is really Carl Brashear's movie, not

Billy Sunday's.

One of this movie's many pleasant surprises is the way it manages to create effective tension in its more suspenseful scenes. This is doubly impressive given the movie's post-war setting, which would seem to negate most possibilities for action. Carl's final exam to graduate from the diving program is one great example of this. Even better is the way a breath holding contest actually turns into a visible test of wills between two men. On paper it sounds like the most boring thing in the world, but this movie can make things like that work.

*Men of Honor* reminds me of *Pay It Forward* in as much as both suffer the same basic problem: their endings are both cliché and outright blatant in an attempt to manipulate your emotional response. It's a cheap trick to replace a reasonable conclusion with heart-tugging schmaltz laid on

with all the grace of a breakdancing hippo.

Truthfully, *Men of Honor* is the better movie despite its lack of Kevin Spacey, but that doesn't excuse the ending any more.

I'm irked when movies follow formula too closely, and the pretentious courtroom sequence where good and evil square off until good triumphs against all odds has been done to death. It seems to be the only way military movies are permitted to end as well. The entire scene ends up coming down to a bet anyway, rather than the court hearing, and the movie already has several "betting scenes" under its belt by this point.

Bottom Line: This is really a three and a half star movie. Unfortunately it's mired in a resolution that is only satisfying because of what happened to the person the movie is based on. So docking it for its tired ending leaves this as a three star movie. Still arguably the best thing in theatres right now, and definitely worth your time.

# Classics, I says...

Each week we ask a different person to share their idea on a classic book, movie, and CD.

by pamela smith

the gazette

## CD *Smartie Mine* (Dan Bern)

Ladies and gentlemen, please empty your disc players and make way for the ever so lovely Bernstein (a.k.a. Dan Bern). Forever the beautiful man and folk hero, Bernstein wallops a delicious punch in this 1998 independent release. A lyrical genius and a bitch on the guitar, Dan has assiduously documented the events of his life for the two CD set, *Smartie Mine*. Every melody has its story, from the impossibly high asses of L.A. in his "City of Angels", to getting high with a desperate Jesus in his "One Thing Real," and every story is gem. It's the rare kind of album that evokes discussion, disagreement and perhaps all out war over the merits of any one of his songs. I dream of simpler times, where there are not so many musical alternatives clogging the machine. This album could conceivably alter the way we see the world. You don't want to miss out on that, do you?

## Book *Atlas Shrugged* (Ayn Rand, 1952)

I only read when forced, and rarely do I enjoy it. So this is more of a dare than a recommendation. I dare you to go out, pick up a copy of Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*, and read it. Front to back. Your mission, should you chose to accept it, is to get through every single one of its one-thousand, seven-hundred and sixty two pages (1762, that is correct). For your reading convenience, it's divided into thirty chapters, each one ripe with pseudo-intellectual mumbo-jumbo, far drier than what your insignificant little brain could even begin to fathom. Here's a fun fact to get you on your way: since it's first publication in 1952, nobody has ever thoroughly read it. Nobody. Don't tell me you have, I will not believe you.

## Movie *Rhapsody In August*

Actually, my movie recommendation is much less specific than that. My suggestion is that you go to your local movie store and inquire as to where you can find videos by Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa. In which case, your friendly Blockbuster customer representative will probably look at you as though you have twelve heads. Hopefully, you'll somehow find your way into the director's section at Video Difference. There, you'll find a glorious collection of Akira's work. Start off with his *Rhapsody In August* (my personal favorite) and you'll be hooked, I swear it. For those seeking familiarity, a much younger Richard Gere plays an itty bitty role in this tick, so you won't find yourself too homesick. What else can I say? Kurosawa's movies are amazing! In simpler terms, this guy puts Spielberg to shame. I don't feel worthy enough to so much as describe how beautiful his movies are. You need to go out and see for yourself. Trust me.



# Of tides and passing life

Photographer  
John Calder  
on his art



"I was really drawn to the athleticism, so in that body of work I really explored the subculture but also how dynamic it is and the sense of motion and speed."  
John Calder

by **sabrina thurlow**

*the gazette*

Art is often described as the child of the artist. Perhaps in John Calder's case, it could more accurately be described as a documentary of exploration — both personal and political. His current exhibition is a series of carefully chosen samples from

five larger bodies of photographic works. Even though each body is still in progress, they represent a high level of photographic achievement.

"Recent Works" is predominately of the social documentary variety built on a strong framework of artistic sensibility and remarkable honesty. Although these

documentaries can be appreciated on a purely aesthetic level, the political awareness and personal connection he has with the subject matter engages the mind as well as the heart. It is easy to get the sense through his photography that he is both self-educating and educating.

This is particularly evident in "Cuba" a body of work

exploring Cuban society.

Eye and lens were put to the task of representing Cuba as honestly as possible — clichés and his own politically motivated perceptions sometimes presented a challenge. To overcome all biases, Calder continuously examined and considered the message and impact of each image before and after creation.

Cuba is often perceived as a country arrested in time just before the embargo, with old T birds dotting the streets. He fully admits that there was a danger in making this image, but feels that the inclusion of other elements such as the cyclist off in the distance makes it interesting enough to wrestle it from the clutches of cliché.

His frankness and willingness to discuss both the strengths and weakness of his work inspires faith in his ability to transcend the pitfalls of portraying an often misunderstood country.

Calder's images of his ancestral Scotland are taken from a highly personal and political body of work called "Far Seas Clachan a Caoineadh" which is Gaelic for where the stones stand and weep. They represent a revisiting of his roots and an attempt to recover memories lost. Tight, intimate and sometimes abstract pictures of age-old standing stones, a bell tower and a mass grave are an attempt to piece together a past that existed before the highlanders were overrun by the British, and a present of generations of Canadians of Scottish descent.

The most personal and perhaps spiritual images are from a series entitled "Dream of the Mermaid." While not documentary in the traditional or literal sense, they strive to document metaphorically a sense of place and the ephemeral nature of life. These beautiful abstract landscapes are the result of six

years of intense and often obsessive motion exploration that draw the viewer in and pluck at the harp strings of their psyche.

The highly intimate and figurative nature of this series may not allow most viewers a quick and firm grasp of the photographers message, but there is ample visual and emotional information to spark curiosity and meditation. Their ability to speak to each person in a personal way creates in them a strong universal quality.

"Ballroom" is a still record of motion, physical grace and fluidity expressed through the subculture of competitive ballroom dance. Translating such a subject into the medium of still photography can be a very daunting task. Calder employed a relatively weak burst of electronic flash during the tail end of the exposures to freeze some motion while allowing some movement to record as a blur. Thus capturing the essence set in strong compositions. Each photo is printed full frame with the film edge as its border. This printing technique is used to convey honesty and the fact that they are unmanipulated documents. Considering how difficult it is to compose any photograph so it prints full frame, let alone one depicting action, this series is a testament to Calder's photographic abilities.

Richly printed, and thoughtfully executed, "Recent Works" is a must see for art lovers and photographers alike. And if you are lucky you will get a chance to meet the man behind the camera. However since this exhibit is only a sampling of much larger bodies of work, you may find yourself wanting more.

"Recent Works" can be viewed at Viewpoint Gallery on Gottigen St. until Nov. 29, Saturday and Sunday from 12-5 and weekdays by appointment.

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# Federal parties weigh in for coming election

by jonathan dieli colburn  
the gazette

Less than a week will pass before Canadians decide which party will lead them. While the five parties running have all displayed significant differences in their platforms, much of the campaigning has been on the level of personal attacks and name-calling.

When Stockwell Day showed up at the same Remembrance Day ceremony that local MP and NDP leader Alexa McDonough was attending, there were cries of opportunism and turf grabbing levelled at the Alliance leader.

Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan also caused some stir on the nature of personal attacks when she said that some supporters of the Alliance were "racists" and "Holocaust deniers."

Prime Minister Jean Chretien did not ask Ms Caplan to apologise about the remarks, saying that she was not referring to the entire party. He did, however, take the opportunity to urge every party to tone down their attacks against each other.

He noted that the Alliance seems somewhat unwilling to put up with any kind of personal remark.

"They are attacking me day

in, day out, all the time," he said. "I'm not complaining. I know that in politics you take and you receive and you hit back."

Stockwell Day said that Ms. Caplan's comments are a perfect example of a Liberal campaign against the Alliance that has refused to rely on facts.

"They are lies, and people need to be held accountable for that," Mr. Day said. "We discuss policies based on merit. We invite other people to discuss them on that level."

When the first debate was held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, Chretien found himself at the receiving end of attacks by every other party leader in attendance.

Several points directed at Chretien concerned cuts in health care, citing transfer payments in 1994 and saying that he was responsible for the current problems with the health care system. Joe Clark, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, noted Chretien as personally causing the problems as well as betraying the legacy of former Liberal prime ministers who had helped to build public Medicare.

Chretien pointed to an irresponsible Conservative government that he says forced the cuts to be made. After leaving a formidable deficit, said the Prime Minister; it was necessary for cuts to be made in health care and other programs at both the federal and provincial levels.

While Chretien argued that he had made his best efforts to put money back in the provinces, NDP leader Alexa McDonough noted that her party would focus on the priority of individual citizens and would not be willing to provide tax cuts for "banks, the rich, and big corporations."

As the MP for Halifax, McDonough seems to have little opposition on her way to re-election. A recent poll conducted by *the Globe and Mail* shows her NDP party as the one that students trust most in looking out for their interests. She has promoted the party on the principals of health care and social programs, heavily



photo by james arlison

Unidentified parents shield their child from exposure to Alliance candidate Doris.

emphasising the importance of funding to health care.

She has been in Saskatchewan recently, drumming up support for more health care funding and attacking the Alliance for planning to set up a two-tier health care system. Day has denied supporting such a system, but McDonough pointed to instances where he has said that supporting private clinics could take some pressure off the system.

The NDP holds 19 seats in the parliament currently, and is fighting to regain all of them on the Nov. 27. Recent polls are showing that it will be almost impossible for the Alliance to take over as a majority, unseating the Liberals. NDP party leaders are hoping that this does not make people feel inclined to vote for the Liberals in order to stop the Alliance.

McDonough is largely becoming recognized as a party leader who prefers not to campaign through the use of photo-ops, and constantly falls back on the major issues of her party platform, funding for post-secondary education, health care, employment and environmental protection.

Workers in her campaign office are quick to point out that she has been impressed with the amount of student support that the NDP is receiving. McDonough is from Halifax originally, and

attended Dalhousie where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree and then went to work as a social worker in the US for two years.

"Those experiences continue to drive a lot of my energies because of what I came to fully appreciate was that Canada - because of the existence of a social democratic electoral force - was very different from the States," she said to the Canadian Press.

While the NDP may seem somewhat absent from media coverage, McDonough hopes that through the seizing of more federal seats in this election, the NDP will be able to widen its national profile.

One of the most widely used attention grabbers may be national campaign ads, used to a great extent by most of the main political parties, but some professional ad designers say that the low quality of these commercials may be costing parties votes.

"None of the advertising gives the voter much credit for any intelligence whatsoever," said Chris Staples in a piece by *the Globe and Mail*.

The Conservatives began running a spoof of a K-Tel record collection, selling "Jean Chretien's greatest lies," but the K-Tel ads are thought of as some

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The NDP's Alexa "Take A Chance On Me" McDonough admires a voter's hat.

## The Federal Doormat

by martin singh  
the gazette

On Nov. 27, we will proceed to vote in another federal election. Unfortunately for Nova Scotia, this federal election will be like all the others; it will mean little to the future of our province. Successive federal governments regardless of the party in power, have neglected the needs of Nova Scotia. The federal government acts as if it is cheaper to try to buy our votes at election time with promises that later go unfulfilled, rather than spend money between elections to generate true growth and development.

Why is it that the federal government could care less about Nova Scotia? The answer is quite simple: in the province of Nova Scotia, there are only 11 seats for members of parliament. By comparison, the city of Toronto has more seats for members of parliament than all of the Atlantic provinces combined. Conceivably,

a federal party can lose all of the seats in Atlantic Canada and still easily form a majority government if they do well in Ontario and Quebec. Obviously, there exists little motivation for the major political parties to care about what happens here.

How does the negligent attitude of the federal government towards Nova Scotia manifest itself?

Identifying the results of this neglect in terms of what the federal government does is difficult because so little is done here. Instead, imagine how quickly the federal government would act if the Sydney Tar Ponds, (one of the most polluted sites in North America), reappeared inside the city limits of Montreal; or if the native and non-Native fishermen began fighting on the streets of Toronto instead of rural communities in Nova Scotia and elsewhere in Atlantic Canada. Isn't it interesting how quickly the Toronto trash transport plan to

move all the city's garbage to northern Ontario dissolved so soon before the call of the election?

In addition to the neglect, federal politicians and their associates from other more affluent parts of Canada occasionally grace us with their stereotypes of Nova Scotia's. These stereotypes include, but are not limited to: The berating of the residents of this province as lazy, unemployed fishermen and coal miners; and condemning Nova Scotia's as a group of people that can do no better than continually ask for handouts.

For those in the past who have condemned Nova Scotians as such, I ask them to walk a mile or two in our shoes. Ask yourself, is it a lazy person who gets up at four o'clock in the morning during the second week of January to sail out on the rough Atlantic Ocean to haul hundreds of lobster traps in the freezing cold weather? Similarly, ask yourself if it is a lazy individual who travels

deep into the bowels of the earth to beat away at the ground for hours and hours to obtain the coal which fuels almost all of the electricity generating plants in the province?

The problem that exists here is not that our fishermen and coal miners are lazy. Conversely, I would argue that we are blessed to have people in this province who are willing to sacrifice life and limb to work and provide for themselves and their families. The true problem that exists here is that the federal government regulates the Nova Scotian fishery and it is not as profitable to mine for coal rather than oil.

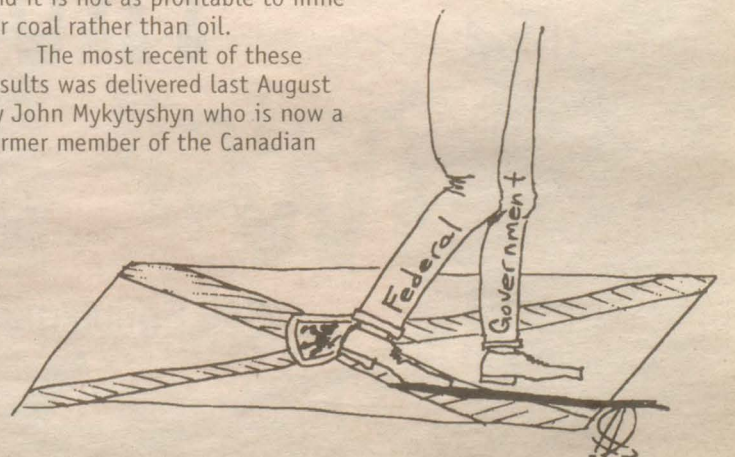
The most recent of these insults was delivered last August by John Mykytyshyn who is now a former member of the Canadian

Alliance's National Council. He stated in the Halifax Herald that the "Eastern provinces believe in handouts and 'give me a cheque for nothing'".

This insult is particularly abrasive because it is entirely untrue.

According to the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council (APEC) Summer 2000 report, Nova Scotia received an average of \$205.10 per person in provincial and federal government business subsidies in 1998 compared to

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# Counting on the flu shot

by rita henderson

the gazette

This must be the year of the flu shot.

Like none before, pharmaceutical adverts and clinical campaigns have been raving about the influenza vaccination trying to get as many people as possible to take the quick prick during the recommended inoculation period ending with November. Confirmed rumor is that Nova Scotia, Ontario, and most clinics across Canada are running short on supplies due to high interest of healthy individuals in avoiding the throws of a nasty flu this season. For those considering taking a flu shot this year, make sure you know a little bit of what it will all be about before taking the pinch of faith.

Influenza is a virus that travels around the world in a wave. Every year it makes its debut to Canada in December, reaching its widespread plague of the public between January and April.

It is not a product of cold weather, as myth has it; wearing a scarf, toque, and mittens does not spare the exposed host from suffering feverish ails, symptoms of vomiting, chills, and sniffles.

Only a healthy immune system fed by regular exercise, a nutritious diet, and drinking clean water can naturally prepare the body for an influenza invasion.

An average Canadian who contracts the flu will not receive medication for the flu, but will be advised to let it run its course

through the body, taking just short of a week in most cases.

Anyone of average to good health has the ability to overcome the virus with time. The body reveals symptoms of influenza when the virus overwhelms the immune system. While sick in bed, drinking lots of water and eating well will give the body strength enough to build antibodies to fight and begone with the ills.

Once antibodies have been built to any virus — influenza, chicken pox, or otherwise — it is better equipped to not be overwhelmed by the virus in the future. This said, the influenza virus has many different strands for which the body need build antibodies. Only about three different strands circulate the world at any given moment.

Due to the effect of weakening the body's immune system for a time, contracting the flu is potentially dangerous to many people with already weakened immune systems. With a flu virus, a large group of Canadians are directly in danger to the point of hospitalization and death as a result of drastic stunning of the body's fighting mechanism. In the interest of this group of people, the vaccination to the virus has been developed for more than 30 years.

The influenza vaccine, best known as the flu shot usually contains antibodies to three different strands. These strands are predicted to be the viruses of the particular year by immunologists who study the patterns of the wave across the

globe, with a hint of guesswork involved.

Someone complaining of having caught the flu, despite having received the flu shot managed to because they have likely contracted a strand not in the vaccine.

Since strands are like trends, the vaccine is designed only for the most popular, making the flu shot useful for only a given season, lasting about eight months in full effect.

Side effects to the shot rarely extend beyond slight headaches and mild flu-like symptoms in the days following, as the body receives the antibodies and builds upon them. Injecting a foreign substance containing a killed virus into the system is never cause for the body to rejoice — expect a degree of adaptation, but if you are of average health, the chances of rejecting the vaccine are minimal.

Common or not, all vaccines do contain a form of risk to which the public should be informed. Many activists feel that the public can never be properly informed when those profiting from the treatment — pharmaceutical companies, governments, and family physicians — are the ones trusted as the experts in the field.

A notable proportion of specialists in immunology have pointed out that there are other chemicals in the flu vaccine worth wary attention. Included are formaldehyde, a known cancer causing agent, mercury and aluminum, two heavy metals recently linked to Alzheimer's

disease, and chicken egg extract, possibly containing any number of un-traced diseases. All vaccines pose a long list of rejection dangers which are enormously uncommon and unlikely, but which a patient should still be properly notified.

Today in Nova Scotia, all individuals over the age of 65, anyone with cardiac or pulmonary diseases, diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS, anemia, and children over six months through adolescence receiving aspirin treatment are covered by health care to receive the flu shot.

Further, anyone with household contact with these people, anyone living in long-term care facilities, and recently health care workers are covered. Who is covered by health care varies across Canada, this is the first year that Ontario covers all citizens with the vaccination, costing no more than \$2.50 per shot.

Kay MacIsaac of the Regional Public Health Office in Dartmouth believes that individuals who are immune-compromised should receive the shot. When asked if healthy Canadians interested in not getting caught by the epidemic should also receive it, she admits that although they would not need it, it would do them good.

"People forget that everyday of your life you are coming into contact with antigens", she says.

She urges those questioning the vaccination process to understand that the body is constantly battling bugs. When crowded into buildings with recirculating air vents during the winter, we share vicious little germs, and are infecting and being infected from others repeatedly.

No less, claims that this particular vaccine has a statistical lack of risk should be heard with caution. Unlike polio or tuberculosis, influenza is not a large threat to society as a whole.

Lack of risk does not necessarily justify continuing the practice. One must also consider the success rate, and purpose of the shot. Since more strands than those predicted in the vaccine can be circulating at a time, chances of contracting the flu are still prominent. Reliable statistics on the effectiveness of the flu



shot are virtually impossible to find, those charting the numbers are always either selling the concoction, or fighting for its ban.

The flu shot has a failure rate that has never been below 20 percent of recipients, but usually sits between to 35-45 percent in North America and Europe.

It would not be unwise to wonder if the vaccine has any good use for the healthy individual with no real threat of long-term damage should they catch the flu and let it run its course.

If after all these deep thoughts you still cannot decide whether or not to get jabbed this year, just think of spending a couple days home with a good excuse to skip class.

Honey-lemon tea, breakfast in bed, Oprah after a nap — I'm young, vacations don't come so easily. I'll take my chances and test what strands really will circulate this season first hand.

## Brain Teaser

What is the absolute thing that both men and women take off when they are going to bed?

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Last week's answer: Brutus was in a blood bank.

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**Fed doormat**

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and British Columbia respectively. Clearly, there will be no shining white knights that will come to our rescue. Should we continue to pollute our environment until we are knee deep in toxic sludge, nobody from the rest of Canada is going to come clean up the mess for us. Similarly, when our health care system begins to flat line, none of the other provinces are going to show up at the Nova Scotia boarder with the truck loads of doctors and nurses we need along with all the money required to pay them. Why is it that the rest of Canada will not be willing to help us? It is due to the fact that they have their own problems to contend with.

Those of us who plan to stay in Nova Scotia must come together to work hard to find solutions to our problems. The provincial debt currently sits at around 9.5 billion dollars. Associated with this are the highest tuition's in the country, declining health care, and the highest rate of child poverty in the nation. Successive provincial governments have failed to find adequate solutions. Imagine the crisis that we will face ten years from now if the problems are not solved and the debt continues to grow. How much worse will our health care be when we have a ten or 11 billion dollar debt? What will be the rate of child poverty? What will be the state of public education? For all those problems that remain unsolved, we, and we alone will be left to deal with them.

The first portion of the solution to these problems is clear. We must become passionate about Nova Scotia and care for our province the same way that we would care about our own children. We must look around in our classes, we must cease to define the people present as ourselves and our friends and instead understand that we are Nova Scotia's most educated and ambitious citizens. We will be the portion of the population equipped with the skill sets required to find the solutions. We all have a vested interest in having Nova Scotia prosper.

**Parties weigh in**

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of the worst in television history, leaving one to wonder who the PC's are trying to appeal to.

Parties are facing spending limits during this election, which might affect the quality and creativity of the ads, and the job of producing these commercials can sometimes be given as a favour to people who have supported the party, rather than to professional designers.

Conservatives say that the ads are still effective, however, noting that when the K-Tel spoof first aired, support for the Liberals seemed to drop.

With federal candidates providing enough confusion for potential voters, strange ads seem to be the last thing that will provide any clarity in the voters' minds.

Files from the Globe and Mail

**Dal frat offers university's finest - for a price**

by jonathan dieli colburn  
the gazette

Earlier this November, members of the Zeta Psi chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity sold off several of the campus's most eligible specimens of manhood for a romantic evening of drinks and conversation. Throngs of eager customers gathered at the Grawood that evening, and pooled their resources in snagging some of these fine men.

MC Bjorn Vanderharst, a first year theatre student, said that a winning bid would guarantee two drinks and an evening of company. He suggested that minimum bids start at \$5 apiece.

Vanderharst was largely

responsible for finding men willing to put themselves up to the heated Grawood scrutiny.

Al Bergeron, one of the first to be netted, said that Vanderharst convinced him to participate after "much nagging."

"If I go for the five dollars, I'd be happy," he said.

Matt White, a Phi Delta Theta member, had set somewhat higher hopes for his net gain in the fundraiser.

"I'm looking for \$25, that seems like a fair estimate in my opinion," he said.

The auctioning began with a brief biography of each participant, including their hobbies and ideas of what would make up the perfect romantic evening. One of those on the

block hinted at the possibility of using his connections through an airline job to sweep his date away to an exotic and far off location for the night.

Those being sold were also willing to pull out all the stops in securing a top bid.

A first year student named Josh promised to breakdance for the assembled crowd providing that the bidding went higher.

"You can pool your money, he's good for more than one," called out Vanderharst to a deliberating group of date-seeking women.

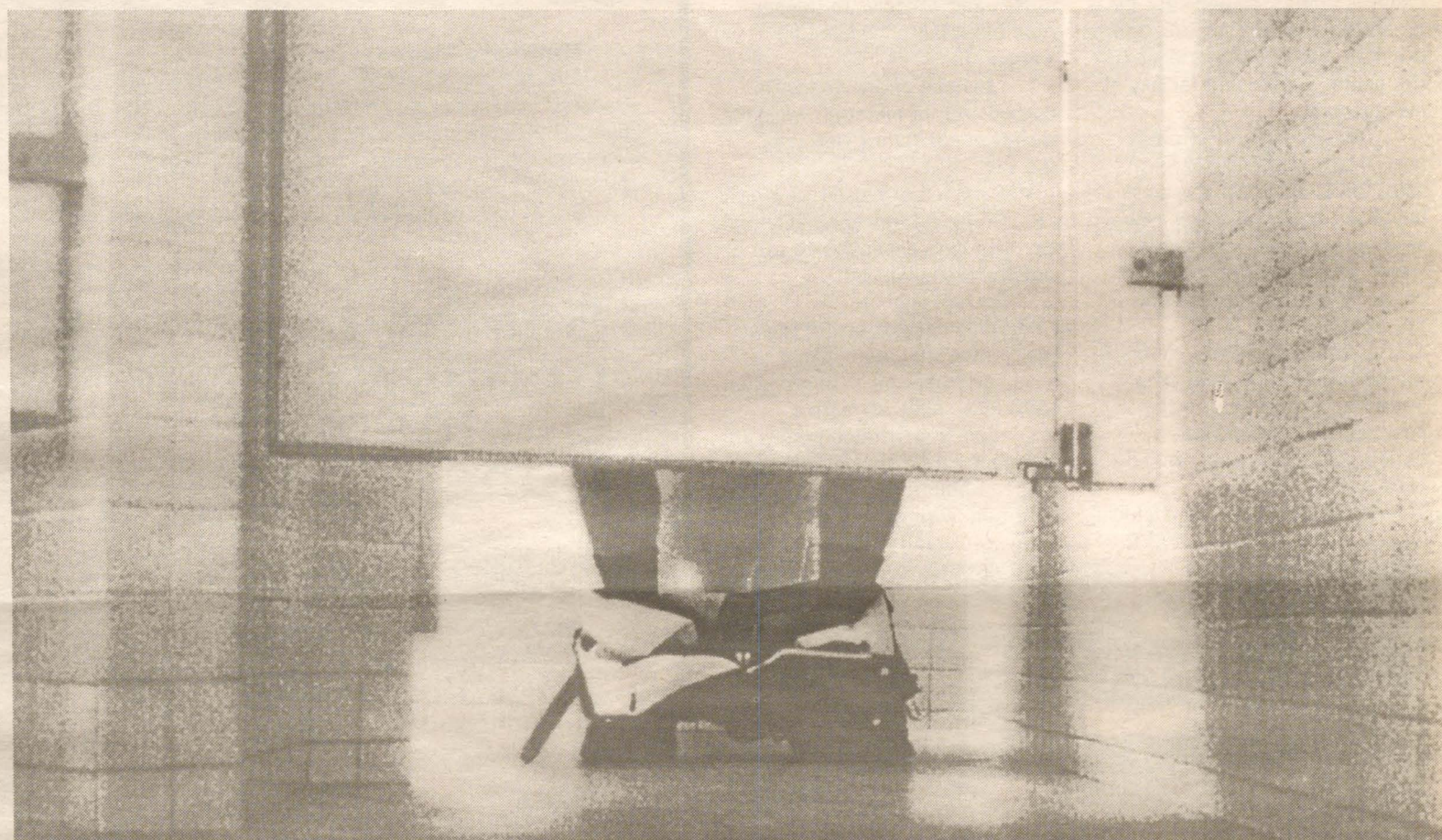
The offers piqued the interest of some girls in the back of the room, who pooled \$21 and sent Josh spinning across the floor.

After more than 20 people

had been distributed around the Grawood, preliminary estimates put the final dollar amount of collections at around \$400. The money raised will be split between the fraternity and the Phoenix House, an organization on Coburg Road that provides a place to stay for disadvantaged teenaged boys.

For anyone who is unsure who the Phi Delta Theta group is, they are the inhabitants of a peaceful frat house on Seymour St., kept sedate by the fact that no alcohol is allowed at the house.

It seems that keeping their enthusiasm in check until it is needed at events like these can only benefit the Dal community, especially when you're looking for a date.



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## Can Dal have the cleanest building in Atlantic Canada?

by **jonathan dieli colburn**  
the gazette

On Saturday, Nov. 18, students in the School for Resource and Environmental Management hosted a workshop to produce ideas for a new "green building." Construction on a new Faculty of Management building could begin within the next couple of years, and this session was an attempt to voice the environmental concerns of students and other members of the community.

The program's facilitators, members of the public involvement in environmental management class, listed three objectives for the day: to increase knowledge of the concept of green buildings, to generate ideas on design and construction and to prioritise present those ideas to the public, senate and faculty of management.

Tom Livingston, who has been in the building industry since 1972, said that the most important question to ask when designing a green building is "what have been the failures of previous buildings in previous generations?"

Building designers can make use of natural light, and other aesthetic properties to make people more comfortable in buildings that they may spend most of their day in.

David Stewart, a mechanical engineer and another one of the

panel speakers, noted the great financial benefits of making green design a priority in new buildings.

Using energy more efficiently and taking advantage of natural light and other available energy sources can severely cut into utilities expenses. Additionally, the federal government can offer \$80,000 to cover design fees if the building can be shown to be more efficient.

In the deconstruction of older buildings, many of the materials dealt with can be reused in other construction projects, said Jennifer Corson, President of Renovators Resource Inc., a used building materials store. She works with a group that salvages everything from frames and windows to lumber from buildings scheduled for demolition.

"Instead of arriving with flatbeds full of material, we leave with flatbeds full of material," she said.

Recycled or reused materials can still be extremely reliable and are often less expensive to use in construction projects.

Considering the environmental and health impact that a new building is likely to have can make some conservation techniques more attractive. According to Keith Robertson, an architect with a special interest in green buildings "replacing one light bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb will prevent the

burning of 400 pounds of coal."

Light bulbs are relatively simple to change throughout a building, and fluorescent bulbs are cleaner because they last much longer and use significantly less energy when in use.

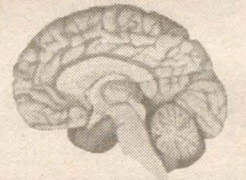
Buildings can further

enhanced by adding solar energy collectors, which can be made efficient by placing them near large windows that catch a lot of natural light.

The eleven members of the class will be collecting the input of everyone present and

considering the opinions of assembled experts to prepare a report for the Dalhousie Senate. Construction could begin in a matter of two years, and the class hopes that the Senate has plenty of time to consider the advantages of a green building.

## The Mind of Mr. Minimal



*concepts unsaid, have possible effects  
despotic ego is suspect, yet hard to detect  
come join my band of admitted self-criminals  
bring your poems, diagrams, sequences and broken sentences to Mr. Minimal*

### Minimal's Madness...

Anticipating more direct contact with the audience has sent me into a wave cycle of expectation and frustration. After three weeks with less than an average of five hours of sleep a night, (this I calculated waiting for my nemesis 'the sandman'), I have been misshapen into a deliriously elated insomniac. I wondered if Jean de la Rue (see apology below) would join me in the 'critical mass' of the unified sleepless.

But in light of confusion, simplicity attracts the mind—moths to light, eyes to illustrations.

## Basics to ponder: Chains of Consumption

Over fueled food turns citizens to fodder, emissions of gaseous commercials and packaging, while the tic of the small-wave mechanism mutates your unborn daughters.....

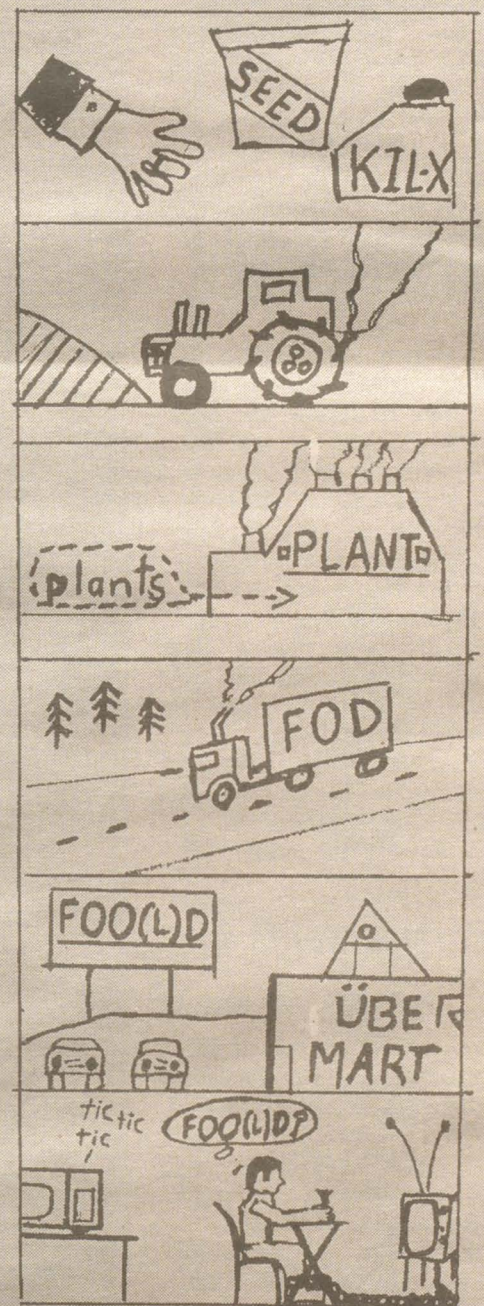
Here is a sketch of the many levels involved in the production and distribution of a few slivers of overcooked and over-packaged produce in, for example, a quick-heat meal.

### P.S. Contest is still alive droogies!

Can ye extract an explicit answer out yer gulliver fer me queries? Best answer to de query receives a super mixtape (hiphop/downbeat)

Response can be in the form of photos, collections of quotables, extracts from notebooks or 4-dimensional models.

Q. Has humanity's survival and reproduction as an evolutionary entity been attributed to the ability to create and follow patterns or to break away from them? Or Why is water wet?



### Mr. Minimal Speaks...

First, I would like to apologize for any strife experienced because of last week's unfinished feature. Misunderstanding and carelessness was amplified through the degrees of communication. Sorry.

Another very important bungle to be mentioned is that 'Jean de la Rue' was not the author for that first short poem in the column, but rather the addressee of my discourse and writer of the fine reply in the editorial section. The feedback piece that was printed was somehow signed 'Herodotus Blackbird', this misprint was due to negligence or may have been a disdainful prank launched by one of our respondents Herodotus Blackburn.

Jean, your words resonate with superfluent candor, an autobiography is inexorably composed of art and lies in the form of language and perspective. Sounds like autobiographies originate from egotistical artists, but alas, the story of self is a release and a correspondence, while in the boudoir of art and lies, truth and insight are conceived.

## Information Hash news & facts

by kip keen

### Science without sense

Perfume from a whales gut?

"In the gut of the whale" writes Randy D. Ralph, Ph.D. "is a black, semiviscous and foul-smelling liquid. On exposure to sunlight and air, it quickly oxidizes and hardens to a pleasantly aromatic marbled, grayish, waxy, pellucid substance...When warmed it produces a very pleasant, mild, sweet, earthy, aroma."

The stuff used to be an ingredient in perfume, but now using whale gut liquid is illegal.

### Guts and Gore...

Road kill quarterly is published at [www.collideascop.com/rkq](http://www.collideascop.com/rkq)

Barfactors: Term for people who collect barf bags.

Bum Doctors...

Endoscopy: Those who deal with the digestive tract, like intestine doctors, stomache doctors and the like.

Colon: Large intestine. Absorbs liquid from your food.

### Have Bowel Problems? Going for a Colonoscopy?

"For best viewing" advises Endoscopy site [www.colonadogi.com](http://www.colonadogi.com), "your colon must be completely empty of waste. Your doctor will recommend the best method of achieving a clean colon.....The exam is performed with a flexible, narrow tube, introduced into the rectum and advanced through the colon."

### Breaking up? Experiencing Abnormal Bowel Movements?

Irritable bowel syndrome, says Yahoo!, is a "condition of abnormally increased spontaneous movement of the small and large intestine, generally exacerbated by emotional stress."

Slicing and dicing your Intestines!

Bowel resection requires doctors to cut out part of your bowel, the colon, which means your in for some...

Diarrhoea!! Today may be Diarrhoea Day in Bukutatsan Stool...aka feces, the poo, the kaka.

After having surgery expect your "stool" to be "softer and more liquid than normally passed stool", say digestive doctors.

After having a bowel resection many people require colostomy bags due to the above phenomena.



# Fuel cells only as clean as hydrogen source

by eric jandciu

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Fuel cells are often touted as the solution to the world's energy crisis, but some scientists say that the new technology may not be as environmentally friendly as people hope.

Depending on how the fuel — hydrogen gas — is generated, Marlo Reynolds said fuel cells may not be as "green" as once thought.

"The fuel cell has been sold as the 'silver bullet' for our environmental problems," said Reynolds, director of eco-efficiency services at the Pembina Institute, an organization committed to developing environmentally-sound energy solutions while meeting human needs.

"What we really need is to look at is the source of the hydrogen. Fuel cells are only as environmentally benign as the fuel that must be generated to power them."

A fuel cell converts hydrogen fuel into electricity without combustion. The process produces no greenhouse gases or pollutants, only water.

Speaking at an energy conference held last week in Vancouver, Reynolds emphasized that "renewable energy does not necessarily equal 'green' energy" and that the entire "life-cycle" of an energy source — beginning at its manufacturing stage — must be considered when deciding its environmental friendliness.

Reynolds points to wind power, which, once a windmill is built and installed, requires only wind to function. But the amount of energy used to acquire the raw materials, then construct, transport and distribute windmills is significant, said Reynolds. The "greenness" of wind power, he said, depends on the entire history of the windmill.

"On a relative scale, wind power is still looking pretty

good," said Reynolds, who noted that determining whether one technology is "good or bad" is impossible because its environmental impact is dependent on many factors over a long period of time.

Reynolds said that fuel cells are readily described as a new form of engine, but he emphasized the necessity of examining the amount of energy used to produce not only the fuel cell but also the hydrogen fuel.

"In some cases, it is really quite surprising," said Reynolds, who believes that a fuel cell could end up being less efficient than a diesel engine.

According to Terrance Wong, a research officer at the National Research Council, (NRC), Innovation Centre at the University of British Columbia, a number of sources of hydrogen gas fuel are available, "some being more green than others."

The electrolysis of water, during which electricity is used to break water apart into hydrogen and oxygen, is one method of obtaining pure hydrogen.

"But it takes a lot of energy to do that," warns Alex Boston, outreach coordinator for the David Suzuki Foundation, which collaborates with the Pembina Institute. To be pollutant-free, the energy source used to produce the hydrogen must be obtained from a renewable resource such as wind or solar power, but such methods are not yet feasible on a commercial scale.

Instead, burning fossil fuels such as natural gas, diesel and methanol are more efficient methods of obtaining hydrogen. Pembina's fuel cell study noted that if the production of hydrogen results in significant greenhouse gas emissions, the release of the pollutants will only shift from gasoline-powered cars to large hydrogen production plants.

Obtaining hydrogen from natural gas releases roughly 70 per cent less carbon dioxide than does the internal combustion engine widely used in

automobiles today. Compared to this, recovering hydrogen from gasoline reduces emissions by 22 per cent and a mere five per cent reduction would occur using the electrolysis of water method.

But while massive reserves of natural gas exist, they are often not near large enough to account for the energy needed to be readily transportable.

Methanol (a liquid that is easily produced from natural gas) is considered by many as a more efficient way to "store" hydrogen for fuel cells. Last week, automobile manufacturer Daimler-Chrysler unveiled Nocar 5, the latest methanol-powered fuel cell vehicle, which the company believes to be "fit for practical use."

Methanol, the company claims, is "an ideal liquid storage medium for hydrogen" because it is a liquid that can be transported, stored and handled like gasoline or diesel fuel. But Boston believes that methanol is "not as efficiently prepared or utilized."

The Pembina study found that methanol reformed in a fuel cell reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 35 percent.

Wong contended that there is "no clear champion," adding that research into all the sources of energy is ongoing.

Boston said that in the long-term goal, however, would be to completely avoid using fossil fuels, which will depend on the speed at which renewable energy sources are developed and made commercially viable.

Reynolds added that employing and investing in "green" power technology will help to accelerate the development of these sources of renewable energy. Increased consumer awareness of the difference between green and renewable energy, he said, will prompt people to think more critically about information from companies that claim to be environmentally friendly.

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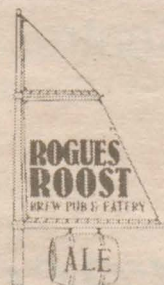
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# Sports Medicine: Creatine Catastrophe

by c.j. foote

the gazette

Joe is an avid weightlifter from Dalhousie and participates in intramural sports on campus. He is 170 pounds and can bench 210 pounds. At his normal weight Joe wasn't quite impressed by how strong or big he was so he started taking protein powders and got really involved in the weightlifting and sports supplementation.

Joe's endeavors didn't stop there.

He started taking Creatine. Creatine is the abbreviated name for Creatine Monohydrate, a compound found in red meat in very small amounts. The body is only supposed to take Creatine in small amounts, but companies that promote this supplement support much higher doses. For instance, most companies recommend ten grams (10g) of Creatine a day — many more times the regular dose than an avid meat eater.

"I was taking in quite a bit of Creatine," says Joe. "Maybe about ten a day for about a month."

After about a month of taking it, Joe saw that he was getting bigger and stronger from Creatine. He was exercising harder in the gym and thought that he was doing something beneficial for his body. Until he went to the gym.

He had a nice workout but afterwards he felt a little dizzy.

"I started getting a little shaky," says Joe. "I didn't drink that much water that day."

After getting home he sat

down on the couch with his friends and was suddenly shaking on the ground.

"One minute we were watching TV and the next he was on the floor gagging," says Joe's friend, who witnessed the event.

"We thought he might be joking around for a second but then we realized that he was taking some type of seizure or something of that sort."

Joe had actually had a seizure.

But why did he have one? Was it Creatine induced?

In the last decade or so, sports supplements have become popular among all athletes. From weight lifters to runners, all have experienced great interest in the realm of supplementation to improve their performance. What do these supplements really do? Are they tested for safety?

Recently, many health journals have been suggesting the negative effects of these products bringing a lot of ambivalence toward these high potency supplements and their commercial sales.

Creatine has been the premier supplement of use with sales in the hundreds of millions of dollars in 1999.

The hype over Creatine is due to the fact that it supposedly has the ability to increase energy and muscle size. That is because it is an intermediate in ATP Metabolism. We need Creatine to make ATP which is a molecule that allows our body to get energy, as seen in the Journal of Biological Chemistry in 1926 volume 67.

According to the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1981 by Dr. I. Sipila and colleagues, when ingested, Creatine has been shown to improve the subject's strength and body weight by ten percent.

However, Creatine isn't taken in regular amounts by most athletes.

Most athletes in the Halifax area say that they take ten grams of Creatine a day — too much for the body to handle.

In fact, recent studies have shown that individuals taking Creatine experience many negative effects.

Published in the October's online journal, *Nutritional Supplements.com*, was a piece that stated that excess amounts of Creatine have also been proven to cause dehydration, liver, kidney strain, and seizures.

"Because the by-product of Creatine, Creatinine, which is similar to uric acid, it is a toxin (which causes these side effects)," says the web site. They also emphasized that the seizures Creatine cause aren't insignificant

but rather they are "tonic-clonic grand mals [massive seizures] that can pop joints, compress vertebrae and possibly even break bones."

*Nutritional Supplements* also printed an article in November titled *My Husband Nearly Died From Intense Seizures While Taking Creatine*. The article discussed a case study in which a woman watched her husband go near the brink of death due to Creatine induced seizures. It reveals that most people who have seizures resulting from Creatine are misdiagnosed with adult onset epilepsy.

*VHI Health*, an online health magazine, in an article in Nov. 2000, stated that Creatine has drastic negative effects that mentioned seizures.

In fact, they stated that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has received more than 30 complaints about Creatine. These complaints include seizures, irregular heartbeats, cramping, diarrhea, stomach pains and even death.

The article suggested that specialists abroad have been

calling for more research on Creatine.

As of now, the FDA has put no regulations on Creatine. The FDA has released information about Creatine and its causation of seizures, but has neglected to make public announcements or improve public awareness of this problem.

Currently the Creatine companies are also not being scrutinized by the FDA in regards to the quality or side effects. This means that any Creatine you buy may not have been tested for purity or authenticity.

Not only has the FDA been negligent to the public, but Creatine companies have also failed to show any sign of concern for the public.

This is a very exceptional example of the risks that consumers take when buying drugs over the counter.

Joe is convinced.

"The seizure was definitely from Creatine. I guess it messed me up. One minute I was fine and the next I was in the hospital staring at my parents. It was a frightening experience" said Joe.

## Huskies lose to Rams dramatic Atlantic Bowl upset

Second-ranked SMU falters late, loses shot at national championship

by josh smith

the gazette

The Saint Mary's Huskies were undefeated in the regular season and were the best team in the country for most of the year. They were expecting nothing less than a trip to the Sky Dome in Toronto and a berth in the Vanier Cup game.

The Huskies, a favored team by the CIAU and TSN, were thought to cruise into the playoffs and meet the winner of the Ontario/Quebec region for the national title.

Someone forgot to tell this to the University of Regina Rams about the hype.

Regina, playing for the Atlantic Bowl in the hostile environment of Huskies Stadium, managed a late charge to upset the Huskies, 40-36. The winning touchdown, coming with 1:39 left, was a 12-yard pass from Rams quarterback Darryl Leason to wide receiver Chris Warnecke. It was set

up by kick-returner Neal Hughes' 89-yard effort, and the Rams' offense wasted no time, scoring within 17 seconds of the return.

Many will point to the Huskies' reliance on the running game, or the collapse on special teams, but neither of these factors can be the sole reason for the upset loss.

After all, the Huskies ran into a surprising Regina team, who were no strangers to the underdog role. The Rams, the seventh-ranked team entering the playoffs, pulled off huge wins over both University of Calgary Dinos and University of Manitoba Bisons en route to their shocking victory over Saint Mary's.

This year's edition of the Atlantic Bowl provided a spectacular display of offense. Despite losing their lead, and eventually the game late in the fourth quarter, the Huskies put up a staggering 517 total yards of offense. Much of this was courtesy

of running back Luis Perez, who rushed for 169 yards and three touchdowns.

To the Regina Rams, though, none of that made any difference.

It didn't seem to matter how many touchdowns they gave up, or how many yards they allowed. It also didn't matter how many thousands of Huskies supporters were on hand, or how many national television cameras were on the confident home team.

What made the difference in the 2000 Atlantic Bowl was the Rams' ability to avoid the distractions and win an incredibly hard fought playoff game on the road. It was yet another season of high expectations and disappointment for the Saint Mary's Huskies, who are now left wondering what might have been. The four-point upset loss will be a hard one for the Huskies to forget, and one they will need to learn from in seasons to come.

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## Tigers earn first victory

by pierre daigle

the gazette

On Nov. 11, Dal re-matched against the Mount Allison Mounties to defeat them at their gym. The Mounties had come to Dal just a week before and had beaten the Tigers in a heartbreaker in five matches.

Initially, Dal jumped out to an early lead (8-4) only to see the Mounties fight back to lead the set 22-20. The Tigers weren't able to recover and eventually lost set-1 25-23.

Mt. A's momentum seemed to carry-over to the next set with the Mounties jumping out to an 8-5 lead. Dal then got energized with the insertion of Amanda Crosby and her spirited play early in the

set. They kept the margin narrow at the second technical time-out of the set while still trailing by a score of 16-12.

The Tigers continued to grind and fight for every point and eventually came out on top with a 27-25 victory. Dal fell behind again in the third set but never let up, but the Mounties were also constantly applying pressure.

A break in the middle of the match where Coach Yanofsky was given a yellow card for tactics used to exhort his team to work hard, gave the Tigers time to refocus themselves and started to claw their way back. They eventually tied the game at 23 a piece and from then on it was all pride as the Tigers just refused to lose.

Finally, Kelly Reinsborough returned in the match for set point which led to the Tigers winning the marathon set, 35 minutes, of the night by a score of 30-28. Now that the Tigers had deflated most of the momentum from the Mounties; they took advantage by coming out with an early lead of 8-2 and eventually led 18-10.

The Mounties weren't going to go slowly in the night when down 22-12, they mounted a comeback to come within two at 24-22. The Tigers, however, weren't going to let this one slip out of their hands and worked tenaciously to finish the set off in the next rally to defeat the Mounties for the set and match 25-22 and 3-1 overall.





**Dalhousie Tigers Men's Soccer**

Congratulations to Dalhousie Tigers Men's Soccer Player Nador Awanen. Nador was named the Atlantic University Sport Most Valuable Player. He was then recognized nationally as a CIAU 1st Team All-Canadian.

**Dalhousie Tigers Men's Cross Country**

**CIAU Championship Results**

TEAM: DALHOUSIE TIGERS SCORE: 194

PLACE/SCORE	NAME	TIME	AVG/KM	AVG/M
27/19	Tom Wallace	33:41. *	3:22.10	5:23.36
33/25	Mark Gardiner	33:57. *	3:23.70	5:25.92
43/33	Curtis Archibald	34:18. *	3:25.80	5:29.28
70/56	Stanley Chaisson	35:13. *	3:31.30	5:38.08
77/61	Matt Richardson	35:28. *	3:32.80	5:48
92/76	Michael Wadel	36:30. *	3:39.00	5:50.40
97/81	Wil Smith	38:20. *	3:50.00	6:08.00

TOP five TOTAL TIME: 172:37.00  
TOP five AVERAGE TIME: 34:31.40

The Dal Tigers Men's Cross Country Team competed in the CIAU Championships in Toronto last week. The team finished in ninth place nationally and were only seven points out of seventh. Tom Wallace led the Tigers charge with a 27th place finish. Marc Gardiner at 33rd and Curtis Archibald at 43rd also cracked the Top 50 for the Tigers.

Congratulations on regaining your Atlantic University Sport Championship and thank-you for a great season.

**Dalhousie Tigers Women's Cross Country**

The Dalhousie Tigers were represented at the CIAU Championships in Women's Cross

**Scoreboard**

**FOOTBALL**

Atlantic Bowl Regina Rams 40 @ Saint Mary's Huskies 36

**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

Moncton 2 @ Memorial 3 (19-25,25-17,25-23,28-30,15-11)

Moncton 1 @ Memorial 3 (25-17,25-16,23-25,25-15)

**MEN'S HOCKEY**

UPEI 4 @ St. Thomas 5

UNB 1 @ UPEI 0

— UNB: R. Walsh

— UNB: G. Chiarello

— Shutout (27 saves)

Acadia 4 @ Saint Mary's 3 (OT)

— ACA: M. Price, S. Reagh, T. Row, S. Nash

— SMU: B. Manley, B. Barker, B. Gibson

Dalhousie 2 @ St. FX. 4

— SFX: D. Stock, C. Beaudoin, T. Smith, Y. Evola

— DAL: D. Pyke, D. Tudin

Moncton 2 @ St. Thomas 4

— STU: M. Hanson 2, M. Haynes, S. Cation - UDM: C. Drolet, C. Prud'homme

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY**

Dalhousie 1 @ Saint Mary's 5

St. FX. 4 @ Moncton 2

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:**

Dalhousie 1 @ Memorial 3 (25-12,25-20,19-25,25-16)

Moncton 3 @ StFX 0 (25-12,25-8,25-18)

Mount Allison 3 @ UCCB 2 (21-25,25-13,25-18,17-25,15-12)

UPEI 0 @ Acadia 3 (25-10, 25-18, 25-18)

Dalhousie 0 @ Memorial 3 (25-21,25-13,25-18)

Moncton 3 @ UCCB 0 (25-10,25-23,25-7)

Mount Allison 3 @ StFX 0 (25-22,25-22,25-23)

UPEI 0 @ Acadia 3 (25-20,25-16,25-19)

SMU 1 @ UNB 3 (21-25,25-19,27-25,26-24)

UNB 3, SMU 1 (23-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-16)

— UNB: R. Vair - 18 kills, 13 digs

— SMU: R. Campbell - 14 kills, 20 digs

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Memorial 68 @ Dalhousie 72

UCCB 80 @ UPEI 59

StFX 58 @ UNB 48

Saint Mary's 61 @ Acadia 48

— SMU: J. Galipeau - 23 pts, 8 reb.

— ACA: L. LaMorre - 15 pts, 7 reb.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Memorial 70 @ Dalhousie 68

UCCB 86 @ UPEI 82

StFX 91 @ UNB 79

Memorial 71 @ Dalhousie 68

UCCB 76 @ UPEI 82

StFX 83 @ UNB 68

Saint Mary's 59 @ Acadia 63

— SMU: J. Tausig - 26 pts.

— ACA: Richard Brenton - 25 pts.

**DALHOUSIE TIGERS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

Mike Smith  
Men's Swimming  
1st Year  
Science  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Mike Smith of the Men's Swimming Team is the Dalhousie Tigers male athlete of the week for the week ending Nov. 19, 2000. Smith put in a great weekend at the Atlantic University Sport Invitational held at Dalhousie on the weekend. His three individual victories in the 200, 400, and 1500 Metre Freestyle events led the Tigers to a convincing 247 point victory over the closest competition from UNB. The Tigers have had a great first term in the pool going undefeated against Atlantic University Sport competition.

Julia Burden  
Women's Basketball  
3rd Year  
Marine Biology  
Oakville, Ontario



Julia Burden of the Women's Basketball Team is the Dalhousie Tigers Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Nov. 19, 2000. Julia put in three great all-around performances as the Tigers won all three games they played last week. The wins moved the Tigers into first place in the Baldwin Division and they are the only undefeated team in Atlantic University Sport Women's Basketball with a record of 4-0. Versus Acadia on Tuesday, Burden scored 15 points and six rebounds in a 65-58 victory. She continued her fantastic play against a tough team from Memorial on the weekend. Saturday she came close to a triple double scoring 7 points, grabbing eight rebounds and dishing out nine assists in a 65-56 victory. Sunday, Julia showed her consistency scoring eight points, grabbing eight rebounds and passing out six assists as the Tigers swept the Sea Hawks with a 72-68 win. Julia adds to her great offensive play by being a tremendous defensive player.

Country by Atlantic University Sport All-Star Edie Baxter. Edie just missed the Top 50 in the event, placing 54th. Congratulations Edie on a terrific season. Look for the Tigers to regain their Atlantic University Sport Title next season.

**Dalhousie Tigers Men's Basketball**

Regular Season Results  
UPEI 76 @ Dalhousie 79

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Basketball Team won their home opener in Atlantic University Sport Play with a 79-76 victory over UPEI at Dalplex on Saturday night. Rubens Aubourg led the way for the Tigers with 21 points, while Will Fagan chipped in with 16 and Nick Donald 15. The Tigers have a very important set of games this week as they travel to Acadia Tuesday night for an 8 p.m. game, before returning to Dalplex to host Memorial on Saturday and Sunday with games starting at 5 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively.

**Dalhousie Tigers Women's Basketball**

Regular Season Games:  
UPEI 49 @ Dalhousie 66

The Dal Tigers Women's Basketball Team continued their winning ways following a win at their Subway Centennial Tournament. The Tigers opened the Atlantic University Sport regular season defeating UPEI 66-49 at Dalplex, Saturday night. Jillian MacDonald poured in 16 points and added 11 rebounds, while Fausta Charlong scored 12 points and Janice King contributed ten rebounds. The Tigers have a set of tough games this week as the face tough teams from Acadia and Memorial. On Tuesday, they travel to Acadia for a 6 p.m. game, before returning home for 3pm and 1pm starts versus Memorial on Saturday and Sunday.

**Dalhousie Tigers Men's Volleyball**

Regular Season Games:  
Memorial 1 @ Dalhousie 3 (25-17, 17-25, 25-20, 25-18)

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Volleyball Team continued their dominant play in early season AUS action as they improved their record to 5-0 by recording a victory over Memorial on the weekend. The Tigers defeated Memorial 3-1 at Dalplex by scores of (25-17, 17-25, 25-20, 25-18). The Tigers will be on the road this weekend as they play in tournament action at the Sherbrooke Omnium Vert er Or Tournament in Quebec.

**Dalhousie Tigers Hockey**

Regular Season Games:  
Dalhousie 5 @ UNB 4  
Dalhousie 5 @ UPEI 2

**Atlantic University Sport Top 5 Scoring Leaders:**

Player	Team	G	A	Pts
Jason Sands	STU	7	15	22
Marty Johnston	DAL	7	15	22
Chris Pittman	DAL	8	12	20
Yanick Evola	SFX	5	14	19
Dustin Virag	STU	8	10	18

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Hockey Team moved into first place in the Atlantic University Sport Hockey Conference with two road victories. Following a 5-4 victory over UNB in Fredericton the Tigers traveled to Charlottetown and posted a solid 5-2 victory. With the wins, the Tigers became the first team to record eight wins on the season in the Atlantic University Sport Hockey Conference. Marty Johnston recorded two goals and an assist in the win over UNB and Dan Tudin tallied three goals and an assist against UPEI. Marty Johnston is tied for first in league scoring having recorded 22 points in 12 games. Fellow Tiger Chris Pittman is all alone in second place, but he will need to miss the rest of the first term after being injured after taking a check in the game against UPEI. The Tigers have continued their march up the CIAU Top Ten Ranking List moving up to eighth this week after entering the rankings at 10th last week. The Tigers have two tough match-ups this week as they are home to SMU at 7 p.m. on Tuesday night, before traveling to Antigonish to face St.FX. on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tigers have six games remaining on their first half schedule.

**Sports this week**

Women's Basketball  
Dalhousie University @ Saint Mary's University  
Thursday, November 23, 2000 06:00 PM  
Location: Saint Mary's University, The Tower

Men's Volleyball  
Dalhousie University @ Université de Moncton  
Saturday, November 25, 2000 07:00 PM  
Location: Moncton

Men's Basketball  
Dalhousie University @ Saint Mary's University  
Thursday, November 23, 2000 08:00 PM  
Location: Saint Mary's University, The Tower

Men's Hockey  
Dalhousie University @ Université de Moncton  
Saturday, November 25, 2000 07:00 PM  
Location: Moncton

Men's Volleyball  
Dalhousie University @ University of New Brunswick  
Friday, November 24, 2000 07:00 PM  
Location: New Brunswick

Men's Hockey  
Dalhousie University @ St. Thomas University  
Friday, November 24, 2000 07:30 PM  
Location: New Brunswick

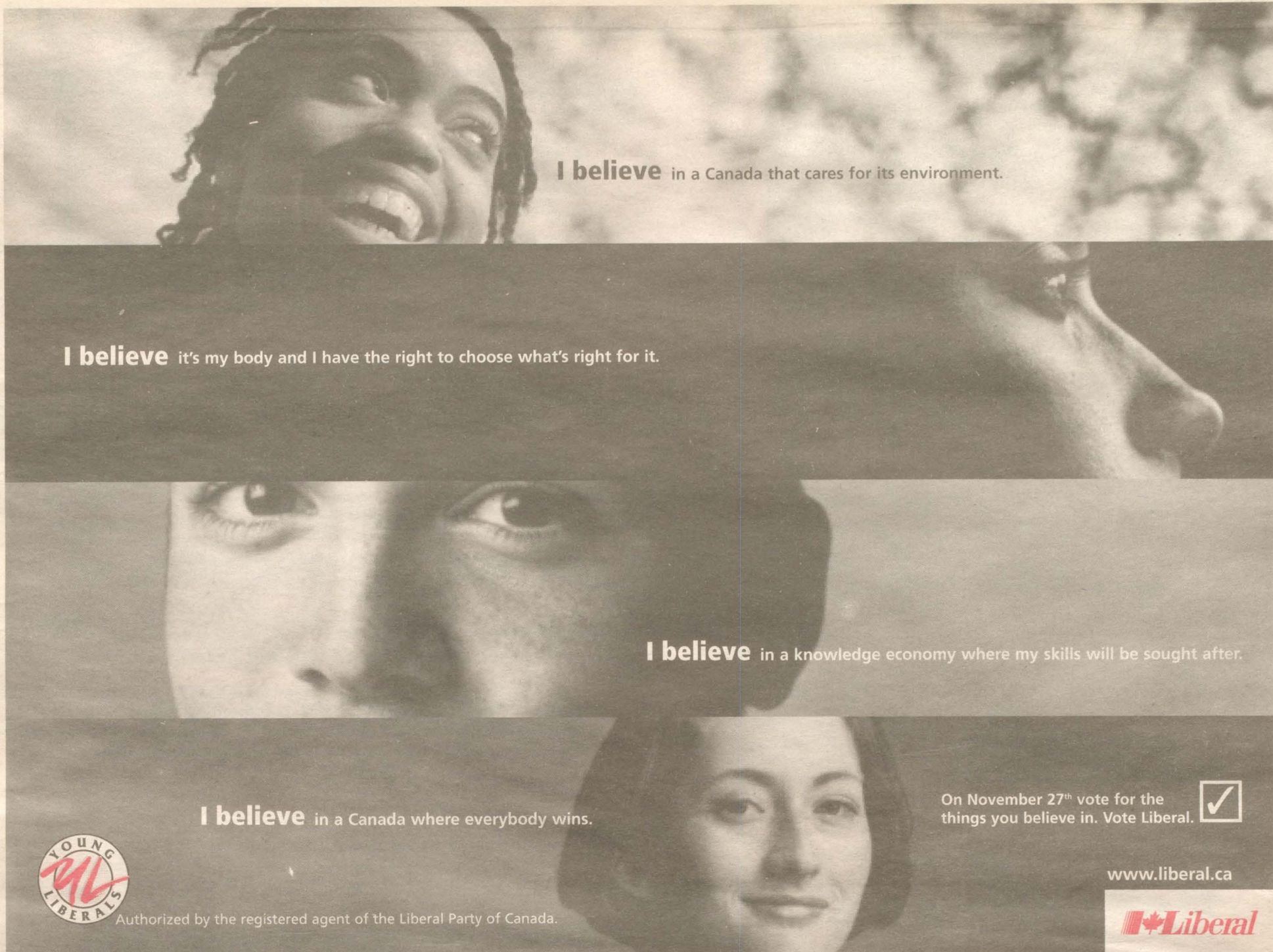
Women's Volleyball  
Dalhousie University @ St. Francis Xavier University  
Saturday, November 25, 2000 03:00 PM  
Location: STFX

**CIAU Men's Hockey Top Ten**

(Men move up from ten to eight)

- 1 Alberta
- 2 UQTR
- 3 Manitoba
- 4 Western
- 5 Lethbridge
- 6 St. Thomas
- 7 St. FX
- 8 Dalhousie University
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- 10 Calgary





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