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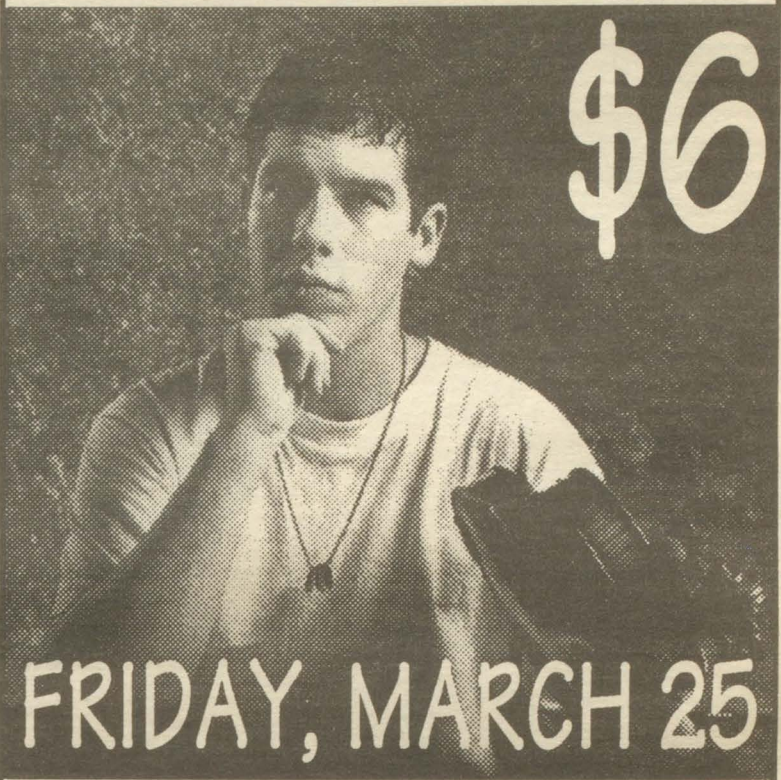
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Two sides square off

Referendum debate heats up

by Ryan Stanley

A certain referendum has got a handful of Dal students very riled up.

Whether Dal students will pay \$6 to remain members of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is not a question that has captivated student voters, but those campaigning on the 'yes' and 'no' sides make up with conviction what they lack in numbers.

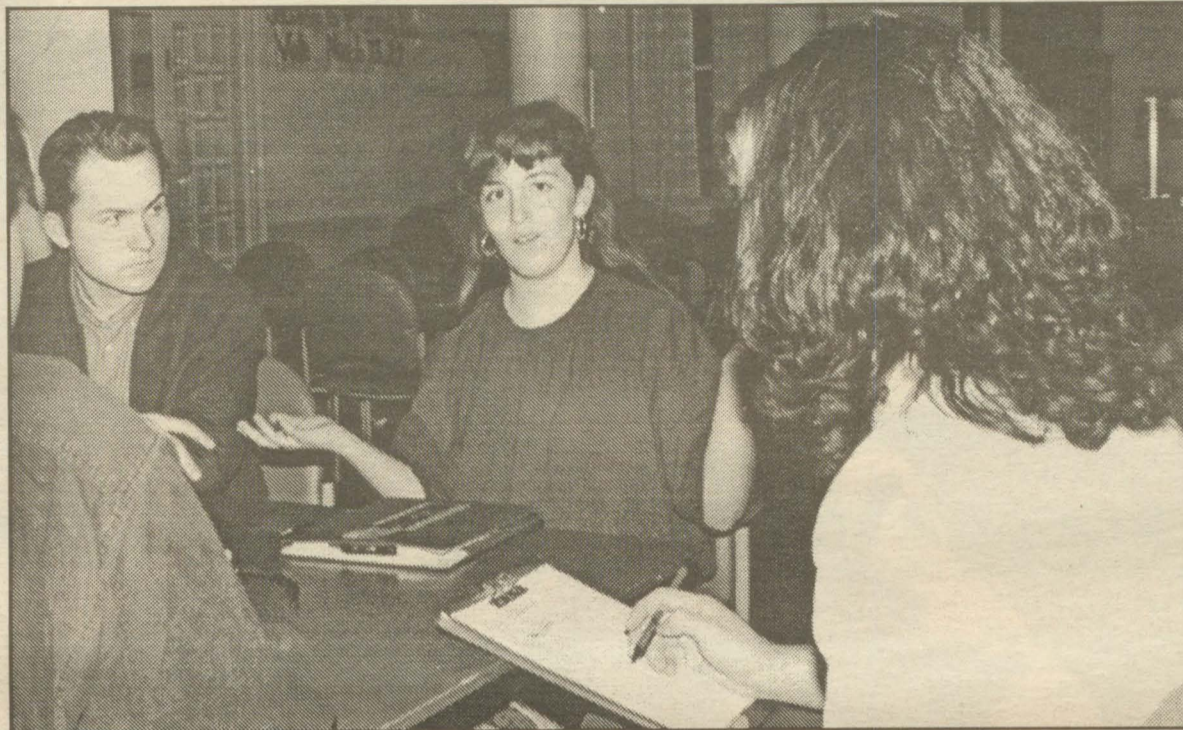
Opponents of the ten-year-old national lobby group call it top heavy, bureaucratic and out of touch with average students, while its supporters say it is Canadian students' best hope for getting government to listen to them.

Passions flared at an impromptu debate moderated by the *Gazette* Tuesday night, held in place of a public forum at Shirreff Hall for which no one showed up.

Waye Mason, a student council member, said the organization, which has over seventy member student unions, has become too embroiled in the contentious social issues of the day to be able to speak for all students on the issues that concern them.

"If you're going to run an effective federation," he said, "if you want to have complete inclusiveness, you have to go for the lowest common denominator when it comes to your common politics." CFS conferences have spent much of their time debating issues such as abortion, women's and aboriginal rights, racism and Canadian foreign policy.

The CFS constitution obliges member schools to adopt policies decided by the organization as a whole, even if they disagree with them. Mason said this approach has driven some big schools away, so



Lisa Lachance makes a point for the 'yes' side.

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they don't take part in CFS' lobbying and thus leave it weak.

"Their constitution could bind us to things we don't agree with," he said. "As a member local we should have the right to opt out of things."

But Lisa Lachance, another council member, said these issues concern students too. "I don't stop being a woman when I become a student," she said. "You don't stop being a gay, lesbian or bisexual when you go to class."

Anthony Roberts agreed, saying it's "incredibly important" for CFS to take stands on social issues.

"Our society at large reflects what happens within post-secondary institutions," he said. "Access to institutions is controlled by what's going on outside of the institutions. So by

addressing those issues on a larger scale, you're going to be a lot more effective."

Chris Whynacht, on the 'no' team, said CFS wastes money on causes that have little to do with students. He said CFS staged a conference in Mexico last year to oppose the North American Free Trade Agreement. "My money for student lobbying should be going towards student loans and established program financing," he said. "Spending money on NAFTA is not the way my student lobby money should be spent."

Lachance disagreed, saying the three-country deal has a lot to say about education that students need to know about.

She and Roberts insist CFS is

worth the small amount of money Dal students put into it. She said the federal government often consults the organization when it debates policies which might affect students.

But Mason said the more important issue is the way CFS is run. Big schools, which contribute large amounts of money to the organization, get only one vote, as do small schools.

As well, he said, "Member locals are subject to and bound by the decisions that are made at the general meetings," he said. "I don't think it's acceptable for the union to be in an organization that's structured that way."

Voting is scheduled for March 28 and 29.

CFS, DSU argue over legality of vote

by Ryan Stanley

Behind the debate on the merits and demerits of the national organization, CFS, the Dalhousie Student Union, and their lawyers are arguing over whether the whole exercise even counts.

Carl Gillis, CFS Chair, says the DSU didn't follow the CFS constitution when it decided to hold a referendum on membership. As a result, he says, the process isn't legitimate.

"The results of the referendum are not binding on us," said Gillis. "It's not a referendum and it's not valid."

DSU council members are outraged that CFS has promised not to recognize the results of the vote. DSU sources said Gillis has threatened legal action if Dal students vote to leave the organization.

The CFS constitution says that in order to pull out of the organization, a student union must give it six months notice and send copies of the question and referendum rules to CFS.

Ironically it was Lisa Lachance, the outgoing Vice-President External and a member of the pro-CFS campaign, who was responsible for sending the documents to CFS back in September when the DSU council decided to hold a referendum. She admitted she didn't do it exactly as required.

"We did screw up," she said. "I screwed up, and I'll admit that."

Jefferson Rappell, the outgoing DSU President, said the DSU's lawyers advised him CFS "does have a bit of a case, as do we." He said the lawyers found the complex rules which CFS insisted on "very strange".

But Gillis called the regulations "very simple". Asked about the DSU's objections, he said, "I've worked at referenda across the country, and I've never seen such juvenile behaviour."

Waye Mason, on the 'no' team, said CFS should realize the DSU was operating in good faith.

"I don't think the student union was trying to jury-rig it either way," he said.

Provinces may shoulder loan burden

by G. Bruce Rolston

TORONTO (CUP) — The federal and provincial governments are in confidential negotiations over the future of the Canada Student Loan program.

The Liberal government has said it wants to carry out an election promise made by defeated Prime Minister Kim Campbell and hike the weekly loan maximum on Canada Student Loans for the first time in 10 years.

Under the federal proposal, the weekly loan maximum on Canada Student Loans would increase by \$60 a week.

But Richard Jackson, who is heading up negotiations for Ontario, says the federal Ministry of Human Resources Development is planning to do this without increasing the amount it actually spends.

Jackson said the new formula may shift more of the burden onto the provinces.

Both the provinces and Ottawa run student loan programs. The federal government suggests increasing the annual Canada Student Loan limit for a 34-week school year, from \$3,500 to \$5,600. If approved, students could choose to go in debt to the Canada Student Loan program by nearly \$2,000 more each year, which Ottawa says will improve accessibility to university education.

But in return, the federal government wants to see the loan formula

fundamentally changed so that even low-need students have to rely in some part on provincial aid.

Currently, all student loans under \$3,500 are covered solely by the federal loan program. Provincial loans only kick in for students needing larger amounts. Ottawa's new proposal would make the provinces cover 40 per cent of all student loans, regardless of their size.

Jackson points out that, because Ottawa is only covering 60 per cent of the total loan a student needs, only very large loans — over \$6,000 — will benefit from the increased loan limit. Most students will still be receiving less than \$3,500 from the government.

"From zero to \$6,000, the federal government is saving money," Jackson said.

Carl Gillis, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, says the proposed changes are little more than a public relations ploy.

"If that's what they're pulling, it is a public relations exercise rather than any substantial reform."

The federal government also wants to change the way students' needs assessment formulas are calculated.

Many provinces calculate students' needs based on their family's income. They are resisting federal government plans to adopt a uniform national type of assessment that includes assets as well as income.

Several provinces, along with student lobby groups, say including assets in the

calculation would be inequitable.

But Gerry Godsoe, student aid policy chief for the federal ministry, said a uniform system is necessary. "We're trying to get a system that's totally equal across the country."

Godsoe pointed out that some provinces, including Alberta and Nova Scotia, already include some form of

assets in their assessments.

Godsoe said he could not comment on the negotiations, as they are still ongoing.

"There has been no announcement by the minister [Human Resources Development Minister Lloyd Axworthy.] Until there's an announcement I can't tell you anything."

Liberals promise social services overhaul

Youth may lose UI

by Graham Cook

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The federal government has proposed sweeping steps to reduce the number of young people on social assistance — by asking them to relinquish their claim to welfare and UI.

"I think it's tragic that the first, in a sense, paycheque that so many young people get is a paycheque from the government," minister of human resources development Lloyd Axworthy said in a CBC radio interview.

Axworthy proposes that young people between the ages of about 18 and 24 be given a "guarantee" to receive job training, apprenticeship, or education, and in return they would give up

their right to social assistance benefits. The "guarantee," however, does not promise any wage.

Debra Brown, an assistant to Axworthy, said the proposal is only one of several being considered over the summer in the current "revamp" of social services, which will also include changes to student loans and a "youth service corps."

The overall outlook for those 15 to 24 is bleak.

According to a recent Statistics Canada study on labour and income, the employment rate for young people peaked at 62.3 per cent in 1989, but now languishes at about 50 per cent. An increasing number of young people are turning to post-secondary edu-

cation to increase their prospects, with full-time enrolment up seven per cent since 1989.

And while the burgeoning service sector is known as a home for starving students, 14 per cent of the drop in youth employment has been in that sector.

According to the StatsCan study, many young people have decided to drop out of the labour force completely, including about 100,000 young single mothers.

As for Axworthy's promised "guarantee" of training or education, so far the proposal has few details about how accessibility to education will be increased.

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VOTE VOTE VOTE

Lewis Jacobson, VP Community Affairs

1. I think that the premise of this position is to hold charity events for the community, on behalf of the Dalhousie students. I would say it entails close ties with the community and the people in the community. I think that this position can be used to help cure the apathy that is now on campus. I would like to see this position a little bit from what it is currently. I would like to bring the community affairs portfolio to more of the students, through events such as a winter carnival or a Mardi Gras

festival, something of that sort, which would bring more students from all of the campus.

2. This year I sat on the Board of Governors as a student representative. I think I have made many contacts with the Halifax community and the Dalhousie community, through that position. I think I can bring experience to council which I think is important. I can bring experience from various charity works that I have participated in. I'll bring

enthusiasm and know-how.

3. The major obstacle would be the apathy on campus. I think that I would have to work to get the campus involved, get more support from the societies as a whole and I would like to see the campus come together a little more. Get the spirit level of this campus up and have the city rally behind them.

4. I would I be Snuffleupagus because he's a big awkward creature, who everybody loves.

Justin Levy, VP Community Affairs

1. I see the position entailing awareness, Dalhousie student awareness. As well as an obligation to fundraise and provide community service.

2. First of all, what I would bring is my experience. I have worked for a few years with the Children's Wish Foundation in Toronto. I've also done work with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, canvassing. As well I've worked with the Sick Children Hospital for a summer in the cancer ward.

What I hope to do is get the

students much more involved. I see there is a real lack of involvement with the students this year. We have over 10 000 students, only of which a very small percentage does any volunteering. I know there's a lot of students who want to volunteer but don't have any direction. So what I intend to do is place direction and organization right in front of them so they know what to do and where go if they want to.

3. The major obstacle I think is really organization. I think the Com-

munity Affairs department has had trouble getting students out, and because of that the school on the whole really doesn't expect that volunteer work is sort of an essential part of being here. And that really, the organization, getting students together, and having them work together as a team, I think is going to be the largest obstacle.

4. Snuffleupagus. Because jeez I don't know... a tricky one. Probably because he's such a good friend with Big Bird I guess.

Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29, students will once again have an opportunity to stuff ballot boxes. In preparation for the election, the Gazette interviewed the two candidates for the DSU Vice-President Community Affairs, as well as a representative from both the yes and no sides of the CFS membership question.

(Note: DSU = Dalhousie Student Union and CFS = Canadian Federation of Students)

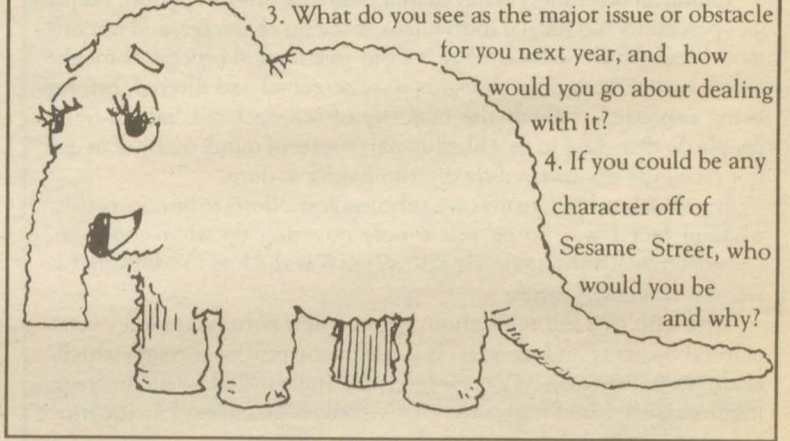
Questions for Vice-President Community Affairs candidates

1. What does your position entail? What do you see as the function of this position?

2. What are you specifically going to do for students through this position? What will you bring to this position?

3. What do you see as the major issue or obstacle for you next year, and how would you go about dealing with it?

4. If you could be any character off of Sesame Street, who would you be and why?



Questions for CFS referendum

1. What is it about CFS that has made you decide to run a campaign in this referendum?

2. Do you really think students care about this referendum question? Why does it matter to you?

3. What are the key issues or points that you think students should keep in mind when deciding how to vote?

4. If you could be any character on Sesame Street, who would you be and why?



Interviewed by Lilli Ju and Judy Reid

Chris Whynacht, CFS - No No No No No No

1. I guess it's not CFS and what they've done, but more CFS and what they haven't done. Last year CFS took \$4 per student or \$36 000 in total from the Dalhousie campus to spend on student lobbying issues nationally. But they didn't spend a lot of money on that. They're currently running massive deficits, over \$200 000 a year. Between 1991 and 92, their deficit raised by \$50 000, so they went in debt another \$50 000, yet the amount they paid in salaries to their workers, went up by \$125 000.

They spent money on protesting CBC budget cuts, on Canadian foreign policy, but they didn't spend a lot of money on student issues. A lot of people are worried that if CFS goes, that Travel Cuts will go, but that doesn't happen either because Travel Cuts was here long before CFS was, and is going to be here a lot longer than CFS.

I guess another problem I have with CFS is the way they do what-

ever lobbying they do. In the past when the Tories were in power, they lobbied the NDP and the Liberals. It made no sense to me because you always seem to lobby the group that's in power. Now with the liberals in power, I'm going to wonder if they're going to lobby the NDP and the Tories, or the Bloc. Are they actually going to lobby the Liberals? You have to lobby the government that's in power to get your point across, and they weren't doing that.

And now they're asking for more money. They want us to pay \$53 000 next year instead of \$36 000. That's an extra \$17 000 dollars from the Dalhousie campus. An increase of 46%, and I just don't think that's right.

2. I think I'll answer the second part first. It matters to me because I don't like to see my money that I have to work for to go towards nothing. I know it's only \$4 per student, or trying to make it \$6 per student. I

earned that money working, so I could come to school here and I don't want to see that money go towards nothing. And I think most students really don't know what CFS is, and that's a problem in itself.

So does this referendum question really matter to them? Maybe not, because they don't know what CFS is. And if they don't know what CFS is, CFS certainly isn't doing their job, and isn't deserving of the \$36 000 we gave them last year and certainly isn't deserving of the \$53 000 that they want from us next year. And then in 1995 they're going to increase our rates every year. So we're going to pay more each year, and yet students still don't know what CFS is, or what they stand for. I just don't think that's right.

3. I think that they should keep in mind that they're voting for an increase or not. They should keep in mind that CFS is going to get \$36 000 from us next year whether we

like it or not. The question is do we want to give them an extra \$17 000. If we don't, vote no. If we do I guess we vote yes.

But CFS hasn't done anything for Dal students. Most Dal students don't know what CFS is. And that doesn't seem to be an organization that's worthy of an extra \$17 000, let alone the original 36.

I think that Dal students have to pay attention to the organization that they're looking at here. CFS, the Canadian Federation of Students hasn't done a lot for Dalhousie students. Hasn't done enough that Dalhousie students recognize them or know who they are. And so why should they get anymore money?

4. CFS would be Snuffleupagus because nobody's seen it. And I would probably be... I don't know... I haven't seen Sesame Street forever. Maybe Kermit the frog. I think I'll be Kermit. Kermit's as good as anybody I guess.

Robin Mackinnon, CFS - Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

1. The same things that make me feel really good about being a member personally. I'm a member through the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. For me it's a simple matter of logic. No matter how people differ on what the precise issues are, people all seem to agree that students get the short end of the stick when it comes to tuition increases and their dealings with government.

So it pretty much comes down to if you want the strongest voice in the strongest medium possible to communicate. It doesn't serve anyone's purposes to break down and pull away.

I intend to go to meetings and demand that people pay more attention about what's going on in the province of Nova Scotia. And to demand accountability. If you sit around and you figure that someone is not doing what they should be or they've neglected in some manner to represent you, then you have every right to go to them and say "Hey look."

Tell your VP external what to do,

they'll tell me what to do. And I in turn tell other people what to do. The best way to make sure the Federation serves you is to take on the responsibility and obligations that are part of being a member.

There is also the undeniable benefits to be associated with CFS services; the Student Work Abroad Program, Travel Cuts is a big member, the ISIC card you get for free when you're a federation member; cheaper flights to get home and see your family, the list goes on and on.

Hopefully I will be effective in getting the information out to people if they're not aware. Maybe that's something that needs to be taken issue with, when people on this campus aren't aware of what their \$4 and hopefully their \$6 is going to pay for.

2. Do I think that students care? Gee I don't know. DSU and campus politics here is all new to me. I come from a very small school. I hope they do and if they don't already, I hope I

can encourage them to consider the question and take an interest and vote because I think it's very critical. I hope at the end of it all, they decide that they do care.

It means a lot to me because I'm a member of a small school. NSCAD doesn't make the papers much, our tuition increases don't make much big news the way they do at Dal. But the more people that stand with us, and say people have a right to certain things, and something's wrong and something's got to be fixed, and here are some ideas.

We're attempting to contribute to solutions and more successful alternatives for the governance of post secondary education. Making sure that it's really accessible to all of the people that want to discover their own potential. That's why it's important to me, because we're small fish in big ponds.

3. This is a lot to do with the fee increases. Is it worth another \$2 to continue being a member? Obviously

I'm suggesting that it is. I'm absolutely certain that it is. Two bucks, it's a couple of muffins.

When you consider that the organization has been around since 1981, has never raised it's fees in all that time, this is just the cost of doing business. It costs money to keep this organization on the ground. That's all the two bucks is for. So we go from \$4 to \$6. It's a bargain, at any price, to have the number of people that I know are working, dedicated and driven to making this the best effort that it can be.

It's a chain of accountability, and students here have every right to and have an obligation to make sure that their representatives are accountable, just as we are exercising our right to make sure that the government is accountable.

4. I think I'd be Kermit the frog because I always liked that song, *It's Not Easy Being Green*, which seems to kind of sum up my student political career, probably my whole life.

One button not enough

Let's Stop Racism.

So reads a button adorned on many a jacket this past Monday.

You see... Monday, March 21 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Quite a mouthful of a phrase—not like popular St. Patrick's Day or romantic Valentine's Day.

What do you wish people on this day? You can only say "Happy International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination" a few times before your tongue gets tied or the wrong words come out.

And why just one day?

Has our society digressed so much so that we need this one internationally-declared day to remind ourselves not to discriminate against a fellow person? I shudder to think that. I really do.

And then there are those who think that problems of discrimination don't exist, and if they do, they exist in other communities, in other people — and of course, not in me!

I admit, at one time, I believed that I was a racism-free person. I kept an open mind and judged individuals based on character, and not on race. I had developed a kind of 'racism-free mental process' through which my own personal thoughts were screened and filtered, before being expressed. I think the majority of self-declared 'racism-free' people do this. And in this blissful, naive state of mind, many of us do not recognize our own subtle discriminatory actions.

But then I realized, in my own subconscious efforts to be non-racist, what in fact I was doing was simply covering up what could be considered racist thoughts. As difficult as it was, I had to admit that I was not truly racism-free.

And with this self-realization, began a new personal journey into cultural diversity and identity. It is a learning process through which one must immerse oneself completely mentally naked. With an open mind and searching for experience, I've only begun to explore the true meaning of cultural diversity and my own identity.

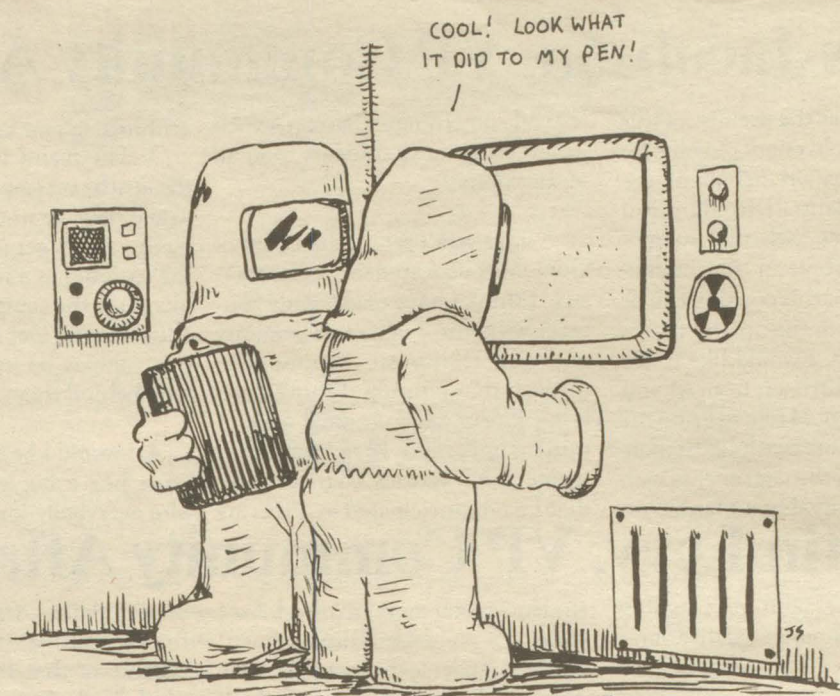
Being Korean-Canadian, some people think that I'm 'halfway there' in understanding cultural diversity. But that's not true. Having been brought up in Canada all my life, how do I know what it's like to be a Korean living in South Korea? How do I know what it feels like to be Black? To have a disability? To speak English as a second language? To be lesbian? To be aboriginal? Or to be anything else that I am not right now.

The phrase 'put yourself in someone else's shoes' has no real meaning for me. As hard as I can try, I will never fully understand what it's like to be someone else, to think the same thoughts, to have the same memories and experiences, and to believe in the same things.

That is why events such as Cultural Diversity Festival are important. It is a time to appreciate and celebrate our differences. To learn from each other. To admit how little we know. And to learn about ourselves.

But in the end, one day, one button, one festival is not enough to eliminate discrimination. These are all just token items. But combined with an earnest desire to learn and share what we've experienced with others, our communities, our societies, and yes, even you, can begin the long process of realizing the true meaning of cultural diversity and come closer to the elimination of all discrimination.

Lilli Ju



ANOTHER RESEARCH-INTENSIVE DAY AT THE SLOWPOKE.



LETTERS

The Dalhousie *Gazette* welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 500 words in length and should be typed and double-spaced. The deadline for letters is Monday 4 pm before publication. Letters may be e-mailed or submitted on MacIntosh or IBM-compatible 3.5" disk.

Royal rumble

To the editor:

The editorial "Monarchy is dead" (March 17) by the *Gazette's* copy editor Richard Lim marks not the end of the monarchy but rather a profound misunderstanding of matters constitutional and political. Sadly, it is this sort of uninformed and unimaginative opinion which is running rampant throughout much of the Commonwealth today. The vast body of legislation, treatise, literature and art work which supports the complex concept of constitutional monarchy is impossible to elucidate in a brief letter, but a few of Mr. Lim's points may be rebutted.

Mr. Lim rejects the Queen's position as the head of a democratic Canada, writing "Why is our government comprised of democratically elected Canadians? She can run the show alone!" The reason to this question lies in the constitutional arrangements which began with Magna Carta in 1216 and have run through the civil disturbances of the seventeenth century, the reform bills of the nineteenth century, the BNA Act in 1867 and the patriation in 1982. This evolutionary development has provided us with the distinct form of constitutional monarchy in a parliamentary democracy wherein governing sovereignty is vested in the Commons. A head of state aloof from the political mire by virtue of inheritance prevents the foibles of partisan politics from tainting the idea of the nation.

Mr. Lim dubiously associates the Queen with Quebec separatism. Separatism is a product of English Canada's failure to recognize Quebec's cultural distinctiveness and has little to do with constitutional monarchy. It would be impossible to recruit francophones for the Royal 22e Régiment (the loyal Vandoos) if there wasn't a certain respect existing in Quebec. Indeed, the separatist leaders of the Parti Québécois have repeatedly expressed their admiration for British institutions. This is not surprising when it is remembered

that the conquest on the Plains of Abraham freed New France from the absolutist Bourbons and the ensuing terrors of the French Revolution.

Mr. Lim's statement that "no political lobby group can tell me that my ruler and keeper is a non-multiracial/cultural non-bilingual non-Canadian living in a palace across the ocean" represents the height of ignorance. Does Mr. Lim regard the Canadian Parliament, which repeatedly enacts legislation in the name of the Queen of Canada, as a "political lobby group"? Furthermore, although it is impossible for any head of state to ethnically embody the diverse particularity of a nation, it is judicious to note that the Queen is fluently bilingual and has an ancestry which is quite "multicultural".

Republicans of Mr. Lim's ilk wish to destroy the rich tapestry of this land in the pursuit of a politically correct state. The creeping nihilism of modernity may well facilitate the success of these tiresome levellers.

E. Penz
Arts undergraduate

Royal rumble II

To the editor:

The views expressed by Mr. Richard Lim in last week's editorial "Monarchy is dead" are shared by many women and girls involved in the Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada (GGC).

The proposed changes to the GGC Promise and Laws are indeed causing a great deal of discussion. Through my experience growing up through the Guiding movement, participating as a leader and as this year's Vice-Chair of the Young Women's Caucus of GGC National Council, I know that the renewal of our Promise and Laws is important.

The Young Women's Caucus is comprised of members between 17 and 30 years of age from across Canada. We discussed the new Promise and Laws drafts and voted in favour of the changes at the National Council. They now express the true spirit of all members of GGC, young and old, today and

tomorrow.

If Mr. Butters of the Monarchist League of Canada believes "the Queen in Canada", then to promise to do one's best to Canada should be sufficient in the GGC Promise.

Not only has the reference to the "Queen" been removed but also the religious reference to "God" has been changed to "my God/my faith" to better reflect all members' individual beliefs and spirituality. These changes allow a combination of the traditional and new.

Many members of GGC helped to make these changes through various levels of Guiding, committees, and participation in surveys. I am sure these changes will be passed at the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and be quickly adopted into the growing Canadian Guiding program.

Tiffany Jay
Vice-Chair, Young Women's Caucus
Girl Guides of Canada

Rah rah rant

To the editor:

I would like to comment on Joe O'Connor's article ("Young Tigers learn a hard lesson") in the last issue regarding the results of the AUSA basketball championships. In his article he stated that he would like to blame Dal's loss on Dalhousie's "spirit squad" but didn't want to face the school's "Senate bloodhounds" in the process.

First, who are the Senate hounds anyway? And second, the cheerleading club is there to lend its support to the athletes while hopefully at the same time adding to the spectators' involvement in the games. However, we are not on the court to score baskets nor are we responsible for the final score.

A comment like that tends to take away from the hard work our team has put in for the school. Many of us have frequently taken time off from work on

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the weekends (since that is when the games are usually played) to be present at the games. This year, which is also our first, we were there at some of the regular season games of women's and men's basketball, soccer and hockey. We were also there for the bigger events such as Frosh Week, the Rod Shovellor Tournament and the opening game of the CIAU men's volleyball championships as well. In fact, that week we cheered at five games in total.

I realize that the comment was more likely a joke but I feel one must take on some responsibility for what one writes. Since Mr. O'Connor feels that the squad is such a factor perhaps he would like to come to our tryouts on April 17 and make a difference.

Carmen Tam
Coordinator

Dalhousie Co-ed Cheerleading

Patronage games

To the editor:

As a student politician at Dalhousie I feel it is my duty to represent students on all issues, and to inform them on what's happening within the DSU. I normally wouldn't go as far as writing a letter, but when the incoming President and Vice-President Executive are in the process of hand-picking a few of their friends for key positions on council, I feel I must.

Before I give you names let me give you a little background. First off, for

those of you who don't know, the DSU appoints a number of positions with honoraria every year. These positions are selected by the DSU nominations committee, which was just struck by the new council this past Sunday. The new members, one of who supported Rod MacLeod and Tiffany Jay's campaign, will help their cause substantially in easing the process of stacking the influential positions of Treasurer and Chair with their friends. Interesting to note that Lisa Lachance, the newly elected Board of Governors Rep, and by far the most qualified councillor for a recruitment committee position, was denied. Perhaps this had something to do with the fact that she and Mr. MacLeod aren't exactly the best of friends?

Anyway, the fact is that there is an obvious attempt to fill the position of Chair with Louis Beaubien (presently chair of the Science Society), and the position of Treasurer with John St. Louis (friend of Rod MacLeod and campaign worker). This is widely known within DSU circles, but I'd imagine the average student doesn't know. My concern is that the average student who applies for either of these positions will never really stand a chance, despite the fact they may be granted a token interview. I do not take anything away from Mr. St. Louis' ability to do the job; but what I think students may be concerned with is the fact that such blatant patronage is going on within the DSU.

We have to stop these actions now, so that in the future the DSU maintains the representative face that it took on this year. I'd like to be a member of council next year and I'd still like my vote to count. I for one don't want to see a hidden agenda rammed down my throat next year. How about you?

Pat Keith
Arts Rep

CFS a waste of money

I am writing this in response to the opinion piece of Robin Mackinnon in the last edition of the Gazette. I am sure that many of your readers have noticed that a referendum is soon to be voted on by Dalhousie students, and this is another reason that I am writing this.

Like the rest of you I paid money, and good money at that, to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) this year. We all gave up our four dollars willingly, and most of us unknowingly, with our Dalhousie Student Union dues.

I'm sure that many of you are unaware of what CFS is and what it does for Dal students, and this is why I am writing this today. CFS is a national student lobby group that represents over 400,000 students. The problem I have with this organization is that it uses our money to promote its own goals, and those are not necessarily the same as my own or those of many of Dalhousie's current population.

As Dalhousie students, and thus members of CFS, we are opposed to such things as Free Trade and NAFTA, CBC budget cuts, increased military spending, Canadian foreign policy, not to mention the death squads of El Salvador. While I am also opposed to the senseless slaughter in El Salvador, I would prefer that my student lobby group would spend its time and my money on student issues. Our money that is supposed to be spent on student

issues should not sponsor anti-NAFTA conferences in Mexico. Spend our money in Canada, please.

I am deeply disturbed by the fact that this group is misrepresenting students and not spending as much time as it should addressing valid Canadian student concerns. In fact it is doing little more than addressing the objectives of the select few in charge of CFS nationally.

Another tidbit of information about CFS is the significant deficits that it has recently incurred. It has spent \$200,000 more than it has earned the last two years. It has decided rather than cut back its budget it is going to raise our membership price from the current \$4 up to \$6 per person. Dalhousie gave \$36,000 to CFS this year and it wants \$53,000 from us next year. I for one am not in favour of giving it an extra \$17,000, let alone the original \$36,000. CFS also proposes that after 1995 dues will increase annually. It has raised its salaries 250 per cent since 1986, and now it wants more money from Dal to pay for it.

What we have to ask ourselves is whether it is worth \$53,000. The University of Saskatchewan asked themselves if they wanted CFS, and 72 per cent said 'no'. So did the University of Waterloo, of whom 73 per cent voted 'no'.

CFS has told you that you would lose Travel Cuts if you vote 'no'. Truth-

fully, Travel Cuts was here before CFS and will be here long after it has gone. Other schools have voted CFS off campus and they all still have Travel Cuts, and so will we. Waterloo and the U of Saskatchewan still have Travel Cuts, as does every other school that has voted CFS off campus.

I am not opposed to a national student lobby, or even a Maritime Student Union, but CFS doesn't do the job that it should for Dalhousie students. There is nothing that CFS can do that our own Dalhousie Student Union cannot and does not already do for us.

So let's take a quick look at this once more. CFS is running \$200,000-plus deficits for the last two years. It talks about representing students nationally, but among other things is spending our money in Mexico to try to fight NAFTA. There are over fifty workers in Ontario and CFS spent 250 per cent more on salaries in 1992 than in 1986. It stopped a resolution that said the words 'student' or 'education' have to be present in all their policies, but they claim to be a student lobby group dealing with education issues. Does this make sense to you? It doesn't to me. So how am I going to save myself six dollars in one minute? I am going to vote 'no' in the CFS referendum.

Chris Whynacht

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Finding support, hope in life with AIDS

by Lilli Ju

AIDS and HIV. So much attention has been given to AIDS and HIV in an attempt to educate and increase public awareness. Since their introduction to popular media in the mid-1980s, we've seen a huge amount of information being spurned

out — educational pamphlets, talk shows, TV ads, lectures, documentaries... But despite all this, misconceptions and prejudices still exist. All too often, the human side of the story is overlooked and forgotten. Remember: when you hear about AIDS and HIV, we are talking about human lives who have been dra-

matically affected by these 'things'. So what is it like living with AIDS or being HIV positive? The *Gazette* talked to Terry Martin, a Board Member of the Nova Scotia Persons with AIDS Coalition, about living with AIDS.

Gazette: Tell me a little about yourself.

Martin: I'm 45 years old. I'm a Board Member of the Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition. I no

longer work. I'm on disability. And I spend most of my days here in this place, the office, doing a lot of volunteer stuff.

Gazette: Do you have AIDS or are you HIV positive?

Martin: I was diagnosed with full-blown AIDS in the spring of last year.

Gazette: Is that when you first found that you were affected?

Martin: No, I found out that I was HIV positive in February, 1986. That's when I first found out. But I probably was HIV since 1980. So I went from really, really healthy until last spring when I got pneumocystic pneumonia. And that put me in the category of full-blown AIDS.

Gazette: What did it feel like when you first found out you were HIV positive?

Martin: Really and truly, I breathed a sigh of relief when I found out. Before I was putting it off and putting it off [testing for HIV]. I threw it on the back burner because I have other things in my life to deal with. I want to travel and all that. I thought about it. Waiting for my test results, I thought of suicide - I thought of all those stupid things. But then, just talking to some friends, this is called living with AIDS, living with HIV - not dying from it. So I ended up saying, "That's it. I'm going to really live as long as I can with it and deal with it." And I've been dealing with it pretty well.

Gazette: At the time you found out in 1986, there wasn't the level of awareness that there is today. How did you find that?

Martin: There wasn't a lot of stuff around. Well, this organization hadn't even started then. I couldn't find the information that I wanted. My doctor didn't know anything either at the time. So I just started working with my doctor and - my companion had also found out that he was HIV 2 months before me - so we needed a good doctor to find out some information for us. Once this place opened, all the information I needed was right in that library. I've done a lot of reading. I sent away for different information from Health and Welfare Canada.

Gazette: How has support from family and friends been?

Martin: I didn't tell my family until 1990. I just didn't want to burn my family with something like this. My family's very supportive. I have two sons who've been very very supportive. They're very very good. My companion, as we are both affected - we used to talk about a lot of things, you know. He knew more than I did. And this organization, here, has been a tremendous support for me.

Gazette: What's been the hardest thing to deal with about being HIV positive or having AIDS?

Martin: Oh. The hardest thing dealing with this... was telling my family. That was the hardest thing.



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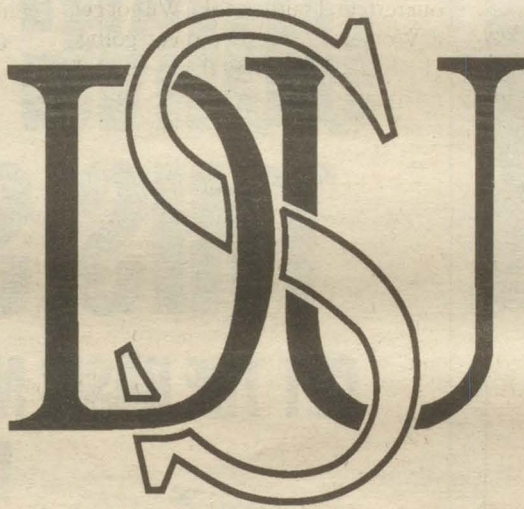
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Terry Martin tells his story.

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How do you tell your mother you've got HIV? And what was coming out in '86 was that people were dead in two years. So how do you say, "Look, don't worry. I'm going to be around." And my sons, that was hard for me to do. Other than that there... my job. I didn't want to tell anyone at my job, 'cause I thought, you don't know what they're going to treat you like.

That was the kind of things that really bothered me. I had to deal with that stuff. I spent a lot of nights just crying at home. You just can't tell everybody. I was scared of losing friends. But you know - I haven't lost one friend.

Gazette: Telling people was the hardest thing. Once you told people, how did it feel? How did people react?

Martin: Once I started telling people that I was HIV positive, I told everybody I wanted to know. And I felt really good about myself. I was ashamed about being HIV positive at first. How do you get it? "Sex." People will always talk. I got rid of this shame, and then I just went from there. I just said to myself, "Tell people, because you're going to get sick. And they're going to wonder what the hell is wrong with you." I started telling my friends. I told two or three people at my job that I really had faith and trust in. But no one ever walked away.

Gazette: What's been the most encouraging thing that you've experienced?

Martin: I found out I liked myself. You know? I've got a lot to give and I've got a lot of time ahead of me. A

lot of time. And it's been a learning process with this disease because I didn't know anything about it. And every day in this office, I read something because I want to get all information I can for my own health. That helps.

Gazette: I guess, the biggest thing is overcoming the stigma attached to having AIDS.

Martin: That's the big thing. You say that someone is HIV positive and people go "Oh, god." And they literally freak. I mean some people really freak. Geez. AIDS has been around. But there's also a lot of people who are just curious. Very curious. They want to sit and talk.

Gazette: So education is the key.

Martin: Yes, education is the key. And to let people know that this isn't a 'gay man's disease' and it never was. And for them to get over that homophobia. That's a lot of our problems when we go to schools. They think, "well, you're gay." And I say, "Look. This disease is everybody's disease. Not just mine because I'm a gay man. Everybody's."

Gazette: You've mentioned the Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition as a great support. What is its mandate or purpose?

Martin: We're here to give all our time and energy to persons living with HIV and AIDS. We have peer support. We look after people. We look after our friends. We really do. We just don't walk away. We sit with them. We're at their home for the ones who've died at home. So it's a really a peer support to let people know who we are.

We're not just wasting government money, I'll tell you right now. A lot of people think, "Yeah right. You're just a bunch of gay men." To me, if I didn't have this organization, I'd have nothing. I know that. I'd have absolutely nothing. And I probably wouldn't have the need to live because this organization has meant so much to me and done so much for me.

Gazette: What are some of the organizations accomplishments?

Martin: The support. And setting up programs. We have a Women & AIDS program right now. And that was very important for me. At our retreat, I said, "Look. We got get a Women & AIDS project going. We have to get something set up." So that's a real good goal. Black Outreach Project. We need to get into the Black community. As a man like myself who's white, I couldn't get into that community. And that's the second thing we've got.

It's not easy. Sometimes it's really depressing. I want them to know and to ask questions like "What are you doing during the day?" and "How's the illness affecting you?" And I talk about that. I talk about medical shit, drugs. Drugs, they're not cheap. I'm alright; I have a plan. But a lot of my friends don't have that. And they can't get the best drugs. And I feel so sorry for them.

Gazette: What is like living with AIDS? What do you have to do? Like yesterday?

Martin: Yesterday, I spent five and a half hours giving two units of

blood. I guess I have to go the clinic on a regular basis. A lot of blood work done, a lot of bone scans and all that stuff. It gets very tiresome, I'll tell you right now, especially when you spend half your day in a hospital. I got a blood transfusion done yesterday and I've got to get a bone scan done at the end of the month.

There are things happening to my body that I don't know what's going on. I know how I feel. I just don't know what's going on inside my body. There are days I feel like crap, when I don't even get out of bed. I can't get my head off the pillow. I'm wondering what's going to happen.

I'm going to have problems with walking. My left leg gives out under me every once in a while. I get out of bed and stand up, and it just crumbles right underneath me. And I'm just very concerned. I don't have any muscle in my body, hardly at all. And I don't know what's happening to me. And the general physicians don't know. And that's why they're doing all the work on me, because they want to find out. But it's really hellish when you're walking down the street, then all of sudden, 'BOOM' and you're flat on your face. It's very scary.

Gazette: It must get pretty scary at times.

Martin: Yeah, it is. I never worried about it before. But I am worried about it now. Things are starting to take place that I just can't figure out why. Loss of appetite. I'm on a drug to stimulate it but it's just not doing what I feel it should do. From loss of appetite, worrying about my eyes, so you're constantly looking at yourself, physically. But it's the inside you don't know what's happening.

Gazette: Are you scared about dying?

Martin: No. I've been looking forward to dying all my life. No, I'm not scared about dying. The only thing I want is good care. I want my family there. I want my companion there. And when I'm ready to say, "I know it's my time," I'm not going to hold onto anybody whatsoever. I'm just gonna say, this is my time and let it go. A lot of people just hold on and hold on to their family. Well, I'm not going to do that. And I know how far I want to take my illness. I don't want to lay in a bed for two or three years, wasting away. I don't want that. I've got a few other plans for right now.

Gazette: Have you worked yourself to reach this state of mind?

Martin: I think I did since about 1989. It was like "Wow!". I knew things were changing in my mind. I thought about it. I talked to a few

friends about it. A lot of them said, "well, you'll spend a lot of time in the hospital." And I'll never die in a damn hospital. Never in my life. It's going to be in my bed with my loved ones around. I've never been scared of dying, even when I was younger.

Gazette: What kind of things would you tell individuals who think that they might be HIV positive or just found out that they were HIV positive or have AIDS?

Martin: If they were just diagnosed, I would tell them, "This is not a death sentence. You've got the rest of your life." For people out there who think they may be, "Go for the test." We have an anonymous testing site coming up in April. It's all coded. No one knows who you are. And I think it's very important to find out about your health. Some people don't know until they have full-blown AIDS. And that's really scary for somebody. I would tell people to get out there, get tested, and start learning to deal with it. And I deal with it!

Gazette: Is there anything else you would like to tell people?

Martin: We need to let people know that condoms are not 100% safe. But we need the condoms. A lot of kids don't use them. If we could get control over this, that would be perfect. But I don't want to see anyone infected with this disease. I've lost so many friends of mine. And each time I lose one, I just back and go "whoa". I can't even mourn anymore. That's very very hard.

Friends, I've been losing them left and right. What can you do? God. I may be next. It's been a struggle with me - a lot of my friends that I've known for 20 years, watching them die. I worry about my companion getting ill, and dealing with him. But if he gets ill and I get ill, we're kind of stuck. And we'll have to rely on our support teams. It's just important to live. That's my big thing. I'm going to live. After the year 2000, I don't care. I'm going to see the turn of the century so I can just party! But after that, I really wouldn't care what happens.

Gazette: So any parties in the works?

Martin: I like partying, but I can't drink. If I drink, because I have no immune system, it could knock me out for God knows how long. But when I go out, I drink juice and water. And I enjoy going to a bar just to get out of my home. My main goal is 1999-2000. That's my goal right now. And that's what I'm ready for no matter what. I'll fight for that until God knows when.



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The short, short stories of Life After God

by Robert Currie

My Timex Triathlon tells me that reading Douglas Coupland's new book of short stories, *Life After God*, took one hour, one minute and 47 seconds. As to whether it was time well spent, my watch is silent, unless you count the "peep" it made when I hit the Stop button. Which means reviewing it is still up to me.

BOOK REVIEW
Life After God
Douglas Coupland
Pocket Books

It's hardly necessary to cover the background—how Coupland's first book, *Generation X*, became the bible of the twentysomethings, and how his second book, *Shampoo Planet*, raised a muffled chorus of measured disappointment. Now comes Coupland's third book, no bigger than two boxes of Jello placed end to end, and, sadly, no more satisfying.

Life After God is a collection of minimalist short stories of travel and memory, loss and despair, interspersed with Coupland's sketches. Only a few paragraphs of type fill each page; many only have a sentence or two. If a writer is going to skimp this much on quantity, what is there had better be good, but for the

most part, *Life After God* is a little less than good.

"The Dead Speak," in which victims of a nuclear holocaust describe what they were up to when they were unexpectedly incinerated, is the book's low point. There just isn't anything here to read, beyond brief descriptions of imploding shopping malls and melting flesh.

One can't dismiss all of the book as lightly, however. In "Little Creatures," a father tries desperately to amuse his child with animal stories, but ends up telling stories of middle class angst, with characters like frustrated artist Squirley the Squirrel, and Doggles, the dog with a drinking problem. It's amusing, wry, a little warped—typical Coupland.

"Patty Hearst," another of the volume's better stories, is saved from banality only by its complexity. Despite its sometimes sophomoric introspection, the intertwining lives of the narrator's friends and family manage to engage the reader, providing passages like this are overlooked:

This past week has gotten me to wondering about life. Well, not life exactly—but the sequence of life's events...is the storyboard aspect of life just some sort of bookkeeping device we're stuck with as humans to try to make sense of our iffy situation here on Earth?

Ouch. It sounds like Erica Ehm after reading Sartre.

It's when Coupland tries to step into a more profound voice that he really gets tripped up. In "My Hotel Year," a story told with a cringe-inducing level of contrivance, the narrator is cast among assorted low-lives, who make grandiloquent gestures neatly symbolizing their lives. Or take the "In the Desert's" meditation on an encounter with a drifter:

It is with these thoughts in mind that I now see the drifter's windburned face when I now consider my world—his face that reminds me they there is still something left to believe in after there is nothing left to believe in. A face for people like who were pushed to the edge of loneliness and who maybe fell off and who when we climbed back on, our world never looked the same.

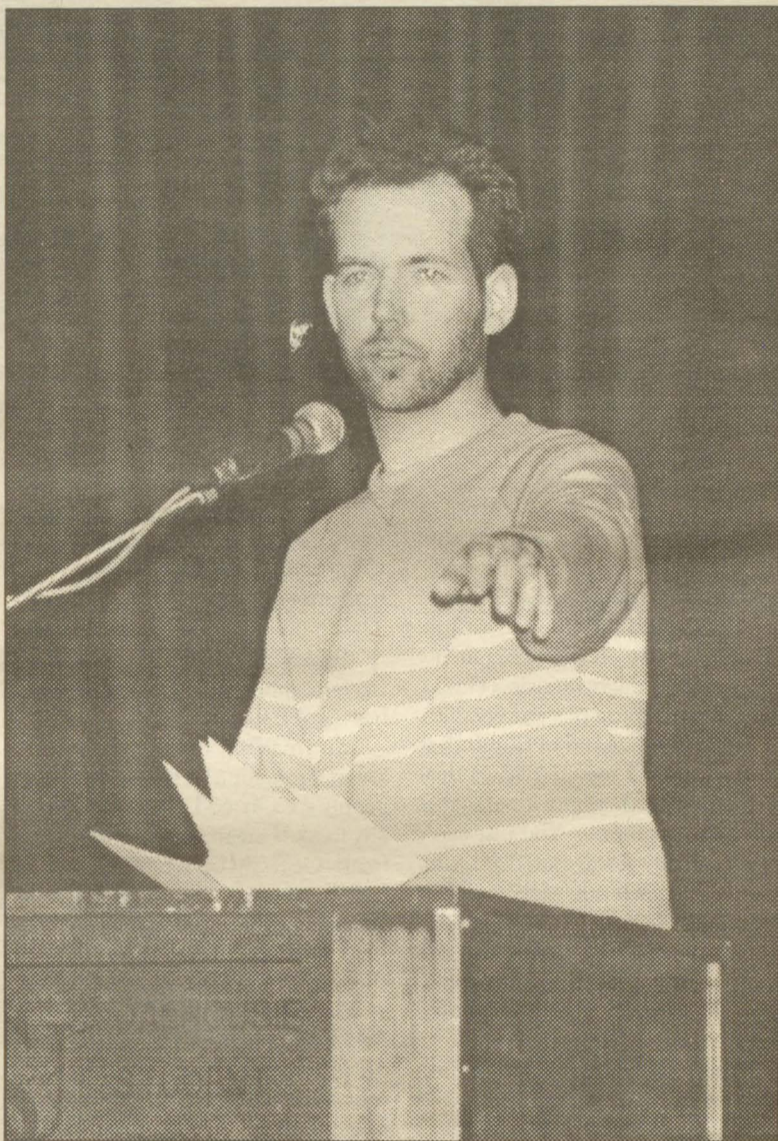
The rest of the stories all follow similar paths—bouncing between too-brief character studies, motions of despair and defiance, and meditations on lost friends, growing older, and—can the word still be used without irony?—alienation.

If at this point you are wondering if Coupland is an author still worth reading, read "Microserfs," Coupland's story in the January issue of *Wired*. Here is Coupland doing what he does well—documenting, cata-

loguing and analyzing the lives of a group of young, ready-for-burnout software hackers at Microsoft. It's very funny, hip and more fully developed than anything in "Life After God."

Life After God is not a rotten book, just a mediocre one. For twenty bucks,

you are buying yourself an inch less bookshelf space and a diversion that lasts no longer than an episode of *Murder She Wrote*. If you're in the mood for good new Coupland, you're going to have to wait, but I suspect one day the waiting will pay off.



This is Douglas Coupland not being interviewed. DALPHOTO: MIKE DEVONPORT

Listening to the voice of God

by Robert Currie

"I need to hear the words 'Once upon a time,'" said author Douglas Coupland, reading at the MacInnes room Tuesday night. Hundreds of people listened as Coupland read from *Life After God*, his voice deep and resonant, not in a James Earl Jones "This is CNN" sort of way, but more of a "This is me after just waking up" sort of way.

"The Island," the first piece Coupland read, was a short story in the style of *Life After God*, about a mythical island and its eccentric residents. Then

Coupland switched voices, quite literally. With the help of a "Sony voice transmogrifier, not available on the North American consumer electronics market," he read from transcripts of Patty Hearst's messages to her parents after her kidnapping. The sound of Coupland's voice pitch-shifted down, like a 45 played at 33 1/3, gave a Laurie Anderson feel to the performance, which the audience loved. To wrap up, he read the short

story "Patty Hearst" from *Life After God*, which worked much better as spoken word than it did in print.

The night ended with what Coupland called the "Crusty the Clown-like over-merchandising of myself," with the ritual book selling and signing.

If the world were a happier place, and publicist's press kits had the force of law, there might be an interview in this space. "In addition to his usual high index of quotability," the press release enthuses, "Douglas Coupland will make for a fascinating interview subject."

A quick call to the publicist, however, revealed that, while realizing how important the *Gazette* was (not my words), the chances of us getting to talk with the man were just about zero. Oh well.

Author's readings can be dull affairs; nothing says a good writer has to be able to read well too. Coupland's informal, ultra-relaxed style made for an entertaining hour, unpretentious and fun.

Crusty the Clown-like over-merchandising of myself

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Sparks fly at Craig's Grawood gig

by Jen Horsey and Andrew Smith

Toronto's Sara Craig was featured at the Grawood last weekend. The posters promised an appearance on Friday night at 9 pm, for the price of four dollars. Well, at least the price was correct, but those of us who actually arrived for the 9 pm show had the dubious privileged of watching Sara Craig *et al* conduct their sound check.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Sara Craig
Grawood Lounge
Friday, March 18

An hour or so later, Owen Chapman, a King's Student with a guitar (and really cool hair) showed up as the opening act. Just Owen, alone on stage accompanied only by his guitar, looking very nervous. We didn't even have to guess about the nervous part, he actually told us that he was feeling "really nervous." He was good though, and the three Ani Difranco covers that he played had a couple of tables screaming in ecstasy.

Sara Craig appeared by 11, bearing a warning to watch out for Owen, because he looked a lot like her ex-husband, about whom she writes most of her songs. By now, we were definitely ready to hear some of that David Bowie/Annie Lennox voice that we'd been waiting for. She didn't disappoint us.

Craig put on a very theatrical show, which neatly managed to capture the audience's attention. She played songs from her first, self-titled CD, as well as some newer material



A small crowd found this Toronto artist worth the wait.

which will be found on her next album. The release date is described as: "imminent", whenever that is, so expect it sometime this summer.

Several of her other songs, such as "Sparks Fly", and "Thank-you Very Much" can be found on CFNY (Toronto) music compilations, and a

Roseanne of many faces

by Leigha White

When word came out over the 'net that Roseanne Arnold is a multiple personality, that clinched my decision: I wanted this book.

BOOK REVIEW
My Lives
Roseanne Arnold
Ballantine Books

There is something of an inner strength denied its normal fire, then allowed to blaze, throughout these pages. Here, we walk through the lives of a celebrity who fought through childhood sexual abuse, learning to split herself off into other people to survive.

This is, in fact, the world of many. Sexual abuse is widespread across North America, and more and more people are discovering that they coped with the hell by dissociating themselves, developing "others" who knew how to deal with the outright hell of it. Multiple personality, thought to be the mental framework of one percent of the population, is not the insanity we are told it is, but a survival tool, a way to stay sane, to keep from suiciding.

Styles change and flow throughout *My Lives*. Like *The Troops For Truddi Chase* before her, Roseanne is able to chronicle the different sides and different selves, both subtly and overtly. She is able to chronicle the firecracker flashes of memory, the madness of the



sitcom backstage, the metamorphosis that the healing process causes in all of us.

Here are strong women, driven by righteous anger and the desire to make life more than survival, to flourish and reach zenith. This one does not travel roads of simplicity. Roseanne moved from abusive situation to abusive situation, out of addiction, finding strength in such things as her work (the sitcom "Roseanne", one of the strongest shows on the air), her spirituality (she is a self-identified Witch who has raised her children Craft), and her gender (whether feminist in label or no, she is rooted in her sex).

Though the book does not always hold together perfectly (there was an attempt to remain chronologically ordered that sadly weakened the book's structure), the sheer power of the work manages to blast through. Even if de-

tails are not always so easily understood, the emotional impact of the work tends to make its point nevertheless. Like *When Rabbit Howls* (by The Troops For Truddi Chase) before it, this is a piece that does not rely on having had the experience of abuse or multiplicity to convey the phoenix rising.

Of course, there have been occasional mutters by multiples who do not want Roseanne "representing" them. Roseanne does not attempt to be anything more than who she is, however, and is not trying to be "the model multiple" any more than the Troops were. She/they do, however, tell the story, and is/are in the position to possibly put across to society at large that multiplicity isn't insanity. It is but another way to be.

Here is power. Touch it.

Funky Bummer release. She also surprised us by ending with a couple of covers, which had the audience howling. Especially good was her Violent Femmes cover of "Add It Up".

As charismatic as Sara Craig is, her guest guitarist, Chris Abbot of *The Pursuit of Happiness*, could not be overlooked. Aside from flying red braids, her playing was incredible. After several outbursts from Abbot at the end of the evening, Craig

looked over at her and exclaimed, "Chris. It's a good thing I'm a secure person, because you keep upstaging me." I don't think she has much to worry about.

The next time Sara Craig comes to town, be sure to catch her. She will be back, as she said that she likes it here. She also puts on an excellent show, definitely worth the four dollars, even with the wait.

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Spine tingles while SOL blows

by Michael Graham

I finally saw the much-hyped Spine and did they ever live up to the "best new band in town" label! They join the ranks with other heavy-weight local bands like Bubaiskull (er... Great Slave), and the currently-in-limbo Horseshoes and Handgrenades. These three bands really pump out the decibels so be forewarned. Oh, yeah, Vancouver's SOL also played. You can't have everything.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

SOL with Spine
Double Deuce
Friday, March 18

Spine have the "gunkgunk-gunkgunk" metal sound down, but they aren't a metal band. They aren't a grunge band, either. I don't know what they are. NoMeansNo, Big Black, Rush, Anthrax and Primus mixed together and turned inside-out comes close. They are a band that you don't hum along with.

Spine played an impressive and crushing set of songs which would prompt any parent to ask, "How can you possibly like that noise?" The bass and guitar were a loud and menacing combination, and the drummer provided a superfast, thundering, polyrhythmic attack. He occasionally went a bit over the top with his insane double bass drum fills. Lars Ulrich eat your heart out.

It was a great set even though a) the guitarist busted a string, b) the drummer broke his snare, and c) they

had to put up with some metal-head's screams of "PLAY SOME EXCITER!!". Actually, that was pretty funny and the band took it in stride, going into their next song with "Excite this, motherf---er!".

I was offered a drive home after Spine's set and do I ever wish that I had taken it because SOL blew. Now here's a band in need of a serious attitude adjustment. They were the most obnoxious band I've seen at the Deuce, having sold their meagre souls for punk-metal cock-rock crap. It didn't help that the singer and bassist were drunk either (then again, seeing them sober doesn't feel that appealing, either).

The bassist, a neanderthal Ted Nugent look-alike, let the crowd know that he was annoyed that no one was moshing. "Let's see some action down there... every other place we've played (burp), there's been a good pit. Come on!" After this little speech, some members of the crowd actually obliged him and a raucous pit ensued. The drunken singer joined in, but unfortunately suffered no bodily harm. And then, later in the set, he pulled his pants down and then climbed onto and fell off the "thing" bounding the dancefloor. What entertainment. Rawk on.

As for SOL's music, it was instantly forgettable, so I don't have much to say about it except that it was boring. Regurgitated, lame metal just doesn't impress. Maybe I'm still bitter that I had to walk home. Probably not.



Spine kicks out the jams — while sober and clothed!

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Wormwood's Crush crashes

by Mark Farmer

Yuck.

No really, I can't think of anyone who'd like *Crush*. This is the first time in my life I've ever been angry at a Wormwood's flick for wasting my time. Why? Lemme tell ya'.

1. No movie is going to survive if the lead actress can't act — surprise! That may sound like an overstatement, but it certainly does apply to some scenes in this picture.

Marcia Gay Harden plays Lane, the sexual interloper from America who arrives in rural New Zealand, almost kills her friend in a car crash, and starts toying in the lives of a local writer and his daughter. I found it disturbing that Harden looks and acts vaguely like *Kids in the Hall's* Bruce McCulloch in drag. Unfortu-

nately McCulloch plays a better femme fatale.

2. The film wallows in a sea of retarded sexuality at every turn. It seems to be in part an attempt at the old sexual-coming-of-age scenario for 15-year-old Angela (played by Caitlin Bossley, who can act), but the sexuality depends upon Lane, who just can't pull it off.

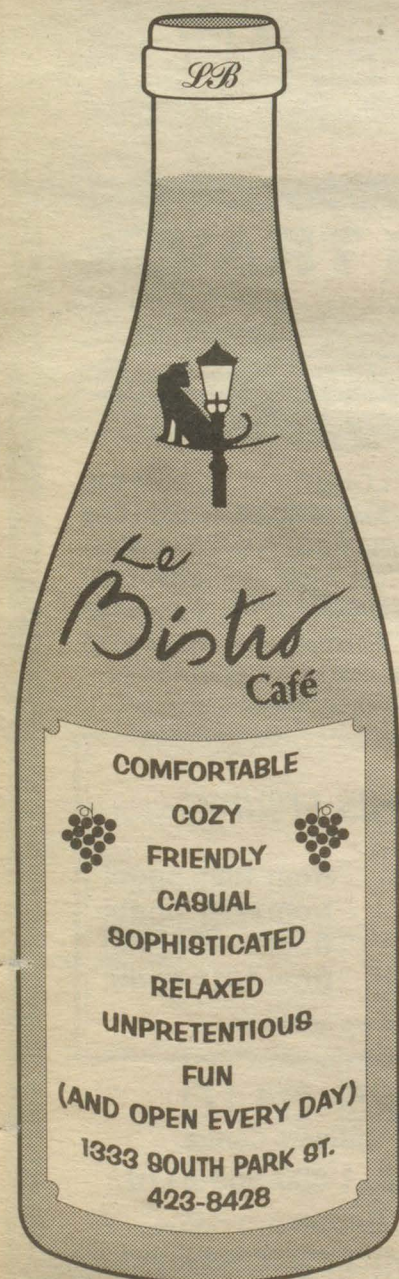
The rest of the film shows how Lane pokes around, screwing people's lives up. The director tries to work in some angst and deeper meaning, but flops. You'd be better advised to sit tight and drink in the rich New Zealand scenery when it pops up. Even the sex scenes drag, and those are the parts of a film you'd think would be hard to ruin.

3. The film's jerky and disjointed, there are long pauses of nothing in

between dialogue, there's no continuity and none of the jokes work. The dialogue itself needs a lot of work, such as when Lane coos "I want to be a bad, bad babe tonight." Yikes!

4. Cheesy music. Very distracting. All right, all right. Enough tirade. The movie does have one or two moments, like hearing a death elegy recited in a New Zealand accent, but folks, it ain't enough. The only two actors who could possibly carry the film are burdened with a lame-duck script and bad directing. On the plus side, I did like the opening credits, which featured New Zealand volcanic mud pits — lots of bubbles, and mud squirting everywhere! So just stay for that part. C-

Crush will be playing at Wormwood's Dog & Monkey Cinema on Gottingen Street, March 25 - 31.



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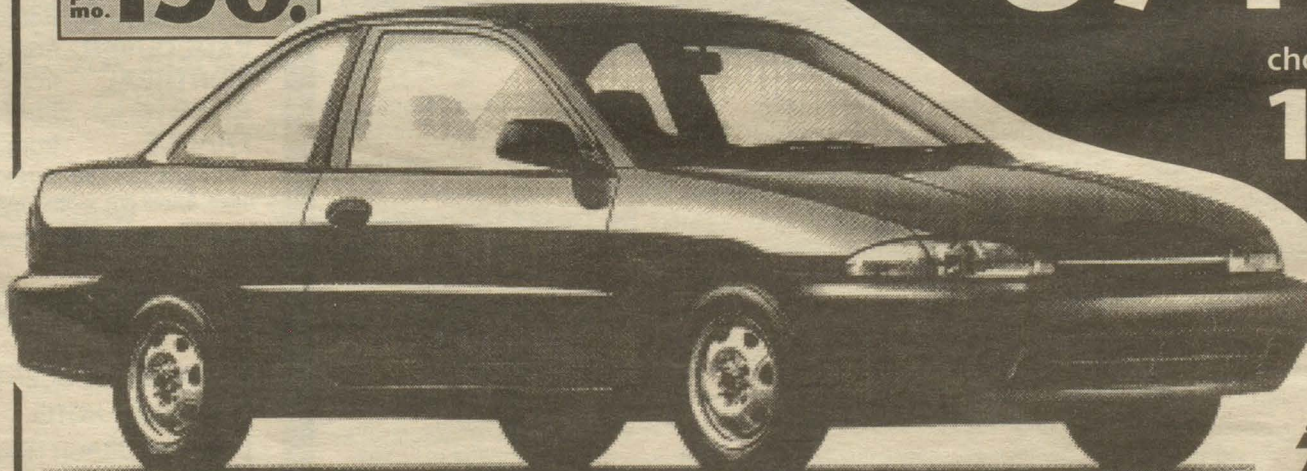
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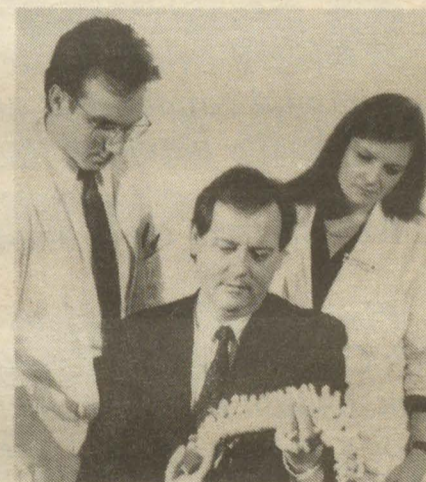
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Congratulations to Alok Ummat of Dal who has won for the second week in a row. Honorable mention also goes to Neil Strowbridge who came in second. (By the way Neil, there are no prizes at all, we're too cheap.)

QUESTION:

You're sitting around in your room bored out of your skull. In desperation, you pick up a die from amongst the dust bunnies under your bed. You decide to play a game, where you roll the die over and over until the sum of the rolls exceeds 12 (not too exciting, but remember, you're bored). What will be the average sum that you get overall, remembering that you can wind up with any number from 13 to 18 as a total?

Please send answers c/o the Gazette, Room 312, SUB or by email to GAZETTE@AC.DAL.CA. Entries must be received by Monday at 4 pm.

Chebucto Freenet hot topic

by Garth Sweet

The Chebucto Freenet is a hot topic in the techno-talk circles around campus. Our February 3 issue covered the basics of the network, but as it's been nearing its opening things have changed.

The freenet is a gateway to the internet and its services (or as some people, not me, like to call it, the 'Information Superhighway'). It will offer newsgroup access, email accounts and upload-download capability. All this is great on its own, but there's more. The Chebucto freenet is completely free, will have public access terminals in malls and libraries and will also offer lots of local interest information.

Precisely when the freenet will open is still undecided, but according to Rand Cooper, Membership Committee Chairman, it may be as early as late next month. David Trueman of Dal's Computing Science department is a little less opti-

mistic, but says "sometime this spring".

When open the freenet will allow up to 32 users to access the system at once (this will be expanded later), and people will be able to dial-in from home using a modem or by

"We hope one day to see a terminal wherever you'd see a telephone."

telnetting in from another computer system or by using a public access terminal.

"We hope one day to see a terminal wherever you'd see a [public] telephone" says Cooper. "Libraries are the first places we'll have them, but they will eventually be everywhere from government offices to the malls." The freenet is expected to serve the entire metro commu-

nity.

The freenet is non-profit and provided as a service by the Metro Community Access Society. The society was formed back in January and exists for the purpose of expanding community access to computer facilities.

"We're anxious to get people involved who don't even have a computer," says Cooper.

The software to run the freenet is being developed locally and has received international attention. To date people from over 10 countries have accessed the freenet prototype, and one group has already expressed an interest in making a bilingual version (currently the service is English only). "We have really been surprised by the interest," says Cooper.

The society is always seeking members to help run the freenet. Memberships are \$12 a year. In addition to voting privileges, members also get increased use of the freenet itself, although the specifics of this haven't been determined.

The society has about 50 members and has seen incredible growth in its first few months. Once the freenet itself opens, users can sign up to the society by getting an electronic membership form. Right now membership information can be obtained by mail or by email.

To arrange to see a demo or find out about memberships, you can email cfn@cfm.cs.dal.ca.

Dear Member of the Dalhousie Community,

The Presidential Search Committee comprised of representatives of the Board of Governors, the Senate, and the Student Union, has just begun the process of seeking a President for Dalhousie University to take office on July 1, 1995. We are seeking the broadest possible range of input. Your participation, by way of written comments and suggestions on any aspect of this important task, would be most helpful and greatly appreciated.

In particular, the Committee would like you to:

- 1) Identify the strengths of the University;
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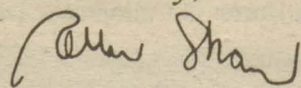
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Animal testing dilemma

by Colin Mac Donald

The subject of animal research invokes strong emotions. Some people are disgusted at the thought of using animals for research, while others hope it will lead to a cure for a loved one's malady.

Animal research occurs at most universities. Here at Dalhousie, researchers spend a great deal of time and money observing animal behaviour and experimenting with them.

Animal research at Dalhousie has been going on for at least 30 years. Over this time conditions under which research may be conducted have become quite stringent. According to Dr. D. Howard Dickson, the Associate Dean of Resource Planning in the Faculty of Medicine, a researcher must follow a series of steps before beginning experiments with animals. The scientist must fill out a protocol form that describes exactly what he or she wants to study.

Strict guidelines are set down by the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) and are not law, but are still enforced under threat of a shutdown by the Council. These guidelines cover everything from how animals are chosen to the amount of ventilation that the lab animals get while under the control of the Animal Care Centre, which is located in the basement of the Sir Charles Tupper Building.

Once a protocol form is submitted, it must be approved by the University Committee on Lab Animals before research can begin. Most research is funded by two groups — the Medical Research Council of Canada and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council. Some research is done for private industry, mainly pharmaceutical companies. They provide funding through grants that come with no strings attached to the money. In some cases, contracts are signed that do not allow the researchers to release the information for a certain amount of time so that the company that requested the information will have first crack at it.

Dickson stressed that no product testing takes place at Dalhousie. In addition to outside research, medical students also use the facilities for study. Above all, Dr. Dickson emphasized that the research must have scientific value to even have a chance to be accepted at Dal.



Dr. Sylvia Craig and her furry friends.

PHOTO: LISA WAMBOLDT

Over the years, Dal has been involved in scientific study on fetal transplants with rodents, Alzheimer's research, and the much-publicized work on birth control for seals. Dal also participates in wolf research at an enclosure in Shubenacadie.

Dickson also said Dalhousie practices the three R's: reduce the number of animals used, replace animals with tissue cultures or computer models, and refinement of current research techniques. Despite this, Dickson says "some animals will have to be used until other options are available."

While some research is conducted in other departments, most is done by the School of Medicine and takes place in the Animal Care Centre. Its director, Dr. Sylvia Craig, noted that the purpose of the centre is to provide care

and housing of the lab animals. In her capacity of director, she has the power to shut down any project that she deems to have gone outside the original outline of the project. She said she has not had to stop any research projects in the last year.

Within the locked and unmarked facilities in the basement of the Tupper building, cats, dogs, goats, pigs and even a few dozen ground squirrels from Alberta are housed and experimented with. Virtually every animal that passes through the centre is eventually killed after the completion of the research.

On the subject of the moral implications of animal research, Craig acknowledged the dilemma: the animals do provide vital information but re-

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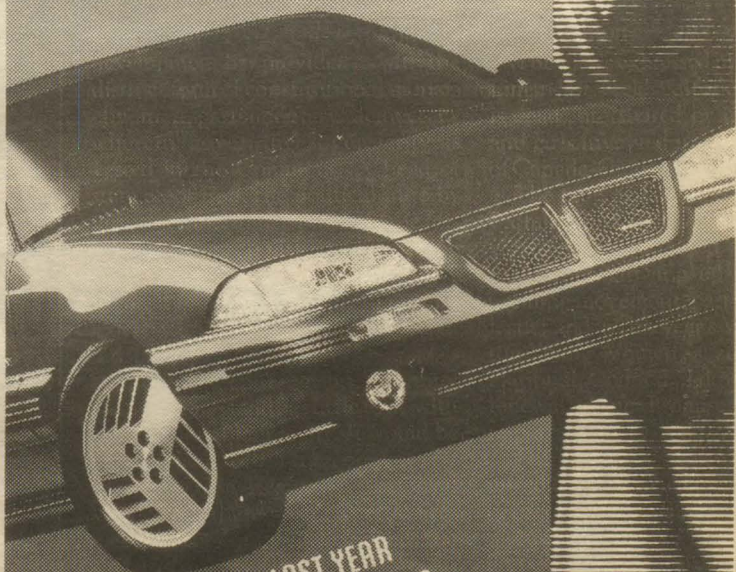
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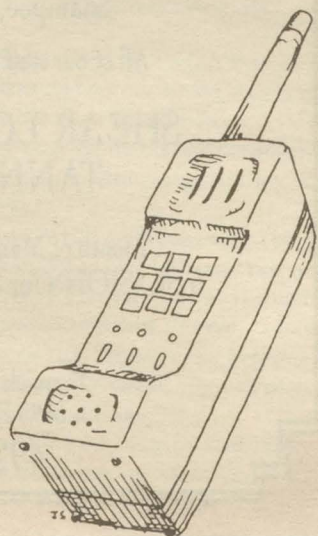
Cellular phones – gotta have 'em!

What do people think we students do—go around throwing money away? The people in big business must have got their wires crossed when they decided that students would be a good market to try and sell techno-toys to. Cellular phones, pagers, portable computers, electronic diaries. Do they really think we buy all this stuff?

How many of us really need any of these gizmos? Sure we may all want them, but how many really need them? The answer is very few. Yet everyday I see an ad aimed at selling me a pager or a cell phone or a portable computer. I haven't seen many students doing a power lunch with a cell phone in one hand and a notebook computer in the other.

Maybe they think we go around campus driving BMWs or Mercedes'. Maybe they think campus life is so fast-paced and cutthroat we need to keep in constant contact with our secretary.

Besides, could anyone pick a poorer group than students to sell high priced techno-toys to? Most of us don't have \$4,000 to drop on a new portable computer or even the low low price of 'only



\$29.00 a month' for a cell phone (plus hookup, air-time and extra options). Most of us spend our days finding money for rent. We try to scrape up enough odd jobs to cover our bills and maybe quaff a few beers at the Grawood. We don't have enough cash to splurge on something as frivolous as books let alone pagers.

We don't need a \$4,000 computer to do cost projections, market forecasting and project scheduling. We have a method for all that now. We cost project our rent next month (a constant), we market forecast our jobs prospects (we have none) and we project schedule our assignments (we do them the night before). There is no rocket science, there is no reason to try and sell us things we don't need.

My suggestion for the average student: buy a desktop computer if you need one for your courses. Get a mid-range one. Ignore the guy who says it's

out of date — the high-priced one is too. Don't get a cell phone or a pager. It's one more way for people to interrupt you. Get an electronic diary if you think you'll use it (you won't). Get a \$20 special from Radio Shack. It will

serve the purpose. Anything over \$50 is too much for an imitation pad of paper. How do I know all this? Well hell. I've bought all these things of course!

Garth Sweet

Animal research

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search should not be excessive or particularly painful to the lab animals.

But Don Marston, the Chief Provincial Investigator for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), said Nova Scotia is sorely lacking in government regulations on animal research. "Nova Scotia has no legislation on animal research," he said. While Marston admits that some of Dal's research is quite amazing, most

strikes him as rather meaningless.

For example, over the last 30 years or so, Dal has been involved in seal research. Recently, Dal has experimented with developing birth control for seals. This research is supposed to help curb the seal population in order to help the fisheries industry.

The two types of seals that have been the main focus of this study are the grey and the harbour seals. Both are inshore seals that go to beaches to mate and are therefore easy to do research with. The two types of seals that are widely believed to affect the offshore fishing industry, however, are the hood and harp seals. These two varieties live far from shore and breed in areas that are almost inaccessible to scientists. As a result, little birth control research can be done.

While there is no denying the medical benefits of some of the research done with lab animals, the moral implications of doing research on living things that cannot verbally protest it cannot be overlooked.



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Joe survives b-ball weekend - just barely

by Joe O'Connor

Friday March 18th, 1:30 pm; eyes heavy, rawhide tongue, feeling fittingly green and contemplating St. Patricide. I stride downtown cursing the Blamey Stone, incoherently chanting, *just breathe, just breathe.*

A quick stop at Harvey's soothes the troubled intestines and clears the head. CIAU Final Eight, let us see what you have to offer. I enter the Metro Centre via the security entrance and flash my credentials to the peacefully snoring guard. Eager to take my appointed place courtside I wander the bowels of the stadium and happen upon the media centre...ummh...free donuts, and what's this, a press conference. Feeling suddenly self-important I take a seat and listen as opposing coaches praise one another and their efforts; it is a good thing I only woke up

an hour ago. A few attentive nods, an affirmative grunt, and thankfully it's over. Time for some hoops.

I find my seat beside Imran, my counterpart from SMU. He talks shop, and suffering from a mild case of anoxia I find myself very agreeable (for convenience's sake). Meanwhile, the Caper photographer to my left, obviously proud of his Irish heritage, lies face down mumbling something about caffeine making him crazy. Ah, the tip off.

Brandon versus Concordia. The Stingers of Concordia lead this dance throughout the first half. With the mad logic of loyalty I pull hard for the underdogs from Manitoba and I am rewarded with an 18-0 run to open the second half.

Brandon never looks back, adieu Concordia. Which brings me to my first all-star selection for the tournament: Keith Vassel of Brandon, a 6'3"

guard with legs that could double for a pair of springs.

Dinner, then back for a classic game that pits SMU against Alberta. Sitting beside a pint-sized Herb Tarleck from Port Hawkesbury radio who encourages me to relight the drinking lantern, I witness a thriller.

There were waves, monstrous rejections, and halfcourt threepoint connections. Njoku and Sullivan willed the Huskies into overtime only to be vanquished by a couple of Golden Bears named Greg "I can't miss a threepointer" Devries and Greg "you'd think I was too small to play university basketball" Badger.

The final: Alberta 79, SMU 75. Add the two Gregs and Will Njoku to the all-star team. Along the way UCCB fell to Winnipeg, effectively extinguishing any hope for a Maritime national champ (although UCCB did

win the consolation final). This fact almost killed my enthusiasm for the tournament were it not for my friends from Brandon.

Saturday March 19th, 7 pm; with McMaster waiting in the wings Alberta and Brandon square-off to decide the second CIAU finalist.

Yawn.

A sloppy game of turnovers that attracts few cheers and probably deserves less. My friends from Manitoba fall to an Alberta team which wins on the stellar effort of Greg "you would think I am too small to carry this team on my shoulders" Badger. The final, U of A 79, Brandon 75.

Sunday March 20th, 5 pm, basketballed out I choose the TSN option and take in the final from the prone position. The big bodies from McMaster cannot buy a basket, and the final becomes a game of lost oppor-

tunity. Alberta builds and keeps the lead using a host of bench players, and as is often the case in this sport the team with the depth wins. Alberta 73-McMaster 66. Add Shawn Francis and Clayton Pottinger to the all-star team (yes I know that makes six).

Well Dalhousie, Alberta is the CIAU basketball champion. However, champions come and go in life, and we as individuals are left alone to learn and live by life's lessons. This year, working for the Gazette has taught me to always tip my cap to people wearing purple, to share my toys, and most of all: to support my school's athletic programs. After all, school is just school without them.

If anyone would like to put in a public service announcement concerning summer sports or organizational meetings for next year please leave your message with Frank. 494-2507

Dal student chosen for rugby tour

by Carmen Tam

Nova Scotia's J.D. Wheeler is the lone Maritime representative selected to represent Canada in a rugby tour in England. The squad is a developmental team that is a part of the Canadian Rugby Union's build up to the 1995 World Cup in South America in June. As a Dartmouth native, Wheeler is also the first Nova Scotian to make Canada's "A" team, a squad dominated by athletes from British Columbia and Ontario.

Canada has made steady progress in the rugby scene in the past few years. The World Cup team reached the quarter-finals in 1991 and defeated the once-mighty Wales 26-24 last

November in a game that signalled Canada's rise to the international picture.

Wheeler started playing rugby in his senior year at Prince Andrew High School. His high school coach, Mike Cavanagh noticed early his talents.

"He was fast then and very competitive," said Cavanagh.

For the past seven years Cavanagh and Wheeler have played together in various tournaments and have coached together as well.

This will not be Wheeler's first trip overseas. He played extensively in Ireland and England in the late 1980s. In 1988 he participated in a three week tour in Ireland for the Nova Scotia provincial under-21 team, where he

scored two of the three tries in the tournament.

The following year he played in all the games for Highfield Club in Cork, Ireland and won the Munster Senior League, a landmark accomplishment. There were 5,000 fans on hand to witness Highfield's first title win in a conference that boasted twelve competitive teams. Wheeler has travelled across the country, playing in every provincial senior game since 1987.

Last year Wheeler played in both games in Canadian Tier II Championships held in Newfoundland. The championships are one of the rare occasions that the national coaches can watch players from the Atlantic region. Wheeler played well in both

games which helped to gain him a spot on the tour.

Currently Wheeler is finishing his Commerce degree at Dalhousie while also working part time for the Nova Scotia Rugby Football Union as a development co-ordinator.

In the two years that he's held the job he says rugby has increased in popularity, especially women's teams. He adds he would like to see more facilities for rugby and increase the exposure of the sport in the province.

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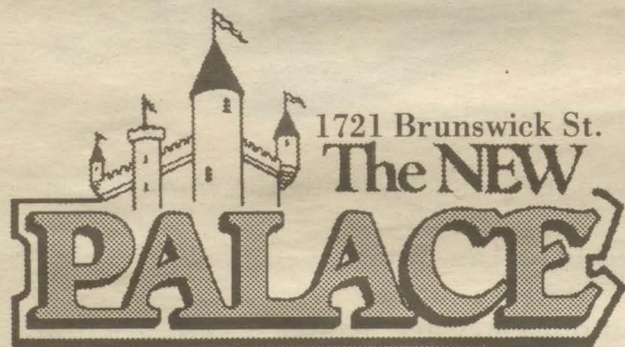
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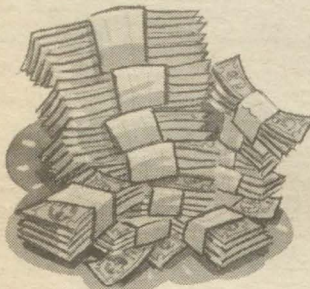
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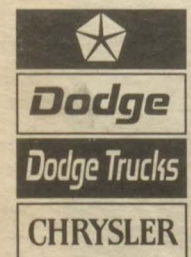
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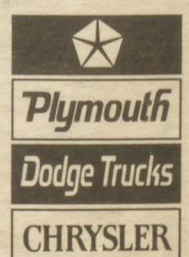


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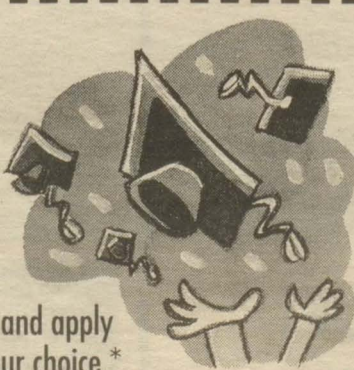


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Thursday, Mar. 24

B-GLAD (Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Association at Dal) meets every Thursday, 7 pm, rm. 307, SUB. 494-1415 for more info.

Human Rights Series presents "International Migration" — focus on refugees, international migration and human rights, with guest speakers: Lee Cohen, immigration lawyer and Valerie Mansour, a free-lance journalist. Halifax City Regional Library, Spring Garden Rd, 12 Noon.

Dalhousie Arts Society Spring Annual General Meeting & Elections at 6:30 pm, Council Chambers, 2nd fl, SUB. Nomination packs are available at SUB Enquiry Desk. Nominations close on March 22, 4:30 pm. Info: 494-1313.

Dalhousie Arts Society Year-End Party at J.J. Rosy's (3rd floor), 9 pm. All Arts students welcome. For info, 494-1313.

National Film Board presents "When Women Kill" at 8 pm, TUNS. The film exposes the social and legal obstacles facing battered women. It recounts the personal stories of 3 such women, including one in N.S., who eventually kill their abusers. For info: Cathy Grant, 426-6010.

Dal Theatre Dept. presents "Playwrights' Cabaret - Part II featuring SEVEN NEW ONE-ACT PLAYS" at 8 pm, David Mack Murray Studio, Dal Arts Centre. Admission is \$1. Tickets at door or reserve by calling 494-2233.

A Christian Meditation Group at Dal invites newcomers of various religious traditions to join their weekly meditation sessions. 6-7 pm, Chaplains' Office, 4th fl, SUB. Info: Nancy Scott, 423-2736.

Friday, Mar. 25

Dalhousie Christian Fellowship will meet at rm 307, 3rd fl, SUB at 7:30 pm. Guest speaker Keith Wells will be speaking on a "Christian View of Dating". All students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend. Info: e-mail to DCF@AC.DALCA.

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International Development Network Meeting, Lester Pearson Institute, 1321 Edward St, 1 pm. For info, contact Karen Marchand, 494-2038.

9th Annual N.S.-Gambia Assoc. African Dinner will be held at the N.S. Community College Institute of Technology, Halifax, 6 pm. For info and tickets, contact June Boswell, 835-3487.

Chemistry Dept Seminar Series: "Approaches to an Optical Switch-Photochemistry in Liquid Crystals" by Prof. Gary B. Schuster, Chemistry Dept., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 1:30 pm, rm 226, Chem Bldg.

Makeda Silvera, Author, Editor & Journalist, will be reading from *Her Head a Village and Other Stories* in the Green Room, 12 Noon. Presented by BGLAD.

BGLAD Dance!!! Tonight! For more info, call 494-1415.

Psychology Dept Colloquium presents "Childhood Depression" by Dr. Mario Capelli, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. 3:30 pm, rm 4258/63, Psychology Wing, LSC.

Biology Dept Seminar Series: "The Deductive and Falsificationist View of the Social Sciences" by Chris Corkett, Biology Dept, Dal. 11:30 am, 5th fl Lounge, Biology wing, LSC.

School of Library and Information Studies Seminar presents "Information Policy and Information Services in Canada in the 1990s: Challenges for Development and Delivery" with panellists, Gwyneth Evans, Director, External Relations, National Library of Canada and Michael Nelson, Group Chief, Information & Security Policy, Treasury Board Secretariat. 10:45 am, MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library.

Racial Justice Workshop — This ecumenical workshop provides an opportunity for young adults to reflect as Christians on the issue of racism in N.S. St. Andrews United Church (corner of Robie & Coburg) on March 25/26. Info: Margaret MacDonell, Chaplains' Office, 4th fl, SUB, 494-2287.

President's Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards recognize and honour the contributions of GTAs to teaching at Dalhousie. Do you know a GTA whose dedication, enthusiasm, skill, and commitment warrant such recognition? Don't forget GTAs from first term. Contact your department secretary or the Office of Instructional Development & Technology, 494-1622. Nominations deadline is TODAY!

Saturday, Mar. 26

Dalhousie School of Education invites you to explore "Adult Education in Nova Scotia", 10 am-3 pm. Registration from 9:30-10 am. Green Room, Dal SUB. Info: Deborah Langille (422-3887), Dionne Sebastian (494-3730), Maureen Moulaison (453-5936).

Visa Seminars International and the International Students' Association at SMU presents **Free Immigration Seminar for Foreign Students**. SMU Loyola Building, rm 146, 2-5 pm.

Sunday, Mar. 27

The **Dalhousie Curling Club** will be meeting at 1 pm at the Mayflower Curling Club. For more info, call Brent at 422-0645.

Dalhousie Student Union Council Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers, 2nd fl, SUB. This is the big BUDGET meeting! All students welcome. For info, 494-1106.

Come to a "Celebration of Peace" at the Penhorn Mall Flea Market. There'll be something for the whole family: puppets, music, and drama. Two free 30-minute presentations at 9:45 and 10:45 am. Presented by Cornerstone Community Church, Dartmouth (434-8712).

Weekly Sunday Morning Worship Services at 11 am, rm 406, Dal Arts Centre. Community Bible Church is a multi-denominational church. Info: Dan, 425-5929.

Drumming & Dancing at The Church, 5657 North St. Bring your congas, tablas, spoons, clogs, and your dancing shoes! 5:30-8 pm Sundays. \$4-\$6 (kids \$0.50).

Monday, Mar. 28

Bluenose Chess Club meets every Monday night in the SUB, 6:30 - 11:30 pm. Players of all levels welcome. Active/Tornado tournaments Sundays.

Gazette Staff Meeting, 4 pm, Gazette Office, 3rd fl, SUB. All students welcome!

The Y's **New Moms Program** at the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth will sponsor a lecture on Infant Feeding from 10:30-11:30 am. Topics include breastfeeding, introducing solids, how to choose formulas, the iron issue, and cow's milk allergy. Guest speaker: Trish Hamilton, dietician. For info, call 423-9622, ext. 232.

Panel discussion on food, health, and international sustainable community development - **Who Needs Organic Food?** Presented by the N.S. Organic Growers Assoc. and the Dal Science Society. 8 pm, rm 234, A & A Bldg.

Tuesday, Mar. 29

SODALES, the Dal debating club, meets at 6 pm, Council Chambers, 2nd fl., SUB.

Gazette Layout Night!! No experience required. Begins at 6 pm. Drop by 3rd fl, SUB. Stay as long as you can!

Weight Watchers at Dal - Rm 304, Weldon Law Bldg, 12:15-1:15 pm. Reduced rates for full-time students. For info, call Susan LeBlanc at 494-1463.

Wednesday, Mar. 30

Centre for Foreign Policy Studies Seminar Series: International Studies Association (ISA) conference in Washington, D.C. 12:1:30 pm, rm 141 Board & Senate Rm, A & A Bldg.

Dalhousie Women's Centre Annual General Meeting is TODAY, 5-7 pm. For info: 494-2432.

Physics Seminar Series: "Cuprate Superconductors: Crystals & Quandaries" by Lynn Schneemeyer, AT&T Bell Labs, Murray Hill, N.J., 3:35 pm, Dunn 101.

Discussion on **New Anti-Stalking Legislation** with Heather McKay of Pink, Murray, Mary Clancy, MP, and a representative from Service for Sexual Assault Victims. Rm 105, Weldon Law Bldg, 7:30-9 pm. For info, call 494-2432.

Dalhousie University Instructional Leadership Award is presented to individuals (faculty) who work to ensure that students receive instruction of the highest calibre. They devise policies and programs aimed at enhancing faculty teaching performance, organize programs whereby teachers learn from one another, give workshops on teaching methods, conduct research on teaching in higher education, and serve on committees and other bodies charged with improving teaching and learning. To obtain nomination forms and criteria, contact the Office of Instructional Development and Technology, 494-1622. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS IS TODAY!**

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Women's Studies Seminar Series presents "Women in China: The Current Situation" by Wu Qing, Associate Professor of English, Beijing Foreign Studies University, currently a Fulbright Scholar at Stanford University, California.

Announcements

SECURITY BULLETIN: The **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER** for Dal has changed from 3344 to 4109. Along with this change, **ALL 116 PAY PHONES ACROSS THE CAMPUS** will be added to the Emergency Phone System and may be used (**COIN-FREE**) in an emergency to contact Dal Security by dialling 4109.

A female graduate student working on her Master's thesis at Dal is interested in talking to female university students who have been sexually assaulted. This research will focus on the needs of female students who have experienced such violence and will involve a one-hour interview and possibly two confidential focus groups. Female students interested in participating in the research can send their name and telephone number to: "Dalhousie Study", P.O. Box 762, Halifax Central Post Office, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2V2.

Gay & Bisexual Young Men's Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Planned Parenthood N.S., 6156 Quinpool Rd. Drop-in/social time, 6-7 pm; meeting at 7 pm. Come for discussion, support. Info: Maura, 492-0444.

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Individuals interested in **Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Medicine, Nursing, Hearing & Speech** or any other health profession are needed as volunteers at a home for physically challenged adults. If you can spare a few hours a week, and have a desire to learn more about persons with disabilities, call Kirsten or Leigh at 422-8268.

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Dal Theatre Productions presents "A Midsummer's Night Dream" by William Shakespeare. 8 pm, March 29-31 and April 2. 2 pm matinee on April 2. Dunn Theatre, Dal Arts Centre. 494-2646/2233.

Have you travelled in Europe? A student planning to work and travel throughout Europe would like any information from students who have done the same. If you've been to Europe in the last few years, please contact Cindy Chewter, 425-3126, or leave a message at the SUB Enquiry Desk c/o Student Advocacy Service with your travel stories.

Classifieds

Textbooks bought and fine used books sold at **The Attic Owl Bookshop**, 5802 South St. 422-2433.

A German student (male, 25) wants to see Canada and is looking for a travelling companion to hitchhike to the west coast, anytime this summer. Call Kai at 423-2328. After April 1, call 422-0482.

EXAM SCHEDULES ARE POSTED OUTSIDE THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, A + A BLDG.

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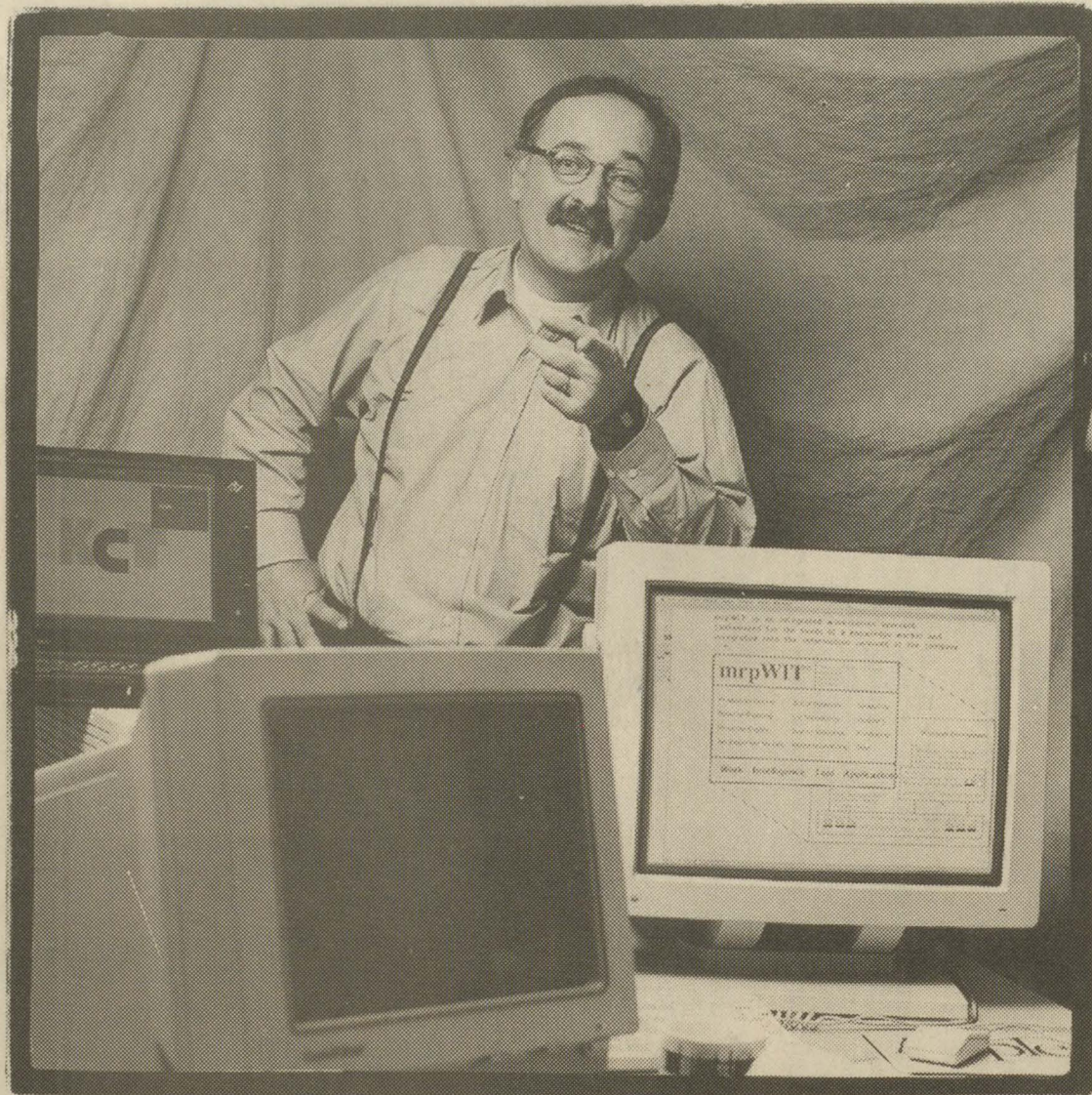
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