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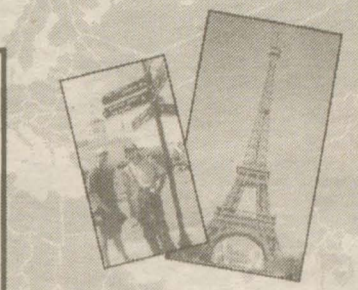
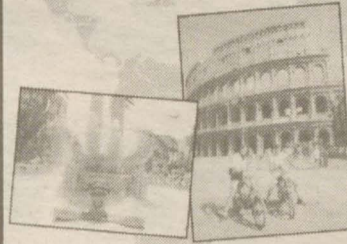
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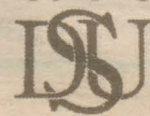
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# SALSA advises student activists

by malcolm kempt

the gazette

Your face is pressed against the pavement. Caught in the rushing crowd and blinded by tear gas as the police advance upon the masses, you suddenly find yourself pinned down, handcuffed and under arrest. Your friends are nowhere in sight and your wallet is back in your vehicle. This, of course, is a worst-case scenario, but could easily happen to anyone who is actively involved in civil disobedience.

What do you do? What happens next? What are your rights?

A newly formed group of Dalhousie law students intend to provide local activist groups with answers to these questions. Created barely a month and a half ago, the Social Activist Law Student Association (SALSA), is a group dedicated to researching legal issues related to activism and providing this information to activists and members of the community. In addition, the group plans to facilitate discussion of

legal issues among local activists by providing a forum for those who are interested in using law as a tool for social change.

Association founder, David Eby, was responsible for the group's creation but is quick to downplay his role and emphasize the collective effort of the group.

"When I first got here, I put some signs up because I was looking for people who were interested in anti-globalization and social justice issues. A bunch of people responded and SALSA was formed from that group. It was more of a group evolution rather than a brainchild of mine."

Fellow member Blake Knight echoed Eby's thoughts on the speed and ease of the group's formation.

"Being involved in activist issues and economic injustice, there was a core group that just coalesced around a lot of similar, like-minded people. We just came together around these issues. There are so many activist groups and so few groups available to provide them with this kind of information that this has become our mandate,

or at least part of our mandate."

The group is currently involved in several projects including a civil disobedience workshop for protestors heading to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund demonstration in Ottawa on Nov. 16 in conjunction with Mobilization for Global Justice. SALSA will provide legal advice and information as part of the training session.

A key focus of the association's efforts is the decoding of the controversial Bill C-36. The federal government's new anti-terrorism measure was analyzed by members of the legal group and summarized on their new website, [www.geocities.com/activistlaw](http://www.geocities.com/activistlaw). SALSA plans to organize a panel discussion with legal experts, university professors and possibly members of Parliament in order to promote discussion of the proposed legislation. Eby eagerly explained the importance of such a time-consuming effort to the social activist cause.

"We looked at it from the point of view of the government



photo by jon elmer

criminalizing dissent. What I mean by that is, by calling activist groups terrorists they could then use the legislation to harass protest groups, get wiretaps, arrest activists without charges; these kinds of things. The government had no problem doing it before Bill C-36; this is just going to make it even

easier."

Anyone interested in learning more about SALSA activities and legal aspects of social activism should check out their website for discussion groups, upcoming events and contact information as well as an interesting dissection of Bill C-36.



photo by pat blackie

# Harbour stink

by caroline schulz

the gazette

Earlier this month, the Harbour Solutions Proposal Committee recommended that Halifax accept a private sector bid by the Halifax Regional Environmental Partnership—a consortium led by the French water company Suez—to design, build, and operate three new sewage treatment plants. Council has the final word on the matter and their decision should be announced in the coming weeks.

The root of the debate is the method of the sewage treatment since Haligonians have been flushing their biological and chemical waste into the harbour since the city was founded 250 years

ago. HRM's proposal entails Advanced Primary Treatment, or as Claude-Anne Plamondon, a graduate student in biology at Dalhousie says, "very minimal treatment." The harbour now contains suspended solids, organics, and other pollutants like heavy metals. While advanced primary treatment removes solids, it only removes 30-50 percent of oxygen-consuming chemicals, whose presence, needless to say, has negative repercussions for lobsters, fish, and other marine life. Moreover, advanced primary treatment doesn't deal with phosphorus, a toxic and flammable element. Sewage is delivered to three treatment plants via a system of collector pipes which hook up to

one combined line which means a large volume of water is unnecessarily treated and places an added tax burden on Haligonians.

Opponents to the plan argue private companies want profit, not public good. "It's in the interest of private companies to keep the volume of the sewage system high because they are paid by volume," says Christine Masse of Dalhousie's School of Architecture.

Tony Bluin, from the Halifax Regional Municipality, claims the cost of providing treatment now and dividing the sewers later is similar the reverse.

Regardless, Plamondon states, "If environmental good was being considered, the sewers would be separate immediately and

afterwards you treat what needs to be treated." Separate sewers facilitate secondary level treatment, which removes 95 percent of organics and heavy metals. Moreover, opponents note that already policies that council intended to implement, i.e. sludge as a resource and small-scale treatment plants have been pushed aside because Suez disagreed.

Solar Aquatics is an alternative plan that utilizes secondary treatment. It is small-scale ecological treatment that Masse describes as "very beneficial". Even Bluin says, "It employs good technology and treats the water to a high level." It operates via 20 green houses that process the sewage, and, in the words of Masse, "turns it into flowers, into greenery, like magic." Regardless, as another source concludes, "solar aquatics is new and progressive and tends not to be looked into as closely as it should."

Another concern is that privatization will mean Haligonians lose control of their water. "You can't just all up the CEO of one of those private companies and say 'Hey, I really don't like what you're doing. There aren't enough

environmental controls,'" says one opponent. The suggested plan is a foreign investment relationship under NAFTA. As such, environmental standards fall to a federal jurisdiction, rather than a local one.

With respect to privatization, Bluin says he has "no comment, [but that] this is not an uncommon way of delivering services for municipal ties."



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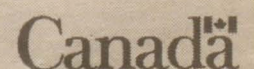
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# Hurricane forces evacuation of Dal exchange students

by sarah mcbain

the gazette

On the night of Nov. 4, hurricane Michelle ripped through Cuba where eight Dal students are participating on an exchange.

The students were evacuated to Havana the next day from the scientific investigation centre near Colon where they were stationed.

Michelle, a grade 4 hurricane similar in size to Hurricane Mitch which devastated Central America in 1998, showed Cuba little mercy, especially in the predominantly rural province of Matanzas. As the storm made its way from the south to the Northern coast of Cuba the worst was feared as the tourist mecca of Varadero, a principle source of income for the country, lay directly in its path.

Fortunately, Varadero was spared the worst of the damage, but

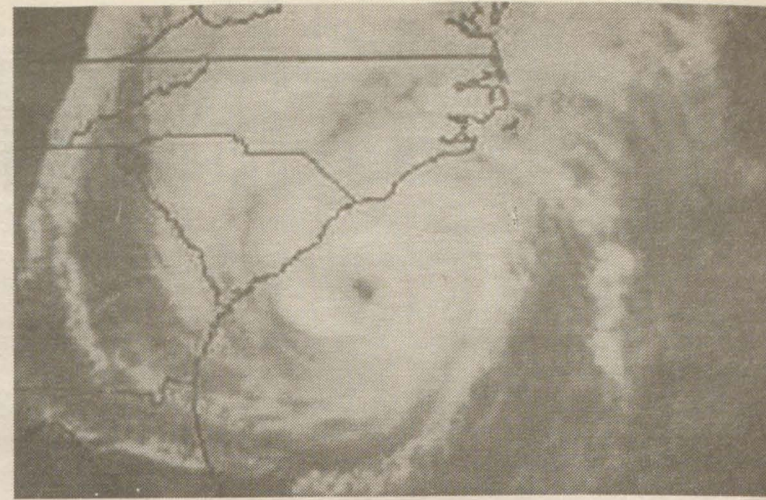
the 200 km/h winds and driving rain assaulted the province's smaller towns, leaving a path of destruction through Cuban homes and crops. The eye of the storm zigzagged through the country passing directly through the small agricultural town of Colon, where only 25 km away eight Dalhousie students, who are currently participating in the semester exchange program in Cuba, were stationed in the scientific investigation center, Indio Hatuey, some two weeks before Michelle hit.

Together with families from the surrounding community and workers from the investigation centre, the Dal students passed the most serious hours of the storm safely in a laboratory building. As darkness fell, sheltering them from the images of destruction outside,

they were still aware of the grave damage taking place - corrugated metal being peeled of roofs, two storey palm trees blowing over like toothpicks, and growing flood waters.

To counteract the deep tension those taking refuge in the lab were feeling, they attempted to maintain a festive atmosphere. While the storm wore on through the endless night, the students passed time by candlelight listening to crackling radio communications detailing the progress of Michelle. But as the hours dissolved into dawn, silence prevailed as everyone feared the destruction which had taken place.

Outside, Michelle had terrorized the landscape that only 24 hours earlier had been fertile, productive land, but now lay under feet of water in daunting



tranquility. The sugar cane, which is the principal crop of the area, was lost to the storm, flattened by forceful winds, leaving the province vulnerable to further economic hardship in the coming months. Citrus crops were also affected as millions of fruits were blown off the trees and lay rotting in the fields. Trees were overturned, roofing tiles were strewn about haphazardly by the wind and buildings had seemed to age years in just hours. Horses wandered aimlessly freed from

their pens. Children played in the flood waters while men, stripped of their rain gear from the previous night, had already started clearing away the debris.

The neighbourly, helping spirit of Cubans was evident in the rural town where the Dal students were stationed. Watching the townspeople prepare for and deal with the aftermath of Michelle profoundly enforced their understanding of the communal ideology of Cuban lifestyle.

They report that there is no shortage of human resources in the reconstruction effort, but a lack of materials goods, in part due to the U.S. embargo that has existed for 40 years, making it difficult to obtain necessary goods such as school and medical supplies. Further hindering the reconstruction efforts, is the lack of electricity and running water, that more than a week after the storm still had not been restored to many rural areas including those around Indio Hatuey.

On Nov. 5, the eight Dal students were evacuated to Havana, as Indio Hatuey, in such a state of crisis did not have the resources to support them. With much reluctance, tears and heavy hearts, they left the place that had grown to feel like home to them in such a short time.

They ask that Canadians do what they can to aid the relief effort.

## Strike vote at Dalhousie

As you may already know, contract negotiations between CUPE 3912 and Dalhousie University have reached an impasse. In short, the outstanding issues are:

- (1) pay for teaching assistants,
- (2) job security for part-time faculty.

A strike vote will be taking place for all Dalhousie members of the local (both part-time instructors and teaching assistants) from November 1-16. Those eligible to vote are teaching assistants and part-time instructors "currently" working at Dalhousie. For more details on how we came to the conclusion that a strike vote is necessary, please read this explanation in our website:

[http://textstyle.net/cupe3912/news/strike/dal\\_strikevote\\_mcc1.shtml](http://textstyle.net/cupe3912/news/strike/dal_strikevote_mcc1.shtml)

The Trade Union Act of Nova Scotia requires that a majority of the active bargaining unit of the local vote for a strike (a majority of the membership, not a majority of the ballots cast). Therefore, your vote is very important.

Please vote to support your bargaining committee! Also, if you can VOLUNTEER TO WORK A SHIFT at one of the polling stations, please call Renee Dankner at 494-8872 or send her a message by e-mail at [cupe3912@is.dal.ca](mailto:cupe3912@is.dal.ca)

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- 3) Studley Campus - Faculty of Computer Science - lobby  
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- 4) Studley Campus - (LSC) Lobby, Life Science Centre  
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Please find your discipline in the list below to know where you must vote. The Dalhousie Registrar's website presents the full-name equivalent of these subject codes at:

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# Falun Gong, suppressed in China; practiced in Halifax



by christopher harbord

the gazette

The Dalhousie Student Union Building is a lonely place on Friday nights. This cold November evening is no exception. Aside from the solitary security desk worker and the odd wanderer, the place is empty. The last, and probably least known event on the SUB's daily calendar is a meeting of local practitioners of the persecuted Chinese spiritual movement known as Falun Gong.

Slowly, the members filter into the small room on the third floor and take seats at the tables, which have been arranged in a square in the centre of the small room. The group is small but varied. There is an old couple in their seventies, a young Dalhousie student, two middle-aged professionals and a young woman with a small child, making six members in total. The meeting is conducted in Chinese, and Muhong Wong, a professor in the St. Mary's University commerce department, and Falun Gong practitioner, offers a rough whispered translation.

Deping Chian, the organizer of the Halifax Falun Gong group, begins the meeting. He passes around copies of a computer printout in Chinese and begins to read it aloud. It is a poem written by Mr. Li Hongzhi, known to the practitioners as Master Li, the spiritual leader of the Falun Gong movement, who instructs members through his ongoing writings and teachings.

"The beating [physical

beating] cannot threaten people's heart," Chian says, struggling to translate Master Li's words, "The heavy wind will lead the autumn to be cooler."

They all discuss and offer interpretations of the recent poem, which Master Li has posted on the Internet. Chian says that he thinks the Master is suggesting that the evil, that is controlling the Chinese government, will soon be gone. Chian adds, smiling, that this is just his interpretation of Li's poem.

After passing around some articles and other papers to the group, Chain shows photographs of some of the mass mobilizations of Falun Gong practitioners in countries around the world. One of the photo's shows hundreds of people, all clad in bright yellow uniforms, standing with their hands extended over their heads. They are doing what looks like Tai Chi or Yoga, but, as Chain explains, the practice of Falun Gong is more than just physical exercise.

"Falun Gong involves slow, physical, simple movements, as well as the spiritual thing...the exercises strengthen your body physically, as well as spiritually," he says.

Deping then hands over a photocopied book by Master Li called Falun Gong (Revised Edition). The hundred page text is divided into sections, including ones entitled Energy Potency and Supernormal Capabilities, Tianmu (The Third Eye), and Cosmic Language.

Despite the evident spirituality and the many

unconventional beliefs that Master Li's book advocates, these practitioners, and official Falun Gong literature, adamantly deny that Falun Gong is a religion. They prefer it to be called a personal development teaching with no firm organizational structure. Master Li, the promotional literature says, also forbids any monetary donations to Falun Gong.

Chain again displays more photographs, this time ones that he has taken in Halifax. Present in all the photos are small, bright circles that look like light-spots. Chain explains that he did not doctor the photos, but that he believes that he actually emitted this "energy", which appears visually on the photos. He then shows pictures from all over the world in which, too, these small circles of light are present. This energy, he says, is a manifestation of the power of the Falun Gong practice.

After about an hour of discussion, Chain announces that they are going to have a group "practice" session. Everyone rises from their chairs and finds a place to stand in the room while Chain fiddles with a tape player. The soft, soothing sound of a flute fills the room and everyone closes their eyes.

Soon, a man's voice - the voice of Master Li - comes on over the music. In response, everyone brings their hands together, lifting their arms over their heads. Master Li speaks again, and, in total coordination, the hands come down. The hand movements become more complex as the instructions continue.

During the session, a young child of one of the practitioners begins to walk, perplexed, around the legs of the adults. The child eventually latches onto the leg of the old man, who opens his eyes, smiles and picks up the boy, moving the child's arms lightheartedly to mimic the actions of the adults.

The old man lives in China, and is visiting Canada to be with his daughter and her young son. In China, Falun Gong is illegal, and those who practice it openly are subject to brutal persecution, including torture.

Amnesty International has reported that the Chinese government uses electric shock batons, beatings, and even "a device known as the 'Di Lao', in which victims' wrists and feet are shackled and linked together...making it nearly impossible to walk or sit down," to punish Falun Gong practitioners. Many prominent Canadians, including the Prime Minister, have condemned these actions.

The Chinese Government, though, has a different view of Falun Gong. In a 1999 editorial, the state-controlled China Daily called Falun Gong an "evil" sect which "manipulates its followers to believe blindly in the words of their leader." The editorial goes on to praise the government for its action against Falun Gong, referring to practitioners as being "trapped without knowing it." The Chinese Government also believes that the Falun Gong movement is attempting to bring down the state, calling the movement a "scheme to take the place of the government and rule the world."

The practice session in the SUB lasts for an hour, and it is jarring when the finally music stops and everyone opens their eyes.

The next day is a sunny Saturday morning, and there's a lineup at the chip wagon on Spring Garden road. In front of the library, the members of Halifax's Falun

Gong group are standing with eyes closed and music playing, practicing the movements of Falun Gong.

One member stands beside the practitioners and hands out pamphlets about the persecution of Falun Gong members in China. They also collect signatures on a petition condemning the actions of the Chinese government, which they eventually plan to submit to the Canadian Government.

The session outside of the library has run late, and Muhong Wong, an active member of the Halifax Falun Gong group looks apologetically at her watch, saying that she's late to meet her husband, who is not a member of Falun Gong.

"He doesn't believe," Wong says.

"We discuss it a lot," she smiles, "People have different ideas about their life. We tolerate each other."

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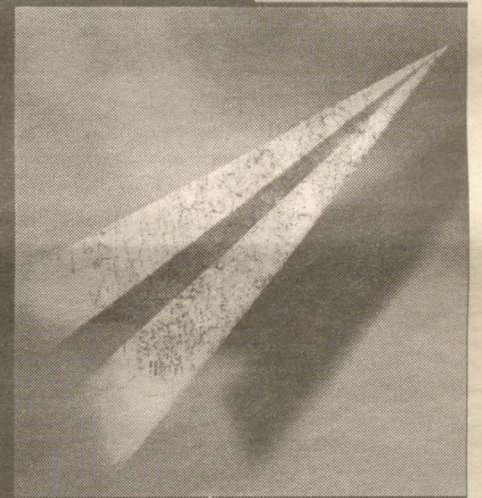
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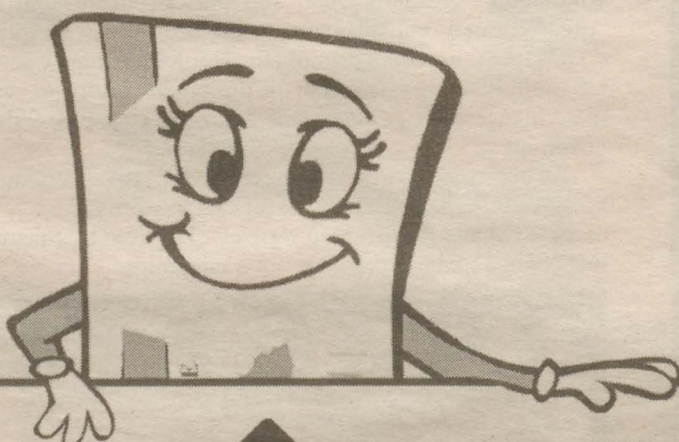
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# The folly of journalistic integrity

Dubious progress in the 'war on terror'

by jon elmer

the gazette

So it looks like the quagmire might be draining slightly toward the south as the Northern Alliance appear to have taken the Afghan capital-proper of Kabul. To be sure, the bitterest battles lay ahead because nobody expects the Taliban to allow the spiritual-capital of Kandahar to fall without an epic battle - something that this "war" has not yet seen.

The reason that the fall of Kabul is what might be called a 'surprise' stems from the snail-pace of this war thus far - that is until around the time cluster bombs came out a couple of weeks ago, signaling the reversion to more assertive methods of killing by the US military. The civilian casualties mounted significantly and the Northern Alliance began to capture key cities in the north, notably Mazar-I-Sharif, now riding completely on the backs of US air impunity. With a simple nod from the White House, the mainstream press fell neatly into line, boasting of the progress, as per usual, sacrificing intelligent discourse for...well, rather something else.

The prime example comes from New York Times foreign affairs columnist Thomas Friedman in one of his weekly political think-pieces which virtually never strays the official White House line. On Capitol Hill, the Times is referred to as 'every man's CIA', this kind of editorial is taken seriously.

"A month into the war," Friedman wrote last week, "and the hand-wringing has already begun over how long this might last. Let's all take a deep breath and repeat after me: Give war a chance."

He went on to explain how this campaign must be "one war, two fronts", more than implicitly suggesting that the public relations aspect was waning. When the President and his spokesmen are asked about civilian casualties he suggested they answer: "Yes, for the 30 th straight day Osama bin Laden, a mass murderer, has cloaked himself in a human blanket of Afghan civilians. Unfortunately, this has led to some civilian deaths; or, Yes, for the fourth straight week, Osama bin Laden, the man who sends other Muslims to their death but never risks his own life, is now sending Afghans to die for him."

Friedman's essay appeared the day after news of the razing of Chowkar-Karez broke - a civilian village several dozen miles from anything that might even resemble military infrastructure. One farmer said he lost all 30 of the relatives that traveled with him to Chowkar-Karez to seek refuge from the aerial bombardment of their home-

village - 4 men, 12 women and 14 children. A second wave of F18's struck the few villagers who survived the initial attack as they scrambled to bury their dead families. About the massacre, a Pentagon official told a CNN reporter who asked of whether the incident in Chowkar-Karez might have been a mistake: "The people there are dead because we wanted them dead."

CNN chairman Walter Isaacson then one-upped Thomas Friedman when he advised his entire staff that reporting on civilian casualties is tantamount to showing 'enemy propaganda': "It seems perverse to focus too much on the casualties or hardship in Afghanistan...we must talk about how the Taliban is using civilian shields and how the Taliban have harboured the terrorists responsible for killing 5,000 innocent people." Ironically for Mr. Isaacson, scarcely could a definition of perverse fit more aptly than to his shameful drivel. Henceforth, all talk of civilian destruction of Afghan innocents on the Cable News Network will be buffered by images of the tragic death of "civilized innocents" at the World Trade Center.

Considering that CNN and the New York Times are the world's most audience media outlets, that doesn't bode well for the general public getting anything more than a one-dimensional view of the "war". The CNN announcement was, incidentally, in conjunction with the US adding to the war effort a 6-tonne, stumpy-school-bus-sized bomb that clears a blast crater of a half-kilometre in area and are dropped by enormous C-130 Hercules cargo jets that fly at a terrifyingly low 12,000 feet, low enough

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that the plane itself shakes the ground.

Those impressive bombs would wreak havoc of a certainty that requires media censorship in order to prevent the morality of the common-folk from inflicting the kind of human decency and integrity that proved so damaging to the US during the Vietnam war, something that contributed significantly in the eventual American withdrawal.

That is precisely why media censorship is so sinister...so perverse. As Harper's magazine publisher John R. MacArthur wrote last week in an op-ed piece for the Globe and Mail, "As Vietnam should have proven once and for all, reporters, when they are doing their job, threaten politicians and generals bent on wrong-headed, self-destructive war aims..."

The Pentagon knows this well, one of the reasons that "the specter of Vietnam was forever buried in the sands of the Arabian Peninsula" - as President Bush I said of the Gulf war - is the direct censorship of the corporate media. During that war, reports were sent from journalists based in Saudi Arabia; reports on Afghanistan are sent predominately from reporters based across the border in

Pakistan. In fact, John Ibbitson, the primary war reporter for the Globe and Mail gives his daily wrap-up of war news from his comfy home in Washington. In short, he is passing off the Pentagon releases as objective journalism, while reports from al Jazeera are censored as enemy-fodder - actually the US out-did their censoring by simply leveling the Qatar-based television station's Kabul offices in an air raid. Propaganda: ours and theirs.

Which brings us back to the taking of Kabul by the Northern Alliance; enter, Afghan rebel leader Abdul Haq. A key commander and hero of the Mujahedeen force that repelled the decade-long invasion of a military super-power, Haq fled Afghanistan in the years of civil war in Afghanistan following the ousting of the Soviets, around the time of the rise of the Taliban. Interestingly enough, the popular rebel leader actually offered his services to the young Bush II administration in leading a revolt by proposing to splinter the Taliban, disempowering the fundamentalist element. That was in the early summer, President Bush told him he wasn't interested. Then came Sept. 11 and everything changed.

In the days following the WTC attack, heavy-weight conservative political columnist Charles Krauthammer wrote an essay in the Washington Post identifying Haq as a key figure in the imminent war against the Taliban. And there was a general consensus that the leader would play a significant role in any post-Taliban regime. Just before the "air campaign" began in early October, Haq left his exile in the United Arab Emirates - where he was laying low after the murder of his entire family by hard-line Taliban Islamists - and began his covert mission into Afghanistan to lure defectors from the Taliban. Soon after, he was caught by Taliban forces, tried, sentenced and executed on the spot.

Before his capture and assassination, Haq gave an interview to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, which ran in the Guardian (UK) and advised heavily against the US bombardment, commenting on its effect of boosting Taliban control - something that always happens to governments during wartime, take wit the inflated popularity of George W. But what Haq cites as the primary concern is that the US is backing a minority faction of mainly Tajiks and Uzbeks in the Northern Alliance which will have dubious popular support in the Pashtun (ethnic majority) areas of the south - including Kabul.

"Most won't go over to the Northern Alliance, and the Alliance must not be allowed to take power, because they would take revenge on anyone who had ever fought them and drive people back to the Taliban...and the problem is that the Americans cannot control Alliance commanders on the ground if they decide to attack Kabul or massacre people." When a New York Times reporter asked an Alliance soldier on the eve of the Kabul offensive earlier this week why he was so eager to take the capital, the soldier was blunt: "I want to take revenge."

Revenge for the pillage of northern territories by Taliban forces, a tit for tat that is frightening when it is now backed by the greatest military machine (at least the most costly) the world has yet seen. "How can they control them? By threatening to bomb them too?", said Haq of the Americans ability to reign in the marauding Alliance commanders. Essentially, the US is backing a brutal regime without popular support: the Northern Alliance, against a brutal regime without popular support: the Taliban, while civilians die and bin Laden and the Al Qaeda network sit back and watch, as safe as ever. The key is that while the Taliban are seen as extremists, the general Pashtun population supports the Taliban religiously and will naturally defend themselves against a minority invasion.

"We are against the people who wear turbans," said a Northern Alliance soldier. With that, the kind of fight for Afghanistan proposes to be long and bitter. The "progress" which has President Bush and the corporate media so "pleased" may end up being something of an Orwellian doublespeak, especially should the Northern Alliance and the US military move faster than the diplomatic efforts to curtail the Alliance damage and establish a working post-Taliban government.

This first phase of the war could yet prove its undoing. So, at this point, it might do to repeat the words of Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld to yourself: This is not a quagmire, this is not a quagmire, this is not a quagmire...

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- PIERRE JOSEPH PROUDHON, "GENERAL IDEA OF THE REVOLUTION IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY", 1851

"AT EVERY STAGE OF HISTORY OUR CONCERN MUST BE TO DISMANTLE THOSE FORMS OF AUTHORITY AND OPPRESSION THAT SURVIVE FROM AN ERA WHEN THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED IN TERMS OF THE NEED FOR SECURITY OR SURVIVAL OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT THAT NOW CONTRIBUTE TO - RATHER THAN ALLEVIATE - MATERIAL AND CULTURAL DEFICIT"

- NOAM CHOMSKY, INTRODUCTION TO DANIEL GUERIN'S "ANARCHISM", 1970

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## Chapter two: Smoking a Joint While Going Poo

Seated at Tim Horton's in the midst of a sea of wool mitts, sweaters, hats, jacket, a young man, whose origins are likely closer to the equator than mine (it is barely below ten degrees outside), is reading a paperback. My prying eyes discover that the chapter he's on is called The Devil: Mr. Disorganization, and after a glance from a better angle the book's title is revealed: A Success How To For You. There are big dollar signs on the cover and the picture of a smiling gentleman, a mutation of T.V. personalities Regis Philbin, Alex Trebek and Bob Barker, all in one. I can imagine the names of the other chapters: 1,2,3, Think Ahead!, SAVE it Pays, Buy Low Sell High...

I want to look up the Salvation Army in its index to see if they include the Sally Ann Thrift Store as a bargain basement priced location to search for suits. It's next door, maybe this scruffy go-getter would want to know. Then he'd be on his way to corporate or entrepreneurial success, and he could strut into business meetings organized with P.B. and J sandwiches in his attache case, then smiling in his cool blue suit declare (just like the Thrift Store's logo says), "Big Entrance!", and go on to become a success.

Aahhhh.

Instead of reading A Success How To For You, this go-getter should read the book I haven't written yet, entitled Angelic Treatise: Mr. Disorganization Has More Orgies. It would include such sections as, Chapter One: SAVE \$\$\$ For

Buying Cheap Vino, Discounted Airplane Tickets, and Roadtrips, or Chapter Two: Smoke a Joint While Going Poo, or Chapter Three: Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, Bake Them A Cake As Fast As You Can Because Loving Your Family Means Chilling Out And Being Generous, or Chapter Four: Have Sex More.

No, money is not entirely evil, but dollars should come with warnings on them just like cigarette packets have: Money can kill you, Money corrupts children at an early age, and Greed causes premature heart failure.

Other than my unwritten book, this scruffy go-getter needs to witness two things. The \$\$ bills with such warnings on them and a man I saw ten minutes earlier.

While walking down Queen St. beside the old crumbling infirmary building, a gentleman pulled up to a parking meter in a beige Mercedes. His back seat was full of files, product information, day timers, an electronic organizer, a laptop, and yellow steno pads. Generally his apparel was like a new skin; his overcoat matched his car; his shoes were shiny; he was like a snake having shed an old skin, but with a face that had gone to shit. His eyes were drawn, a pair of strained blue irises lost in a yellow-gay sea of fat red veins, and his pale wrinkles drooped like congealing waves of too much paint on a wall.

And passing his car I looked from his decomposing face to the car's faux leather dash, upon which a well worn déjà pas vu greeted me. The mutated face of T.V. personalities: A Success How To For You.

Kip Keen

LETTERS

## Counterpoint

Bathroom ad debate

Dear Editor: Regarding Helwig-Larsen's Bathroom mania.

Simon Helwig-Larsen is a right-wing halfwit. It is truly sad day when a campus newspaper commentary sings the praises of censorship and mindless vandalism.

As a rule, it can be dangerous to argue with anyone who finds inspiration in the crapper. However, Mr. Helwig-Larsen's snide and misleading letter should be responded to. I would like to offer some facts that were omitted from the commentary.

Three years ago I was Executive Vice President of the Dalhousie Student Union, at this time three students came to me looking to have the bathroom ads removed, at this time I advised them on how to make a motion, or hold a referendum, essentially how to democratically have the signs removed. I did this because unlike Mr. Helwig-Larsen I did not think that one person should be the moral arbiter of all students but rather that the checks and balances put in place since 1866 should be used to insure that the interests of all students are considered by their elected officials. The thing is Democracy takes work and commitment. Perhaps there is a place for vandalism in political dissent, but that time cannot be prior to trying the legitimate political avenues, especially when they are open and working.

Mr. Helwig-Larsen also leaves out of his war with NewAd that the bathrooms in bars downtown have also been vandalized. Apparently the brain trust at BLF headquarters believe that private individuals on private property should not be able to post what ever they like on their own walls. Viva la Freedom of expression!

Mr. Helwig Larsen also goes to great lengths to discuss how and where the money directed to the United way comes from. During my time in office the money raised through various advertising revenues was distributed over a broad range of causes and expenses, from costs associated with participation in the AIDS walk to providing office space free of charge to NSPIRG. I cannot speak for this year's council, but in my year I don't recall us breaking down where every penny donated came from for each of the dozens of causes to which the DSU donates every year.

I bristle at the likes of the BLF for many reasons, they make a mockery of people who truly care about the public good and people who think the citizen is more than an end line consumer. The BLF may think they have society's interests in mind, but one has to ask how strong can an argument be that won't be claimed by the person making it.

Finally, the BLF are jackasses for one great big fat reason, today in our country kids go to school on empty stomachs and last time I checked we were bombing the livin shit out of one of the most desperate places on earth. In this world on this day, Simon Helwig-Larsen has picked his right to whiz unfettered. Bravo, the world just got a little better, well for you anyway.

Brian Kellow

## The Black Bloc versus the engine of the capitalist machine

An escalatory primer for N17 in Ottawa

The time for raising awareness is over. It is done. Those who are not aware of what is unfolding on this planet, who fail to see its interconnectedness, will be led off the capitalist cliff in blindfolds. Now is not the time to be voicing concerns against corporate globalization. Now is the time to bring to a grinding halt the very instruments of globalization. Because if this movement is going to gain real momentum then some things need to be clear.

First, let's be clear on what direct action is and what it is not. Let us not confuse direct action with the moral masturbation of civil disobedience, or the conscience cleansing practiced by those who choose to get voluntarily or "symbolically" arrested. Voluntary arrests serve no other purpose than to stroke the conscience of the arrestee. It is a way to say I did something by doing nothing at all. It is a way to slap the face to those who have been violently arrested or killed in other countries fighting against the same powers.

So what is direct action? Direct action is setting fire to Monsanto's fields in India; it is driving a bulldozer through a McDonald's in southern France; it is a bunch of old ladies, raging grannies if you will, standing at the front of a demonstration in Palestine, staring down barrels of Israeli guns. That is true civil disobedience.

Let's be clear that this movement is not a glorified revisiting of 1960's American idealism. Balls to the sixties. They couldn't possibly fathom, nor handle what we are faced with today. So I say again, balls to the sixties, we don't live there anymore. Besides, they had the wrong idea. They identified a problem and then they fled from it. They fled to communes or corporations; they fled from solutions in hits of acid believing they could somehow find freedom, and now we are left with the same mess, coming down from the same horrible trip. Back then the world was large enough to make escape possible, but not now. Now it is us who are left with the burden, and it is quite a burden.

As thousands prepare to descend on Ottawa for this weekend's G20, IMF, World Bank meetings, it is worth remembering that the situation facing this generation is dire. There has never been more pollution in the world, there has never been more deforestation, more oil bleeding into the forests and seas, nor a greater polarization between the rich and the poor. And there have never been this many nuclear weapons in existence. Our generation's place in history is secure, but how the rest of humanity will view us is unclear. Will we be the generation that left the world in ruins or the generation who chose another path.

Technology will not save us. Sticking flowers in our hair and waving peace signs will bring neither peace, nor change. Those who make billions of dollars exploiting

human beings, animal species, and the environment will not lay down their guns, they will not stop simply because they are asked to. In Ottawa, we will be faced with the very instrument of globalization, the very instruments of exploitation: the IMF, the World Bank, the G20. Similar was the case in Quebec City, but there was little disruption. We stood in the roverbial-doorway, chanting. Well, most of us. All but that beautiful black mass of unidentifiable humans.

So do be wary of those black-hooded anarchists, those rock wielding hoodlums, they are indeed dangerous. They'll expose the hypocrite in every one of us who said that these meetings should be stopped yet took ten steps back for every step they took forward. They were the only ones who kept their word in Quebec in April. They were the only ones who said the meetings must be stopped and actually tried to stop them.

It was they who took the beatings, they who took the bullets. And it was they who realized that reading Marx or Mao does not make one revolutionary, that hanging a poster of Che Guevara on bedroom walls will not make one revolutionary. It was they who taught us that sacrificing your privilege for someone you have never even met is the only revolutionary thing. It was they who absorbed the abuse for all of us who stood hundreds of yards away spewing tear-gas snot, choking on our own hypocrisy, choking on the fact that it is going to require a lot more than waving placards and sticking flowers in our hair to bring about the necessary changes.

Ian Orti



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# Choclair Less Addictive Than Cigarettes

by matthew greer

the gazette

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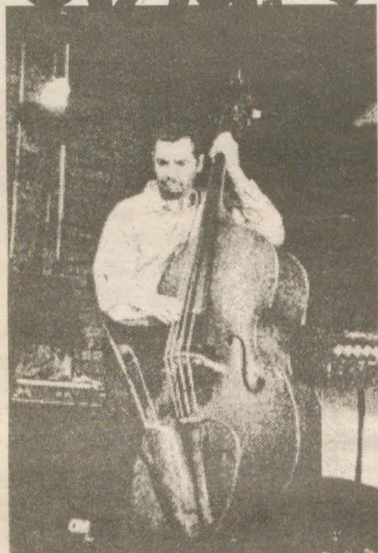
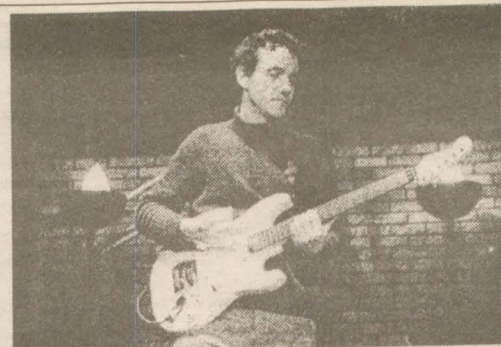
The show was a disaster even before it started. The headlining performer, Choclair, was stuck at home - like so many Canadians this weekend - because of Canada 3000's grounding. Never one to succumb to reason or logic, the tobacco dealer thought the show should go on regardless. They dropped their ticket prices from 25 to ten dollars in an attempt to keep the masses happy and Dalhousie's Student Union Building packed to capacity.

Showtime came without the headliner. Four talented bands remained, and each was granted their own stage in a different part of the SUB to do their thing. DuMaurier lined every wall of the SUB with posters and projected ads pushing their 'smoking may lead to lung cancer' sticks. What more could Dal students want? Maybe a break from the liquor commission.

The Alcohol and Gaming Authority are strictly enforcing the campus liquor license regulations. So the concert was only open to Dal students and their guests. Dal's population aimed to disappoint and they really came through. The McInnes room was lined with close to 20 Dal employees, a handful of Jazz East executives, a Gazette-photographer/reporter-for-the-night, and three paying guests. Wow.

Despite the more than embarrassing turnout, the music was great. Les Projectionistes, a jazz group from Montreal, did their thing for close to two hours, and without a word of complaint - not from the miniscule audience or from the non-working-but-still-getting-paid Dal employees. Their music was fresh and energetic and a much-needed addition to Halifax's ignored jazz music scene.

But come on, three people? It's a sad statement on our jaded times, but it seems that cancer just doesn't sell like it used to.



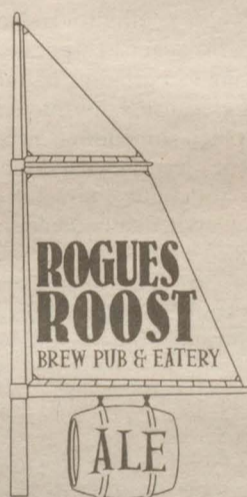
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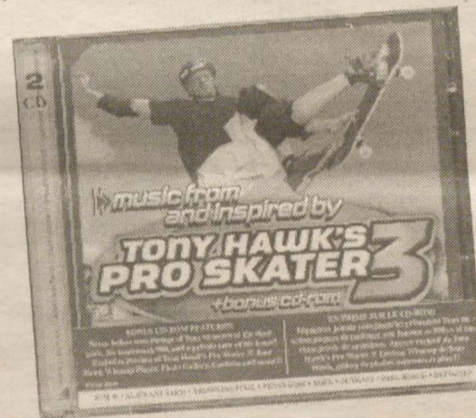
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by jodi magliaro

the gazette

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You get the next band given a chance to rock out in Hell during November's Month of Mondays - The Kid Gorgeous Rock Machine. The band is made up of the biggest group of offensive sweethearts you'll ever meet - "Destroyer", "Nightrider", "Kitty Delicious" and "Sir Penetrator".

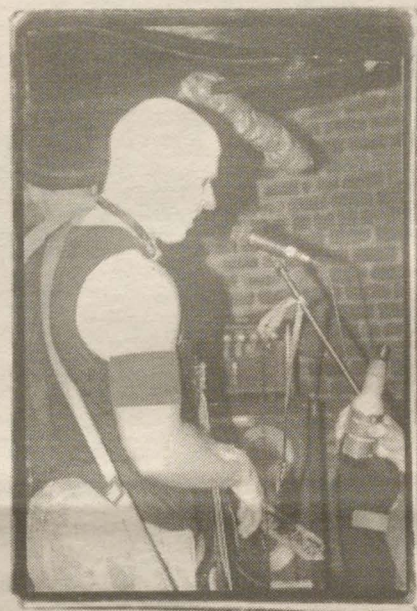
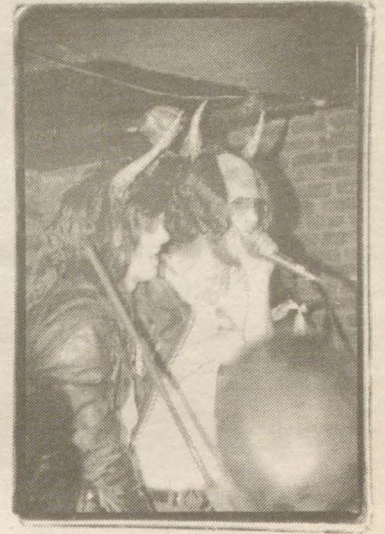
Their lyrics, however crude and offensive, should not be taken seriously. Lyrics like "there's a little bit of whore in every little girl" may sound abhorrent at first; but feminists hold back your man-beating sticks, because once the lyrics are heard within the context of the song, it is obviously not meant to insult girls... or whores.

"We're part of the front wave of the Rocker Bible in Halifax - the return to real rock and roll," says Destroyer.

The band has a lot to offer any group of people looking for true rock n' roll, great costumes and funny chatter between songs. Their shows are always entertaining, to say the least, with audiences who are often just as wild as the band. Regulars at their shows include members of King Konqueror, the Hellwalkers, anyone who works for Pro Skates, hot groupies... um, I mean "friends" of the band, and local rock icons Fabian O'Brien and Frank Hall from Dead Red.

"Contrary to popular belief, Kid Gorgeous is the straightest rock band ever...next to us of course," says Fabian.

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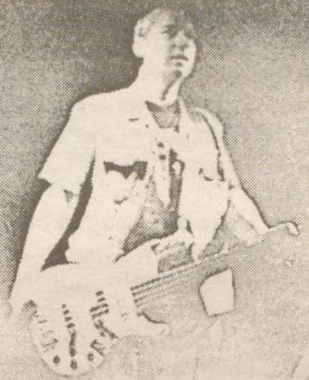
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# The Real McKenzies

Cross-dressin' bag blowin' entertainment



by caitlin kealey

the gazette

"Europe loves us, Japan loves us, Australia loves us, and the United States loves us. Maybe someday Canada will — but we're never touring Canada again."

Touring these days is not like it was in the past; or so says Paul McKenzie, singer for Vancouver's Real McKenzies. The Scot-punk-band blends bagpipes with rip roaring punk riffs. They've been a successful bunch of drunkards for 10 years, but as Bob Dylan says: times they are a'changin'.

"I've never done a tour this bad — in 22 years — I don't know if it's hip hop or terrorism or whatever, but it's been horrible...the booking agency warned us, but I didn't think it would be this bad. Nobody is supporting live music in Canada."

Which is a definite shame, the kilt-wearing punkrockers did a great job of entertaining the beer swilling punks, drunks, rockabilies and skins at the Attic a few weeks ago. The nature

of their music results in a totally infectious-audience-participating-beer-flying-glass-breaking-bloody-boozefest.

Each band member is paying \$2000 out their own pockets toward the tour and their CD sales are putting gas in the tank so they can make it to the next show. They just released their second of two albums, *Loch & Loaded* on Honest Don's, a Fat Wreck Chords subsidiary.

When it comes to the Real McKenzies' rock show, he says you better "leave your politics at the door. Contrarily, when asked if he saw himself as a politicized he somewhat indignantly responded "What person in their right mind wouldn't be at this time."

"A lot of my peers are jaded and bitter. I refuse to succumb to that. I'm very optimistic and they can't beat that out of me. Everything that is happening now, Nosferatu wrote it all long time ago, this is all long overdue. There is a questionable agenda worldwide right now. Our job as citizens is to guide politicians, if you don't vote — shut the fuck up."



photos by caitlin kealey

## Crush advice

"Stay away from the brown acid"

by meg pooley

the gazette

It is rare for an independent band to get regular radio play on our fair city's mainstream stations, so rare that when a local band actually breaks through and scores a radio hit it makes us sit up and think, "Woah, what's going on? Did the bouncers at the doors of the station fall asleep and accidentally let these guys in?" Not in the case of Halifax-based Crush. They earned their way in with a debut album chock-full of radio-friendly rock-pop songs that have the folks over at C100 salivating. Not only is their single, "Live", in constant rotation on the radio in Halifax, but it's all over stations in every Maritime province and receiving rave reviews from listeners and critics alike.

Crush front-men Cory Tetford and Paul Lamb met in 1994 when Lamb was playing in Signal Hill. A few years later, they played together on The Main Event tour, which brought together four solo songwriters. Tetford and Lamb realized that "two heads are better than one," and created the partnership that is Crush. They brought together a collection of songs they had written, and began working on the almost two-year project that became their debut album, *Here*.

The dozen tunes on the album cover a range of themes. As Tetford and Lamb put it, they're "happy-go-lucky guys," and the album is made up of "everyday shit" that you would hear about in normal conversations. When asked if the album has one over-riding theme, Tetford jokes, "yeah, stay away from the brown acid." Right.

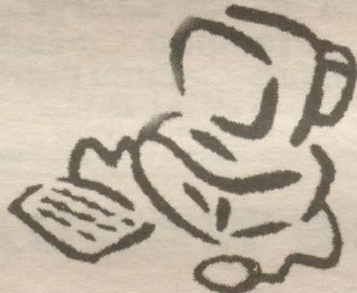
Crush will be touring Atlantic Canada in the following months, including an extensive tour of their home province of Newfoundland in November.



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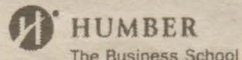
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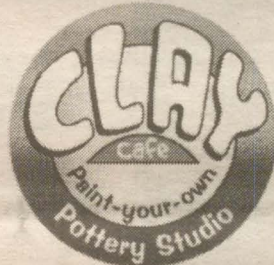
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# Crashing Down On The Cohn

by theresa anne salah  
*the gazette*

"I'm going to California," chanted Canada's newest pop duo, Wave, Monday night at the Rebecca Cohn Theatre. Although the concert was not sold out, shrieks thundered through the theater as Wave played their 12 songs off *Nothing As It Seems* to

an enthusiastic crowd.

Paul Gigliotti and Dave Thomson, the pop duo from Niagara Falls have become two of the most recognizable faces in Canada.

"Paul and I went to high school together, and sort of really didn't hang out in high school. We were both music fans, and both played the guitar. So it wasn't until

the end of high school that we ended up getting into an Oasis cover band together," says Thomson. Together, the boys began to write their own songs. They met a producer who they started to work with and left their cover band to form an original band. "We were entering a contest about a month before we were actually signed. We needed a name for the next day which was the concert deadline. So we just sat around and threw out names. Eventually someone said 'Wave' and we went with that," says Thomson. "No super story behind it" he laughs.

"It's my birthday, can I have your guitar pick?" screams a fan during the concert. "I'll have my people call your people," answers Thomson. The duo showed off their guitar skills as they avoided being pulled off the stage by the horde of fans gathered at their feet. The concert began with the song "Ride With the Stars" co-written by Thomson and Gigliotti. "We co-write all our songs," says Thomson. "We write about what we know. It's about what you feel."

Bands such as Pearl Jam, the Goo Goo Dolls, Vertigo and Michael Jackson influence Wave's music. "Paul is also a big Depeche Mode freak," laughs Thomson. Each performed a cover song during Monday night's concert; Gigliotti began by singing a love song by Depeche Mode and Thomson thrilled the crowd when



he sang Goo Goo Dolls' "Slide".

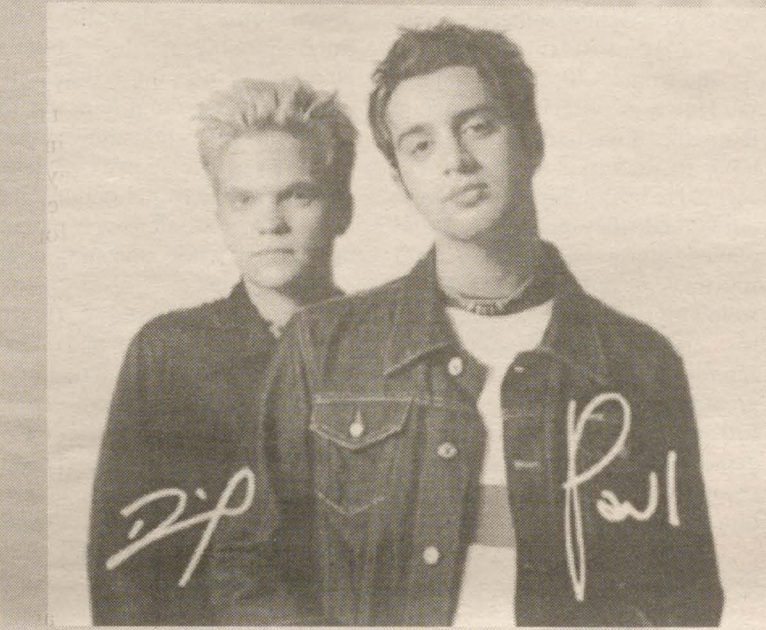
Monday night's concert was Wave's second visit to Halifax in just a few months. Their first Halifax appearance was in July when they opened up for O-Town at the Halifax Metro Centre. "We have the same booking agency as O-Town, that's how we got the tour," says Thomson. "It was wicked touring with O-Town because I knew they were so huge."

The highlight of Wave's second concert in Halifax was when they performed their number-one single "California". "The song California is about getting away from everything and going to live out your dream," says Thomson. "One day I was working at the record store and a friend of mine had just gotten back from

California. He said he had a wicked time and wanted to go back. When I was driving home from work that day I just started writing that song in my head."

The California life is just the kind of life the group is living right now. "We've definitely been to California. We ended up recording there, and shot the video for California there."

Now with two hit singles on their plate, and the new single "Sleepless" soon to be released at the end of this month, Wave has formed some new goals for their future. "Our biggest goal is to get out to places other than Canada. It's our biggest obstacle right now," says Thomson. For now the duo is riding high in Canada, and creating a tidal wave of success wherever they go.



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## Men's VB win silver

by gerry faber

the gazette

The Men's Volleyball team traveled off to Waterloo this past weekend, for the Waterloo Warrior classic, and ending up representing well, coming home with a silver medal, three wins and two losses against some tough Ontario competition.

The Tigers opened the tournament against the U of T Varsity Blues. Dal started the match slowly, no doubt affected by their travel, and dropped the first two sets by scores of 25-20 and 25-22. The Tigers did not collapse though and battled back to take the next three sets of the very tight game 25-21, 26-24 and 15-13. Fourth-year outside hitter, Josh Muise, was all over for the court for the Tigers as he tallied a very impressive 26 kills and ten digs. 6'3" Ryan Andrews, of Midland, Ont, also spiked down 18 kills and gathered up nine digs.

Later on Friday, the Tigers faced the host squad from Waterloo and defeated them 3-1. In the first

set, Dal was still on a high from the earlier match, and used this energy in demolishing the Ontario school 25-15. Waterloo did not sit back on their heels though and fought to prevail in the second set 26-24. Dal took the final two sets 25-21 and 25-20 to close out the match. Muise, a psychology major from Porter's Lake, again led the Tigers on the court and stat sheet with 18 kills and 12 kills. 6'6" outside hitter, Sean Wormsbecker, put in a solid all around game as he finished with eight kills, six blocks and six digs.

On Saturday, the day opened against the team from Guelph, and the black and gold express started where they had left off the night before, steamrolling the Gryphons in the first two sets by identical 25-15 scores. The third set was a little closer, but the Tigers finished it 25-21 to take the match 3-0. Wormsbecker, a Barrie Ont. native, and middle hitter Tim Wiley were "the men" of this match, each bruising their opponents for six kills.

For the second match of the

day, the Tigers drew Western who are currently ranked ninth in the country. The Mustangs came out kicking but the Tigers battled tough and lost the first two sets by 25-19 scores. The Tigers fourth game in less than 30 hours took its toll as Dal lost the third set 25-8 and lost the match three straight. Wormsbecker led the offensive charge with ten kills and middle blocker Adam Jones, returning this weekend from a shoulder injury, had six.

The Tigers' 3-1 record earned them a birth in the gold medal game and a rematch with Western. The London school came into the match a little cocky and Dal thought that they had something to prove after their defeat the previous day. The first game set the tone for the match as it was back and forth with both teams playing well. Dal ended up on top 25-23 and had a real advantage after taking the second set 25-15. Western is nationally ranked team for a reason and wanted to show some fire in their bellies and took the important third set 25-23. The mustangs then won the last two 25-18 and 15-5 to take the gold medal. Muise finished the tournament the way he started it slamming down 17 kills while impressive rookie Wiley, from St. Catherines, Ont. had an outstanding match with 14 kills.

The Tigers start their search for their 22nd straight conference title in the AUS this weekend, as the regular season action begins on the road as they play Moncton and UNB. The Tigers first home action is Sat Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. as they take on Moncton.

## Women's volleyball first season losses

by joe leblanc

the gazette

After three consecutive wins in the beginning of the AUS women's volleyball season the Tigers women's team was out to improve on that record. However, the opposition had different ideas. The Tigers had their first setback of the season, last Wednesday, with a home loss to the Acadia Axewomen, and followed that up with two successive road losses to Moncton and UCCB.

Last Wednesday at the Dalplex, the Tigers faced the Axewomen for the first time this season. With a fairly experienced squad, the Axewomen took three straight sets from the Tigers. The scores would suggest that the game was fairly close throughout as Acadia won 25-20, 25-23, and 25-20. However observing the game from the bleachers, one would have to disagree as the Tigers seemed to be outplayed. "We were outworked; they passed well and played aggressive defense," said fourth-year setter Allison Gillis following the game. Despite the loss, first-year rightside hitter Jennifer Ward continued to show great promise in the league as she had nine kills. Also having a strong game above the tape was Jilliane Goulet who had five kills and six blocks.

The Tigers second game of the week took place on Saturday versus the Universite de Moncton. Dalhousie was looking forward to using the loss to Acadia as

motivation for the game against Moncton, as if they needed any more since the match pitted the top two teams against one another. Moncton was in first place in the standings with a 3-0 record, while the Tigers sat in second with three wins and one loss. From the get go, it seemed that Moncton was looking to prove that they belonged on top of the standings. Dalhousie managed to squeeze a set out of Moncton winning the second with 25-21. Nevertheless, the end result certainly would attest to Les anges bleu's placement in the standings as they won three sets to one, by scores of 25-22 in sets one and three, and 25-12 in the final set. The 6'0" Goulet had another big game for the Tigers, as she slowed down some of Moncton's big hitters picking up eleven blocks. However, it was the NB school's ability to hit around her, and the rest of the Tigers that allowed them to pull out the victory. Allison Petrie, a rookie from London, Ont., had a big game defensively racking up 12 digs, while smashing down eight kills.

"I was pleased with our overall effort as a team and energy as a team Moncton is a team that will beat you unless you make them mistakes that they don't want to make.", said Tigers head coach Kirk Yanofsky after the match but added, "I am excited about the progress that we have made so far and where it indicates we can go."

The final game of a busy week for the Tigers took place in the lovely confines of the campus at UCCB. The confines were not that lovely for the Tigers, as a vastly improved Capers team defeated the Tigers in a close hard fought match 3 sets to 2. The Capers won first 25-17, and then the sets went like this, 25-27, 25-18, 19-25, 15-11. Kate Campbell and Kelly Reinsborough led the Tigers offense with eight and seven kills respectively.

As a result of the three losses, a Tigers team that sat on top of the standings just a week earlier now find themselves in a three-way tie for fourth place, with a three and three win/loss record. It is funny how quickly things can change. The Tigers look to get back on the winning track after more than a week off when they play host to the Memorial SeaHawks at Studley gymnasium on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Claire Martin  
Women's Soccer  
Fifth year  
Science  
Halifax, Nova Scotia



Claire Martin of the Women's Soccer Team is the Dalhousie Tigers Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending November 11, 2001. Claire put in an outstanding performance during her fifth and final year with the Tigers as the team captured the AUS Championship. She was named an Atlantic University Sport 1st team all-star and league MVP. At the CIS Championship last week Claire put in two strong performances as the Tigers tied McGill 1-1 before losing to Ottawa 3-1. During the tournament banquet, Claire was recognized as a first team All-Canadian.

Josh Muise  
Men's Volleyball  
Fourth year  
Psychology  
Porters Lake, Nova Scotia



Josh Muise of the Men's Volleyball Team is the Dalhousie Tigers Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending November 11. Josh put in a strong performance at the Waterloo Warrior Classic this weekend, leading the Tigers to a Silver Medal. He was the Tigers' game leader in kills, blocks, digs and aces. In a 3-2 win over Toronto in the round robin, Muise had an outstanding 26 kills and 10 digs. He also recorded 17 kills, 2 blocks, 4 aces and 6 digs in the Tigers 3-2 loss to Western in the Gold Medal game.



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# Tommies Get Themselves in a STU in Two

by terri feoner

the gazette

As of Monday, the Dalhousie hockey team were ranked fourth in the country and team captain, Marty Johnston, along with teammates Chris Stanley and Dan Tudin, were leading the league in scoring. That leaves quite an impression for a team that was at the bottom of the AUS two years ago, not even mentioned on a national level. To add to the Tigers already tremendous season, they added two more home wins the first weekend in November and picked up a 1-1 split this past weekend on the road, improving their record to 8-2. On Nov. 2, the Tigers hosted the St. Thomas Tommies and said goodnight with an 8-3 landslide victory over the Fredericton team. The very next night the Tigers faced UPEI and again unleashed their potent offense downing the struggling

Panthers 8-5. Hockey action continued on the road this past weekend as Dal faced the Tommies and Panthers in their home rinks. The Tommies hoped to reclaim lost ground as they hosted Dal but home ice advantage had no meaning as the Tigers scored two goals in the first ten minutes of the game with Chris Pittman and Bob Crummer ripping the twine. STU's Rory Beck scored for the Tommies, netting what would be their only goal of the evening.

The second and third periods only saw Dal scoring as Tigers Johnston and Crummer, with his second of the night, both buried the puck and led the Tigers to a 4-1 victory over the NB school.

For those of you who missed the home hockey action, it was a spirited game against UPEI on Saturday... to say the least. The scrapping began before the anthem was even cued up with an intense

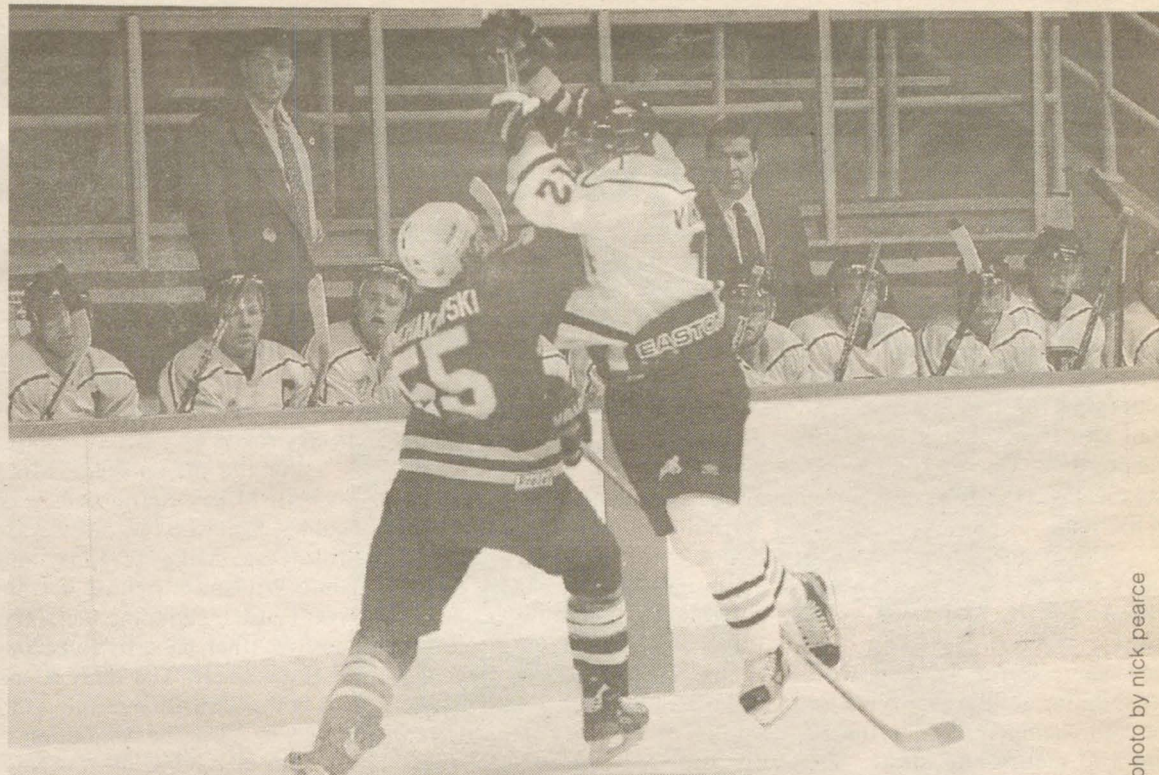


photo by nick pearce

exchange between the two teams. When the clock wound down to signal an 8-5 triumph for the Tigers in a penalty filled game, it added fuel to the fire for Friday's game where the Panthers played host to the black and gold.

UPEI fought hard off the face off to score the first goal of the night only 25 seconds into the game. The Panthers gave

themselves a comfortable lead by ending the second period with a second goal and up by two. The Tigers looked like they might come back strong in the second when Pittman scored an early goal but both teams remained scoreless for the rest of the period. The Panthers took control of the game at the beginning of the third period as they scored a shorthanded goal.

The Tigers rallied to find one more goal that came from the rugged Pittman but could not put anything else past Panthers goalie Jason Flick, who was a force in the PEI net making 38 saves in the game.

The Tigers are on the road the next two weekends but the next home action will be on Nov. 30 as they take on the Acadia Axemen at 7 p.m.

# Women suffer hard times at CIS nationals

by quentin casey

the gazette

The Dalhousie women's soccer team was unable to defend their two consecutive national titles. The Tigers fell short of continuing their AUS regular season and playoff success at the national finals held at Carleton University in Ottawa this past weekend. The six-team competition included teams from McGill, Ottawa, Queen's, Alberta and Carleton. Dal was able to pull out a 1-1 draw against McGill on Thursday, but fell 3-1 to Ottawa on Friday.

On Thursday, McGill opened the scoring late in the first half with a free kick, the result of a Dal handball. The Tigers played through cold temperatures and a raw wind and managed to tie the game at the 78th minute on a goal by striker Stef Finateri. The fourth-year, Sault Ste. Marie native, missed most of the regular season with a knee injury but was able to

convert the goal on a charge initiated by midfielder Jessica Dooley. Dal would eventually win the ensuing tie breaking penalty shootout by a score of 4-2, with goals from Claire Martin, Joanne Coxon, Petra DeWaard, and Patricia Norman.

Friday's game saw the Tigers play a rematch of last year's national final, which Dal won 2-0 over the Ottawa Gee Gees. But history would not be on the Tiger's side, as they were outplayed by their Ontario rivals. Halifax native Jessica Dooley gave Dal the early lead late in the first period, but Ottawa would respond in the second half by racking up three goals.

After the disappointing loss, the Tigers were forced to wait and let other teams decide their fate. In order for Dal to have qualified for the bronze medal match, McGill would have had to lose by two goals, but unfortunately they beat Ottawa 4-1, officially eliminating Dal from medal contention.

Friday also saw the CIS announce its national awards, and despite the overwhelming success of the Tigers this year, Dal received only one award. Fifth-year defender and Halifax native Claire Martin was named as a First Team All-Canadian, a fitting way to end her impressive career at Dal.

In the end, it would be the University of Alberta that would win this year's title, with a 2-1 victory over McGill. The University of Ottawa won the bronze medal by defeating Queen's, also by a score of 2-1.

"Going to Nationals with the

Dal team one more time was amazing even without leaving with a medal. I am proud to have been part of such a great team and have seen that sometimes the cards don't fall where we want them to", said defender Patricia Norman after her last game as a Dal Tiger. "The weekend may not have been a success in terms of winning, but from a past champion's perspective, we tried hard, we worked hard, and we fought hard. At the end of the tournament if you feel like you haven't left any thing on the field then you have accomplished something. I personally feel like I

have played hard for every minute of soccer with this team in the past five years and feel confident to pass my jersey on to another Dal player. The only thing I leave behind is an amazing team of which I was privileged to play with."

The Tigers lose three key players in league all-stars Claire Martin, Petra DeWaard and Norman, who have all played five years for Dal. The core of returning players will be very strong and with the return of first-year coach Graham Chandler and there is promise for another successful season next year.

## Men's soccer players win awards

The men's soccer team had some salvation, after a disappointing season, with some post-season conference and national awards. Fourth-year midfielder Kevin Steeves from Dartmouth was chosen a second team conference all-star for his hustle and skill along the sidelines. Simon Richardson, the Tigers leading scorer with six goals on the season, was chosen the conference rookie of the year. The 6'3" striker from Leeds, England followed that up a week later by being selected the top first-year player in the entire country.

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# Swim team making waves

by mike smith

the gazette

The Dalhousie Men's and Women's Varsity Swim Team competed at UNB Oct. 19-22, and both teams finished first, ahead of their conference rivals the UNB Varsity Reds. The two and a half day meet was the Tigers first meet of the year.

The Women's team showed many new faces, as there are 8 rookies on the team this year. Rookie Kiera Aitken of Devonshire, Bermuda, showed off her sprinting ability, qualifying for the CIS championships in the 50 and 100 metre backstroke. She narrowly missed qualifying for the Bermudian Commonwealth Games Team in the 100 metre back, missing the mark by .03 seconds. Lori Borgal and Sandi MacLean also qualified for the CIS champs in the 50 metre fly and 100 metre breast respectively.

MacLean also won 50m breaststroke and 100m IM. The women showed they are a force to be reckoned with, by winning the meet, despite a disqualification in the 8x50 metre freestyle relay.

On the men's side, the Tigers displayed their dominance by winning the meet by a substantial margin. Graham Smith showed his versatility, winning the 50 metre fly, an event he usually does not swim. Other notable event winners, were Mike Terauds in the 100m fly, Adam Ferguson in the 200m IM, and Mikey Smith in the 800m free. The men won all the relays, but suffered a disqualification in the final freestyle relay, which had little influence on the outcome of the meet.

On the weekend of Nov. 3, the Tigers competed at Mt. Allison and completely destroyed the NB school as the women's team won 68-38 and the men won 78-28. On

the women's side, Gail Whittaker, Kiera Atkin and Sandi Maclean were all double event winners. Caitlyn Peterson, Katy Legrow and Alison Vigeant also won races for the black and gold. The Dal team took the 4x100 freestyle and 4x50 medley relays as well.

For the men's team, Mike Lockett, Mikey Smith and Nick Graham each won two races. Alex Middleton, Mike Terauds, and Jamie Wildsmith helped out the Tiger cause by winning the 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly and 400m IM respectively. The relay teams took both the 4x100 freestyle 4x50 medley to finish the demolition.

The next home meet is Nov. 17 and 18. Head Coach, David Fry, predicts to see some very fast swimming at that meet. Home pool advantage will mean a lot as many of the Tigers hope to meet the CIS qualifying standards. Finals on Saturday night begin at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.



## Dalhousie Tigers a top Rankings to Start AUHC Season

by cj foote

the gazette

The face of Dalhousie hockey changed forever when "The Fab" came into town. After floundering two seasons ago, the Dal hockey scene has changed full circle since the recruitment of Fabian Joseph as head coach last year. He took the Tigers within one game of a CIS National Championship Tournament birth and was named the AUS Coach of the Year. Since then, the team has recruited heavily from major junior teams and other notable leagues making the team a powerhouse.

To date, Dalhousie is the hottest team in the league having won seven of their first eight games. With this record, they are ranked third in the nation with an assortment of top scorers which include four that are in the league's top six and current league leader Marty Johnston with ten goals and 18 points.

"Marty Johnston is leading the league and Chris Stanley and Dan Tudin are close behind," said Joseph, "they are one of the strongest lines in the country." Most notably, linemates Johnston, Tudin and Stanley provide the consistent offensive threat for the Tigers, however, the other lines are solid, and to say the least, and have provided goals to win games this season. A variety of players have shown, since the start of the season, that they can contribute when needed.

Joseph's team has a number of veterans, who have helped direct the play of many of the other players and the coach makes sure to credit them. "One thing I'm really pleased to see is that we are getting great leadership from the veteran players," said Joseph, "that's one of the areas that can

really determine whether a team is a contender or not. I think the last few games some other guys like Marty LeBlanc, Derrick Pyke and Warren Holmes, have been chipping in with some goals," said Joseph, "We're getting solid play from so many people."

Of course, offense cannot win games alone and the Tigers are in good shape in the crease, as they have superb goaltending with Halifax native Pat Berrigan and former SMU all-star Mike Weatherbie. "I guess one of the biggest reasons for our success so far is our goaltending which has been excellent with the tandem of Berrigan and Weatherbie," said Fabian Joseph. "We currently have the best goals against in the league; 27 in ten games which is just 2.7 per game."

The one thing to remember about Fabian Joseph is that he's a player's coach. Although he works his players hard and gets production out of them, they relate to him well. This is a great combination for winning teams.

The bottom line is that they're winning and winning big. They've already knocked off some of the best teams in the country and their tear seems far from over. In order to keep this up, the team will have to gel into a well-oiled engine in order to continually overcome the tough teams in a difficult conference like the AUS.

"Fabian is recruiting the players that'll win championships by getting the diversity you need to fill all the roles," said Blair Joseph, assistant coach of Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, "if you watch, you'll see the solid team chemistry he'll build."

The Tigers are playing incredible hockey and are one of the most interesting things to see in Halifax. Make sure you catch them soon. The next home action is Nov. 30 against Acadia at 7 p.m.

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November 16: Eastern Front Theatre announces the 2nd annual Alderney Cup! Four teams of Nova Scotia's finest improvisers face off at the Alderney Landing Theatre.

November 18: The Women's Division, Dal Alumni Association presents a Student Musicales and Reception, featuring a variety of vocal and instrumental performances given by Dalhousie Music Department students.

November 19: The Department of Chemistry presents Dr. Graham Bodwell, "The Use of a Tether to Influence Structure, Reactivity and Conformational Behaviour" at 1:30 pm, CHEM 226.

November 20: The Hepatitis Outreach Society invites people with Hepatitis C and their families to their monthly support

group from 7-9pm in Room 5110 of the Dickinson Building, QEII Health Sciences Centre, 1287 Tower Road. For more information call 420-1767

November 21: 3pm deadline for registration for the Dalhousie Society for the History of Medicine conference which takes place in Saturday, November 24th (see below for details) Call 494-2514 to register.

November 22: The Dal French Department offers an informational session for those interested in spending a year at the Institut d'Etudes Francaises pour Etudiants Etrangers in Aix-en-Provence.

November 23: In celebration and support of Buy Nothing Day there will be a Bartering Festival held in the Green Room of the Student Union Building.

November 24: Dalhousie and the local community host a free conference honouring this region's medical history. 8 talks, including keynote speaker Dr Charles Roland.

Is Cunningulus:

- A) a horrible flesh eating disease? B) a roman emperor? C) the latin name for a species of tapeworm? D) a game of wits played by french children? E) none of the above?



our host, Jodi Magliaro



It sounds like the name for oral sex for women but I'll go with (C). Uh, man, it's gonna be the Roman emperor, I know it! David Cunningulus The Great



I check the dictionary...can't find it. Something with food? Maybe the Roman Emperor. "Jon"



I'll go with (A)... it sounds like a disease... Jamie skipped Sex Ed... and health class



I'd say the latin name. I know a lot of latin derivatives... Brett ...but not a lot of women



I eat broom. I don't know what Cunningulus is... I don't feel like an idiot c= all...I eat broom more. Kip Keen maintenance worker

Cunningulus is...

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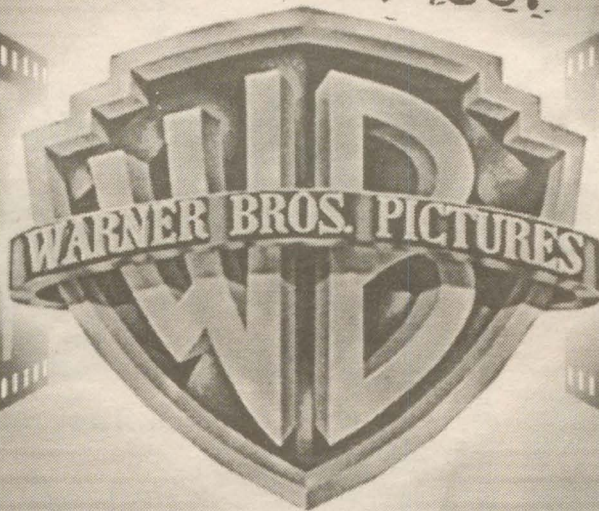
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