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Editor In Chief

Most people who speak of Kyle MacDonald do so with a sad smile on their face. The 22year-old Kings' student died, just before Christmas, while on exchange in Cuba.

On Dec. 12, the last day of classes and the day before he was scheduled to fly back to Halifax, MacDonald was alone late at night, travelling in an "illegal" taxicab. It is unclear how he fell and hit his head.

"There was an incident with some taxi drivers in Cuba—it wasn't a mugging, but it was in the context of that incident [that] he hit his head," said David Black, chair of Dal's International Development Studies department. "There was an argument between Kyle and the taxi drivers around the price. There was no physical force used."

Illegal cabs are commonplace in Cuba. They charge less than the government-regulated taxis. Black said that the program was so successful that MacDonald felt at home in Havana and that this may have led to him haggling with the cab driver.

"Kyle had become completely

comfortable with the language, the culture and the way people get around in Havana. He felt comfortable enough in spite of the fact that he was advised not to be out alone at night or out alone in general," said Black.

The semester-long Cuban exchange program is coordinated by Dal's IDS department. Created in 1998 it has sent 105 students from all over North America, plus 14 more students for the winter term, to attend the University of Havana. The students get a hands-on learning experience through both classes and fieldwork.

MacDonald's good friend and fellow IDS student Lisa Griffin, feels bad for those who didn't get a chance to meet Kyle.

"Despite the sudden and tragic character of his death, he didn't leave behind anyone with regrets. Now when I need to feel as though I'm with him, I just go dancing through the streets flailing my arms and legs and making high pitched monkey noises at the tip toppity of my lungs. Anyone who knows Kyle knows that those are the times when he gets to live on. Despite all the pain of losing someone as amazing as Kyle, I pity most those who never got a chance to meet him.'

Spanish professor John Kirk said he had the pleasure of hav-

ing MacDonald in two of his

"Kyle MacDonald was a bright, inquisitive, warm student with a tremendous social conscience," said Kirk. "He was determined to find out for himself what Cuba was all about. He was extraordinarily lively, bright and for me the keyword would be inquisitive. He wanted to push the intellectual envelope to determine what was right and what wasn't and to do something definitive to resolve unjust situations."

Kirk added that MacDonald will not only be missed by Dalhousie but by the local music scene as a drummer. He was also very dedicated to WUSC.

Black, although he has never met MacDonald has also been effected by Kyle's life.

"I didn't know him and to be honest I've been sometimes very surprised by the strength of my own emotions. From everything I understand, he was incredibly outgoing, inquisitive, and the program had been a great experience for him. I think as a student here he wasn't the best student, but he was probably from the sound of it, one of the livelier students, but the Cuba experience appears to be a superb one—I think he got an A+ on his final presentation."

A memorial service will be held at King's on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. at the university's chapel.

Black said that any student or friend of Kyle's is invited to share memories.

"What has been discussed is that they want it to be relatively informal. They want it to be an opportunity for everyone who knows Kyle to have the opportunity to do that, to reflect on his life."

A website has also been setup by his parents so that anyone who knew him to send a message to the family. To sign go to www.hrda.ns.ca, click on Online Community Forum and go to the Virtual BBQ.

Dal has been shaken by MacDonald's untimely death, but Black points out that is was

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Kyle MacDonald

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an unfortunate accident.
"The message [for the Dal

community] is not necessarily to do with Cuba, or study abroad, or any particular location, this is a tragedy, but nevertheless of course we re-examine everything we do and more things that we can do to absolutely minimize [the chances of this happening again]," said Black.



MacDonald does his best Che impression.

file photo

Tuition set to jump nine to 12 per cent

CHRISTOPHER A. WALSH News Editor

Dalhousie knows tuition hikes hurt students but they're doing it anyway. That's the message Dal president Tom Traves delivered to media at a hastily assembled press conference last Tuesday, as he tried to calm fears that the university might be raising tuition by a devastating 47 per cent.

"We face a difficult choice, and the students in a sense, face a difficult choice," Traves said. "If we want a first-rate education, we'll unfortunately have to pay the bills and right now, students are carrying a large load and that's a worry for all of us."

He announced that the university will increase tuition between nine and 12 per cent for next year. The announcement comes after an article in last week's *Gazette* reported that Dal's budget advisory committee had suggested the possibility of a 47 per cent tuition increase next

The committee's report outlined an expenditure shortfall of \$23.5 million at the university. That figure is based on what Dal will need to spend to keep itself "sustainable". That includes spending in areas such as faculty wage increases, general administration, student services, and deferred maintenance.

The report also outlined other solutions such as admitting 5,200 more students with no faculty growth or admitting 2,600 more students and increasing

tuition 26 per cent. None of these ideas were accepted and the report was seen as nothing more than a discussion paper full of absurd propositions.

"What's the point of putting out reports that say it's going up 47 per cent and making a big splash about it," asked Jen Pierce, a fourth-year IDS student at Dal. "I think they need to be more open and more resourceful about how they're doing things and make a political stand on funding for post-secondary education. Just juggling numbers and claiming that they're stuck in a position isn't really enough from a big university like this."

It doesn't matter if it's 47 per cent or it's 12, it's still restricting accessibility to students.

Johanne Galarneau

The nine to 12 per cent tuition increase planned for next year is around the average annual hike Dalhousie has experienced for the last 10 years. The university said the increases are necessary in order to maintain the quality of education in the face of provincial funding shortages.

DSU president Johanne Galarneau thinks the proposed tuition hike is too high.

"An increase is an increase," she said. "It doesn't matter if it's 47 per cent or it's 12, it's still restricting accessibility to students. If you put it up 12 per cent more, it's gonna be around \$7,000 next year—maximum student loan is \$10,000. How are

students going to eat and pay rent? The university really doesn't have much regard for that."

Along with the tuition increase is an underestimated figure for new students that will be accepted next year. The university is expecting 700-800 more students and hope that this extra tuition revenue will help them out.

"We believe through a judicious mix of increased enrollments and moderate tuition fee increases over the next few years, we can obtain sufficient revenue to begin to address some of the funding deficits at the university," Traves said.

Next year, every university is expecting enrollment surges due to Ontario's scrapping of the grade 13 program. That is when both grade 12 and grade 13 graduates will be heading to university simultaneously. Dalhousie is a popular school for Ontario students.

"Obviously with the cohort coming, we're gonna have masses of students coming from Ontario and enrollment's going to increase," said Galarneau. "That means larger [student to faculty] ratios. That affects the quality of education.

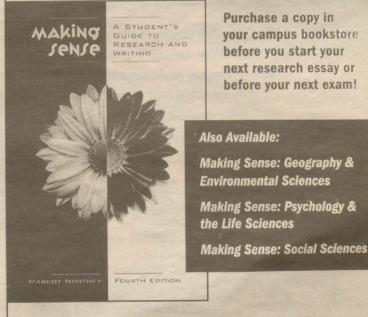
"With a 12 per cent increase, [students] want to see more faculty, they want to see smaller class sizes, they want to see bigger bursaries and they're not gonna see that with this 12 per cent increase. It's going to be the same old-same old."

The university will release final numbers on tuition and enrollment sometime this spring.

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Student cheated out of loan money

NATALIE PENDERGAST Staff Contributor

Michelle Murray was shocked to discover that she will receive only seven per cent of her promised student loan.

In the middle of August, the third-year Dal management student was told in her assessment letter that she should expect \$5,610 from the Canada Student Loans for first semester, and \$3,661 as her Provincial Student Loan (P.E.I) for second semester. Then, only two weeks before her first day of second semester classes, she received a letter saying that she will only be getting \$258 for the second half of the year - only seven per cent of what she had previously been told.

"If I had known in the first place that I would only be receiving \$258, I would have budgeted more tightly for Christmas and for groceries and for all my expenses last semester," she said.

Murray added that if the student loan assessors had been more accurate in their first estimate, she could have been more financially prepared for second semester.

"Now I am going to have to work as many hours as possible which is going to jeopardize my schoolwork."

"There's really just two sides of the equation in castrating student loans," said Susan Graham, manager of student financial services for P.E.I. "One is the student's costs and the other is the resources."

She described the assessment process as a type of fourth grade math problem. For example, if a student has a job first semester and earns \$900 in four months, but receives no voluntary parental contribution, how much does she need from a student loan to survive? Graham said Murray got the answer wrong.

"The difference between the costs and the resources is the amount we determine [for] a student's needs," said Graham.

"They have these lists of resources and expenses and then they do the subtraction, but everything on my list of resources was inaccurate," said Murray. "They estimated that I would earn \$1800 this semester from working 10 hours a week, but last semester I only earned \$900."

No matter how inaccurate the student loans officers' calculations are, in some cases there just is not enough money to satisfy every student's need.

The smallest province in Canada has 3,700 student loan applicants per year, so the fairest way to provide for them is not to exclude any individual student, but to set a maximum limit for all students. On P.E.I. that limit has been \$110 per week of study since 1995. Graham could not explain why the loan amounts have not increased with tuition.

According to Don Curry, financial awards officer for P.E.I., provinces are so low on cash because they, like students, are borrowing the money from banks. Except the student loan officials have to pay interest every month. Over the past few years, another problem has been stressing the student loan offices.

"Over the last five to six years, the Royal bank has dropped off, the National bank has dropped off, and then most recently CIBC has dropped out of the program," Curry said admitting that being in the program has not proven to be profitable for banks.

"We are so thrilled that we have a five year agreement with the Credit Union. We don't have to worry about them dropping out for another three years. Other provinces are jealous of us because of our situation."

Graham said that although P.E.I. does not have much extra money, some provinces have no banks left with whom to make the loan agreement and have to borrow directly from the Federal government, the home-base for tax-payers' money.

Helpful options for students are bursary programs, the Millenium scholarship that comes to about \$4,000 a year on a first-come, first-serve basis for students, and the Debt Reduction program that could potentially relieve students of up to \$8,000 off of their student loan. But Nova Scotia hasn't had a debt-relief program in three years.

"Keep records of everything. Save all your receipts from where you spend your money because you never know when you might need proof of your expenses," Murray said.

Watch your back

EDMONTON (CUP) — A new book by professor Steve Hewitt reveals how the RCMP has been spying on Canadian universities for over 80 years and argues that the secret service in Canada is alive and well in universities today.

Hewitt's book, Spying 101: The RCMP's Secret Activities at Canadian Universities 1917 –1997, shows that the government has a long history of keeping tabs on students, faculty members and student organizations.

Many of its activities were not legal by Canadian law, but the RCMP was never disciplined for its illegal actions. Interestingly enough, Hewitt found that such illegal methods weren't necessarily main factors in raising red flags for the RCMP.

"When it came to universities, the biggest source of information was not through telephone taps or mail-openings or hidden microphones, but through people—your friends, other members of your group, your organization—who were co-opted by the police and used to supply information," said Hewitt.

Gateway

Singh beaten by Israeli secret service

ISM says activist still being held

DAVID WACHSMUTH
The McGill Daily

MONTREAL (CUP) — Montreal activist Jaggi Singh was detained by Israeli police and

"beaten severely" just hours after

speaking to Canadian University

Press last Wednesday, according to members of the International Solidarity Movement.

Stephan Christoff, a spokesperson for the human rights group of which Singh is a member, claimed that Singh was injured while he was held by the Israeli secret service.

"He was questioned for several hours Wednesday by Israeli secret service agents, during which time he was beaten severely," Christoff said.

Shammai Leibovitz, Singh's lawyer in Israel, spoke to Singh on Thursday, nearly a day after his arrest.

"He was beaten up because he refused to talk to them," Leibovitz said. "He was not resisting arrest. They slapped him in the face, kneed him in the groin, kicked him."

Singh was arrested Wednesday having earlier violated a Tel Aviv court order that forbade him from entering Gaza or the West Bank.

Last week, Singh said that he did not anticipate any trouble from Israeli authorities before returning to Canada, despite his disobeying the court order.

"I'm leaving through Tel Aviv, and presumably [the Israeli government] just wants me to leave, so everything should be okay, but there could be problems. They could decide they want to detain me for longer or question me further," Singh said last Wednesday.

After spending nearly a month in Israel and the Palestinian territories, defying a court order in the process, Montreal activist Jaggi Singh hoped to return to Canada armed with new experiences and some frustration, he told CUP.

Singh made headlines across Canada in December when he entered the occupied territories.

But Singh does not acknowledge the legitimacy of the court

"I don't think it is for Israel, that is illegally occupying Palestinian territories, to decide [whether I can enter the territories]," he said.

Singh said he arrived in Tel Aviv on Dec. 14, where he was detained for over seven hours by Israeli customs officials and then denied entrance to the country on the grounds that he posed a security threat. He refused to leave, however, and won a temporary court injunction allowing him to stay. The injunction was subsequently upheld by the Tel Aviv District Court on the conditions that he not enter Palestinian territory and that he leave Israel by Dec. 23.

The Israeli state attorney presented secret evidence about Singh to the District Court, but the Montreal activist is skeptical about the validity of the government's claim that he is a security threat

"I was no security threat, because if I had been I wouldn't have been allowed to stay a few hours, let alone a few weeks. If I was coming to attack soldiers, that's one thing. If I was coming to observe Palestinians, to write and support from a sympathetic point of view, that's another thing," he said.

Singh made a connection between his journey to the Middle East and his ongoing work with the No One Is Illegal campaign in Montreal, which addresses the plight of refugees in Canada and abroad.

"[No One Is Illegal] talks about the situation of refugees, and one of the classic cases of refugees is Palestine," he said. "I'm coming back and continuing the work that has always been happening, and using my experience [in Palestine] to deepen my understanding of the refugee situation. You can read all you want, but you need to see for yourself."

Singh said that he has been frustrated by the coverage his visit to Israel has received, claiming that the media has ignored the situation in Palestine while emphasizing his defiance of the Israeli court.

"The coverage of my presence here has been absurd. I did an interview with [Canadian media chain] Southam, and I only agreed to do an interview if they also interviewed Palestinians, but they never published that part," he said.

MicrobeCards: gotta catch 'em all

EDMONTON (CUP) — If you enjoy collecting and trading morbid pictures of people with leprosy or genital warts, or peruse photos of those in the final stages of AIDS, then the new MicrobeCards are for you.

The brainchild of University of Alberta Medical Microbiology and Immunology professor Dr. Mark Peppler, MicrobeCards are designed to look like a gruesome version of the sports cards that so many students were familiar with in their youth.

"When I began instructing nursing students and I saw how much they were struggling with memorizing all of the different organisms' names, I decided to give it a try," said Peppler.

On the front of each card is an image of the micro-organism, along with its proper scientific name designed to look just like a World Series logo. Also on the front of each card are graphic inset images, including what specific areas of the body will look like when afflicted with the disease.

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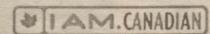
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Dal soccer star heads down the Rhode

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Aaron Barkhouse declared without hesitation how he felt when he was informed of his receiving a Rhodes Scholarship, "I was pretty pumped." Barkhouse, a fourth-year honours physics student, is the 82nd Dalhousie student to be granted a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

Yet Barkhouse is more than simply a bookworm with an astonishing 4.22 GPA; he is also a star on the Dalhousie men's soccer team. Soccer has been a life-long passion for Barkhouse who starting kicking a ball around at four-years-old, before playing competitively at age 11. Barkhouse points out that soccer has only proved to help his academic pursuits by providing a form of relaxation away from the books.

"I grew up playing soccer, that's my big thing, just constantly playing soccer. I was involved in a few other sports along the way, but I don't think I could have done as well as I did if I didn't play soccer. I find that it gives you a break. It sort of lets you settle down and acts as a stress relief," said Barkhouse. "I've always maintained that it has definitely helped rather than hinder my academics."

Barkhouse has been a CIS Academic All-Canadian in each of his four seasons with the Tigers and has won many scholastic awards during his time at Dal, including the JDS Uniphase Scholarship in Optics and Photonics, the Lucent Global

Paul Martin does open-mic at Grawood

THOMAS BURKE
News Contributor

Former finance minister, Paul Martin, showed up at Dal last Tuesday to discuss the state of things and offer his own brand of twisted logic. He took the mic and danced the Grawood stage like a musty queer looking for his goggles. The trip was part of Martin's "Get rich or go home" crusade of hope.

Martin, who many favour as the next Prime Minister of this country, fielded questions from some irate students who were too busy letting their voices reverberate through their heads from the p.a. system to actually ask anything.

Martin didn't mind though. He played the room like a back-door pianist at an airport Ramada. He made it clear that this was his territory, and he wouldn't be taking any guff from punk kids who eat Kraft Dinner pie.

"He kinda creeps me out," said Shawn Grant, a second-year political science student at Dal. "I'm gonna do my part to make sure I never have to see him again."

The visit from the Honourable Paul Martin was hosted by the DSU, and when it was all over, nobody could remember anything he said.

Science Scholarship and the W. Andrew MacKay Alumni Scholarship.

His stellar academic record and extra curricular activities made him a strong candidate within the stringent requirements for the scholarship, which was created by British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes in 1903 and includes such past winners as former US President Bill Clinton. As a result, Barkhouse will spend at least two years of study at Oxford University in England.

"The application says the first component is academic, and you also have to have demonstrated leadership in some way. It says that Mr. Rhodes thought leadership was best shown through success in sports, so that's a big element of it. And the last was a community service component," explained Barkhouse. "I think the application actually says 'the protection of the weak'," added the 20-year-old Lawrencetown, NS native with a laugh.

Barkhouse looks back on his time at Dal fondly, with many memorable experiences in both the classroom and on the soccer field.

"It has been great. Absolutely. I lived in residence the first few years, which was a blast. The first soccer season we ended up winning Maritimes and going to Nationals. That was amazing. I also went to England with the soccer team, which was an awesome trip. Just the school itself, it has all been very good.

"[I'll miss] being in a small faculty. In my physics honours class there's 10 people, you get pretty close being in a small group like that. That sort of thing I'll definitely miss," said Barkhouse in a sincere manner before adding with a smile: "I don't think I'll miss being in residence, it was good for a year or two but then it kind of dies off. But it was good while it lasted.

Barkhouse, who plans to pursue further his interest in hydrogen and solar fuel cells at Oxford, has a strong family connection with Dal. His father Randy, is the Director of Academic Computing Services, his mother Nancy, and older brother Andrew, are both alumni, while his younger brother Evan is in his first year of an English degree.

"We did have a choice, but we all wound up here," said Barkhouse of his family's strong ties with the university.

Soccer will still hold a large place in Barkhouse's life at Oxford as he hopes to play at some level while there, though he admits the competition and his schedule will make it tough, "I'm going to see how busy I am. And also what level I fit into, they obviously love their soccer."

But Barkhouse will always remain a Tiger at heart, and seems quite appreciative of his time in a black and gold uniform.

"I was definitely spoiled because I got to go to Nationals right off the bat. You don't realize just how sweet that is until you've lost out in your final year or two. Overall, it was a great experience with a great bunch of guys."



Paul Martin chats up the THH22M ladies.

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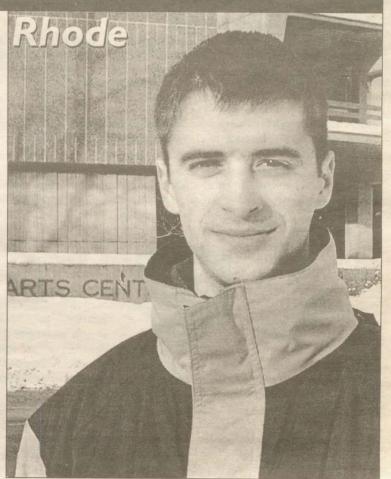
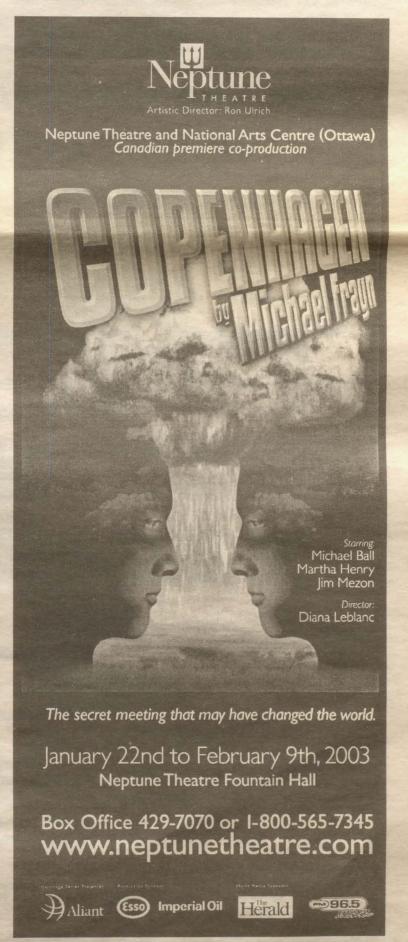


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Aaron Barkhouse has a spectacular future ahead of him.



Looking back

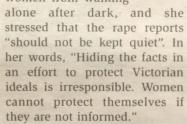
A glance through the Gazette archives reveals the truth of the old adage, "the more things change, the more they stay the same." Women's health and safety is an on-going issue.

25 years ago this week...

Rapes Rumoured on Dal Campus; Rape Problem Lacks Publicity

Official Gazette sources reported that there had been at least three rapes in the past two weeks on the Dalhousie campus. Christine Irvine, the Dean

of Women, and Dave Ness, the director of campus security, were both "unaware" of the crisis. They did admit that insufficient lighting was a problem, particularly on the A&A quad. Editor Valerie Mansour discouraged Dalhousie women from walking



20 years ago this week...

Morgentaler Says 'Right to Abortion' Threatened

Dr. Henry Morgentaler, on a cross-country tour, criticized Canada's limited abortion law and said, "the right to abortion being threatened as

never before." Morgantaler was in the midst of plans to open abortion clinics Canada across similar to his much-maligned centre Montreal. Despite legal challenges, the doctor emphasized the impor-

tance perseverance. Knes, of the Rosemary Canadian Abortion Rights Action League, told the Canadian University Press that the Montreal clinic had "10 women per week coming from Ontario alone, and other

Dr. Henry Morgantaler

women coming from as far away as Alberta and the Maritimes."

15 years ago this week...

Cookbook Funds Crisis

Fun and Fantastic Feasting not a new Halifax restaurant, but the title of a cookbook being sold to benefit the city's Service for Sexual Assault Victims. Ann Keith, from the SSAV, not only wanted the project to "raise awareness of the agency and educate people" but to secure much-needed funds for the rape crisis centre's 24hour crisis line, support groups, and community education program. Keith estimated that, "one out of every four women is sexually assaulted or abused in her lifetime." With that sombre statistic, the SSAV hoped Haligonians would be compelled to buy the cookbook and support the crisis centre.

Compiled by Jennifer Morrison

Qualified faculty a hot commodity for Canadian universities

JENNIFER HENDERSON Atlantic Bureau Chief

HALIFAX (CUP) - While class sizes and scholarship investments are two common measures of a university's merit, the particular talents of its faculty are frequently overlooked assets. However, just as universities vie amongst themselves to attract students or secure government funding, they also compete to recruit and retain qualified pro-

The contribution of faculty to a university's success may not be easily quantified but Dr. Michael Leiter, Acadia University's vicepresident academic believes it's a necessary ingredient in the achievement of his school's man-

"The recruitment and development of faculty members is essential for a vibrant academic community," he said. "It is the quality of our programs that will sustain our success and exceptional faculty are integral in creating this quality."

Leiter believes that Acadia's use of cutting edge computer technology in all facets of its curriculum is one of the key draws when it comes to recruiting faculty but he admits the university has to compete with other schools in an effort to hire the brightest minds.

'The current post-secondary climate fosters serious recruitment competition between all universities," said Leiter. "Differentials in government support across Canada create considerable funding challenges for small universities in eastern Canada. Faculty are also aware of the increased opportunities for teaching and research both in Canada and globally.'

David Robinson of the Canadian Association University Teachers agrees with this view. He believes that competition to hire qualified faculty will only increase in the future with smaller universities more

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likely to feel the recruitment

"There is a great deal of competition that is intensifying as we see more and more retirements," said Robinson. "The situation is particularly difficult for smaller and regional universities who are finding the big research intensive universities luring away some of their star faculty with promises of better pay and better research facilities."

While a research friendly atmosphere is attractive draw for potential faculty members, Douglas Lauriault, director of public affairs for the Canada Foundation for Innovation believes a strong research capacity has even broader implications for a university.

"History has demonstrated that successful knowledge economy clusters develop and are centered around universities that have the ability to provide outstanding opportunities for their researchers to perform at internationally competitive standards," said Lauriault. "These clusters form because firms located near research centres, universities and other firms with similar specializations benefit from their proximity to each

Robinson doesn't discount the relationship between a university's educational quality and its research capabilities but he believes the growing relationship between research minded universities and private enterprise may actually be a hindrance to the recruitment of well-rounded faculty members.

"More and more, I believe, universities are looking to attract faculty who have the potential to bring in external funding," said Robinson. "I'd like to believe that universities are looking for great teachers and great community leaders, but the reality is research is almost always at the top of the list of things administrators are looking for now."

Robinson says research incentives like the Canada Foundation for Innovation drive schools to bring in faculty who can secure funding through research.

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BC premier parties hard on Maui

ARIEN GOUGH
Staff Reporter

British Columbia has long enjoyed a reputation as one of Canada's most socially liberal provinces in Canada. However, this care-free attitude is not enjoyed by private citizens alone, but also by their highest elected official.

On Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, Premier Gordon Campbell was arrested for drunk driving while vacationing on the Hawaii Island of Maui. Campbell was pulled over after he left a party with friends. Police describe his driving as erratic and dangerous. Campbell failed a roadside breathalyzer and was arrested. He spent the night in jail and was released the next morning after posting bail.

"It is not surprising to know that the first Canadian Government official to spend a night in jail in the United States comes from British Columbia," said David Mitchell, political historian at the University of Ottawa.

Under Hawaiian and American law, the offence is classified as a misdemeanor and carries a maximum penalty of a \$250.00(US) and/or five days in jail. Campbell has said that he will not contest the charges, but faced a flurry of media questions when he returned to BC this past Sunday. In an emotional address to the people of British Columbia, Campbell admitted that he made a mistake, but insists that he will not step down.

"I made a terrible mistake, one that could have had tragic consequences and I am grateful that no one was physically hurt," said Campbell.

The B.C. Liberals swept to power 18 months ago taking 71 of the 72 seats in the B.C. legislature with an overwhelming majority.

"We have a job to do and we were brought in with a whopping majority to do it and Premier Campbell is the head of our team," said Gary Collins, B.C. Finance Minister.

Others have not been as forgiving of Campbell. The opposition leader, Joy MacPhail is calling for Campbell to step down.

"The precedents elsewhere in Canada and Mr. Campbell's own standards established during his time in public office suggests that he should resign," said MacPhail, leader of the NDP.

Feds' appeal keeps pot issue smouldering: Law ruled ineffective and invalid

Ryan Kennedy, The Varsity

TORONTO (CUP) - Smoking marijuana has been known to spawn forgetful potheads, but it was the federal government who lacked short-term memory last Thursday, as a judge ruled their marijuana law ineffective and therefore invalid.

Paving the way for potential decriminalization of the "sweet leaf," or at least an exemption, Ontario judge Douglas Phillips ruled in favour of a 16-year-old Windsor toker who argued there is no law in Canada governing the use of marijuana for recreational purposes, or the possession of 30 grams or less of the drug. The boy was arrested carrying five grams.

The ruling comes as a result of an earlier case in which it was determined that denying marijuana to chronic pain sufferers who benefit from the drug was unconstitutional. Instead of simply erasing the possession law that was on the books, the judge in that case gave the federal government one year to create a better one to be passed through Parliament. The new federal guidelines were instead handed down through cabinet, and therefore deemed inadequate by Phillips in his ruling. The 16-year-old was arrested a day after the one-year moratorium had lapsed.

"I think it's also satisfying to know that this particular law has been declared invalid, particularly given how burdensome it is in terms of criminalizing the behaviour that hundreds of thousands of Canadians engage in," the teen's lawyer, Brian McAllister, told the

To celebrate the ruling, marijuana activists in Toronto planned to hold a "smoke-in" at Nathan Phillips Square on Friday, complete with ice-skating and a snowman smoking a joint.

Not surprisingly, the federal Justice Department has announced it will appeal the ruling. The feds don't exactly have a united front on the issue, however. Last year, federal Justice Minister Martin Cauchon raised the possibility of complete decriminalization of marijuana, causing many advocates to entertain the idea of blazing more than just legal trails.

Campbell insists that he will not resign and has the public support of his caucus. During his many years in opposition, he had often called on MLA's who were facing criminal investigation to step-down.

"I know that I have to re-earn your confidence and I am totally committed to doing that," said Campbell.

Campbell's decision has been met with resistance from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) who are also calling for Campbell to resign.

"When you are a leader of a government, representing all people, you should have the respect not to betray trusts and the decency to step down if you do so," said Louise Knox, national president of MADD.

Although Campbell has decided to stay on as B.C. Premier, history has shown us that B.C. Premiers do not fare well when it comes to controversy. Bill Vander Zalm, Michael Harcourt and Glen Clark who all faced scandals and legal troubles, refused to resign and in the end all were forced to step down.

"I had three martinis, I had dinner, I had wine following that and I had water for the last little while before I left," said Campbell.

"Impaired driving is the number one criminal cause of death in our country. As a victim organization, we work closely with governments to reduce the numbers in incidents of drinking and driving, and to save lives and prevent injuries," said Knox. "Political leaders across the country need to respect just how serious this crime is and how many innocent Canadians are affected by it."



Campbell laughs at a Ralph Klein joke while

In Canada approximately four to five people die everyday and 300 injured in alcohol related accidents, which

hamming it up for the camera.

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Letter: Tuition increase

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47 per cent tuition increase? W.T.F. [What the fuck?]

The only three things that come to mind. Great paper, Andrew Gray

Letter: Turnitin.com

The Jan. 9 edition of the Gazette has an article by Michael Goodfellow entitled "Turnitin didn't research" which contains some good observations about the copyright issue that concern student authors who are required to use this service. Would that copyright be our biggest worry?

The premise of using a service like this to help detect and document cases of blatant plagiarism is certainly important-paper mills and re-use of an older friend's earlier papers are pretty tough for faculty to detect. Does Turnitin's service help? One would have every good expectation that it would. Sure, there will be some small matches in anything originalbut that is why your instructor must always read your paper and the full "originality" report and not just take a few similarities as evidence of academic

The big problem is I haven't seen much debate about regarding Turnitin.com is the potential for "Chill". It is important to note that Turnitin.com is an American company running by American laws on servers south of the border. No big deal, most of the

Internet seems to be that way. But have you heard of the Total Information Awareness (TIA) project? Are you familiar with the current U.S. moves to monitor, document and analyze every small piece of digital information in their search for terrorists or whatever else they may consider threatening?

Never mind the debate over CSIS wanting access to airline records in Canada-that's peanuts compared to the U.S. project that is assembling a "virtual centralized grand database" profiling foreign and U.S. people in every way that may be useful to their law enforcement. It would not be at all surprising to learn that the security apparatus in McLean, Virginia decided that it would be a good idea to filter for keywords all potential student "radicals" who promote ideas or policies they consider a threat to the current order.

While this threat may not appear to be very significant to someone whose only papers are, say, in stream ecology, it becomes much more significant when one is in military, international, political, legal, or history studies. Can you be sure that if you frequently write criticism of U.S. actions, policy and leaders that this won't be flagged as a "warning" the next time you head across the border for a vacation? Could even the fear of such a problem prevent you from writing what you want to write or think needs to be writ-

This issue seems more serious than the plagiarism that Turnitin.com is trying to address, but we can still use this technology to deal with the plagiarism without having such a high risk if we at least

contract with a Canadian firm acting under Canadian privacy and security laws on Canadian servers. Dalhousie would be well-advised to find a way of solving the plagiarism problem with a domestic service and by making the rules, copyright issues and contractual obligations towards treatment explicit and available to the student authors.

Steve LaRocque

Iraqi protest goes worldwide

On Saturday, Jan. 18, the Bush Administration will witness the largest peace demonstrations all over the world as it announces to go to war on Iraq in the name of the so-called "weapons of mass destruction." It is time for all of us to take a stand and speak for peace as it may be our last stand before the message of peace is obliterated by the end of this month.

This is an urgent call to ask for your active role in the national/international movement in Canada and across the world. Demonstrations from countries all over the world from Canada, Germany, and U.S. to Indonesia and Egypt will be taking the streets. The message will be loud and clear as people chant in a unified voice full of anger and frustration to stop Bush's unjust plans of waging a war on Iraq.

Daponte, a senior researcher at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University has estimated that 158,000 Iraqi women, men and children died during and shortly after the Persian Gulf war before U.S. sanctions were imposed. Statistics by UNICEF show that 50,000 children die every year because of the sanctions on Iraq that have been in place for the past 12 years. With a U.S. led war on Iraq, "casualties" are expected to be much higher than those during the Gulf War. How is this fair or just to the innocent women, men and children of Iraq?

urge all concerned Canadians that believe that every child, woman and man have the right to live, the right to clean air, water and food, and the right to survive; to fight for the struggle of the Iraqi people. I also urge all concerned Canadians to bring their friends and family to this demonstration to stop our government from supporting Bush's plans of attacking Iraq.

Everyone's support is needed at the rally organized in Halifax, which will commence at 1 p.m. at the Commons, and rally at 2 p.m. at the Queen Elizabeth High School Auditorium.

This is our time to show our rejection of war and solidarity with others around the world in our united actions. Come out to this demonstration and let's stand together in the name of humanity, peace, and justice. Ayat El-Dewary

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Out of the stone-age and into the clone age

NATALIE PENDERGAST Staff Contributor

I just wish that Brigitte Boisselier will come right out and tell the press, "Okay, okay, I'll introduce you to the world's first human clone...Tada! You are looking at her! I was created in a lab 57 years ago!" Then at least those in favour of cloning would be turned off by its apparent hideous results.

Why do we need clones anyway? I thought artificial insemination already claimed the answer to every lesbian couple's desires to be parents. Or what about adoption? Plus, I don't think we are very endangered, but if we were, I'd rather be a lonely species than a cloney species. Wait a minute, if the Raelians are the ones making the clones, what are they getting out of it? Peace of mind, warm, fuzzy feelings? How about free daily media coverage making those who missed their sprawling naked blurb in '95 aware of their existence, and a 20 per cent increase in converts. Hallelujah.

Rael does a fantastic job of marketing. What's

time, and Suzi you can be his bio-chemist side-kick, if I get to

be baby Eve."

"Fine by me, didn't you hear? Yesterday Eve's arms morphed into laser beams and she accidentally lasered her head off."

Or let's make Clonaid a household name, "Mommy, sniff, my puppy just got hit by a car."

"Not to worry Greta (zap!). There, now you have a puppy clone as healthy as a horse, wait a minute, he kind of looks like a horse, and an alien, anyway thanks Clonaid!"

We are barely worthy to say something as sacred as 'Elohim', and Rael thinks he can rewrite its definition. If we are going to follow the rules of linguistics so closely, he might want to note that the thing with different languages is that they are not the same.

"Les cheveux" is plural in French and "hair" is singular in English so does Rael visualize several heads when he hears them talked about in Ouebec?

Nobody should scientifically fill in the missing pieces of the human evolutionary puzzle and try to call it a religion. If you find a religion puzzling then it's not because you need scientific proof to become a believer-it's because you're agnostic. To believe means that proof is unnecessary, or did we get that word's definition wrong too

North Korea: Pushing Plutonium

CHRIS LAROCHE Staff Contributor

The question of war with North Korea, by far the most powerful third of Bush's socalled "Axis of Evil," is slowly creeping into the post-9/11 western spotlight. CNN and other western media have begun churning out daily reports on the "growing threat", always vilifying (perhaps justifiably) North Korea's Pyongyang regime. This propaganda is usually accompanied by cartoon-ish battle diagrams which no doubt further disintegrate our concept of "war" from "unnecessary evil" into "exciting, far-away videogame", virtual and painless. Meanwhile, Dubya himself

continues to make references to

the autocratic nation and

America's involvement therein

in a constant spew of political

rhetoric, all of which can be

summed up as so: Yes, the U.S. next? is invading Iraq. Yes, the U.S. Raelians, The Board Game'? will deal and bring justice to "Peter, you can be Rael this North Korea afterward. No, the U.S. government will not tell us what "deal," "afterward" and

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Abraham Lincoln, First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1861

"These capitalists generally act harmoniously, and in concert, to fleece the people."

Abraham Lincoln, Illinois Legislature, January 1837

"Who are the oppressors? The few: the king, the capitalist and a handful of other overseers and superintendents. Who are the oppressed? The many: the nations of the earth; the valuable personages; the workers; they that make the bread that the soft-handed and idle eat. Why is it right that there is not a fairer division of the spoil all around? Because laws and constitutions haved ordered otherwise." - Mark Twain, Monday Evening Club in Hartford, 1886

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"bring justice" implies. Why? Because they aren't certain themselves.

When Bush made the axis of evil speech, he made a political commitment, maximizing on the policy leniencies of post-Sept. 11 2001, fervor. Who can blame the U.S. government for taking advantage of an international carte-blanche and a perceived public opinion toward war, lumping all of their old adversaries, ideological opponents and foreign political pimples into one policy statement? In casting the axis of evil, the politically opportune moment that followed 9-11, Dubya effectively signed the international community and his own people into a war contract without either party actually realizing.

There are two underlying problems, however, which make any prediction concerning U.S. relations with North Korea's Pyongyang regime abstract speculation, the first being the U.S.'s woefully inconsistent foreign policy. If the U.S. did as they have done in the past, waiting for North Korea to set up a few hundred ICBMs before declaring free trade would fit the bill. Send over the occasional thoughtful but entirely useless diplomatic delegation to poke North Korean officials with the human rights stick and the U.S. has just chalked up another amicable relationship with an Asian power—China, anyone?

Secondly, North Korea is in the process of proliferation. American propaganda claims South Korea has at least two functioning MRBMs with nuclear warheads which can be launched at any Asian target; that same propaganda also claims North Korea will have nuclear-ready ICBMs capable of striking North America by 2015. Though, in the interest of selling war, these speculations are most likely worse than reality, it is safe to assume the Pyongyang regime may be hiding some of its plutonic muscle and has some nuclear viability. Nations don't pull out of multiple nuclear arms limitations treaties because they don't want to pursue proliferation.

The U.S. hasn't, however, invaded a modern nation with a large military and claims to have nuclear launch capabilities. Iraq has oil, a problem leader and is in a very unstable and highly profitable region; Iraqi invasion has everything to offer. What, then, does an invasion of North Korea offer?

Down and out

MICHAEL GOODFELLOW
Opinions Editor

If Canada had the money, we would put it where our mouth is.

Now Defense Minister John McCallum says Canada is "reserving the right to say 'yes' or 'no'" to a war in Iraq regardless of what the United Nations decides. We previously vowed to act only under the auspices of UN approved actions.

Health Minister Anne McLellan threatened to resign if the Kyoto protocol hurt her home province of Alberta. Now she says she won't resign because she believes she can do more good from within. When she made the suggestion, I wrote her an email that said "Go ahead and leave, we don't need people like you."

McLellan also buckled on distributing the medicinal marijuana now rotting in the Flin Flon mine. She threw out the first batch because the seeds used came from police labs across Canada who had confiscated them from illegal growing operations. They got strains of all shapes and sizes.

The second batch was a single strain that yielded what the doctors were looking for, but McLellan didn't have the jam to start handing it out. Activists across the country are furious about her indecision, calling it the 'Flin Flon Flip Flop'.

McLellan made the choice to whine and complain that oil-spewing Alberta was getting shafted by environmentally friendly Kyoto. She thought her strong voice, previously shattered with her reluctance to go through with the medical marijuana, would hold some clout among politicians. But she was wrong. No one paid any attention to her threats and like a puppy with its tail between its legs she came crawling back explaining she had 'changed her mind'. She changed her mind. Someone in the House please hand McLellan a pot.

Or better yet, hand one of the polar bear suited activists squatting outside parliament a sign that begs "McLellan, please shit, or get off the pot."

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Apparently nothing, except a partial fulfillment of the Bush's Axis of Evil declaration and perhaps a trifle more consistency in U.S. foreign policy. North Korea has no oil and failing nuclear arms, a large if outdated mobilized military which far outclasses anything the U.S. has tackled for decades. The possibility of significant American casualties with little interest other than satisfying the blabbering of Bush's policy teams are tantamount to military exchange with North Korea. If home-grown American pilots and soldiers start dropping off left, right and center, are the American people going to take it? Will public opinion rest idle while hard-earned tax money gets pumped into a nation which has no precious resource, doesn't harbor any terrorists, possess many teeth and is in many ways similar to China, whom the U.S. trades with?

Chances are no. As it stands, Iraq serves as a testing pad for American interdiction. The re-election cauldron in Dubya's camp has brewed up strong ideas of nationalism, security and defeating terrorism at its source; acting on these ideas is Bush's self-perceived way of telling America he's the real deal and not some doublethink politician who has been corrupted by Washington's habit of talking big ideas and acting on none of them.

Assuming negotiations fail—and god-willing, they won't, Bush will inevitably pull a "sell war in North Korea" stint similar to the one he served up for Iraq. That's right, the one in which he tries his hackneyed best to convince us all that terrorists, bombs and other evil-doers are stowed away in North Korea, and as well-wishers of the free world we need to rectify this injustice by dropping a trillion tons of firepower on them and letting the UN deal with the leftovers. The ultimatum that will be presented to North Korea beforehand is clear; disarm or be disarmed. Though diplomacy in the case of North Korea is a far more amicable avenue of foreign policy, the nation may be unwilling and Bush has essentially committed himself to a Pyongyang (and complete Axis) removal which diplomacy cannot hope to accomplish

Abstract speculation or not, I believe the real question now lies in how far the American people, media and pluralist culture are going to let Bush go on his patriotic daisy-cutting walkabout before they decide not to reelect him. Bush will need to actually win, not lawyer, the presidential election next time around. Careful consideration of escalation with North Korea will be necessary to prevent the Axis of Evil from manifesting, to Dubya's chagrin, on presidential vote ballots. Perhaps it will occur to someone up top that a few unspent bombs, more international prodding and a dedication to human rights change in regards to North Korea is a whole lot

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better than a lost election, ruined nation and a smoking crater where the 20 million inhabitants of Seoul used to be

*Open late so you can drink great*JENNIFER MORRISON

Opinions Contributor

Maybe I am actually a 65-year-old woman trapped in a 19-year-old's body, but sometimes (okay, most times) I would prefer to spend my weekend nights doing something low-key, like going to see a movie, so I can be tucked into my warm bed, nice and early. But with a proliferation of Halifax bars staying open until all hours of the night and tireless university students just heading downtown at 11 p.m. or later, I fear I am going to be spending those quiet evenings alone.

According to Nova Scotia law, establishments with a cabaret license may sell or serve liquor until 3:30 a.m., and their young customers are definitely keeping the doors open and the taps flowing. My friends and I used to spend Thursday nights at the Velvet Olive, where Skratch Bastid and friends performed, and the dance floor did not even get crowded until 12:30 a.m.

Over Christmas break we tried a new spot, Pitchman's Pub, which was proudly proclaiming it would be open until 3 a.m. Even worse for wannabe old ladies like me, no matter where the "fun" begins, there is always somewhere to go afterwards. Done at Pitchman's? Head next door to the Alehouse! Nights out in Halifax are neverending, as excursions to Merrill's, Reflections, the Dome, and the Palace become tests of stamina.

A thirst for alcohol in overwhelming quantities is adding fuel to the "out all night" fire. When I dare to venture downtown, I am treated like a wuss for only having a couple of drinks and wanting to leave early. I have noticed a sick competition among other girls, regarding how late they stay out and how much they can drink. Sorry, ladies - the fact that you can drink an entire pitcher of beer is repulsive, not impressive. The circa 1993 Pepsi slogan "be young, have fun, drink Pepsi" would have to be updated for 2003 to "be young, have fun, drink anything that will get you drunk ASAP."

What is it about our generation? Do so many of us "party hard" (and late) because we are trying to escape something? Or are we so frivolous that the pursuit of a good time is all we care about? Either way, this apparent phenomenon may mean we are on the verge of an evolutionary breakthrough. If our parents' generation went out to bars at 7 p.m. and left by midnight, the hour when our generation heads out, our children may don their party hats at 4 a.m. Just think: we might be defying our biological circadian rhythms and becoming completely nocturnal creatures! But I am crossing my fingers that this is only a short-term craze, because hangovers and dark circles are not worth joining the ranks of owls, bats, and vampires.

For all those who, like me, wish to stay immune to the drink all night/sleep all day infection, heed the words of Wham's 80s hit *Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go*: "It's cold out there, but it's warm in bed/They can dance, we'll stay home instead."

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NIGHTCLUBBING

Part II: the Seahorse

JON BRUHM Assistant Arts Editor

Last week, the Gazette ran a piece outlining the Seahorse Tavern's role in the recent surge of hard rock and punk in Halifax's music scene. In part two, we look at the man behind much of the bar's recent success, Dana Boulton.

"The Seahorse has always been the coolest underground bar in Halifax," says Boulton. "Now that we've started bringing live music in six months ago, it's magic. Simple as that. We've got the stage built now and the new energy of the bands here in Halifax is that they like to have fun. They're getting into it and the crowd responds the way they should."

While Boulton is the longtime manager and bartender at the Seahorse, he does not consider himself to be a booking agent for the venue; rather, things seem to fall into place on their

"I've yet to call a band and ask them if they want to play the Seahorse, because they all call me. I think that's kinda funny. I'm not a booking guy, I just run the bar, but yet I get calls every day from people who want to come and play."

Most bands have found that Boulton is more than willing to give new bands a shot at glory. "He's incredibly tolerant," says Frizzell of Hemingways. "It's not hard to get a show there-he's very easy-going about having new bands around."

Jon Epworth of The Dean Malenkos agrees.

"He always seems to be ready to give a new band a chance. This, I believe, plays a big part in the recent success of the Seahorse shows. Bands who are just starting out will bring their small circle of friends, who will instantly love this bar. Those people will return again and again."

Perhaps Boulton is generous to the newer groups in town because he's been in their

"I've been a musician for 20 years, so I know what it's like to go knocking on doors and trying to get gigs at other places...the door always shuts."

Since he's now in the position to open a door for these bands, Boulton doesn't hesitate to give a worthy band a gig or two.

"[Boulton] loves music and appreciates musicians; he is also a fine performer, and knows the difference between good and bad music, quickly understanding where any particular musician or musical act is coming from," says Epworth.

"It's a great way for a lot of new bands to get a show and to get some exposure," adds Frizzell. "Not everyone's first show is at The Marquee.'

Long before the regular weekend shows, which began in the summer of 2002, the Seahorse only put on shows during the

"When Dead Red moved here in 1995, it was a Tuesday night open-mic thing," says Fabian O'Brien of Dead Red.

"There were no bands on the weekend at all. Never."

"I'd give bands pizza and a couple of beers to come and play...just because it gave them a place to play," says Boulton. "But since [the ownership] turned it over to me and let me do it on the weekends, it blossomed into this scene."

The tavern was recently acquired by Halifax bar baron Victor Syperek, owner of the Economy Shoe Shop and The Marquee Club. Boulton claims that he was approached and asked how to improve the bar.

"I play in the Alice Cooper tribute and we did a show last March, then the following week we had The New Breed come in and do a St. Patrick's Day show. I said 'Boys, look at the numbers. Live music—we need so

"All summer long, we had no air conditioning. This place will kill you, honestly! I said we need something in here that's going to bring people into the bar and keep them off of the patios and make them say 'Gee, we've got to go to the Seahorse on Saturday night' instead of going somewhere else with the air conditioning and all the comfort that would bring. We managed to go all summer long because of these live acts, keeping the numbers, keeping the business, and creating the

From a business perspective, the influx of bands has done wonders for the Seahorse.

"It's good for me, as far as running the bar, because we're doing better business than we used to," says Boulton.

The bands who play there also see this.

"Anybody who runs an establishment has to consider numbers and should be concerned with sales," admits Epworth.

"As a band member working with Dana and the Seahorse, I get the impression that his first concern is that everybody is going to have a blast. And we do. The numbers speak for themselves."

The popularity of the Seahorse is also seeing attention from those outside of Halifax.

Boulton behind the famed seahorse pump. "I've got guys calling me from

Toronto saying 'Man, we hear that your bar is the shit. We want to send guys out," says Boulton. "When Thor ['80's metal icon] wanted to play here, his manager was calling me up and sayin' 'Do you know Thor?' I said yeah, I remember Thor [from] 20 years ago. 'Well he wants to play there.' I said well you'd better make Thor understand something-we've got an eight-channel head and two speakers for a PA...we don't have mics, bands have to bring their own mics. This is the situation I'm dealing with, but at the same time all these guys are saying 'We want to play.' and in they come, and they keep coming."

Boulton explains that the charm of the Seahorse is that people are simply supposed to have a good time.

"It's about people leaving when they're done and saying 'That's the best time I've had in a long time. Thanks.' We treat 'em good. We always did. The Seahorse is known for that. It's not a tough guy bar, it's not a greasy bar, it's a bar where folks come in, sit down, and enjoy themselves. Having the live music just took that vibe to a whole new level."

From the perspective of the bands and the fans, the

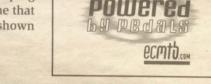
Seahorse is THE place to be in Halifax, and has been helping to draw attention to a scene that has only recently been shown the proper respect.

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The Smashing Pumpkins -Earphoria (Virgin)

Earphoria, the long-awaited audio-only CD release of the Pumpkins' live video Viewphoria, finds the acclaimed quartet performing live in Europe and America throughout 1994. The selections here have a gritty, rough sound and many stretch into long, wailing jams that do much to highlight frontman Billy Corgan's often overlooked guitar abilities. Though there are many moments of lucid greatness throughout the album, this disc's primary appeal lies in its invigorated and alternate performances of older Pumpkins Spin Spin Spin Spin Sugar material, and is more

suitable for the collections of avid Pumpkin fans. For casual fans and passers-by, Siamese Dream or one of the Pumpkins' more acclaimed studio efforts would present a better start. - CLR

Oscar Lopez - Flashback: The Best of Oscar Lopez (Narada)

A compilation of tracks Latin/flamenco Canadian guitarist Oscar Lopez, Flashback is an album marked by interesting rhythms, catchy melodies and a thoroughly convincing authentic Latin groove. Taken from Lopez's three previous releases on the Narada label, Flashback's track selection is



Sigur Ros

varied enough to maintain interest despite its occasionally repetitive pop orientation. His attention-grabbing intros often settle into repeated motifs and easy-listening grooves, straddling this mostly instrumental album somewhere between Latin pop,

afro-Cuban salsa and new world flamenco. None of the selections chosen are overly long, and although Lopez does some feisty acoustic shredding, the escapist Spanish aura which radiates from Flashback results in very satisfying listening. Flashback will find itself an excellent supplement to relaxed dinners, tequila-sipping, cigar smoking or any sombrero-related leisure.

Sigur Ros - () (Fat Cat Records)

Like the shape of two parentheses on the cover of Sigur Ros' new album, officially untitled but unofficially titled (), this album's tracks form the same shape around it. The first four tracks are airy snowy movements, then there are 30 seconds of silence. Following the break,

there are four more tracks which are heavier and tend to tug on heart-strings. The question the band proposes to the listener is what remains in this silent space of 30 seconds and the nothing between the parentheses.

Sigur Ros, Icelandic for 'victory rose,' is an Icelandic band composed of four members. The name shines through in the cascading joy of every untitled track on the album, a follow-up to their debut release Agaetis Byrjun.

() steps away somewhat from the emotional vocals of Agaetis Byrun, but when they do appear, they fade in and among the warmer instrumental tones and become impossible to discern from the piano and beeping of the plow outside. - MG

Dal's Dexter

MEGAN YOUNG Staff Contributor

"If you label yourself, you limit yourself."

These are the words spoken by Adam Chiasson, guitarist and multi-instrumentalist for the band Dexter. It is a fitting description and statement for this group of musicians.

from Hailing originally

Cape Breton, Dexter consists of Andrew Al-Khouri (vocals /acoustic guitar); Fred Green (drums); Jonathan MacDougall (bass) and Kyle Varley (keyboards). The average age of the members is 20-years-old, lending to energetic live shows and a surprising amount of maturity that is overwhelmingly evident in their music.

The members of Dexter have been playing together as a band since 2001, and released their first album, Say Hello in July 2002. Their first single, Spin Round in Circles has been played on two local Cape Breton radio stations, and was picked up, through a twist in fate, by a radio station in Fort McMurray,

Kim Chase, a DJ for KYX 98 in



Photo: Marc Fortin

Fort McMurray, was on vacation in Cape Breton when she heard Dexter during a live performance in North Sydney. As the host of the station's new music show, she requested a copy of their CD. Dexter handed over their press kit, and over a month later Chase phoned the band and conducted a short interview and featured them on her show. This meant that KYX 98 was the first radio station outside of Nova Scotia to

play Dexter on the radio. Dexter's live show is a vibrant, energetic experience. The talent of this band is evident as they successfully play a variety of cover songs and original material from the album. The set is solid, the songs are strong and the music speaks for itself. This is a band that can successfully integrate a saxophone and a fiddle into their rock music, without making either instrument sound

out of place. Although three members of the group attend Dalhousie, there is one member at St. Francis Xavier and another member at the University College of Cape Breton. This means that getting together for live shows is a difficult experience, as things must be organized in advance and usually scheduled for a weekend. When the band does get together, however, the live show is a definite

Dexter is playing an all-ages CD release party on Saturday, Jan. 18. The show begins at 8 p.m., costs \$7 and features Steve Bowers playing an acoustic opening set.

The band has chosen to select the Dunn Theatre in the Dalhousie Arts Centre as their venue in order to create a more cozy feeling. As Chiasson explained, the Dunn Theatre is "the right size, smaller, and more intimate," and also a different atmosphere for the band. Used to dark, smoky clubs or the outdoors, the Dunn will be a new experience for a band that isn't afraid to take chances. Tickets will be available at the

If you can't make it to the CD release party, Dexter will also be playing in Halifax on Feb. 13 at the T-Room.



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The Flower Man

CLOE BAYEUR-HOLLAND
Staff Contributor

Michael Philip Armstrong sells flowers in downtown Halifax. You may have seen him in his pin-stripe suit and bowler, walking the streets with a cane and a bucket of flowers that he sells for \$3.50 a piece. "Best deal in town," he tells me.

Nicknamed 'Twelve Stories' because he fell over 100 feet and survived, he was nominated for Entrepreneur of the Year by a government organization that recognizes disabled entrepreneurs. He turned down the nomination because he did not want to disclose the secrets of his trade. "They wanted to know too much about my business," he says. He was also featured in an add campaign called Living Independently for people with disabilities working and living on their own.

Originally from Nova Scotia, Armstrong was born at the old Halifax infirmary in 1971, but moved away as a teenager. He moved back 10 years ago when his accident left him partially paralyzed in one side of his body, and blind and deaf on one side of his head.

He was living in Montreal at the time of the accident, but found the city too fast paced for someone learning how to live with a disability. He came home to the more laid-back Halifax to rehabilitate and reintegrate himself into society. Determined to make a life for himself, he volunteered for a while at the YMCA making snacks for kids. He eventually became more confident and more ambitious, taking a two-week course at Open for Business, a place that teaches people how to be their own boss.

In collaboration with a local flower shop, he decided to start selling flowers in the streets four years ago. He refused to panhandle, but was unable to participate in the general workforce due to his partial paralysis, which makes simple tasks difficult and leaves him walking with the help of a cane. Instead of relying on society to take care of him, he decided he wanted to bring something positive to the world and into people's lives. "To give people a reason to

smile," he grins. "There are a lot of sad people here, because it's such an economically depressed area, but I get smiles wherever I go. People can afford to buy a flower."

Michael 'Twelve Stories' is able to support himself with his business. He won't say exactly how much he makes, but admits that flower-hocking can be a fairly lucrative trade in the summer. He works year-round though, even in the dead of winter, walking the streets 13-14 hours a day, seven days a week. "I'm everywhere," he says "Spring Garden, Grafton, Argyle, everywhere!" But if ever he wants to take a day off, or sleep in, he can, because he makes his own hours. Mostly, he enjoys the pleasure people get from his wares, and the opportunity that it gives him to

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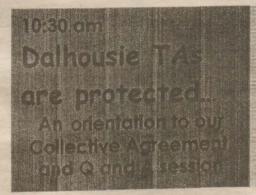
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BRION CHANGE MARKET BACK TO EARTH CHRIS LAROCHE

Staff Contributor

For fans of heavy metal, today's music scene can be a very desolate place. It seems all the elements that once comprised heavy metal-elements which brought the destruction of superficial hair-band glam and reunited heavy sounds with the street-have since been pigeonholed into specific markets, deconstructing the gritty, nononsense sound of metal's heyday. Ambient art rock (Tool), screaming guttural cacophony (Slipknot) or rock-core rapping (Limp Bizkit) have all become huge sellers worldwide. As a result, major recording labels have since turned their backs on the riff-driven, more melodious metal that popularized the genre in the late 1980s. Although there are many bands producing original, provoking and sometimes

profound metal today, the authentic core of heavy metal has long since been abandoned-or left to the aging acts which first heralded them.

Inferno Racket, a five-piece ensemble hailing from Halifax and little more than a year-and-ahalf old, represent a locally bred return to metal's core. Though this prerogative classifies them as musical crusaders, Inferno Racket is adamant that they are simply making the music they want to make-any political or musical agendas are added bonuses.

"We're out to make better music than what's out there nowadays," says Chuck Cleland-Pass, lead guitarist for the band. "There really isn't a metal scene anymore. Metal the way I used to listen to, old school Metallica,

Iron Maiden, there's really none of that anymore. Today, there really isn't a band that I would consider metal. We're trying to fill the void."

"We try to have tons of fun," continues Jamie King, their outspoken vocalist. "We write songs that we like, continue to write songs that we like and at the end of the day or the month or the year or 10 years, make a career of

Describing themselves as 'heavy rock' (being on bridge between hard rock and heavy metal), Inferno Racket's selftitled debut is packed wall-towall with vitality. Despite having only six tracks, the record clocks in at just over half an hour, and guitar riffs as good as these don't come along very often. Though the band maintains a wide array of influences including Tool, Lynryd Skynyrd, Incubus, classical, jazz, world music and beyond, Inferno Racket has an inspirational core which sits firmly in late 80s metal, bearing striking resemblance to the early days of metal super group Metallica.

Now hot off the heels of their self-titled and self-produced debut, which "paid for itself", and a round of successful touring throughout the Maritimes, Inferno Racket have since been concentrating on producing a second studio album. The band has come a long way from their debut, meaning more collaborative, organized efforts are being put into their next album and the band's outlook on the whole.

"Back when we got together, we didn't all know each other," says King. "Now, everything has changed. We're a team."

"It's great now, there is so much more professionalism. There is a much more professional attitude," confides Alex Coulstring, the band's main riff writer and rhythm guitarist. "When we write songs now, it's all on the table. In the beginning, a lot of songs were layered. That's why we're so excited about the new album. It's gonna be us together, not individually."

Dedication to the band's cohesion as a serious musical group aiming for success is unilateral across the board. "That's our goal, there is no plan B," says Coulstring. "Plan A is to be in everyone's stereo player playing, and to continue that until we decide to stop."

Though the band is aiming, in

the long-term, to hopefully "make it big", their creative process is entirely about what music they want to play, and not aspirations of, as Coulstring puts it, "fixing the market".

"Our music's really catchy, and it has to stay catchy," says Coulstring. "It's really unexplainable how this group came together. It's a perfect team. Now, we're always on the right page, the same page and it's breeding this type of music that is Inferno Racket."

"We don't really think about [the music industry] when we're writing songs," says King. "You are a product of what you listen to... 'you are what you eat' sort of deal. We don't write a song that's crazy heavy because no one else is doing it. People are doing it. We write our songs for ourselves."

Although Inferno Racket does hope to gain popularity across Canada, they don't let aspirations of grandeur deter them from focusing on simply making

"Nobody in the band wants to be this crazy rock star, we're not thinking like that," says King. "We just want to have a career where we can pay our bills doing what we love to do and that just happens to be playing music.'

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What's the buzz

HEATHER MILNE
Arts Contributor

Before coming to Dalhousie, coffee wasn't really my cup of tea, but that quickly changed. As university life began to take its toll, coffee became a vital part of my daily routine. In order to truly be awake for those early morning classes I need a little help from my Colombian friends—the coffee beans.

Here at Dal, we are fortunate to have a few choices when it comes to where to buy our coffee. We have two Tim Horton's on campus (and another one just a couple of blocks away), as well as a Second Cup outlet in the library. It would seem to the novice coffee drinker that there is no difference between the two, however, such is not the case.

Tim Horton's provides fast service, mixed with inexpensive beverages—a university student's dream come true. On average, the cost of a beverage at Tim Horton's is about \$1.14. Let's be honest here... most of us don't have \$3.50 to spare for a drink from Second Cup.

Second Cup provides a nice, soothing environment in which to enjoy your beverage. If you are not catching up on some work, you can always people-watch or chat with friends. The library is an excellent location for Second Cup. The SUB, too, provides an excellent locale for a Tim Horton's outlet. Since the SUB has recently been renovated, it also provides for a nice place to do some extra work and people-watch or chat with friends.

If you look outside of the Dal campus, just down the street on Spring Garden Road, is another Second Cup and a pair of Tim Horton's. Visiting these three locations helps further with the comparison.

They both fully represent what each establishment is all about. If you first look at Tim Horton's, you will notice the constant long lineup and the tables filled with people—all of whom seem to be in a hurry. The environment at Tim Horton's does not promote a lengthy stay; in fact it feels somewhat like a cafeteria.

The nearby Second Cup is the exact opposite. It has a more at-home kind of feel to it with couches, chess tables, and computers. Second Cup is almost always full and it has clearly taken a different approach to coffee drinking. They promote your stay and, in turn, your beverage costs more, which clearly explains the amount of time one may wish to spend enjoying their coffee. You can't help but wonder just how many coffees it takes to purchase these couches, chess sets and computers. But at \$3.50 a cup...

Aside from the corporate cafés, we also have some other great choices nearby—the Grad House and the

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Further, the Grad House is student-owned and operated. As I sat at a table in the window looking at the bright blue walls, I was reminded of all the university movies I've seen. To me, it is somewhat reminiscent of a stereotypical university hangout. Not only does the Grad House serve coffee, it also serves beer, which is great for those beer lovers. It's a great place to grab a drink and chat with friends in a relaxed and fun environment.

The Coburg Coffeehouse is great for everyone. It is nicely decorated and the coffee is inexpensive. It is a cozy place to go with friends for a quick coffee or a long break, or whatever floats your boat.

So, really, what is all the buzz about? I asked myself that question several times in the last few days and got a single response: it's just coffee! At the end of the day, it's pretty much all the same. So whether you choose to pay one dollar or three dollars, you will still be rewarded with a great coffee that's right for you, courtesy of your Colombian friends.

Moolah for Movies

KATHRYN WALLACE Staff Contributor

You're so witty, huh? Creative? Or bored, maybe? Ok kids, here's the deal: The National Screen Institute (NSI) is calling for entries for their 2003 Local Exposure Amateur Movie Contest, part of the NSI Film Festival—the largest Canadian winter film festival.

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So think of an idea that's so original and nuts it will blow the judges away! Once you've made sure it's possible to realize, borrow a camera and get some chums together and start-cause the deadline is soon - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, 2003. Too soon? Send them a video that you've already made (it doesn't have to be from this year) or think of ideas for next year, as the contest is annual.

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Gimme Five

Each week, The Gazette asks someone for their top five list on a range of subjects. This week, we asked Dana Boulton of the Seahorse Tayern for his five favourite bands who have played his establishment, and why.

- 1) My Other Brother Alice Because I'm in it, my boys rock, and the shows allow me to vent my frustrations over choosing favourites.
- 2) The Dean Malenkos Because I want to be one who doesn't?
- 3) Dead Red Because Fabian paid me to say this.
- 4) Hell City Love Because Matt threatened to sleep with my 76 year-old mother.
- 5) Everybody else Because they're cool and they leave me alone.

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Dear Don.

I love to masturbate and do it almost every day, sometimes even in class or at work. Even though I have sex with my girlfriend as often as twice a week, I worry there might be something wrong with me. Is this normal? HandyMan

Dear HandyMan,

No, there is nothing wrong with you (besides your terrible spelling that has been thankfully corrected!). Masturbating is one of the most common stress-relievers. You'd be surprised (or not, as the case may be) where people masturbate, especially in public places. I have it on good authority that people have been caught doing it in the Killam in the back of the 3rd and 4th floors, which leads me to believe that there are a number of hardly-used periodicals taking up space (NB: Dal Admin). The truth of the matter is that because people get aroused at different times you can't always have sex when you're in the mood. Just because you're having sex with your girlfriend twice a week (uh, that number could be better!) doesn't mean she can be around every time you feel sexually excited or turned on by a fantasy. Does that mean your sexual arousal has to go down the drain? No-that's the beauty of masturbating. It's a god-send that is safe, harmless, and most importantly, satisfying when the urge hits, whether it be to quell your libido, relieve stress or shock the poor librarians in the Killam.

I have wondered something about my body for years. I am not sure if it's normal or not. My penis seems large when compared to pictures of other naked men or men I have seen. Is it normal? My boyfriend doesn't say anything about it, but I don't know if I should be embarrassed about it or not. I would appreciate your help.

Dear Tom,

Ever thought of a career in porn? Ever since John Holmes passed away I hear they're looking for a new donkey dick to replace him. Define too large. The average penis is from 5-7 inches in length and 4-6 inches in circumference. If you're bigger than that, you're larger than average so way to go. The average vagina can dilate to 10 centimetres and if you're in to kink, you would know that the anal cavity (yes, I'm talking about anal stuff again, I just can't stop!) can fit a whole fist, which must be bigger than your penis. Remember the pictures you see in magazines are of those people who have been sought out because of their length and girth and have nothing to do with whether or not they have a great personality or fashion sense (which they never do). If you're comparable to guys in those pictures, then you are much larger than normal. Some people you're with just might not be comfortable having sex with something larger than themselves and since I don't know how big you are (you may be far-sighted, by the way), then I can't really comment further. Regardless, there is nothing to be embarrassed about and if you flunk out of Dal, you can always move to the San Fernando Valley and make some quick cash by having sex on film and taking up a coke habit.

Dear Don,

I've been dating this guy for over a year now and things are going ok. We moved in together a while ago and I'm really feeling suffocated at times. He's started calling me names, which he says are all in fun, but they're starting to piss me off. He also talks behind my back and tells other people personal stuff about me and that bugs me. I love him and he says he loves me, but what should I do? If this keeps up, I'm not sure how much more I can take. Soontobesolo

Dear Soontobesolo,

I think you need to ask yourself what you are willing to put up with and draw some personal boundaries. Name-calling isn't cool and neither is talking behind your back and divulging personal information. These are characteristics of someone who is more like an enemy than a partner and who has low self-esteem themselves. People often put others down because they are unhappy with their own lives and need to point out flaws in others to feel better. This isn't an excuse for how you are being treated. As for setting boundaries, I'd suggest you have an extended discussion about how his behaviour makes you feel and then go about setting personal boundaries (i.e. no more name-calling) which he cannot cross anymore. I do hope that he is not violent or unfaithful because if domineering people who feel they can get away with name-calling and backstabbing are successful, they tend to move on to other forms of domination. My advice is to have your chat with him and see if things improve. If not, stop being a doormat, move out, take some time for yourself, find someone half-decent who isn't a tremendous moron and move on. Upon reading this response, I'd like to apologize for coming across as Jerry Springer during his "final thought" section, shortly after a group of neonazis have finished tossing chairs at Steve the security guy. Many apologies...

Feel free to e-mail your questions to dkearney@dal.ca or write to Don c/o 6136 University Ave., Room 320, Halifax, NS B3H 4J2,

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Dal's swimming brotherhood

MICHAEL GORMAN Staff Contributor

This year's men's swim team is once again having an outstanding season. As was the case last year, many different team members are contributing to that success as evident by their total of nine CIS qualifiers. Two swimmers who have performed outstandingly all season not only share great ability in the pool, but they also share a last name.

For fourth-year Kinesiology student Michael Terauds and his brother Matthew, a secondyear Engineering student, the concept of competition that comes from being on the same team is nothing new.

"Our childhood was like that," says Michael. "Everything we did was competitive. Baseball, basketball, swimming, we're competitive in anything we do together."

Both agree that the competitiveness is a good thing and that often times it has positive side effects. Coming from a small provincial club team, the two often had no one else to train with and so having each other there made getting through workouts more manageable. "It was always good because you had someone else there to push you and help you get through practices," says Matthew.

While both admit that the other can be a pain at times, both see being on the same varsity team as nothing but good. Matthew wasn't at all apprehensive about coming to a team that his brother had already been a member of for two years. "[Having Mike on the team] was one of the things that made me want to come here." Likewise, Michael wasn't concerned about his little brother following in his footsteps. "I like [having him here.] We don't swim the same events, and when we do race each other it's pretty close."

When asked how he felt upon learning his younger brother would be coming to join him



The Terauds brothers are slippery when wet.

Michael replied with typical older brother support: "I knew he'd benefit from training here the same way I have." But when asked about losing to his younger brother in one of his own best events, Michael also replied in typical older brother

happen." In their time here, both Michael and Matthew have made their mark on Dalhousie swimming. Michael has attend-

ed the CIS championships for

the last two years and will be

going again this year. Last year,

fashion, "I wouldn't let that

he made second swims in two of his four events, a result he hopes to improve on this year. Matthew will be attending CI's for the second time in as many years and is hoping to final in all three of the backstroke events.

The two are making sure to leave their names in the school record books as well. To date, Matthew is the school record holder in the 50m and 100m backstroke and together, the Terauds brothers make up half of the record holding teams in 4x100m and 4x200m

freestyle relays. Matt is also a member of the team that holds

the school record in the 4x100m medley relay.

You can catch both Terauds brothers, as well as the rest of the Dalhousie men's and women's swim teams in action this Saturday at Dalplex as they host UNB and Mount Allison.

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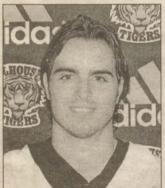
Dalhousie Athletes of the Week



#8 Allison Petrie Volleyball

Allison Petrie of the women's volleyball team has been named Dalhousie's Female Athlete of the Week. With three matches last week, second-year leftside and team assistant captain Allison Petrie saw plenty of volleyball action. She was a steady performer in the Tigers' 3-0 win in Wolfville over Acadia on Wednesday night, collecting seven kills and 10 digs in the three set match. This past weekend the Tigers traveled to Memorial and as part of a tremendous team performance on Saturday Allison chipped in with six kills, two stuff blocks, two aces and 10 digs, as the Tigers again swept their opponents 3-0. In the final match of the weekend, the Tigers struggled for consistency but Allison demonstrated her ability to anchor her team and stepped up to lead Dal with 20 kills, two stuff blocks and 13 digs as they earned a 3-1 victory over the Seahawks. In the 10 sets the Tigers played last week, Allison contributed a total of 33 kills, two aces, four stuff blocks and 33 digs in a very important stretch of league matches where the Tigers went 3-0, and solidified their position at the top of the AUS standings. Allison is a second-year Kinesiology student from London, ON





#29 Jean Francois Perras

JF Perras of the men's hockey team has been named Dalhousie's Male Athlete of the Week. The 6'1" goaltender from Embrun, ON had a tremendous showing this past weekend as the Tigers made serious headway in their quest for the playoffs. On Friday night, the Tigers faced the UdeM Aigles Bleus and Perras was outstanding with 23 saves on 25 shots as they grabbed the first win of the weekend by a score of 5-2. Perras was named Player of the Game for his efforts. On Saturday, the Tigers traveled to Fredericton to meet the UNB Varsity Reds who were fresh off of a tough loss to Acadia the night before. The Tigers pounced quickly, scoring three consecutive goals despite being badly out-shot by the Varsity Reds (43-16). Perras kept the Tigers ahead, making 42 saves and letting only one slip by for a 3-1 win for the Tigers. Again, he was named AUS Player of the Game for his performance. He currently sits in second place in AUS standings for goaltending with a 2.52 GAA in 11 games. The Tigers are now comfortably sitting in second place in the AUS, just one point behind St FX. Perras is a first-year Arts student who came to Dalhousie from the Ottawa 67's.

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Hockey tigers get their mojo back

ADAM SOMERS
Sports Contributor

If you take this year, 2003, and reverse the last two digits, you get the men's hockey team's record so far in the New Year—a perfect 3-0.

The Tigers had another excellent weekend defeating the Universite de Moncton 5-2 and stopping UNB 3-1. With these latest wins, the team has claimed sole possession of second place in the AUHC, an amazing feat considering many fans were writing this season off as a rebuilding year after a slow start. By winning eight of their last nine games, the Tigers have silenced their critics and proven that they are ready to make a run at the championship again this year.

Against bottom dwellers UdeM, the Tigers only had to worry about over confidence, and although they suffered a defeat to them early in the year, the Aigles Bleu are not on the same level of play as the jalapeno-hot Tigers.

David Walker scored early in the first and Chris Tellum scored not long after. Charles Hoyt added a short-handed goal before the first intermission. Patrick Vincent and Darrell Jerrett rounded out the scoring as the Tigers won the game by a comfortable 5-2 advantage.

The next night would not prove to be as easy as the Tigers went up against the Varsity Reds, who they were tied with for second place in the conference. Sniper Dominic Noel scored on the power play in the first period while Tyler Durham

and Martin Gascon were able to tally later in the game. The Tigers were able to score their three goals with only 16 shots.

The poor Reds however ran into a wall—a brick wall named Jean-Francois Perras, who faced more shots than a university student at the Dome on a Saturday night. Perras was able to stop an amazing 42 shots, which is roughly as many shots as I have had in my whole floor hockey career.

"Home games are always easier, but we played these games as if we were at home," Perras exclaimed. "It was a great defensive effort and the guys really came to play."

All this winning puts the Tigers in good shape as they head into the heart of the season. "We have 11 rookies, so it took awhile, but chemistry is starting to build between the veterans and rookies," Perras said optimistically. "We are starting to have fun."

The Tigers will have a chance to continue their winning streak at home as they face the teams that they just beat, UdeM on Friday and UNB on Saturday. Both games start at 7 p.m. at Memorial Arena, be there or well...Just be there.



Volleyball tigers disembowel AUS competitors

DEAN COLLIER
Sports Contributor

After a long between-semester break, the Dalhousie women's volleyball team was put to the test in their first match of the New Year against the second-place Acadia Axewomen. Dal went into the break with a 9-1 record, good for first place in the AUS standings, with Acadia sitting at 8-2. In the end, Dalhousie increased the gap for first place, as they came up with a 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-18) win over the Axewomen in Wolfville.

It was an important match for Dal to get back to their winning ways, and they were able to succeed without two of their strongest players, Kelly Reinsborough and Jennifer Ward. With these two key players out, Dal's coach Kirk Yanofsky was forced to rely on a more balanced attack.

"I was very pleased that we played together as a team, with contributions coming from many different sources. We were able to play a consistent, well-executed match," said the coach.

One of the players who came up with a big performance was second-year rightside Stacey Power, a native of Cole Harbour. Power put in an excellent effort, and earned Player of the Match honours with six kills, 10 digs, and four stuff blocks.

"We have 13 players who can all contribute on the floor in competition and who

all push each other in train-

ing. Our team is very close knit and our trust in each other will be one of our strengths as we make the push toward the playoffs," said coach Yanofsky, who is very pleased with the depth of this year's team.

After their victory over Acadia, the Tigers were off to Newfoundland for back-to-back matches against Memorial University. Memorial was still winless at home this season, and things would not change, as the Tigers rolled in and stole two matches from the Sea-Hawks.

In the first match on Saturday, Dal started off a little shaky, but served well and finished strong to take the match 3-0 (25-15, 25-12, 25-20). Coach Yanofsky was extremely pleased with his team's performance.

"We played one of our best matches to date. Our service reception was nearly perfect throughout the first two sets, something we have been spending a lot of time on," he said.

Jillian Goulet played strong both offensively and defensively to earn AUS Player of the Match honours. She finished the match with 11 kills, and four stuff blocks. Stacey Power also played another strong match and finished with 10 kills and six digs.

On Sunday, Memorial's game was much improved, and their execution led to some confusion on Dal's side of the court. The Tigers persevered and ended up holding off the Sea-Hawks to earn a scrappy 3-1 victory. The win improved Dal's record to 12-1, and dropped Memorial to 3-9

The Tigers' next action will be at the Dal Volleyball Classic, which gets underway this Friday, Jan. 17 at Dalplex.



File photo: Nick Pearce

Becky Melvin and the women's basketball team slipped by X 67-64 on Sunday at Dalplex. Meanwhile, the men continued to slide as they lost 82-70.

Upcoming Home Games

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Dal Sports Briefs

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Sat, Jan 18:

The Halifax Peace Coalition will be holding a march and rally to oppose Canadian involvement in a war on Iraq. Starts 1 p.m. at the Commons for the march, followed at 2 p.m. at QE High School for an indoor rally. All are welcome for sanity and hot chocolate.

Sun, Jan 19:

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Wed, Jan 22:

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