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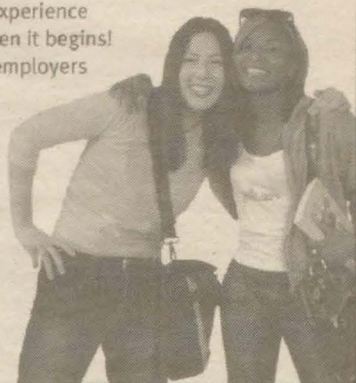
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McGrath rejects council's vote

CHRISTOPHER A. WALSH
News Editor

Student senator and vice-president education hopeful, Curtis McGrath, ignored DSU council earlier this month when he sidestepped a key vote on Dal's new smoking ban policy.

McGrath disregarded council's urging that he vote no on the issue at the Environmental Health and Safety Committee's meeting Feb. 12. At that time, the committee passed a recommendation to Dal, suggesting that smoking on campus be completely banned.

On Feb. 5, council voted 12-5 to oppose the ban using a "straw-poll" vote. This meant that although it wasn't binding, the vote gave McGrath the direction he had asked for. However, he ignored council and abstained.

"I didn't disrespect their vote," said McGrath, the only student representative on the EHS committee. "My choice was to abstain from the vote and

that is in no sense a disrespect for their vote. Council did not have all of the information before them to make any sort of judgment call."

He pointed to a rushed meeting as the reason why council didn't know what they were voting for.

"That agenda item was not given the attention it deserved," he said. "Councillors didn't have time to hear all of the information."

But McGrath's decision does not sit well with some members of the DSU. Fellow councillor and presidential candidate Don Kearney thinks McGrath should have honoured council's wishes.

"If your council tells you to vote a certain way and you don't...I mean, I don't think you should be on your own crusade. I don't think it's right and I certainly wouldn't put up with that," he said.

Current DSU president Johanne Galarneau said McGrath was right to ask for



VP Education hopefuls, Grace Cassidy and Curtis McGrath.

Photo: Justin Pike

council's opinion even though it wasn't binding.

"I don't think he defied council," she said. "They only took a straw-poll but I think that should have given him guidance on what direction council was leaning towards. I don't know why he made the decision he did."

Bill Louch, Dalhousie's safety director who sits on the EHS committee, doesn't understand why McGrath abstained either.

"I'm not going to comment on

what he did," said Louch. He also would not comment on the breakdown of the votes, only to say that "an abstention is an abstention."

The committee's recommendation has been sent to Dalhousie president Tom Traves. The implications of accepting the recommendation are not known at this point but a decision is expected in the coming months. Topping the list of concerns is enforcement of the ban, safety of students

forced to the street, and the financial ramification on campus bars.

These issues were barely touched on at the council meeting and many believe the whole situation needs to be fully addressed by the entire DSU council.

"If you start going off on your own, what's the point of having a council," asked Kearney.

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University begins pubcrawl prohibition

JENNIFER MORRISON
News Contributor

The recent decision of the Dalhousie Alcohol Advisory Committee to ban the organization and promotion of pubcrawls on campus means this favoured activity of societies may be a thing of the past.

The new policy was finalized at a late-January meeting, but the idea of a pubcrawl prohibition had been under discussion for a year said Eric McKee, Dalhousie vice-president of student services, who sits on the Committee. He said the university is cracking down on pubcrawls because of liability concerns.

"We do not want the responsibility for pubcrawls... where alcohol is used in ways that are risky," said McKee, adding that the university's insurance will

not cover any damage incurred from such events.

Despite this tough stance, the AAC has no particular punishment planned for students who violate the ban. McKee said he is more concerned with "pointing out risks" involved with pubcrawls than with threatening serious consequences for their on-campus organization and promotion.

Still, societies are unsure about the potential legal ramifications if they choose to go ahead with pubcrawls.

Chris Snell, vice-president of the History society, expressed dissatisfaction with the DSU's handling of the matter, saying the DSU knew about the upcoming ban for several months before notifying societies through a mass e-mail about the policy.

Johanne Galarneau, DSU

president said the DSU could not inform societies based on "rumours and whispers" before the policy was developed. Now that it has been put in place, there is very little the DSU can do because it must act in accordance with university decisions, she said.

Snell said the History Society is concerned with learning more about the ban. It could mean simply "calling pubcrawls something else", but an outright end to pubcrawls would also shut down a significant source of income for societies, as the requisite t-shirts are not only keepsakes, but valuable fundraisers.

The Dalhousie political science society is planning a pubcrawl for Friday, Feb. 28. Posters appeared on campus on Feb. 24. Ashley Janes, the society's first-year representative, said "if there's no penalty put forth, I

don't see why not."

The society is not planning to remove its posters from campus, either. Janes said that the political science society builds its membership base through pubcrawls, and that they are the primary way for students to mingle with each other and with faculty. The political science society already takes measures to place the liability for any pubcrawl mishaps on individual students, and all participants have to sign forms accepting this.

Janes said a ban on pubcrawls is pointless if similar activities still go forward.

"They should look into banning other events with alcohol," [such as wine-and-cheese nights and gatherings at the University Club], she said. "Is there another approach we can take that would be more favourable to both parties," she asked.

The Alcohol Advisory Committee members recognize the enjoyment that students

receive from pubcrawls.

"We are not anxious to squelch that," said McKee.

"I don't think our stance is to take away students' fun or to take away something that students enjoy but they have to realize the personal liability they're taking on," said Galarneau.

She suggested that societies consider renting the Grawood or the Grad House, which they could do cheaply or for free, as an alternative to pubcrawls. She said these venues would be "controlled environments" with bouncers, but Janes from the political science society questioned how much more controlled they would be than other bars and clubs in downtown Halifax.

Student Services is planning an information session and a pamphlet for early March to give societies and concerned students more clarification on this issue.

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Newton calls for apocalyptic end to earth

MICHAEL GOODFELLOW
Opinions Editor

The founder of modern physics spent 50 years studying biblical prophesy and hoping to decipher the mind of God while searching for the key to the "alchemical rose garden," a.k.a. the "the hunt for the green lion" said King's College professor Stephen Snobelen.

This year, he explained Newton's theological studies in his foundation year program lecture titled "Newton Uncut: Heresy, Alchemy and the Apocalypse."

Newton also predicted the end of the world to be 2060, a date which is expected to involve wars, famine and plagues followed by the second coming of Christ and a 1,000-year reign by saints on earth of which Newton would be one.

All of this and more is prom-

ised in the BBC produced documentary, *Newton: The Dark Heretic*, which films Snobelen in Israel pointing to the 2060 date handwritten by Newton.

Newton's uncanny legacy has now made its way around the earth that he predicted would be destroyed, from the front page of the *Globe and Mail* to the *New York Times* and the *Daily Telegraph*.

"It's literally all over the world," Snobelen said in a phone call from his office in the King's College basement.

His obsession with Newton



King's College Professor Stephen Snobelen

Photo: Marc Fortin

has taken him out of the tiny King's campus to Jerusalem where many of Newton's documents are held in the Jewish National Library.

"Newton was an alchemist searching for the philosopher's stone," Snobelen said. Alchemy is a debunked science relating to chemistry and the belief that lead could be turned into gold. A popular belief at the time was that an elixir existed which could grant eternal life, called the philosopher's stone.

It is known that Newton rejected the Trinity, but much of his secret beliefs still lay unstudied in the four million words he left on spirituality. One European news source explains, "Newton was actually a puritanical zealot, a secret

heretic who raged against the Anglican Church, delighted in the suffering of Catholics and felt God had given him special powers."

Many theologians of Newton's time were fashionably predicting the end of the world to be in their own lifetimes Snobelen explained. He said Newton strayed from the pack and set the date well into the future.

Last week, Snobelen was asked on a Toronto radio station if Newton had any predictions about the Leafs winning the cup this year. Snobelen responded to this question the same way he did when asked what he thinks of the date, 2060.

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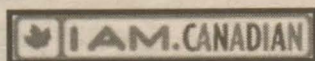
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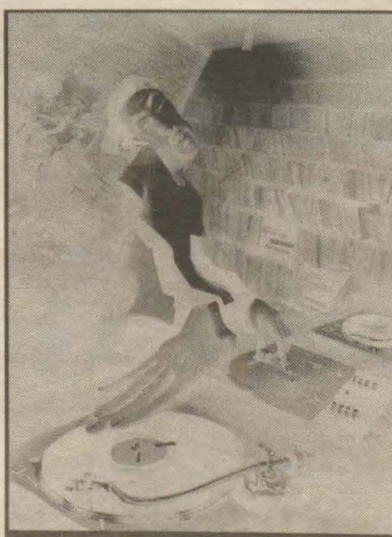
As Gazette staff and readers await the results of the election referendum on a levy increase, a look back at the first (and only) increase in the newspaper's 135-year history.

In March 1995, Gazette-ers campaigned for a levy of \$4 per full-time student and \$2 per part-time student. Before the referendum, the newspaper received 40 per cent of its funding from the Dalhousie Student Union. This situation meant that the DSU had a say in what was published. The levy was requested to replace the DSU funds. Judy Reid, the paper's editor, wanted the publication to be "directly accountable and not filtered through the student union." She noted that the Mount Saint Vincent University

newspaper, funded by the school's student union, was shut down after publishing a story about the student council president's drunken escapades. Reid stressed the importance of an independent and objective student paper, able to investigate every aspect of university life, free of interference from the DSU. The referendum question was passed by a vote of 197 to 105, and the Gazette began receiving the annual levy.

-Compiled by Jennifer Morrison

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UofT president apathetic about PSE funding

U of T president Robert Birgeneau has expressed an apathetic view on the issue of under-funded post-secondary education. "If you can afford to pay [for university], you should. It's that simple," said Birgeneau in a public statement. U of T's Graduate Students' Union (GSU) president Chris Collins refutes the president's comments and says that the GSU wants the government to carry the debt load for higher education, not students. "[Birgeneau] seems to have this fatalist idea that since we can't get proper funding the only way to continue is by increases in tuition," said Collins. "Tuition deregulation will lead to an environment where only the very rich will be able to afford post-secondary education."

- Excalibur

UBC says no compensation due to strike

UBC President Martha Piper encountered mostly antagonism from over 1,000 members of the university community at a forum last Wednesday about the school's labour situation. Piper said that there were to be no compensation packages because of the TA strike. The university is currently involved in bargaining with its three largest unions on campus, CUPE 2278, 116 and 2950. CUPE 2278's teaching assistants are currently on strike over wage disputes. 116 and 2950 both passed strike votes, with 86 per cent and 75 per cent in favor.

- The Ubyssy

CFS urges government to set up national grant system

The Canadian Federation of Students is urging the federal government to replace the Registered Education Savings Plan and the Millennium Scholarship Foundation with a national grants system. They call both publicly-funded debt-reduction programs inadequate and say that the government is channeling post-secondary money towards wealthy families. "The response from government was skepticism, because the federal Liberals know very well that they have a strong voting support base in the upper-middle income demographic," Ian Boyko, chair of CFS said.

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The Dal Company

CAITLIN KEALEY
Editor in chief

It was an awkward moment for university administration when three Dal students dressed in brand name clothing, with the words 'already branded' scrawled on their foreheads, walked into the Lord Dalhousie room during a 'town hall' meeting. Everyone in attendance was discussing Dal's newest approach to selling itself, integrated brand marketing.

Most of the room turned and looked as Anna Hunter, Ezra Edelstein and Dave Ron took seats at the very front of the chair-lined hall, full of professors, administration and staff. The three were there to make a point—a point that they felt was not being addressed by anyone.

"The people were there only to talk as if it was an information session and they wanted to give their two cents about what our logo should be or what our catchy motto should be," said Ron. "We wanted to open up the dialogue to a little more than that. There was no discussion before that asking what is Dalhousie's strategy about getting the word out of our potential our own programs, let alone whether we should be focusing on that right now or if we should be focusing on our current programs and current curriculum and current contracts."

Hunter and Ron point to the many existing contracts on campus, such as Adidas, Second Cup, Tim Hortons, Sodexo, Aramark and Harveys. They say that corporations have too much influence on courses and research.

"My purpose for going was to satirically point out that there is already a whole lot of branding already going on on-campus that I don't support and second of all, how can we talk about selling a 'product' that doesn't really exist," Hunter said. "Let's talk about quality of education, let's talk about the state of education at Dalhousie University, before we start trying to sell this

image. I don't think Tom Traves addressed that at all, and I don't think he cares to address that."

Ron points to the Sextant campus' Pepsi fitness room as a good example of irony.

"I was going to get going on this sarcastic rant about how we should definitely have the Pepsi logo just alter so it said Dalsi, or something like that," said Ron.

DSU president Johanne Galarneau was also at the town hall meeting. At one point, she put her head in hands and suppressed a laugh while watching one of the commercials the company had done for another school.

"Interesting presentation, but no other Canadian universities were used as examples," she said later. "The commercials we did see were just not something I would want if I was being marketed toward as a student. I don't think I'd be receptive to that. They seem to have gotten good results, which is cool. But it was just hard hearing examples of University of Louisiana or New Orleans, or whatever it was. How they are going to make a very public institution marketed, not just private but public."

Ron didn't like what he saw either.

"So much of those commercials told me nothing about that school. The one where someone is throwing a paper into the garbage—what the hell did that have to do with the university? It made people laugh and go 'wow what a witty university', but it wasn't really. It was a university that put out 80 grand or whatever to get a really cool marketing campaign."

Dalhousie spokeswoman, Ann Janega said the expenditure on this effort would fall between \$85,000 and \$100,000. She thinks the money is well spent. Galarneau understands why they need to change their image but disagrees with the expenditure.

"I think in some respects Dalhousie is starting to get a really bad image with tuition

increases and our problems with faculty strikes and things like that," Galarneau said. "Do I think that \$80,000 could be better spent somewhere else? Absolutely.

way to harmonize their recruitment efforts.

"[We want] to continue to focus on the highest quality of students, [of] which Dal has a great track record, attracting

might not always be the case, but it is certainly the case right now and we try to manage it effectively."

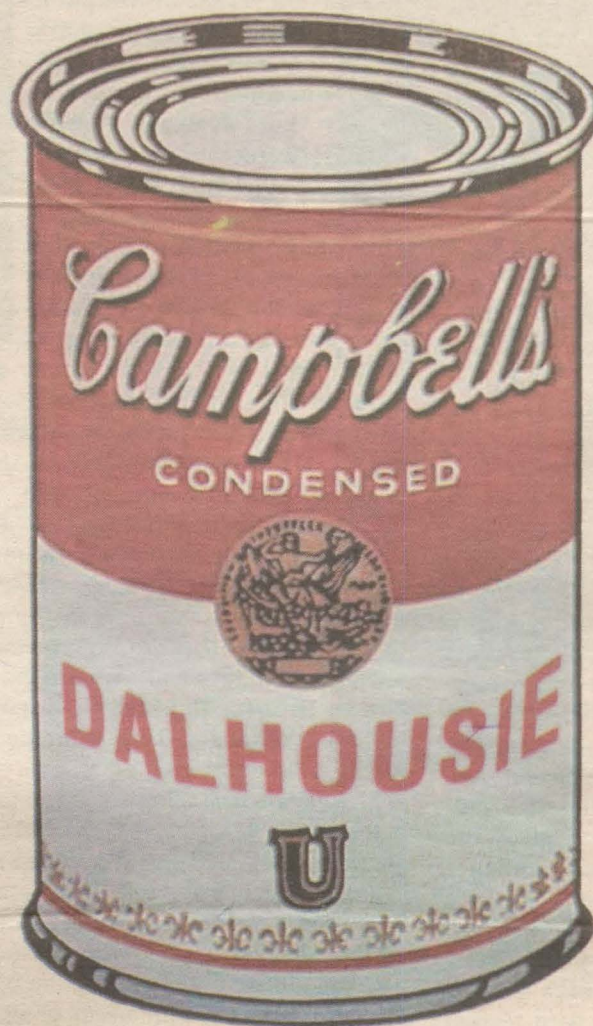
Hunter thinks that profit is overshadowing the entire process.

"I think Bob Brock, the guy who was presenting it, said it really well when he made some comment that ultimately this will result in an increase in the bottom line and I feel that that is the agenda here," Hunter said.

"Let's make more money, let's make more profit, let's increase our bottom line, not, let's address quality of education, maybe an increase in enrollment will bring more money into the school but does that mean that the provincial and federal funding to tuition is going to increase? Probably not. Does that mean that we're going to get bigger, more sustainable, better buildings and residences? Probably not. It probably means we'll see a small increase in those areas but an even bigger increase in the profit."

Janega said that turning to integrated brand marketing was inevitable.

"I think it's in recognition of the actual conditions we are facing," she said. "The fact that government funding has been slashed and tuitions have been rising, and the costs are continuing to go up. So there is only so much that they can be reduced, so we just have to be smarter on how we deliver our services and to recognize that we aren't the only university out there."



Andy Warhol had the right idea.

"But the university does what the university wants. So that's true and they feel that's the best thing for them. There's very little we can do to sway them

students with very high scholarship records," Janega said. "Also on faculty side too, part of the university's strength is the high quality of our faculty and

"Do I think that \$80,000 could be better spent somewhere else? Absolutely."

Johanne Galarneau, DSU President

either way and I think they're going to spend the money and get a good marketing campaign out of it."

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our researchers. So I guess it's kind of considered a package approach that currently, we feel that we do have room for growth in enrollment, that

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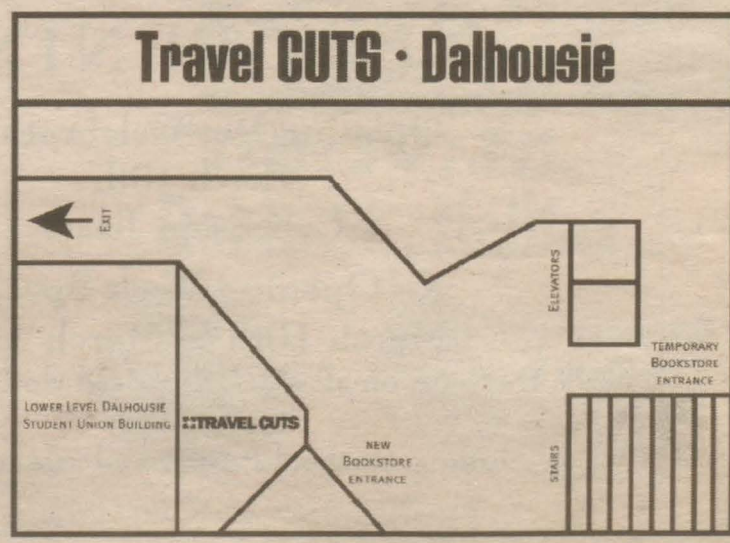
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The future of post-secondary education in NS

CHRISTOPHER A. WALSH
News Editor

At what looks like the end of an intricate maze of plaster, drywall, and cubicles, lies the bland office of newly appointed Education Minister Angus MacIsaac. Outside his window flows the Halifax harbour and in the distance the sparse homes and rolling hills of Dartmouth. On a good day, you could probably catch MacIsaac standing in front of the window, his hands firmly sealed behind him as he daydreams of computers, technology, and the state of education in Nova Scotia.

Today's topic is post-secondary education and MacIsaac is ready.

"It's our responsibility to work with the universities to ensure that we're providing quality education to students and the province," he says soberly. "[And] that students are able to access that education in as reasonable a manner as possible."

But there is nothing reasonable about post-secondary education in this province anymore. Students here have been without a debt-reduction program since 2000, around the time the Tories came into power. They have also seen their tuition increase dramatically over the past few years due to a freeze in government funding to universities. And over the past three months, students have watched the provincial government mismanage federal funds intended for student debt relief.

The latest Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation controversy involves the Nova Scotia government pocketing interest earned from the \$8.9 million in scholarship money the foundation gives the province for students. Reports indicated the province collected somewhere around \$1,400 a day for two months while they withheld the money from needy students.

"If the Millennium Scholarship folks want to hold on to the cheque longer, we're quite flexible with respect to that," MacIsaac says.

"I don't want to create the impression that every cent of interest went back [to post-secondary education]. It went into the general revenue pool of the province and out of [that] we pay things like interest on student loans, we pay money to universities, as well as other things."

MacIsaac is not creating the impression that he will consult students about the new loan remission program

either. The program has been promised for about a year, but details have still not been released.

"In terms of timing, what I've been saying is that we will do it in this academic year. I don't expect that I'm going to satisfy every student in the province," he says. "But I do expect we will come forward with a program where, at the very least, they will say it's a good beginning."

He has been touring the province as part of the new program but still has not revealed any secrets on the already completed plan.

But besides all this, MacIsaac is thinking of the future. A future where government funding isn't as important as universities working together to become more efficient.

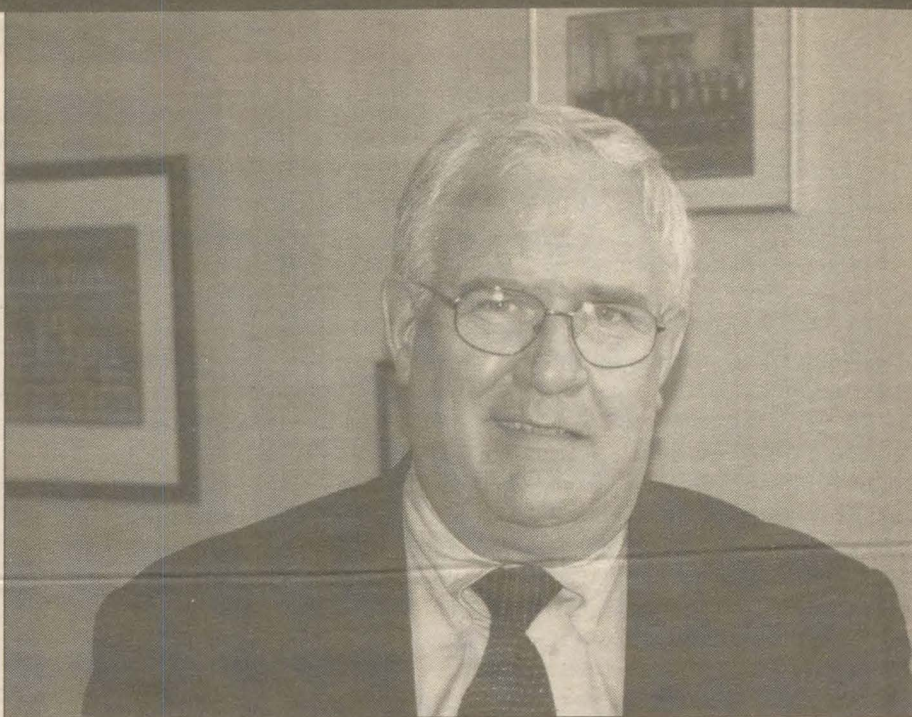
"There are more ways than simply putting dollars on the table that government can assist universities," he says with a ponderous stare. "We've also worked with post-secondary institutions in the province attempting to find ways for them to become more efficient in their operations. In terms of...what's the computer terminology for back-room, back, ah, anyway...all of the computer work that goes on behind the scenes, we're working with them on that."

This is when MacIsaac's eyes start to stick out from behind his thick glasses. He is a big man with a deep, southern look that could get him mistaken for a televangelist at happy hour. He has obviously given this "computer" and technology idea a lot of thought.

"Part of the problem with technology is that people are competitive about getting the best...when one good system would serve the needs of all. I think that's a real challenge for—I'm not talking about universities here—it's a real challenge for all of us in society to be able to recognize that there is very good technology available and it can have a much wider application than it currently has to provide back-up services to institutions in their operations."

When asked what he meant by "technology" MacIsaac answered quickly.

"Computer, essentially. The operations of computers



Education Minister Angus MacIsaac

Photo: Staff

and the capacity of computers and, uh, you know, people....

"Well some of our—and government is guilty of it—some institutions do it, they want to have the very best that's available rather than all of us getting together and pooling our resources."

He went on to suggest universities start working more closely together to deal with their services.

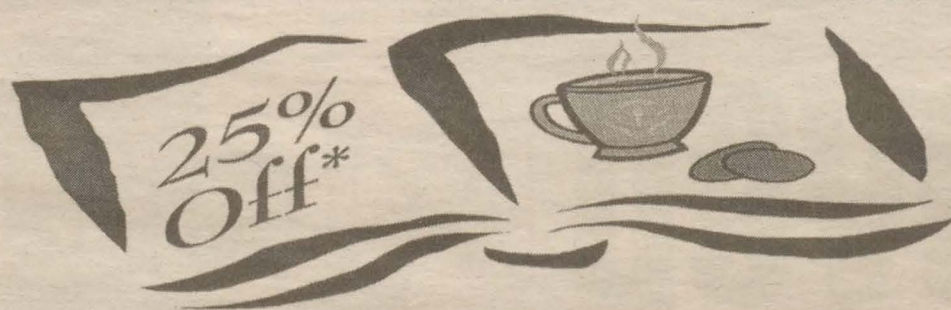
"Not one big university, but one very efficient service delivery. I'm not talking about providing classroom services or instruction, I'm talking about the maintenance [for example]. Do we have to have separate maintenance agreements for every university? Can we have common purchasing? Are there efficiencies to be achieved in those areas? I believe that there are."

MacIsaac pointed to the collaboration of metro hospitals as an example of this.

"It's a matter of all of us making the effort to come together and to work collaboratively with one another and to explore opportunities. We're certainly prepared to play our part."

And the universities better play their part too. With no increase in government funding in the near future, post-secondary institutions will have to play MacIsaac's game. He has made that clear. Either that, or tuition will continue to skyrocket to that place MacIsaac sees when he looks out his window and up at the sky; a place where computers, technology and the future of post-secondary education go to die.

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JON ELMER
Senior Reporter

CBS has reported that barely five hours after the attacks on Washington and New York, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is quoted shorthand by aides saying, in reference to Saddam Hussein, "Judge whether good enough to hit S.H. at same time. Not only UBL [Osama bin Laden]. Go massive. Sweep it all up. Things related and not." If it weren't for September 11, would we be marching to war in Iraq today?

They may have found another excuse; they have wanted to do this for some time. 9/11 gave them the excuse to do many things: Afghanistan, Iraq, the crackdown on civil liberties at home, the crackdown on the Freedom of Information Act—all kinds of things, at home and abroad. They would have found some other pretext if it wasn't for 9/11—and that isn't even a pretext in the case of Iraq. With Afghanistan, on the surface at least, it could be used as a pretext because there was some connection there, supposedly, but with Iraq there is no connection whatsoever with 9/11.

Do you suggest the war in Afghanistan would have happened at some time or another regardless of September 11?

It might have. The US government had been negotiating with the Taliban up until six months or so before 9/11 to arrange for the safeguarding of oil and gas pipelines from the Caspian Sea through Afghanistan and Pakistan into the Indian Ocean. US oil companies were involved in that—and that was not getting as far as the US-side wanted it to, so they were looking for some other way to alter the government's position in Afghanistan. So the motive was always there, again, they just needed the pretext—and 9/11 is a pretext that has served many functions.

Canadian speechwriter for President Bush David Frum wrote in his memoir, *The Right Man*, that he came up with the "axis of evil" while reading Franklin Roosevelt's reaction to Japan's attack at Pearl Harbor. Frum's "radical memo" to Bush drew on the parallels between the Tokyo-Rome-Berlin axis powers of WWII and the menace of terror organizations like al-Qaeda allied with the so-called terror-states today: Iraq-Iran-North Korea. So as Pearl Harbor was to the larger threat of the Nazis in WWII, so is al-Qaeda to the larger threat of Iraq—the one nation on earth most like the axis powers of WWII, according to Frum. Is there any possible way that this can be taken seriously?

If you're a speechwriter for George Bush it can be taken very seriously, yes. I can see from his point of view, it fits nicely into what he wanted to find. But a rational human being would have a hard time finding any credence in all that; a rational human being would ask for some evidence [of the link between Iraq and al-Qaeda]—as the world has been asking for evidence of it for a full year now. We have been asking and there has been no evidence forthcoming. So I don't think that by now anybody believes it.

Vice President Dick Cheney's Energy Policy casts it as inevitable that two-thirds of the US oil supply will have to be imported by 2020. Iraq has the world's second largest oil reserves.

Just how significant is oil in the conflict in Iraq?

It's a sine qua non—it is not the only reason, but it certainly is one that has to be there, without that the other reasons might not be important enough. The oil has other aspects to it as well: the official currency of OPEC for all oil transactions has been the Dollar. A year and a half ago or so, Iraq switched to the Euro, which apparently upset the US powers-that-be greatly, and they're afraid that OPEC may change to the Euro officially. From what I've read from economists, that would be a great blow to the US financially, and it would have to be stopped by the US—that's very important for them. If they were in charge of Iraq, as they have openly admitted is their plan, they could easily switch Iraq's decision, and I think Saudi Arabia and the others would be in a very tenuous position if they wanted to buck the United States on this issue. They would have to go along with keeping the Dollar as the official currency.

Regarding the plan for urban warfare within Baghdad (pop. 5 million), is this a potential disaster for the American propaganda effort, considering it will be much easier for journalists to gain access to the cities, compared to the isolation of Desert Storm in 1991, where many of the massacres took place in the desert, like the so-called Highway of Death between Basra and Baghdad?

Normally what they would do is just bomb the cities until all possible resistance was snuffed out and then they would send in forces on the ground, who would then meet the minimum resistance. But they now want to at the same time avoid the torching of the oil

wells—and other things like maybe chemical and biological weapons—which will pollute the air and harm the American soldiers. So to prevent this, I have heard that they may introduce ground forces even before the bombing has run its course—but who can say what is going to happen. But it won't be as simple as in the past.

After the US attacked Grenada in 1983 (pop. 101,000) despite overwhelming UN-disapproval, President Reagan said, "One hundred nations in the UN have not agreed with us on just about everything that's come before them, where we're involved, and it didn't upset my breakfast at all." What role does the UN play in the plans of the American Empire?

Even Empires, even dictators want to be loved, want to appear to be legitimate. General Pinochet in Chile was in power 17 years as a dictator, but he longed to be loved as well. He held a referendum certain that he would win, and he lost and was forced to leave office. The US Empire can do what it wants from a military point of view, but it also wants to appear to be somewhat legitimate. The US uses the UN for that purpose, if it can. It has been done pretty much that way in the past and it is making the attempt now. The Empire thought it could go ahead and do what it wanted in Iraq with UN support, and the whole world's support, but it was surprised by a huge outburst of opposition—so much so that it was forced to play the UN game, and so far it hasn't won that game. What will happen will be fascinating to observe, but I

can't predict it.

Do you think then that the second resolution the US is presenting on [Monday, Feb. 24] will have any impact on the conflict, or will they just go it alone if they can't get Security Council approval?

Well they've said they will [go it alone]. I just read an interview with [defense advisor] Richard Perle speaking about France. He said, even if they veto our resolution we will still invade Iraq. But this has been going back and forth for almost a year, and there is a lot of psychological warfare involved. They want to frighten Iraq, they want to appear as tough as can be, they refuse to admit any weakening of their resolve—it's all show.

Now speaking to the broader region of the Middle East, Israeli human rights groups have warned that Israel is stepping up military activities and land seizures in the Occupied Territories while the world's media focuses on Iraq. Hass went so far as to say that an Iraqi missile attack on Israel or Palestinian support for Saddam Hussein could precipitate the mass expulsion of Palestinians. What do you think the impact of a war on Iraq will be for Palestinians?

There is a good chance of Israel using this as a pretext for so-called "transfer", which is otherwise called ethnic cleansing—moving the Palestinians en masse to Jordan, to newly liberated Iraq, and who knows where else. They certainly want that, whether they can get away with it only time will tell. The war would be a good pretext, a good cover for that [expulsion of the Palestinian population].

Halifax is the most important naval port-city in Canada. On Monday [Feb. 24] the first of two Canadian Naval destroyers are leaving for the Arabian Sea to provide escort and surveillance functions for billion dollar American aircraft carriers. What role does Canada play in the expansion of the American Empire?

It's a fig leaf. The US government obviously doesn't need anyone's help to overwhelm anyone else in the world militarily, but it gets back to the need to be loved and the need to appear somewhat legitimate. For those purposes, they do need the support of Canada and Britain and anyone who can offer it. It's a fig leaf. In some cases, these nations offer a certain amount of military help which makes the war a bit easier for Washington, but that's not vital; they could have taken out Iraq completely, a few months ago, without all this [troop] build up.

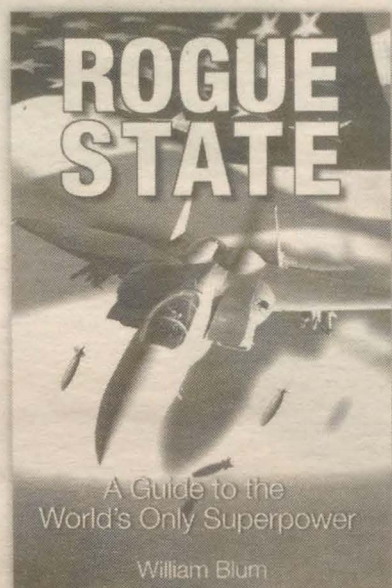
You mentioned that the Empire does what it wants. On Feb. 15, tens of millions of people worldwide rose up in united opposition to this war on Iraq. The next day, President Bush said that the protest affected him none, that it would be like shaping policy based on "a focus group". Does this type of opposition—the largest ever—really have no discernible impact on policy?

Well, it may not stop the war, but I tell you that if the US carries out the war in the face of worldwide opposition it may very well be the beginning of the end for the Empire. And I hope it is.

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William Blum worked for the State Department until 1967, when his disgust with the Vietnam War forced him to abandon his aspiration to become a Foreign Service Officer. He is the author of *Killing Hope: US Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II* (Common Courage, 1995) and *Rogue State: A Guide to the World's Only Superpower* (Common Courage, 2000). We reached Mr. Blum by telephone, in Washington, DC. He can be contacted at bblum6@aol.com

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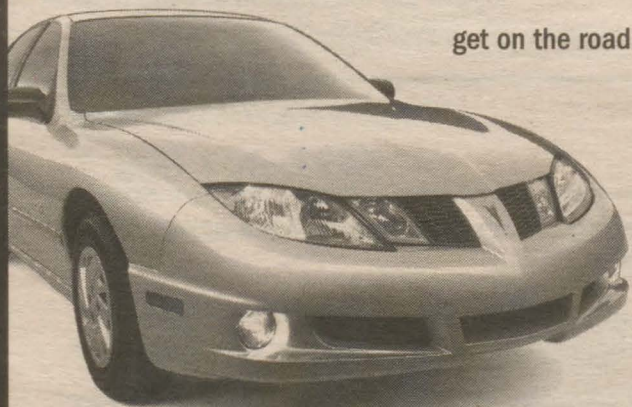
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A prolonged status quo?

In her weekly letter to the *Gazette*, Jessica Squires encourages students not to vote or vote "no to the status quo" in the upcoming DSU election. You may have also noticed a number of cowardly placed leaflets ruining a number of candidates's posters asking you to not vote for the "status quo" as well.

Let me start off by saying that nominations were open for a month's time and no one really knew who was running in the election until the all-candidate's meeting on Feb. 13. At that time, it was confirmed that three of the positions were running uncontested in this year's DSU election. To my knowledge, no one intimidated any potential candidates by threatening to break their knees, holding their pets for ransom or leaving heavy-breathing messages on their answering machines. Ms. Squires also confirmed that, despite diligent efforts on her behalf, she could not find anyone interested in running for the elections this year that shared her views. What is her solution to this issue? Run an unapproved "no" campaign against a variety of candidates. If Squires were really interested in the democratic process, she would know that she and others had the ability to register their "no" campaign with the Chief Returning Officer and play by the rules. I also presented a list of campaign promises to Squires and she did not have a problem with them. However she stated that she would still run the "no" campaign regardless so it would send a strong message to the DSU that people like herself are unhappy with the way the DSU is run. If her "no" campaign succeeds, a by-election will be run in October 2003 (due to time limitations before the end of the current school year) and she will be stuck with the current executive, namely the officers, which she believes do not represent the students of this university or this union. It would seem that Ms. Squires, in effect, will keep the status quo if her "no" campaign actually succeeds. Funny how that works...

Don Kearney

Walsh's ability clouded by smoke?

Do you call "McGrath Rejects Council's Vote" an acceptable portrayal of the smoking ban issue? A slanted argument refusing to examine and present necessary details is something expected from an inexperienced, mediocre writer—not an editor of an exceptional student newspaper.

There was no council urging that McGrath vote against the smoking ban on campus. The limited discussion at the council meeting resulted in a mere non-binding straw-poll vote.

You cited council's vote as 12-5 to oppose the ban. However, the vote was 12-5-5. This means that 10 councilors either favoured a ban or were undecided about the issue, and for good reason.

You mention nothing of the survey that was conducted by the University Environment, Health and Safety Committee in which 82 per cent of student, faculty and staff respondents stated their support for a campus-wide smoking ban. I do not feel that it is appropriate that a representative completely disregard such opinion when student council refused to provide a mandate.

When McGrath requested a mandate, resulting debate included the security for students forced to leave campus in order to smoke, the inability to enforce current smoking policy on campus and enforcement issues for this new policy. Even the DSU President stated that council did not have all the facts. It was important to provide non-binding direction.

Council decided to grant flexibility.

When five councilors abstain in a non-binding straw poll vote, who are you to judge a representative that decides to abstain on such a controversial issue? Walsh, I believe your smoking has clouded your ability to present an unbiased article. It is a sad day for the *Gazette* when the primary news story is an insignificant 'councilor abstains from vote.' And back to the main issue, what was the resulting vote count of the EH&S Committee anyway?

Lara Jollymore

Re: Student loan misinformation

I would like to take this opportunity to correct some misinformation that was recently featured in an article titled "Student cheated out of loan money" by Natalie Pendergast.

Besides being misquoted on several occasions throughout the article, the article stated that a student at Dalhousie University had her provincial student loan award reduced because of an error on the part of the staff of student financial services. The policy of student financial services on PEI is to honour any errors made by staff in calculating student loan award eligibility.

Contrary to the article's implications, the three main reasons that a student's provincial loan assessment would be reduced would be 1) a gross under-estimation of pre-study income which is verified after the initial assessment; 2) unreported or under-reported part-time income during the school year; or 3) taking a course load that was less than what was reported on the original application. There are other reasons that an application may be reduced but these are by far the most common. The staff of student financial services uses the information provided by the student in assessing student loans. If this information is incorrect or incomplete then the final assessment will reflect the verified or up-dated information.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to correct the spread of misinformation.

Susan Graham
Manager, Student Financial Services
Prince Edward Island

Levy Complaint

As I am writing this, the DSU elections have just begun. I am hoping that when the votes are counted the Dalhousie Gazette will not be getting the funding increase they asked for. The reason I hope they do not get the extra money is because of the posters that are plastered all over campus saying that with more money the *Gazette* will have better content. I do not understand how extra money will improve content. The posters stated that with more money they could add more colour pictures. Will colour make the content better? Of course not. Will reducing the number of ads make the content better? No. I did notice some other ads on campus explaining that the printing costs of the *Gazette* have gone up and an increase in funding would offset these costs but these posters were not nearly as numerous as the posters claiming more money will make better content. I am hoping that for this reason alone the *Gazette* will not be getting the extra money they wanted and maybe when next year's elections roll around the *Gazette* will not try and pass off that bull of more money = better content.

As for DalOUT getting some of my money I had to say no to them as well. Please do not think I am anti-gay because I am not. I just think that societies must rely on their own membership to provide them with the funding that they need. If I choose not to be part of a society then I should not have to give them my money. If this society will cease to exist without my money then so be it, let them fade away.

Tarek Clamp

The following letter was one of three received on photocopied pieces of paper from what looked like an original work composed on a typewriter. It was brought into the office during off-hours by a distraught man who explained not everyone would understand his message. It remains uncut and unedited to maintain the insight and coherence of the author's thought.

**BULLYING OR TERRORISM
HOW CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE?**

If you look in a dictionary, the meanings between a bully and a terrorist seem to be vaguely similar. They are both people that want to control other people through fear.

When the Twin Towers fell most people felt shock, horror and grief, but there were people that laughed about it. They condoned terrorism.

Now, if you are the parent of a bully or one of their followers and you do nothing about it, then you are condoning the terror that is being forced upon another human being. Some people laugh about it and say it will toughen up the victims for to face today's world. Others will say a bully is not a terrorist, after all, a terrorist kills and a bully does not. Talk to the parents of students who have committed suicide over the fact that they cannot get help or think of a way out other than death to escape being bullied.

If you do not stop your bullying offspring, than you are as sick as the people that laughed at the deaths as the Towers fell!!!

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You have also proven that you do not care about your offspring or their future, because you like having terrorism in society and someday it may well affect them personally. Something to think about is it not?

S.Baigent

P.S. If you are a parent, can you look at the world (as it is today) and honestly, proudly say, "This is a world I want my child and any grandchildren, they have, to grow up in."

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Freedom fries

James Smith
Opinions Contributor

Canadians are becoming more and more concerned about the growing anti-French sentiment in the U.S. lately. The Americans are becoming increasingly frustrated with the current French government's anti-US position on the Iraq crises and many have begun to boycott French goods. Most Canadians appear to blame this on the ignorance of the Americans who simply don't like the idea of other nations not fully agreeing with their government's decisions, regardless of how unintelligent they may be. However, the Americans have every reason to be angry with France, one of their country's oldest friends.

The US has done much for France over the decades and has expected little to nothing in return. Indeed, when the US sent its armies to help liberate France from the fist of fascism, some 60 years ago, they expected nothing from France and received little more than graveyards on French soil for fallen Americans. When France was struggling with the problem of decolonisation after WWII, it found itself in a real pickle when it came to French Indo-China, now known as Vietnam. Once again, it was up to the US to assume the responsibility of a problem it had little or no part in creating and France wasn't long distancing itself completely from that mess.

Americans feel betrayed by the current French government that doesn't appear to be the least bit grateful for all the United States has done for France. I could understand why people would be angry at an American anti-French sentiment if Jacques Chirac simply refused to participate in an the American led liberation of Iraq, but that isn't the case. Chirac has pig-headedly opposed almost every idea that the US and the Great Britain have proposed on the current Iraq situation. Not only has he publicly criticized every idea that George Bush and Tony Blair have offered on how to disarm Iraq, he has even threatened to veto a possible UN resolution voted by a majority of the security council members. To do so would not only insult the US, but would selfishly place France's interests above those of the international community.

Even if the French shouldn't feel indebted to the US when considering the Iraq crises, they should at the very least remember their own experiences under the rule of a dictatorship. As Nazi-Germany was growing in size and strength most of Europe's leaders were well aware of the kind of government that was emerging in Berlin but instead chose to pursue a peaceful solution at all costs. As we all know, Europe, and France in particular, paid a heavy price for trying to pursue that solution. France is, and should be, grateful that the remaining free countries of the world didn't search for a peaceful solution after France was conquered. I find it bizarre how Chirac insists on making the same mistakes when dealing with Hussein that his predecessors made with Hitler. It is almost as though Chirac has completely forgotten the ordeals his own people have experienced under a dictatorship and that he doesn't care for the freedoms that the Iraqi people deserve to experience.

It has become clear that Chirac will not support any kind of UN resolution that authorizes the use of force in Iraq and that France will not send troops to help liberate the Iraqi people. France obviously doesn't feel indebted to the U.S. and is incapable of relating its own ordeals to those of Iraq. Because of France's stubborn position, it is well-deserving of an increasing anti-

French sentiment in the U.S.. If France won't aid the growing coalition of free nations who want to liberate Iraq for moral reasons, then perhaps it can be persuaded to do so for economic reasons. I only hope that our own government will learn a lesson from this, and realize that U.S.-Canadian relations have the potential of worsening not only between our governments, but our citizens as well.

Those American bastards

Michael Gorman
Arts Editor

We as Canadians pride ourselves on among other things our beer, our hockey, and our manners. However in the years since I started paying attention to society around me I've noticed another growing trend - our very vocal dislike of Americans. This of course is not a general rule, but it seems that we the polite nation have grown more and more free with our harsh criticism of our neighbours to the south. This issue came to a head when last week in parliament, liberal MP Carolyn Parrish was overheard saying "I hate those bastards" while referring to Americans. This obviously is a problem for many reasons, the most obvious being that this is a public figure speaking in a very derogatory way about another nation. It really doesn't matter who the target is; it is inappropriate behaviour for a person in office. Coming from a town that thrives on tourism I've encountered many Americans, most of who have been very friendly. I would argue that I have come across as many unfriendly Canadians as I have Americans. We, in Canada, view the Americans as gun wielding warmongers who follow the credo "shoot first, ask questions later". This is a hard argument to uphold when you see the huge numbers of people coming out in the U.S. for anti-war marches and protests. Opinion polls in the U.S. clearly indicate that the American people largely do not support a war in Iraq. It is instead their leaders who are climbing over themselves to attack, despite the wishes of their people. Of course this begs raising the point that it is the people who elect their leaders, but short of the president (who technically wasn't the one elected) they have no control over the people he chooses to surround himself with. Canada is viewed largely by the rest of the world as a nation capable of taking an objective stance on something and adding perspective to the issue. However if we continue this schoolyard trend of name calling and criticizing, we risk losing this position in the international community not to mention reducing ourselves to the very thing we seem to find offensive about Americans.

Attitudes and activists

Cherise Adjodha
Opinions Contributor

What is an activist exactly, and how did an activist end up being perceived exclusively as someone who is always pointing fingers, dresses like a hippie and has dread locks? Even more stereotypical are the accusations that activists are hypocrites, that they don't 'walk the talk' so to speak, that they are hateful and worst of all deeply political. Activists are always complaining about something, always whining about the government, always blaming 'mainstream' society for the world's problems, and then they ask people to just jump in and support all these really depressing causes that seemed so far removed for our daily lives here in

Canada.

What exactly is mainstream society and how has it become perceived exclusively as people who shop at the Gap, watch lots of TV, and are completely brain-washed. People who live out of a *Cosmo* magazine, their only cares when the next hair appointment is or just how many chicks they can lay? Other stereotypes describe the mainstream as uncaring, superficial, shallow and in many cases, just plain mean, greedy, racist, sexist, elitist and ultimately, if you're a white male and shop at the Gap, hang out at the mall, love the Second Cup and live to make lots of money, buy a nice house, and plan trips to the Dominican, you're the most selfish person on the face of the earth, and worst of all you're privileged and don't even care about all the poor people in the world who sweat and toil everyday just so you can have that coffee, wear that sweatshirt and serve you drinks in the Caribbean!

Speaking from the perspective of someone who may or may not be perceived as an 'activist', I recognize that some of the stereotypes are founded on truth, but what they really do is take away from the real issues that people are trying to work on, human and environmental rights. Working on these issues will benefit all of us. It is time to stop bickering amongst ourselves about who is the better human. We all have weaknesses, but the fundamental differences between us lies not in where we shop, but in whether or not we can prioritize caring about where we shop, in our daily lives. Some people seem to be able to cultivate their compassion. They want to ask questions and make change not just in their own families, but around the globe. They recognize how trade affects us, and they recognize specific mechanisms that contribute to injustice, and they are seeking to turn it all around. Others feel so far removed from the rest of the world, that actually going through the process of asking questions and cultivating such an extended field of compassion is very difficult. The most upsetting thing about these challenges is not that some people can't seem to cultivate their compassion, but that those of us who have the knowledge seem to be harbouring so much anger at what is the perceived mainstream that we can't seem to actually be able to educate those who don't know.

My purpose in life is not to oppose but to unite. Purpose is the most fundamental quest of the human species and it is the most difficult insight to achieve. If we added to our daily lives the values of unity, peace and optimism, I am sure that one day we will not only achieve some consensus about more sustainable ways to run this planet, but we might all just get along.

A girl's best friend

Jennifer Morrison
Staff Contributor

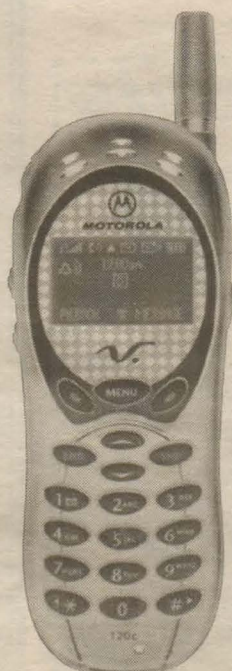
I have to admit that Carrie Bradshaw is one of my journalistic idols. Okay, I know she is not a real journalist, but as Sarah Jessica Parker's *Sex and the City* alter ego, her columns refreshingly reflect the interplay between men and women. Her character is attached-at-the-hip to her three best girlfriends, and some of the show's most famous scenes are their discussions at New York City coffee shops and bars. Unfortunately, there have not been any new episodes lately. So I'm left trying to deal single-handedly with a new trend that would certainly disturb Carrie—a backlash against girlfriends.

Many university girls I know have started to rely less on each other and more on their men. Twenty-first cen-

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THE VARIED PRESCRIPTIONS OF DR. RON

Our real task in the coming period is to devise a pattern of relationships which will permit us to maintain this position of disparity without positive detriment to our national security. To do so, we will have to dispense with all sentimentality and day-dreaming; our attention will have to be concentrated everywhere on our immediate national objectives. We need not deceive ourselves that we can afford today the luxury of altruism and world benefaction. We should cease to talk about such vague - and for the far-East - unreal objectives as human rights, the raising of living standards and democratization. The day is not far off when we are going to have to deal in straight power concepts. The less we are impaired by idealistic slogans, the better.

- George Kennan, US State Department Policy Planning Staff, Document PPS 23, 24 February 1948

Opinions

My girlfriends are pulling double duty: they can shop, engage in lengthy phone conversations, offer advice, and even spend a day at a spa with their significant others. At this rate, the all-important female group trek to the washroom will disappear too—maybe *Ally McBeal* wasn't too far off the mark with the coed bathrooms. Carrie always asks a question in her columns, so here goes: what the heck has happened to girlfriends?

First of all, we live in a culture of convenience. Fast food, cell phones, two-in-one shampoo and conditioner—we want to make life easier. Maybe we don't have time for both girlfriends and boyfriends, so we have to choose. The boyfriends, with their romantic and sexual appeal, win out.

I think celebrities also cause many women to forsake their own kind. Millions of us tuned into *The Bachelorette* to watch Trista's escapades with Ryan and Charlie, but I don't think we would have been as interested if she was picking a new best female friend. And the most famous celebrity friendship, Matt Damon-Ben Affleck, has been undermined by the latter's affair with J.Lo. The effects of stars gushing to talk show hosts about how their lovers are also their best friends have trickled down to the masses.

Most interestingly, there has been a reversal of stereotypes. Girls are often considered catty and deceptive, while guys are seen as honest and straightforward. One of my girlfriends, growing very frustrated with her female roommate, is planning to move into an apartment with her boyfriend. When I asked her why she didn't just find a better girlfriend, she said "I hate girls! I will never live with another one again!" She made sense - her man makes her laugh, he cleans, and he doesn't steal her clothes.

Obviously, the yin and yang of male/female relationships is very important, but we can't let girlfriends become an endangered species. Sooner or later, coupled males will tire of accompanying their ladies on shopping and spa trips - or they will become so effeminate that we won't want them anyway. But more importantly, there is something about the bond between girlfriends that is irreplaceable, a sisterly connection that could never be shared with a man. If you need more proof, just check out the all-woman tribe on the latest *Survivor*, whose domination over the men

Fragmented thought

MICHAEL GOODFELLOW

Opinions Editor

It was T.S. Eliot who said "modernity is the experience of life lived in fragments."

The cover of the books section in the *Globe and Mail* last Saturday says "Dorian Gray for moderns" imposed over an image of a Picasso-like face composed of square fragmented images of 10 different faces.

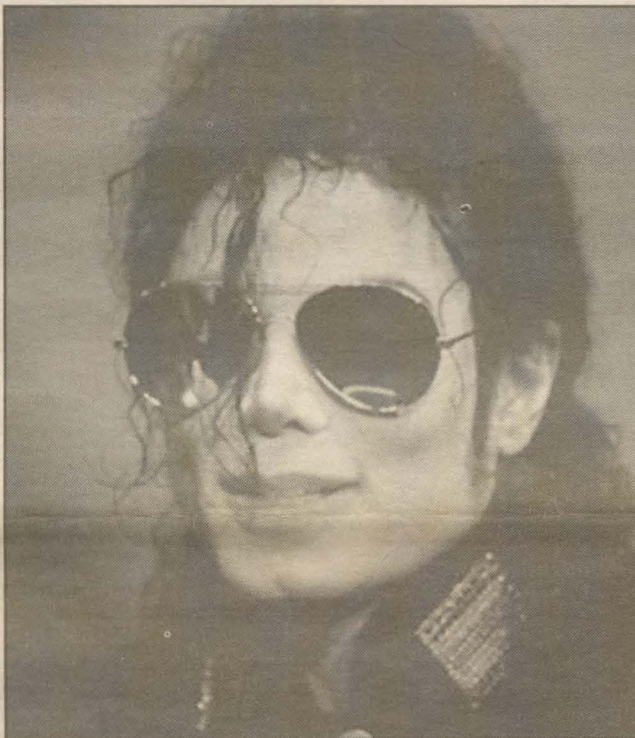
We fit new and epic musicians like Sigur Ros and Godspeed You! Black Emperor into the genre post-rock. We are not living under the crest of the wave or the shadow. We print and walk and think as boundless creatures.

We are living after the aftermath. The last brick to come from the Berlin wall was our birth.

One of my professors reflected that in the 1960s people wondered what they would do with all spare time that technology would free up for them. Now he is busier than ever. Instead of creating free time, technology has merely allowed and demanded more to be done in shorter amounts of time, simultaneously.

How many movies and books come out now compared to 20 years ago? How many papers can be printed? How much can be read?

Who is paying for all of it? Who is buying all of it?



Jacko

would make Carrie Bradshaw proud.

Factless, tactless, pretty much Michael Jackless

Natalie Pendergast
Staff Contributor

In the aisle of Shoppers Drug Mart the other day I overheard the cynical gossip from a guy and a girl...

"What a psycho!" the male voice said.

"Whoa, forget psycho, I always knew that he was a psycho, now I also think he is a sicko! He had sex with young boys!" said the girl.

"His ex-wife was present the whole time!"

"She probably got off on it too!"

Then they both laughed quite a bit together in a certain snorty way that said "what a loser, man are we

The customers are paying for the movie that the producers thought they would buy. But new Hollywood blockbusters are fleeting when once they stayed in theatres for months. Titanic came in the winter and lasted until the late spring but the second installment of the *Lord of the Rings* was barely in full force for three weeks before *Gangs of New York* and *Catch Me If You Can* moved in for the kill.

We project our current hopes and dreams into the future in the hopes future generations will catch them and hold on.

Like *Frankenstein*, the monster created without intention or expectation, when questioned by future generations about the life we created and designed for ourselves, and then jumped into, we'll say "We were just having fun."

So we must ask ourselves, are we having fun?

I know it's the reason I'm here. There's a world that exists deeper and higher at the same time, that says pain and suffering doesn't really exist and that it can be slipped out of like clothes that are too tight.

Let them bomb Iraq, let the whales die, let the kids get drunk in the street. Who is really killing who here?

Perspective comes in these fragments, quick flashes of lightning that light up the night sky and for a second we see everything that's out there.

ever better than him! Hahaha!"

They were talking about one of the documentaries that have been bombing cable channel shows like NBC's *Dateline*, always with the same shit-for-brains British interviewer Martin Bashir. I think that his life is a joke and he did not succeed in seducing Michael into revealing something disturbing, so he twisted everything around and manipulated a bunch of footage to make him look evil. He got his footage stuck in his mouth.

Approximately 14.6 million people watched that documentary about Michael's plastic surgery and pedophilia. A lot of people like a lot of fiction. If he slept in the same bed with a boy and woke up a pervert, than I must be an incestuous lesbian for sleeping in the same hotel bed with my sister one time. Bashir stretched the truth tighter than the skin on MJ's forehead. The guy is harmless. So he doesn't live his life the same way Bashir's dad did, he's still a good moon-walker. Besides, you have to be unique to make such culture-cracking music. He didn't become weird, he always was.

That interview was more made-up than Jackson's face. There were more synthetic materials in Bashir's documentary than there are in MJ's nose. Bashir went on about MJ's reconstructive surgery and then used his recordings to reconstruct some perjury. I mean his nose might be full of by-products and filler, but back in the day he sang songs like *Thriller*. Doesn't anyone remember?

Michael Jackson may be becoming whiter and whiter from Vitiligo by the year, but he'll never be transparent like Martin Bashir.

I can see the writings on the walls

Ian Daniels
Opinions Contributor

In the first floor unisex bathroom in the FASS building there is crap on this wall about Pepsi being evil and the sugar in it will make you diabetic and you'll lose your legs. There are also arguments about paying \$25 a year for four years so the school could build the FASS against this person's wishes so they have the right to write on the walls. My opinion is writing on the bathroom wall is ridiculous. I defend your right to say and write whatever you want, but use paper and tape it up, don't write it with permanent marker on the walls. If you don't like the \$25 a year for a new building, you won't like the budget for school repairs including vandalism. If you don't like Pepsi don't drink it. If you want people to know your opinion on stuff, write an article. But please don't write on the walls and expect to change my mind about anything you vandals think.

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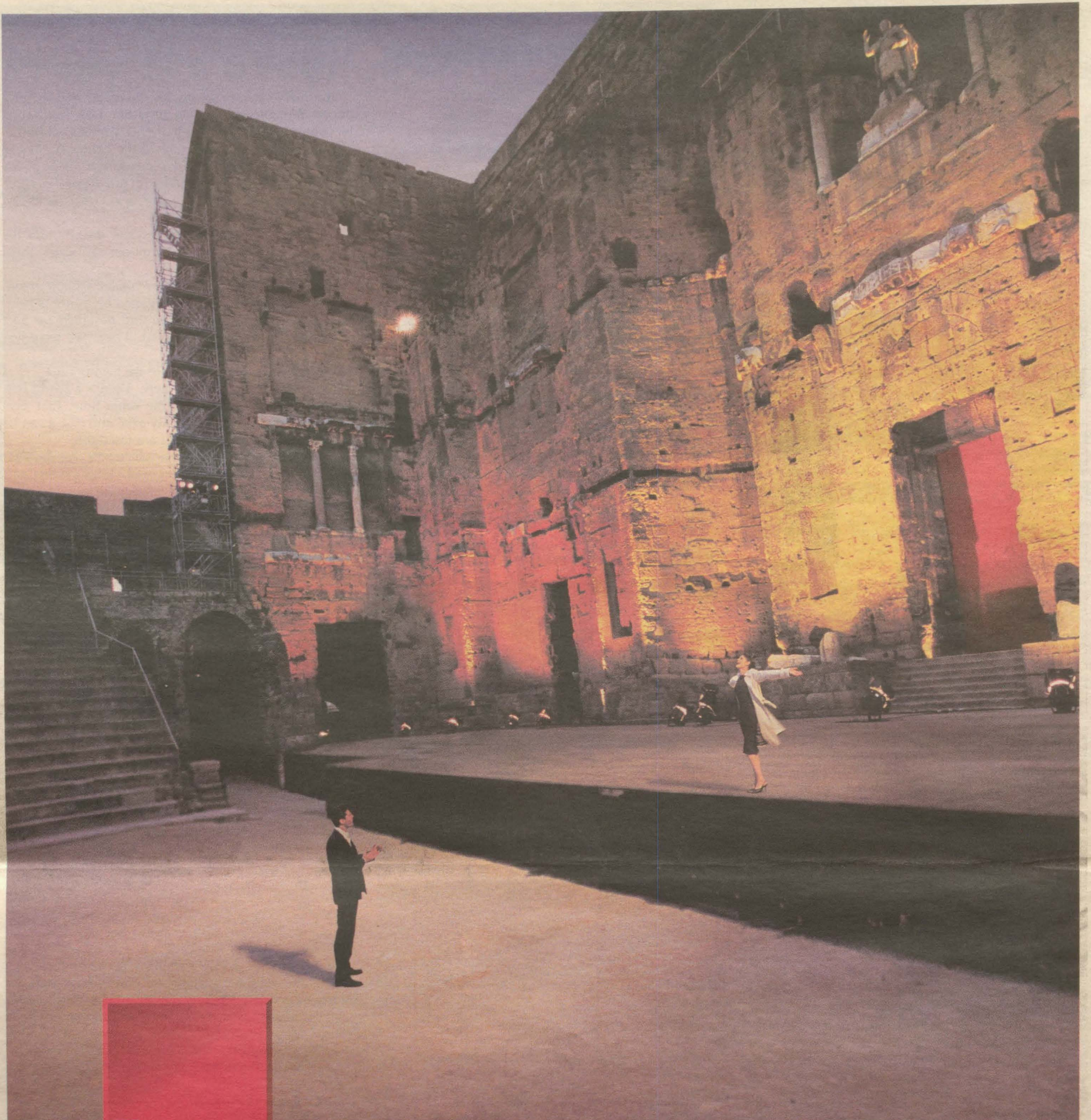
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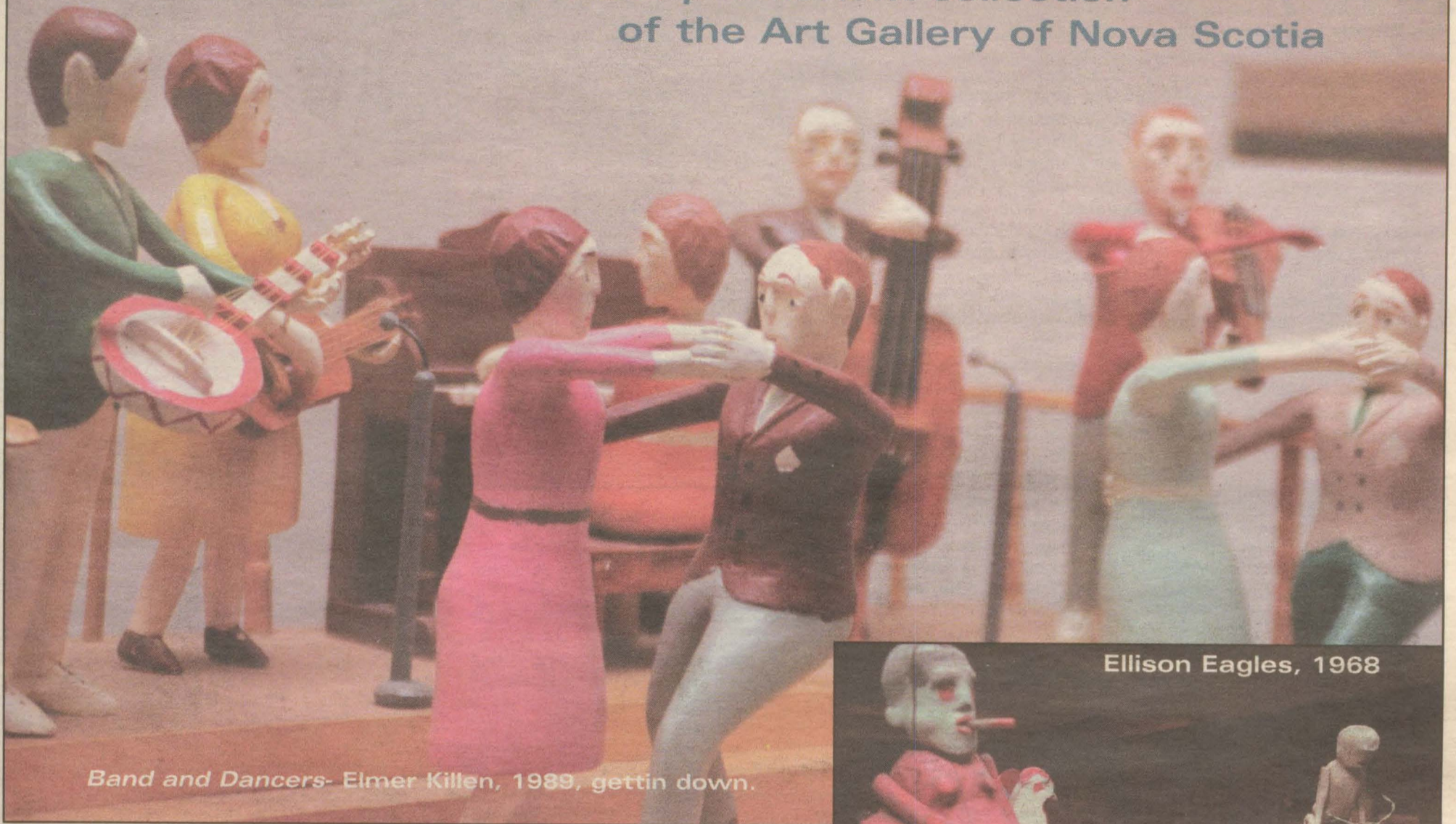
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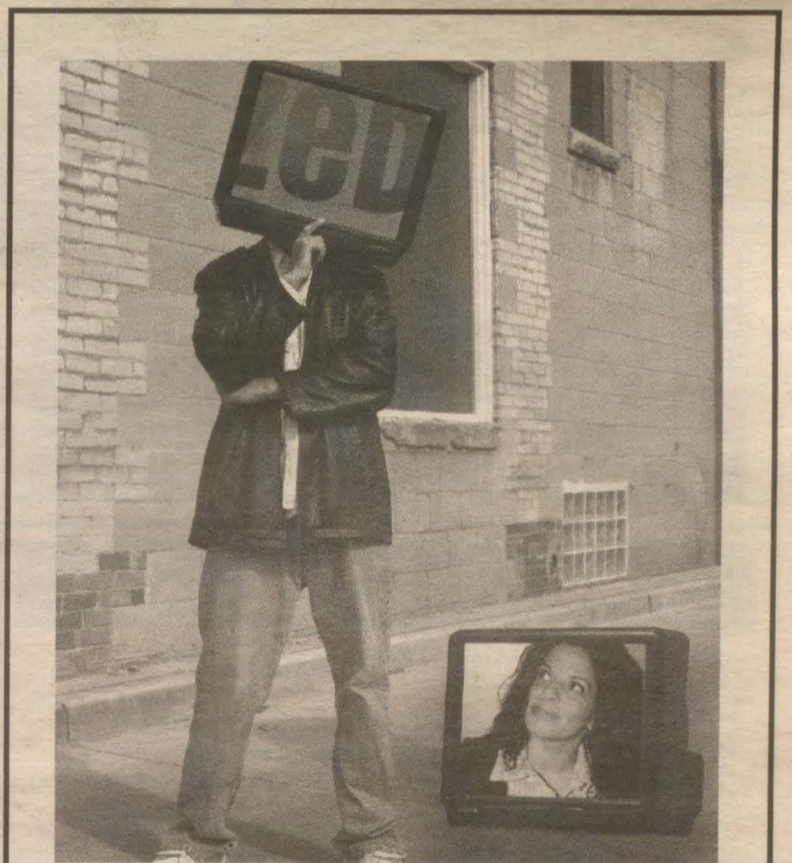
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JON BRUHM
Arts Editor

This past weekend, I caught 24 bands over three days during Canadian Music Week in Toronto. Here's the gist of what went on:

Thursday, Feb. 27

My first assignment, a trio of punk bands at the cavernous The Opera House, started off rough with The Vapids (Hamilton), and took a turn to the weird side with Rosemary's Billygoat (Los Angeles), who had full body costumes, lasers, golden coins, electric chairs, etc.

guitarist Greg Hetson, headlined the evening in fine style, and was the only band to get a rise out of the crowd. I also saw George Snuffle-up-agus from Muchmusic, who was much shorter than I had expected, getting roughed up in the mosh pit - too funny.

After the punk show, I headed over to the legendary Horseshoe Tavern, which had the dark n' dirty atmosphere of the Seahorse, to check out The Marble Index. They caught my attention at first but quickly faded away into the back-

ground. I watched most of the set with Mark Bragg, one of the few East Coasters who I bumped into over the weekend, who was unwinding from his appearance at the nearby Cameron House.

Friday, Feb. 28

Following an afternoon of schmoozing and seminars, I finally found a Taco Bell and ate my weight in chalupas. Later, my assignment was to review a



Bionic rocked the Horseshoe Tavern on Queen Street, in Toronto.

Photo: Internet



Photo: Internet

The bearded wonders of Bionic.

Veteran SoCal punk legends Circle Jerks (Los Angeles) featuring ex-Black Flag vocalist Keith Morris and Bad Religion

quintet of rock acts from across the country at the Rivoli.

The Trews, formerly of Antigonish, NS, played a fun and energetic set, but the night didn't get much better after that. George Leach (Lillooet, BC) was a decent blues artist, Micro Maureen (Toronto) sounded like every other generic rock band on the radio today, and Shikasta (Toronto) totally sucked the big one. Musically, they were a pretty good sounding rock trio—very danceable—but the singer's lousy attitude pretty much ruined the performance. Everyone's entitled to a bad night, but it's never cool to dis-

respect a crowd unless it's a part of your gimmick. Transient Noise (Toronto) wasn't really able to salvage the evening, so I cut my losses and took off in time to catch the last subway home.

On my way to the station, I flipped out as I saw Chad Kroeger chillin' outside the Horseshoe. I later remembered that I don't really like Nickelback that much, and stopped caring.

Saturday, Mar. 1

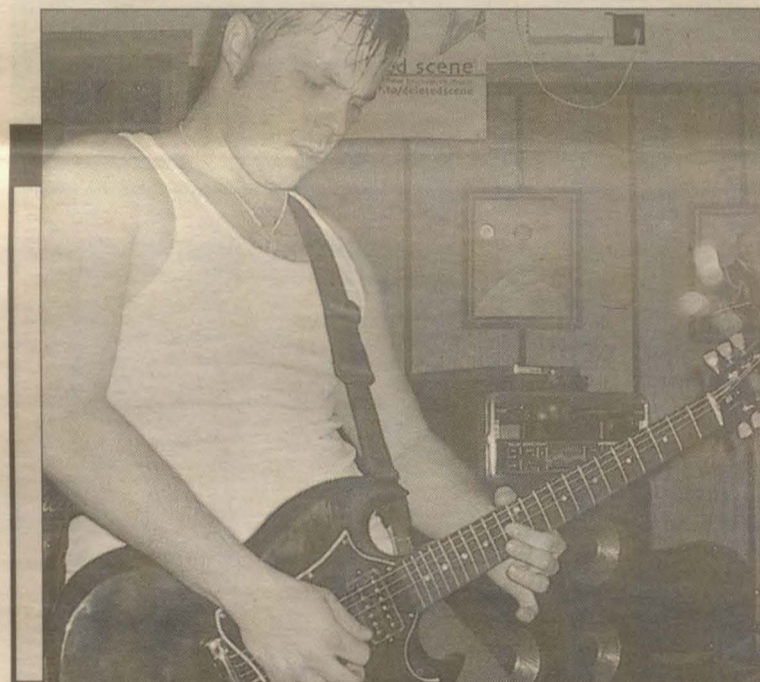
I met up with Bionic (Montreal) at the Horseshoe early in the evening and went searching for Mexican food

with lead singer Jonathan Cummins. I hate mushrooms and, unfortunately for me, the burritos were full of 'em, but I didn't want to seem like a weenie so I ate them anyway. The things I do to look like less of a dork...half an hour later, I was throwing my guts up in the bathroom of The 360.

My final assignment was to review each group in a battle of the bands. There were some really great acts, including Cheap Suits (Toronto), Mystic Caravan (Kingston), Hemitone (Hamilton) and Silverseed (St. John's), yet one of the least impressive groups, Shamus (Montreal) won the \$50,000 in cash and prizes. I left in disgust. I then booted it over to the Horseshoe to catch Bionic and met up with the lovely Nicole Hughes from Scratching Post...*drool*.

Bionic started up a few minutes later, rocking just as hard, if not harder than they did when they were in Halifax back in November. Canadian guitar god Ian Blurton came over to me and anointed me with his blessed guitar, and I'm now an official member of the Church of Blurton.

After Bionic blew me away, I watched some of Cheerleader's (Toronto) set and headed over to the Cameron to meet up with Lei (Toronto). We sped over to the industry party at the Hilton's Penthouse, but couldn't get in because it was packed. Nonetheless, we managed to sneak in only to get busted two seconds later. We got kicked out of the hotel. Rock n' roll, baby!



permanent record

Band:
The Missing

Permanent Record
Band: The Missing
Date: March 1
Venue: The Elk Club,
Fredericton
Reporter: Don Levandier

Stage Presence: B+
Audience Reaction: A+
Sound: B
Effort: A+
Get-it-on-ability: F
Overall Grade: B

Comments:

the missing are always solid and always great. this is the band that the kids were out to see and they got their \$6 worth drenched in sweat by the end of the set. but sex to this would be disgusting

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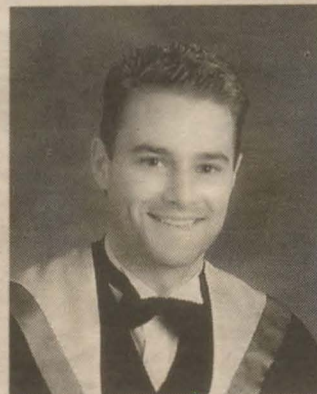
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Life's a DRAG

MELISSA JENNINGS
Arts Contributor

Across Canada, drag shows are gaining in popularity as sexual diversity becomes a cultural part of society. It is apparent by the size of the crowds at shows that their increased popularity is not about to slow down. Halifax is no exception; we can boast a drag scene on par with those across the nation.

The drag shows at Reflections have all the glamour and glitz of a 1930's vaudeville show minus all of those 'pesky stereotypical gender roles'. The costumes are eye-catching, the vocals are impressive, the dancing is engaging and the overall mood of the shows are welcoming and incredibly laid back.

The shows are an excellent play on the over the top sex appeal of Vegas-style showgirls, vaudeville musicals, and MTV videos. For anyone who's a fan of great musical performances it's easy to get caught up in the spectacle of it all, and not a far cry from the original.

If you're looking for the real life *Chicago*, the drag shows are

a great place to look.

Although drag shows are not exactly the epitome of good clean fun, there is an unnecessary negative aura surrounding these colorful events that needs to be dismissed; drag performances are not just fun for the gay community; they provide an excellent venue for mingling between gay and straight communities, providing a showcase of local talent and an environment for mutual understanding of one another.

One of the biggest shows of the year at Reflections is the Grammy Awards show, which was held on Jan. 26 and featuring the fabulous Dita Parlow, accompanied by local dance groups, drag queens and kings and topped off with kinky

prizes from Night Magic. The show is a big hit every year, with crowds of about 700 throughout the night, including many Dal students as both spectators and participants in the show. The event is an excellent opportunity for an often discounted minority in the world of entertainment to display their talents in front of a relatively large audience.

Drag shows are an excellent alternative to the run of the mill scene and they are far easier on a student budget than many other artistic showcases happening in Halifax. If you're looking for something new, artistic, inexpensive, and fun, check out the drag queen performances at Reflections, which occur on a regular basis.

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- 1) Just look at us!
- 2) A little thing I like to call 'stamina'
- 3) In not all situations does practice make perfect
- 4) Look at your baby finger. Now laugh.
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shakira shakes down

LINA HUSSAIN
Arts Contributor

With the rise of Shakira's music an ancient form of dance has been making its way back to popularity. With her mind-blowing ass-shaking, Shakira has made belly dancing the hottest trend in dance and music. From students to housewives to grandmothers, women have begun to take up this new form of dance.

While it may be new to many of you, belly dancing wasn't just recently invented. It has been around for quite some time. Thousands of years ago, Turkish, Greek and Arab women danced at female gatherings or for groups of men while they drank. Most of them were owned by masters, and were to dance for them whenever they asked.

The irony of it all is that belly dancing has taken the world by storm thanks to Shakira. Even Britney Spears shakes a little ass and circles a little hip in her video *Slave For You* while a gold coin tassel hangs low on her hips. Shakira has made belly dancing so popular that even the Arab singers who have been trying for years to become Western, trying to imitate artists like Jennifer Lopez, Janet Jackson, Lauryn Hill, Christina Aguilera and even Britney Spears with their looks and especially their dances, are now just dying to get

a piece of Shakira's gorgeous swift, curvy, seductive moves.

While it may have just become popular in North America, the Mid-Eastern women have been doing it for generations. Hotels in most of Arab countries feature belly dancers on special occasions like New Year's or Eid. Every Arab girl can belly dance. Most of us have been doing it since we were kids, and continue to do so in family/women gatherings. I personally used to dance occasionally at family gatherings at four years old. But as I grew up, I forgot about it, until I met a friend who put on a good two-hour show for me. Ever since then I have found it to be a very interesting and fun thing to do.

Whether you want to try it just for fun, or because you want to be as sexy as Shakira, or because it's great exercise, belly dancing can help you achieve your goals.

As much fun as it is, it works up a sweat which you don't realize until you're done. The beauty of it is that you can do it in the privacy of your own room. Belly dancing, as many other forms of dance, can be an escape. It can pump you up and at the same time relax you.

Belly dancing can teach you how to become more feminine, sexy and flexible. Before I began to dance (I'm sure I speak for most women who have taken up

the dance) I was stiff. Now I can curve and shake easily to any tune with a beat. After practicing in front of the mirror to Arabic songs, and being inspired and motivated by my friend, belly dancing has become a regular hobby of mine when I feel I need to simply get away.

If you don't like to work out, take up belly dancing. Classes everywhere from Halifax to Toronto to Florida are open to students who are interested. Video tapes are also available in stores. If you don't want to spend your money, afraid you might not like it, watch Shakira doing what she does best on TV and imitate her moves in front of a mirror. You will also need the help of Mid Eastern music to help you follow the beats with swift movements (Shakira's Spanish *Ojos Asi* is a favourite of mine).

I also recommend you tie a scarf tightly right under your butt to hold your movements firmly into place while you shake it. Make sure you bend your knees and remind yourself to be limber. Just let yourself go and give it your best shot. As with everything else, the more you practice, and the more you watch others, the better you will get.

Belly dancing doesn't have to

be fast-paced and up-beat; it can also be slow and seductive. It's your choice. Unlike working out, there is no time limit on dancing. Ten minutes (or one song) can work up a good sweat, if you don't feel like going longer. Professional belly dancers practice as much as six hours a day. Once you get the hang of it, give it your own flavour. Every woman has her own style. Let the dance reflect YOU.

The point is: kudos to Shakira for bringing back this beautiful art form to North Americans and for the people who didn't know it existed.

Sure, we

Arabs are proud of her, but maybe a bit jealous too, because she gave it what we didn't.

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Cultural Pavilion travels through time

JENNIFER MORRISON
Staff Contributor

On Feb. 27, the Lord Dalhousie room was transformed into a time machine, as students in Dr. Sarah-Jane Corke's Modern American Culture class presented their cultural pavilions.

The model for the project was a World's Fair, so the exhibits had to capture the essence of Americana and make the United States seem attractive to World's Fair attendees. The class was divided into groups of approximately 15 people, and each group developed a pavilion to showcase a decade of American culture between the 1870s and the 1990s, using information, photographs, artifacts, music, movies, food, and other elements.

This is the first year that Dr. Corke assigned cultural pavilions, but it likely will not be the last.

"I was very happy with the outcome. I thought the pavilions were fantastic," she said. "I think the exercise is useful because I think American culture [was] one of the most important influences of the 20th century. At the same time, I think American culture has been an important tool for 'selling' American values abroad. I wanted my students to think about culture within this context."

Her students certainly rose to the challenge, and their hard work was evident during the day-long exhibit. Music, everything from 1920s jazz to Puff Daddy, blasted from all corners of the room; movies were screened too, from the silent film *The Big Parade* to the rambunctious 1970s flick *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

The 1950s group members set up their pavilion as a diner, with poodle-skirt-clad waitresses and menus full of information about their decade. "There was a great deal of thought that went into the presentation of the 'diner,'" said Dr. Corke. Kelly Grandy, who helped develop the 1950s pavilion, attributed its success to "brainstorming, a lot of it."

Many visitors lingered at the 1980s pavilion, struck by childhood nostalgia. "We were all

pretty lucky to find old Smurfs, Care Bears, Cabbage Patch Kids, and a computer that had not found the garbage or a yard sale yet," said David Harrison, whose group showcased the "Me" decade. "One guy played Carmen Sandiego for almost an hour, and kept saying how he loved the game when he was little and he used to play it all the time. The most common reaction to our pavilion was easily a reflection of everyone's youth, which a lot of people were trying to recapture even for just a minute by playing with a toy or game they had when they were five or six," said Harrison.

The pavilions were judged by Dalhousie History professor Dr. John O'Brien, University President Dr. Tom Traves, and U.S. Consul Mark W. Seibel. The winning decades were the 1900s and the 1950s. "I am trained as a historian, so I bring that perspective to bear, and I just thought it was a very clever way of getting people to think about culture, and changes in culture over time," said Dr. Traves. Mr. Seibel gave American approval to the assignment. "Perhaps because of our physical proximity and many of the shared cultural affinities [between Americans and Canadians], it all had a very familiar feel to it and looked very much in many ways the way we see ourselves," he said.

With all the talk about past decades, history was very much alive during the pavilion presentation, and it served as a source of inspiration for students and judges alike. "I would have totally wanted to live during the 1950s. I love the fashion, the music, movies. Plus there were important aspects of



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Boxing glove with collaged elements of Muhammad Ali from 60's exhibit.

the '50s such as integration and the Cold War that made the world what it is today. It would have been a really interesting time to live through," said Kelly Grandy. "It would be interesting to go back in time to the 60s to experience the 'hippie culture' and Woodstock," said Alexis Boutler, who even dressed as a hippie.

The judges wanted to travel back farther, all the way to 1900. "I think the period from 1900-1910 was a period of tremendous optimism and there was a rash of problems and so on, but it was an era where there was a sense of material progress, a huge immigration boom, [and] the beginnings of mass culture were there in certain ways," said Dr. Traves. Mr. Seibel agreed: "I suppose in that decade [anything] seemed possible before the disillusionments of the 20th century set in."

Although Dr. Corke was pleased with the outcome of the pavilions, she had no desire to

travel through time. "I don't think I would return to any decade. I think the world as it is unfolding today is one of the most interesting periods in American history. I am one of those people who is very content to be just where I am."

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Men's and Women's b-ball season round-up

QUENTIN CASEY
Sports Editor

The AUS basketball season came to an end this past weekend, and both the Dal men's and women's teams finished the season on a disappointing note. However, both teams can rest easily knowing that their losses were at the hands of teams who went on to win the title in each tournament.

On the women's side, the Tigers fared well considering their struggles this year. After a rough start to the season, the women finished strong with a 5-1 record in their last six games to earn the final playoff spot in the Baldwin Division with a 9-11 record.

They entered the postseason tournament held at Memorial with a first-round match-up against UNB. The Tigers pulled out the victory by a score of 74-69 to advance to Saturday's semi-final.

Unfortunately, Dal found themselves up against the hometown Sea-Hawks, who had only lost two regular season games all year. Memorial edged Dal 74-62 and went on to win the AUS crown on Sunday against UCCB. Fifth-year Dal post player and Charlottetown native Kate Ellis was named as a tournament All-Star.

Ellis was also one of three Tigers who played their last games in a Dal uniform on

Saturday. She is joined by guard Gillian Leblanc of Moncton and Logan Dunning, a forward from Calgary. All three will be greatly missed next year and leave major holes to be filled in the line-up over the off-season.

"We were proud of the effort that the team put in this weekend," said rookie Dal coach Scott Morrison. "Friday night, we were down by 10 late in the first half and switched defences to help bring it back to a one-point game at the break. In the second, the girls hit some big shots and picked up the intensity on defence to finish the game strongly and come out on top. We had gutsy performances from all of our players," he said.

"Saturday's game was an intense atmosphere and we came out with some hard luck against 2,200 screaming fans and the #3 team nationally in their home gym. Shooting 22 per cent in the first was the most damaging stat, however the girls showed some excellent effort in the second half. All in all though, we were proud of the great effort and play for 80 minutes on the weekend. I think this is a product of the great effort our players put in over the long 7 to 8-month season," he continued.

In men's action at the Halifax Forum, the Tigers entered the playoffs with a 5-15 record after a couple of critical wins down the stretch against UPEI and

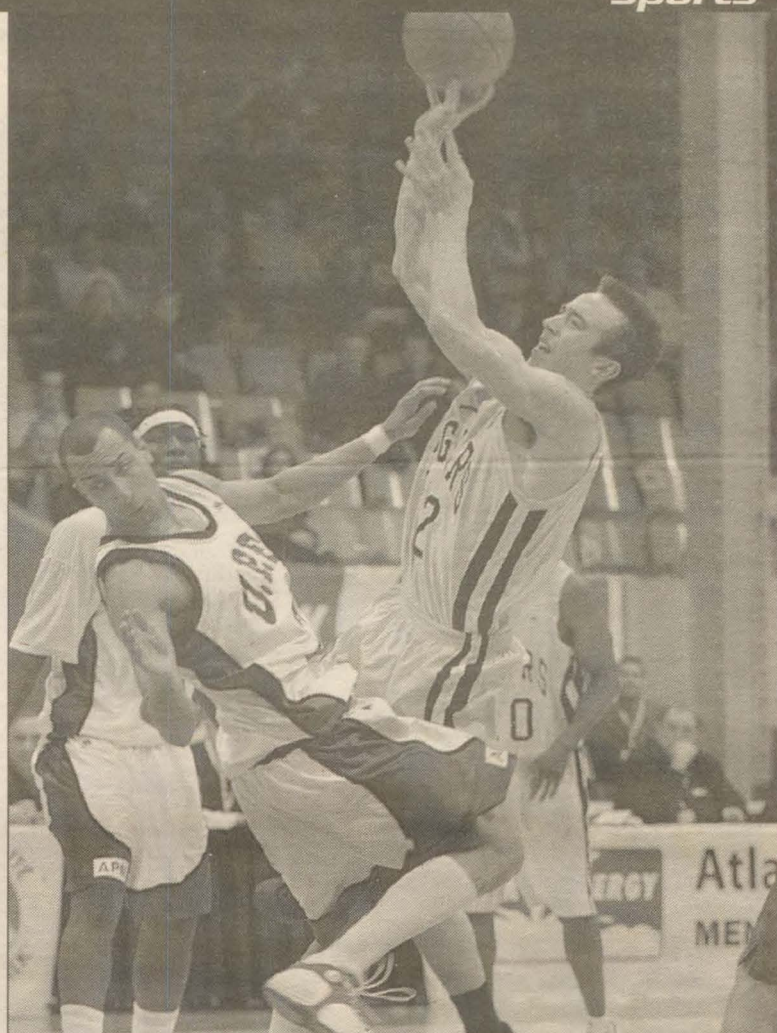
UCCB secured them third place in the Baldwin Division and a spot in the AUS final six tournament.

But Dal lost their first-round contest against UPEI by a score of 65-53. The Tigers were sent packing by a Panthers team that would beat SMU in Sunday's final, which earned them a trip to the CIS championships at the Metro Centre in two weeks.

"I was disappointed with our performance Friday night. We had a full week to prepare for one game and I think that we should have been able to put forth a better performance. We had a terrible start that was too much to overcome," said Dal head coach John Campbell.

"UPEI proved that they were a good team as they came into a tough weekend and earned three tough victories. I think it is a testament to the coaches and players in that they were able to enter a challenging weekend with great focus and perseverance," he continued.

"Overall, I think the team made progress over the course of the year. I believe that we improved and were able to win some games down the stretch. That being said we were not able to beat the best teams in the conference. We need to upgrade our talent level as well as the commitment, dedication and work ethic of present players if we are to get the [the AUS title] success that I am looking



File photo: Nick Pearce

Nick Donald led the Tigers in a difficult season.

Dal Sports Briefs

Dal's **Jilliane Goulet** named a CIS volleyball second team All-Star.

Dal's **Sean Wormsbecker** and **Chris Geddes** named CIS volleyball first team All-Stars.

This year's Dale Iwanoczko-TSN Award (volleyball, academics, community involvement) goes to Dalhousie University's Outside Hitter **Chris Geddes** (Cambridge, ON), recently named co-MVP of Atlantic University Sport. After sitting out his transfer year, Chris had an immediate impact with the Tigers leading the conference in points/set (4.86, 5th CIS) and the team in kills/set (3.38, 11th CIS). He also led the nation in aces/set with an average of 0.53.

Prior to transferring to Dalhousie, the fifth-year veteran



Chris Geddes led the country in kills for two consecutive seasons and was a second team All-Canadian in 1999-2000 while at the University of Guelph. An Anatomy Graduate student entering Medicine next Fall, the two-time CIS Academic All-Canadian volunteers at IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax.

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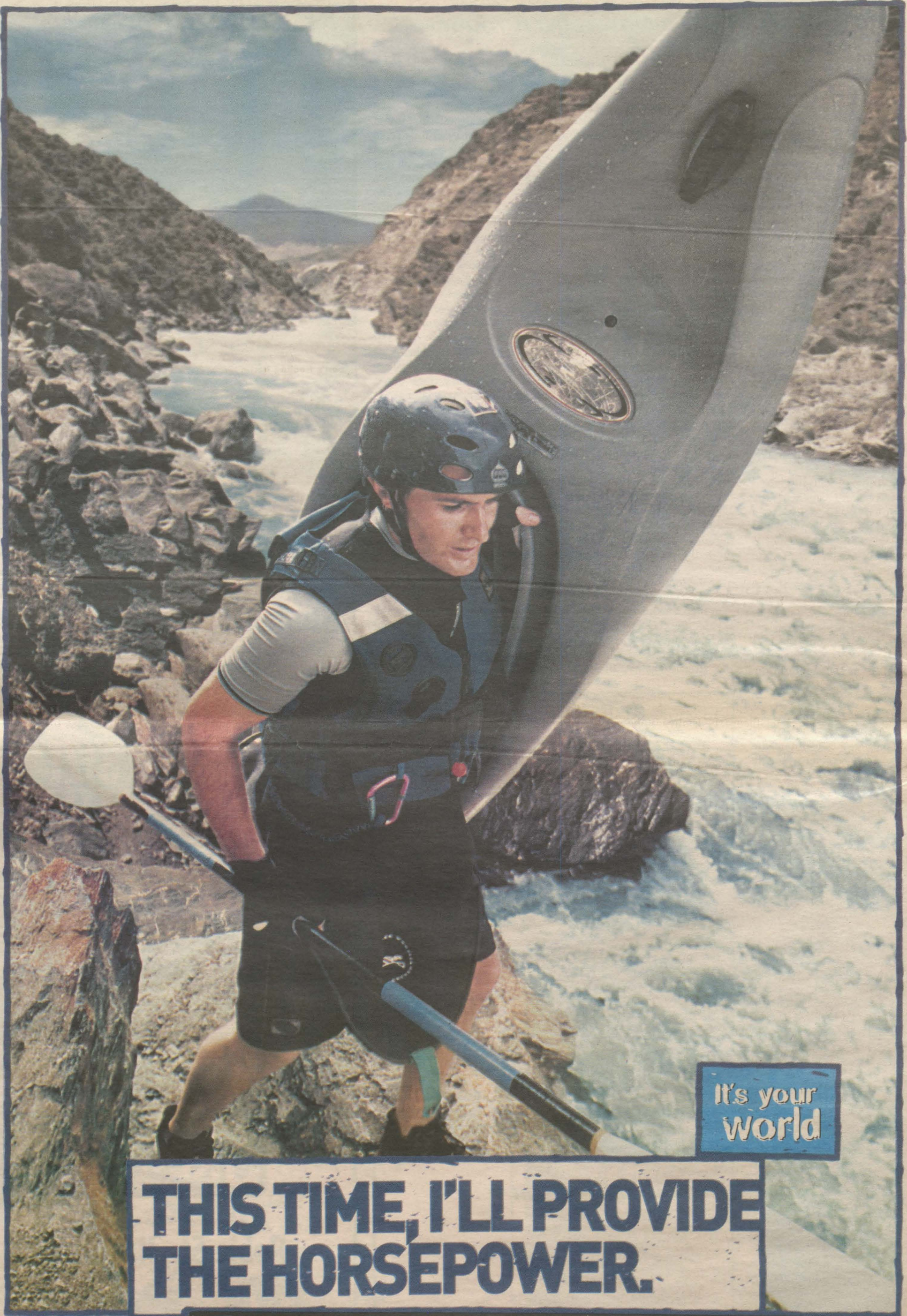
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Women's hockey wrap-up

Theresa Anne Salah
Staff Contributor

Dal's women's hockey team had their share of ups and downs this season.

The downs consisted mostly of a ticket out of the AUS championship tournament after being defeated in the semi-finals by St. FX. If you look past this minor detail, and consider the fact this was the first time in history that women's hockey was actually considered a varsity sport, you can see that the season certainly provided more good than bad.

So how exactly can you sum up the Tigers' season? "I can confidently say that it was a really solid season, and we achieved most of the goals," said women's head coach Lesley Jordan, who just finished up her rookie year of coaching with a regular season record of 8-4-2.

Those four losses are broken down to two losses against SMU and then two more against St. FX. These two troublemakers seemed to be the Tigers' only real competition of the year. St.

FX managed to shut out the Tigers 5-0 in exhibition play last October, foreshadowing what would happen the rest of the season whenever Dal faced off against SMU or St. FX.

"Mentally, we were a little unconfident when entering into the big games against SMU and X," said Jordan. "We knew we could beat them but we didn't have the confidence we should have had."

That's all history now, and Jordan promises that next year things will be a lot different. "This has been a huge learning experience, just learning all the ins and outs. Next year, we'll move on to more complicated things and more specific things that will help us improve."

Hopefully this will include working on their special teams, which throughout the regular season proved not so special, functioning at only 20 per cent on the penalty kill and a brutal 17 per cent on the power play.

Jordan knows this is an aspect of the game that they'll need to fix before next year. "We'll pay a lot more attention to fine tuning and I'm hopeful-

ly going to recruit a quarterback for the power play. Someone who can make a good decision. We're going to be a very, very hard team to beat next year."

For five Tigers, this was their last season on the hockey team. Leaving the Dalhousie squad are leading goal scorer Amy Graham and top defenseman Apryl Bonia, as well as Merielle Hannam, Megan Lewis-Post and let's not forget team captain Sarah Wilkinson.

"Those five players are key parts to our game and will be really hard to replace," said Jordan, who will now have to go out and recruit some new talent to fill the spots left behind by her five stars.

Unfortunately, the loss of the top defensemen, the captain and top goal scorer are not easily replaceable.

Graham's position may be the hardest to fill, as she was the player who provided the Tigers with 22 points, the most on the team. This proves to be a huge loss for a team starving for fire-power.

"Amy's our top goal scorer, and that's going to be a huge void to fill. Losing her is going to be tough, I don't think we can replace her."



File photo: Nick Pearce

Women's hockey had a successful first season as a varsity sport,

Luckily for Dalhousie, nine rookies made a lot of noise this year, especially goaltender Jennifer Smith who proved to everyone that the Tigers' net will be well protected. "I can't even say enough about her," said Jordan. "The only reason we were successful was because she made so many big saves and kept us in the game."

The 5'3" goalie from Nova Scotia stood on her head many times throughout the season, and managed to earn one of Dalhousie's three shut outs. "She did as much as she could, and I'll give her every compliment in the world because she deserves it."

Another young rookie who made a good impression on her head coach was Rachel DeVries. "She's so consistent with such a high level of intensity," said Jordan. The rough and rugged star also led her team with 22 penalty minutes.

By the end of the season,

many Tigers had made a name for themselves around the league. Most notably Amy Graham who picked up an award for the AUS conference's Most Sportsman Like Player. She wasn't the only Tiger to be recognized. Defensemen Lindsay White was placed on the first-team of the AUS All-Stars for the regular season, while left-winger Lori Jones was not only nominated for the TSN award, but was also placed on the AUS tournament All-Star team.

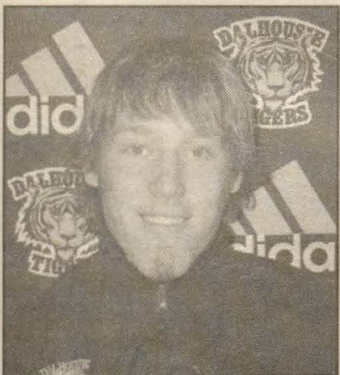
The season ended the same way it started, with a loss to St. FX. However, this wasn't like any of their other losses to X. Dalhousie threw everything they had in their final game, and although they left the ice with a 4-1 defeat, the game proved to be their finest performance of the season, and gave the Tigers the confidence in knowing that next year things will be different.

Dalhousie Athletes of the Week



Adrienne Power
Women's Track & Field

Adrienne Power was a dominant force at the Atlantic University Sport Championships this past weekend. Power won all four of the events in which she competed, establishing meet records in three of them (she is already the meet record-holder in the fourth). Her wins in the 60m, 300m, long jump and 4x200m earned her Athlete of the Meet honours and established her as a strong medal contender at the CIS Championships to be held in Windsor, ON in two weeks. Power's performances were a critical part of a dominant Dal team performance on the weekend, as she led the Tigers to a 136-49 victory over SMU. Power is a third-year Commerce student from Halifax.



Craig Slaunwhite
Men's Track & Field

Slaunwhite captured all of the events in which he competed at the Atlantic University Sport Championships this weekend, contributing 35 points in Dalhousie's 135-92 point victory over host team, Université de Moncton. Craig was named Athlete of the Meet, AUS Athlete of the Year, and the AUS Field Athlete of the Year. He is ranked in the top 10 nationally in the pentathlon, high jump, and shot put, and is considered a medal contender at the CIS Championships. Craig also won the 60m high and long jumps and broke his own meet record in the pentathlon, scoring 3,400 points. He is a third-year Kinesiology student from Hatchet Lake, NS.

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Hockey Tigers fall short

ADAM SOMERS
Staff Contributor

The Dalhousie men's hockey team came up short this weekend in their quest for the AUS finals, as they lost the final two games of the best-of-three series against St. FX.

The Tigers' season finished in less than spectacular form. The whole weekend Dal took stupid penalties and took them often. Their dreams of playing in the

been better for the X-men if they had never shown up.

Patrick Vincent had a goal in the first, Freddy Belanger had one a scant 35 seconds into the second and Chris Stanley and Dominic Noel added markers in the third. J.F. Perras had a great night, stopping 31 shots for the shutout.

However on Friday, Dal faced a completely different X team. Perhaps it was the elimination they were facing, maybe it was

first game to X all season.

That set the stage for game three on Sunday, as it was do or die for both teams. In the crowd there was seemingly unequal amount of X supporters than Dal supporters, and the X supporters were twice as drunk (I mean loud). Dal came out flat as a sheet of paper, allowing X to jump out to a relatively easy 2-0 lead, as it seemed Perras was going to have one of his rare off nights. After Captain Tudin halved the deficit scoring on the power play, Vincent took one of the stupidest penalties I have ever seen, punching a guy in the face after the whistle, right out of the blue.

Although Dal was able to kill the penalty, it ruined any momentum that they might have had. The X-men scored two more goals, including a weak, putrid one that couldn't even be called a trickle, let alone a shot. They had better chances in the second but they must have spent all of their money on tuition because they couldn't buy a goal.

X then added another goal past Berrigan who had replaced Perras. At the start of the third just to show how bad Dal's luck was on this night, while bringing in the puck to cover, Berrigan put it between his own legs. After a 15-minute delay to replace the broken glass at centre, Dal turned it on for the first time all game, with goals coming from Tudin and Mallette.

Alas, it was too little too late, and realizing this group did what any good hockey team would do, they started a brawl. Darrell Jerrett, Gary Zinck and Billy Browne all get my admiration for this oft pushed aside aspect of hockey. Speaking of admiration, one guy who doesn't get mine was Patrick

Grandmaitre, X's Captain who was diving so much you would have thought he was trying out for the Olympics. Hey Paddy, Suck it up!

Chris Stanley added a late goal to make a final score of 6-4 and the end of Dal's season.

"It was not how we wanted to end the season," said Carl Mallette, stating the obvious. "We had a bad start on Sunday and it kept getting worse. Hopefully, we can learn something and come back hard next year."



File photo Nick Pearce

The men's hockey team went down swingin'.

nationals are shattered just like the glass that was at centre ice.

The Tigers came out hungry on Wednesday against an X team that was so scared that they didn't even book a bus to come down (mix-up...yeah right). The game was delayed for over an hour because of the bus problems and it would have

the hometown crowd, heck, maybe it was that they didn't have to book a bus. Whatever it was, after going down 1-0 early, the X-men came storming back with a short-handed goal and just kept going. They added a goal in each of the other two periods for a final score of 3-1, and as a result Dal lost their

Resurrection of Dal football program considered

MIKE BALL
Staff Contributor

St. FX has one, Mt. A has one, and even our cross-town rivals St. Mary's has one. You guessed it—a football team. With one of Canada's largest student bodies, it raises the question, why doesn't Dalhousie have a football program?

The late 1970's was the last time Dal fielded a football team, and according to current Dal Athletic Director Al Scott, the football team's demise was due to a lack of funding.

"From my understanding in talking to a lot of people at Dal, the football program was very under-funded and so essentially the team was in a position where they couldn't compete in the conference, which was very frustrating for the players, coaches, and the university as a whole." As a result, the university decided to end the program.

There have been attempts in the past to bring football back to Dalhousie. "Our current president, Dr. Tom Traves, has stated that Dalhousie would be happy to have a football program, but it would have to be externally funded and so that became the position of the university," explained Scott.

Hope may be on the horizon for all of those pigskin fans, longing to see the Tigers participate in CIS football again. Scott has been approached by outside investors, asking him to formulate a budget.

"They have asked me to draw up a five-year budget. I have determined the projected overall budget for year one (including start-up costs) is \$867,000, in year two the amount goes down to \$375,000, year three is \$387,000, year four the amount is \$655,000, and year five would cost approximately \$766,000."

Although discussions are in their initial stages and nothing has been finalized, it shows the Dal student body that people behind the scenes are doing their best to resurrect the football program. New change room facilities, uniforms, coaching and training salaries, field preparations, and operational costs to enter the CIS, are just some of the many start-up costs included in the \$867,000 needed for year one of a Dalhousie football program.

A new equity policy will be implemented by the CIS in 2005, meaning that all Canadian universities must provide equity with athletic scholarships and awards. Money must be allocated appropriately following this new policy explained Scott, "If money is awarded for football scholarships and awards then an equal amount of money must be spent in scholarships and awards for Dal female varsity sports."

"Another policy that is not yet in place, but is almost certain to be approved, is called a Program Equity Policy (which is the equivalent of the NCAA Title Nine policy). Money must be spent equitably on programs so that the operational costs for women's programs equal the operational costs of men's programs," said Scott. These are the main reasons for the drastic increase of money allocated for years four and five of Scott's budget.

The budget formed by Scott for a football program is realistic to not compromise the current varsity sports at Dal. "Our policy is that we don't want to penalize the existing teams and we don't want to drop teams, this would never happen at Dalhousie," explained Scott.

If a football program is resurrected at Dalhousie, the careful planning gone into making it a reality will sustain the team for the long-term and bring the Tigers back into football glory. Look out Huskies.

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The Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia is celebrating two new lively collections of poetry. **Matt Robinson** and **Deborah Stiles** will read from their recently published collections at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served drop by 1113 Marginal Road.

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Sat. March 8:

Halifax Peace Coalition (including Dal For Peace and Justice and Voice of Women for Peace) in an **International Womens' Day Peace Parade**. The parade will start at 1 p.m. in Victoria Park (South Park and Spring Garden).

Activist Legal Defence Fund presents a midnight showing of **Hedwig and the Angry Inch** at the Oxford Theatre. Dress-up and sing-a-long, prizes for best costume.

Sun. March 9:

Join **Food Not Bombs** for their free vegetarian lunch outside the **North Branch Public Library** at 1 p.m.

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Tues. March 11:

Public lecture: **Nature's End: Science, Technology and Teleology** by **Dr. Trish Glazebrook**, new Philosophy

Professor at Dal. 12-1p.m. in Room 305 of the Dalhousie Law School, 6061 University Ave. Admission is free. Organized by the **Environmental Law Student Society**.

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Wed. March 12:

Join **Food Not Bombs** for their free weekly vegetarian supper outside the **Spring Garden Road Branch Public Library** at 5p.m.

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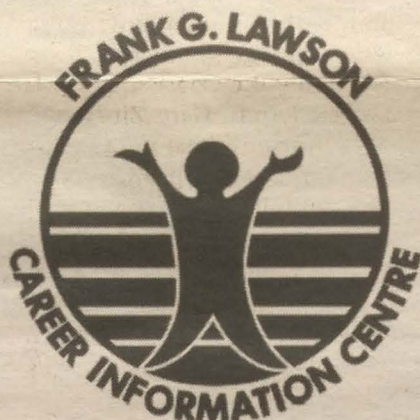
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Dear Don,

My boyfriend of two years has recently taken to comparing me sexually to all of his exes. Needless to say, this is really starting to piss me off. He says he's doing it to teach me what turns him on, but every time he brings it up I just cry. What can I do to make him stop?

-TiredofExes

Dear TiredofExes,

Why are you crying? He's the one that has been through a number of exes and a long list of unsuccessful relationships is nothing to brag about (believe me, I could write a friggin' volumed set of books on it!) Tell your boyfriend that you want to learn how to excite him and turn him on but that talking to you about his previous conquests is having the opposite effect and is turning you off big time.

Doesn't he know it's a number-one no-no (I hate those crazy women who wrote the book *The Rules*, but they're onto something) to talk about previous sexual encounters, especially while the two of you are doing it? Comparing you to past slams is the worst thing he could do because it inevitably makes you feel like you're not sexually good enough. Being criticized in bed makes most people shy and inhibited for fear of

receiving more negative responses and feedback.

Comparison corrodes your self-confidence and sexual self-esteem. Since your boyfriend's goal is for you to become more open and willing to learn new things, it's kind of important for him to help you do this in a way that doesn't make you fall apart and bawl. Why doesn't he just get a book or rent a porno and the two of you watch it. I am sure with all the *Forrest Hump* or *Position Impossible* smutty movies out there, you're bound to find most, if not all, of the things his exes used to do to him and he won't ever have to mention their names again. Tell him you're absolutely not interested in who he was with or what he did in the past and that he should simply tell you directly what he would like for you to do with him in the present (I HATE people that beat around the bush!). Tell him to be specific and to explain by telling you and showing you (which will inevitably be tons o' fun). Kick all these other women out of your love life and let your boyfriend know that under no circumstances is he ever to mention another woman's name in your bed again or you'll introduce him to his friend (and mine... *sigh*) Palmela Handerson.

Dear Don,

I'm writing in response to Yolanda's letter last week. I can completely relate to everything that she had to say. In larger cities, I find it much easier to find people who are vegan to hang with or date, but in Halifax it's

really difficult. Usually the ones I do meet wear veganism as a trendy accessory along with their dreads and patchouli, rather than approaching it as a way of life, and that phony faux-hippie scene kills me. I know you're not a dating service, and I'm not writing for that reason anyway. I thought that perhaps you could forward my e-mail address along to Yolanda, in case she decides to put on a potluck or something. I'd like to meet a few more vegans out here before I flee this province for good. Thanks man,

-Non-crusty granola eater

Dear Non-crusty granola eater,

I am very happy to hear that there is someone out there for Yolanda and her way of life. It warms my otherwise dark heart to hear that I may have made a love connection between two animal-saving, soap-loving people. In no way do I share Non-crusty's view of "hippies", as I believe that everyone has the right to exist in their own way as long as they aren't pissing others off on a routine basis, but this just goes to show everyone that there is, indeed, someone out there for everyone. Let that be a lesson to everyone writing in with regards to your dating woes (to which I can TOTALLY relate).

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

by Rachelle Dumas

If you were a fruit or vegetable, what would you be and why?



Beets, they have a very intense colour and add colour to food.

- Charles



Pomegranate, they're exotic and have hidden bits inside.

- Susan



Tomato, because no one knows what they are.

- Richard

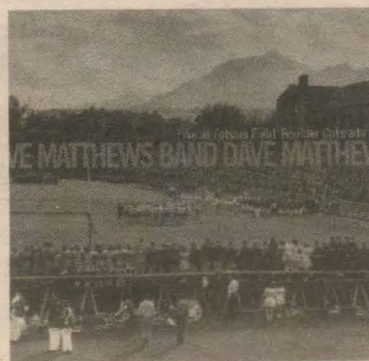
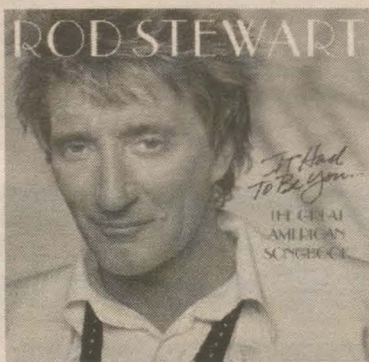
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- Peter



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