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Towards justice:

An interview with Father Kenneth Leech

by jay nathwani

the gazette

For the last week in October, St. George's Church in the North End of Halifax was host to Father Kenneth Leech from Saint Botolph's Church in the East End of London, where he has worked with impoverished, discriminated against and drugaddicted people, and been a political and social activist. The Gazette interviewed Father Leech.

Gazette - What kind of work have you done in the East End of London and how long have you been doing it?

Leech — I first got involved with St. Botolph's, which is the church where I'm working now, in 1958, so 42 years. And I think I first started to be aware of homelessness in the same year, and did a little bit, but not very much. I think my first voluntary job as a student was teaching English to seaman from Somalia as it now is, British Somalia and as it was then. So I think that was the thing that brought me to some awareness of racism and racial inequality. I first got involved with working with homeless people in a serious way in '64 when I was first ordained in another East London parish. I also first got involved with drug issues that same year because I met my first two intravenous heroin and cocaine addicts. The issues that I began to get involved with then are some of the principal issues I'm still involved with.

Gazette — What have you learned in your time there?

Leech — I think one thing that's been important is not to make generalizations based upon a small amount of evidence. My first experience in the East End was living in a racially mixed community of people from all over the world, and I think in my innocence I assumed the whole of the East end was like that. And it was only when I moved a few years ago to another part of the area which was entirely white working-class, profoundly racist, no Jews, and everybody seemed to be related to everyone else. I realized in fact that the East end was not a single community but a

cluster of very different communities with different histories and different identities.

[I've also learned that] you can't change overnight problems which may have grown up as a result of the industrial revolution in the 18th century. They haven't grown up overnight, so they won't heal overnight, which doesn't mean you don't do anything, but it does mean that for a lot of issues you have to adopt a politics and a political strategy of the long haul. And you have to plan over ten years, over 20 years, and not assume that if you rush into things with great vision and idealism that it'll all be dealt with in a week.

Gazette — How does Halifax compare to London?

Leech — The North End area of Halifax does remind me very much of the East End. In a very small area, [there is a] heavy concentration of social problems, [and a] large number of homeless people. I think the inner city of Halifax is similar. Halifax as a whole is a much smaller community, and yet I think that the gulf between the inner city and the suburbs is actually quite similar to the gulf in London.

Gazette — Could you tell me about your concept of the social gospel, and what you mean

Leech — I don't like the term 'social gospel' because it suggests that there is another gospel, and I would prefer to say that the gospel is social at its very foundation. I think it's a serious mistake to assume that the Christian gospel is only about personal salvation. I think if you actually read the Christian scriptures, the gospel is as much about the transformation of human social relationships, what we now call 'social justice,' which is also a term I don't like because it suggests that there's some other sort of justice. And justice by definition is social because justice is concerned with how human beings relate to one another within a community and the moment you have more that one person you've got social. And I think those things are central to the gospel. If you get a pair of

scissors and go through the Bible and cut out all the references to the word 'justice' and all the references to the defence of the poor, you've got no Bible left; it's in tatters; it's a very central

I think it's important that we don't see [social action] as an optional extra.... What are Christians committing themselves to when they're baptized? Among other things, they're committing themselves to respect the dignity of every human being It's something that's at the very heart of being a Christian, I would say, and not something you do in your spare time if you feel like it, which I think is how quite a number of Christians think.

I think [social actions has] got to be a co-operative effort between, if you like, ordinary Christians working alongside people who are not Christian at all and certainly drawing on what expertise there is, but not leaving it to the specialists.

Gazette — What kind of action is necessary by the Church?

Leech — My own bias is to say that churches need to look around, have their eyes open, and need to start responding to issues on their own doorstep first, not because they're the only issues that matter...but I think every church has to start its ministry where it is, with the issues on its own doorstep, which in some cases are glaring you in the face and are perfectly obvious, and in other cases are not so obvious. I think work in the inner city is in many respects a lot easier than work in the affluent suburbs because here it's staring you in the face.... Whereas I suspect the problems, for example, of domestic violence or problems of mental health or problems of alcoholism or problems of loneliness or problems of meaninglessness are as acute or perhaps more acute in the affluent suburbs where they're beneath the surface and they're not staring you in the face. In England there is more alcoholism and I think there's probably as much cocaine addiction among the chief executives and millionaires in the financial district as there is in the poor areas. I think social action has to start where you are and then spread outwards. You can only start where you are; the mistake is to think that you finish there.

Gazette — Has the mindset of consumerism pervaded our society?

Leech — Absolutely... I think particularly in the last 20 or 30 years we are seen primarily not as persons but as customers and consumers and we're judged by how much we possess, not by our own essential humanness.

People have been talking about possessive individualism since the 18th century. Since the Reformation and Renaissance there's been a tendency to see Christianity and the rise of capitalism as going together. I think it has become much more acute...and I think in terms of idolatry and in terms of if you like addiction, I think the principal addiction of our society is not drugs or alcohol or gambling, but the acquisition of goods of all kinds.

I think that's it's become in quantitative terms, with the building of shopping malls and the McDonaldization of society

and the increase in the things available in supermarkets, it's become so quantitatively easier for people to be obsessed with acquisition that it has brought about a qualitative change.

Gazette — With respect to wealth, is it the role of the government to redistribute wealth, and if so to what extent?

Leech — I think there is a role for government in the redistribution of wealth. As long as we have governments that tax people then the whole question of the nature of that taxation has to be on the agenda. And I would certainly like a ceiling on the amount of wealth that you can accumulate, as was the case in ancient Israel with the law of Jubilee that there was a limit on accumulation, otherwise injustice just piles up and it piles up and nothing is done about it, and it becomes an inevitable, everincreasing process. I'm not sufficient of an economist to know how that could best be done, but I think that governments do have an obligation to pursue justice, and it seems to me that unequal distribution of wealth is a form of

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Swiss Air tragedy re-examined New theories about possible causes

by gramm simms

the gazette

Swiss Air flight 111, bound for Geneva Switzerland, crashed near St. Margaret's Bay Sept. 3, 1998, 49 minutes after it left JFK International Airport in New York

The airline had a near perfect safety record; it had been inspected earlier in the month; the pilot, Captain Urs Zimmerman, was considered one

of Swiss Air's top five pilots.

The passenger list included Dr. Jonathan Max Mann, the outspoken founding director of the World Health Organization's, (WHO), Global Program on AIDS, (GPA), known for his scathing criticisms of public health leaders. Mann's wife, Mary Lou, an expert on AIDS vaccine development at Johns Hopkins University was also on board. They were enroute to Geneva to attend a UNAIDS meeting in order to devise a

future global strategy on AIDS vaccines.

The next day — Sept. 6 in Sion Switzerland, the Swiss Ambassador to Canada, Daniel Dayer was hit by a train while waiting on the station platform with his family.

Many of the circumstances surrounding Swiss Air 111's flight are synchronous in detail to those of TWA 800's ill fated flight,

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National News

compiled from the Canadian University Press newswire by Wendy Sawatzky

CFS RELEASES ELECTION REPORT CARD

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), a national student lobby organization, released a "report card" on education last week, rating the education platforms of the four major political parties in the federal election.

CFS assigned the Alliance an "F." CFS national chairperson Michael Conlon says the Alliance party has been vague and reluctant to commit to any real funding program for higher education. He says CFS members are worried an Alliance government would even siphon money away from an already under-funded system.

Conlon says the Alliance's proposal to replace the Canada Student Loans Program with an incomecontingent loan repayment plan (ICR) alarms CFS. Although paying back loans relative to post-graduate earnings may sound good in theory, Conlon insists ICR programs would end up costing students more.

The CFS says the Liberals have little more to offer, and gave them a "D." Conlon says he is disturbed by a Liberal move to provide education tax credits. He claims tax cuts don't address huge tuition fees, student debt load, and accessibility problems.

The Tories faired a bit better than the Liberals, earning a "C" grade from the CFS. Conlon said Conservative leader Joe Clark seems ready to commit money for education in the Canadian Health and Social Transfer that the provinces receive from Ottawa.

The New Democrats received the highest grade from the Federation — a "B." The CFS says the NDP seems ready to implement a debt-reduction strategy. The party has also proposed a national grants program — something the CFS has long demanded. Still, Conlon says the NDP has an unrealistic sense of the amount of money needed to rebuild post-secondary education programs in Canada.

BUSINESS SCHOOL NAMED AFTER BREWERY

MONTREAL (CUP) — Concordia University's faculty of commerce and administration will be renamed after the father of Canadian beer, Canadian University Press has learned.

The announcement was planned for later this month, however a confidential Concordia University senate document explains that the decision came after a \$10 million donation from the Molson Family Foundation and Molson Inc. during the university's last capital campaign.

Eric Molson, who is also Concordia University's chancellor, conducted the negotiations with the commerce faculty on behalf of the Molson family. According to the document, he thought it appropriate to rename the faculty in honor of the founder of the Molson dynasty in Canada.

John Molson immigrated from England in 1782 and founded the Molson brewery in 1786, the second oldest incorporated company in Canada. The donation will help build the faculty's new building on the vacant lot on the corner of Guy St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. The building will also house the new downtown sports complex.

UNIVERSITY TURNS DOWN TOBACCO DONATION

EDMONTON (CUP) — The University of Alberta has turned down a deal with an unnamed tobacco company that could have meant nearly half a million dollars in scholarships named after the founder of the cigarette maker.

In a closed session of the board of governors last week, the university decided to turn down the \$400,000

to \$500,000 donation, said university acting vice-president of external affairs Susan Gree's.

Last week, Green approached student union president Leslie Church for feedback on the donation, along with several other campus groups including the Action on Smoking and Health charity. The executive director of the health charity said he was alarmed by the donation. He said the university should serve as a "healthy role model," and should refuse to accept funding from any sponsor "whose products kill over 45,000 Canadians annually."

Some student councilors argue that the Students' Union should accept the money, in light of their constant battle to lower tuition fees.

Most universities accept donations from cigarette companies, said Susan Doyle, a vice-president at Carleton University, which has received money for scholarships and a chair of business and financial journalism from tobacco companies.

HOUSING RESIDENT ALLEGES DISCRIMINATION

TORONTO (CUP) — Alicia Maund, a University of Toronto student, is complaining to the Ontario Human Rights Commission that she and other visible minority residents, experienced systemic discrimination in U of T Mississauga residences.

She moved into the graduate and family housing at the university in August 1998 on a fixed income as a single parent. She says the university offered her flexibility in the timing of rent payments, and said late rent would be not be penalized, as long as she gave management sufficient warning.

Maund says she diligently followed this policy. But by spring, she says she was served with warning letters concerning late rent, and by the end of the rental year she was given an eviction notice.

In talking with her neighbours, she said she learned that white and double-parent families had more

positive experiences.

Maund also alleges that she regularly received letters, phone calls, and signs posted on her door

suggesting people in her situation might be better off in other accommodations, such as public housing. She says white single parents did not receive such suggestions.

The university intends to have a third party from within the university look into the matter, and said they had no comment on the case until their review was done.

MANITOBA CROWN CORPORATION CANCELS \$20M DONATION TO UNIVERSITIES

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI), the province's Crown corporation responsible for vehicle insurance, has withdrawn a \$20-million donation it recently made to three universities in response to opposition from angry motorists. The provincial minister responsible for MPI said the corporation "made a mistake" in offering the money.

Last week, the Crown corporation announced it would donate two-thirds of a \$30-million surplus to the University of Winnipeg, Brandon University and College Universitaire de Saint-Boniface.

Some MPI ratepayers, however, responded in protest, demanding the surplus be rebated back to them. A refund would allot each ratepayer a \$38 rebate.

Students and faculty say they are upset over MPI's decision, and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) accused MPI of giving in to a "vocal minority" of disgruntled ratepayers. "MPI is owned by all Manitobans, not only motorists. It was very reasonable for MPI to allocate some of its public funds to the universities," said Robert Marriott, the Federation's Manitoba representative. "The donation to the universities was part of a well-considered, long-standing and widely-supported program of involvement in the community."

The University of Winnipeg was given \$14 million, which it had earmarked for restoration of its historic Wesley Hall, presently draped in netting to protect students and staff from falling brickwork. Brandon University had planned to spend the \$5 million it was allocated on enhancing its nursing program. St. Boniface said it would use its \$1-million share in part to develop a new student centre.

Swiss Air re-examined

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which crashed seven miles off the coast of Long Island, New York on July 17, 1996 but the two have always been examined in isolation.

Comparing the circumstances of the two flights and the details of the external environment the planes were flying through may provide clues in determining the cause of the crashes.

Both flights are believed to have suffered from electrical failure — TWA 800 in the wiring near the centre fuel tank and Swiss Air 111 involving the wiring in the entertainment system near the cockpit.

No originating cause of the electrical catastrophes has been found by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), but a new theory put forth by Harvard professor, author and journalist Elaine Scarry, suggests that shortly after take off, both Swiss Air 111 and TWA 800 crossed paths with some sort of electromagnetic interference from the military's electronic warfare exercises which were in close proximity and which could have caused the massive electric failures on both flights.

"Electromagnetic interference from radio frequency sources external to TWA 800 did not produce enough energy to ignite the fuel/air vapour," said NTSB Chair Jim Hall.

Location and Timing
In 111 weeks between the
TWA and Swiss Air disasters, of
the eighteen million planes that
took off in the United States, the
only large passenger planes to
crash both took off from the same
airport — JFK at 8:19 p.m. on a
Wednesday.

Both TWA 800 and Swiss Air 111 then traveled east along the south east coast of Long Island, called the Bette Route, which is a narrow corridor squeezed between "warning areas" — Military exercise zones which were active that night.

Twelve minutes into its

flight, at 8:31, something caused the wiring of TWA 800 to spark, igniting its fuel tank. At 8:33, fourteen minutes after Swiss Air 111's take off, at roughly the same location TWA encountered trouble, something caused a loss of radio contact between the Swiss plane and the radio tower for fifteen minutes.

This was only the beginning of the planes electrical problems.

At 9:14 the cockpit began to smoke; at 9:24 the computers began to receive false information. The electrical systems, including the black box recorder, failed and at 9:31 EST, the Swiss Air flight 111 flew low over Tannencook Island and crashed near Peggy's Cove.

Captain Dwayne Woerth, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, speaking in the Aug. 30, 2000 issue of the Globe and Mail has stated "We don't see any common thread in these accidents."

"The thing is, if [Scarry's] scenario were the case, would there not be more accidents?" asks NTSB Investigator Jim Harris.

In fact, there have been numerous military and civilian plane crashes due to Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) and inadequate shielding on planes.

Practicing Electronic Warfare

Accidental transmissions from powerful transmitters, military jammers and electronic countermeasures equipment can cause adverse electromagnetic environments which can disrupt airplane navigation and communication systems, cause false readings, false electric commands, burn out electrical circuits and prompt explosions in aircraft with inadequate shielding.

The military has been concerned with these types of field emissions on military craft since Black Hawk helicopters and F111's began crashing due to inadequate shielding from High Intensity Radiated Fields. At least one plane in each branch of the military, like the Navy Prowler, has been designed specifically to take out the electric systems of enemy craft through these radar and pulse transmissions.

At the time Swiss Air took off from JFK through the military's electronic war games zone, there were three submarines and three P3 planes in the area, all carrying high powered transmitters. One P3 reported its radios and some instruments knocked out by another P3. Crash investigators have not been given access to classified studies on the long-standing EMI dangers from military transmitters.

The investigation into the causes of the Swiss Air 111 disaster is primarily Canadian, although much research assistance has been provided by Americans, and has thus far only attempted to reconstruct possible internal causes of the electrical failure.

"External explanations need to be pursued for exactly the same reasons that internal explanations are already being urgently pursued: because there is an absolute need to know the causes of these two isolated catastrophes and because there is an absolute need to prevent other planes from crashing. I hope the NTSB is already at work to reconstruct the external environment of planes, ships, and ground transmitters along the route of Swiss Air 111," said Scarry.

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The media and its cracked-out buddies

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But look at it all. The Internet, for example, is a complete bastardization of what it should be. A global and virtually instant ability to pass information. So what dominates the Internet?

Garbage. On top of the genuine element of the Internet, there is an unhealthy amount of crappy websites put up by people who have the digits and reading level capabilities to take advantage of the abundance of free and extremely low quality websites. If you can type your name, you can have a website. Check out Supergreg.com if you don't believe me.

But I did say that there was a percentage of content on the Internet that is good, useful and valuable. It's just impossible to find. Try searching for anything moderately obscure through a search engine. Even if you type it in 20 different ways, it is impossible to filter through the fodder of websites that match the words in your search.

So there are index sites, where you can centralize your search, and theoretically search only the sites that somewhat match the criteria.

E-zineindex.com, for example, is a site where you can search through a web magazine database for a particular kind of site. I looked for Entertainment, Music, and a host of other keywords, and got a list of sites that listed country band dates for Atlanta, a handful of sites where barely literate net junkies posted movie and CD reviews that used words like 'bonus' and 'dude,' and a pile of sites that made me ashamed to be on the Internet.

For every hour I have spent on the net, I have found one or two good sites. Unless, of course, I change my search.

The Internet, in practical terms, is a way for people to get access to porno and free music, with an element of a social community consisting of little peripherals, like ICQ, Napster, Shoutcast radio, yada yada.

The Internet is a treasure trove of sexual perversion, with a porno site around every corner. The sheer number of sites allows for even more twisted and obscure sites, with completely insane and socially ill themes. Bestiality, pregnant women, themed gangbangs. It's all there in abundance.

Ah, the progress of technology.

Look at the magazines that people eat up on a monthly basis. *Cosmo, Maxim, Playboy, GQ* — these are all abominations. With such a tremendous budget, why is it so hard for *Maxim* to come up with different ideas than "69 Ways To Please Your Woman" or "How To Act Like A Stud."

These are all magazines that tell pseudo-yuppies, who need these alternatives to thought, how to act, think, look and talk a certain way to be hip/beautiful/socially acceptable. Then they cram the pages full of more ads than content, which sell you the accessories you need to achieve the higher level of personhood.

While watching film previews at a friend's house recently, a point was made about the sheer stupidity of most popular releases. They all have the Hollywood action formula, or they are weak scripts that justify the use of \$5 million in special effects.

"We could make a better movie," my friend said. And he was right. We could write a better script, but not afford to even start. In fact, with enough drunken primates locked in a room, a better script than most 'Hollywood' scripts would be inevitable.

But, as is plainer than day, most movies are designed to take people's money, not enlighten or stimulate. The less people have to think (generally, not always) the better the movie.

TV — as equally disgusting as most other media venues. "News" is its capitalist flagship of propaganda, a method of handing people information under the guise of factual presentation. It doesn't take much to realize that CNN is a business too. They have to dress up their product to sell it, and they do so by whatever means necessary.

Advertising is usually tuned out by most people — it just was always there, and the idea is that people don't buy their soap because of an ad they saw on TV. But how much do you watch TV? How many times has the same commercial, product or jingle been implanted in your subconscious? If people are dumb enough to pay extra money for Tommy Hilfiger Clothes (at least when it was 'hip') merely for the label, then surely years of subconscious advertising will have some effect on daily life as a consumer.

And of course, most TV shows have little merit at all. Sitcoms are the rough equivalent to sticking your finger in a light socket for the shock. No need to think.

Why is this? Are these venues obscured by the capitalist idea of a completely profit driven society? When you put making money above all else, the intellectual, logical and humanitarian aspects are considered problems, or obstacles.

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Two sides to every story

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to some of the recent letters that have been printed in the "Feedback" section of this paper, and in particular to the lecture given by Dr. Ismail Zayid at Dalhousie on Oct. 13.

I too attended Dr. Zayid's lecture, and while I do not necessarily agree with all that Ariella Kaufman said in her article in *The Gazette* (Oct. 26), like Ms. Kaufman, I too left Dr. Zayid's lecture feeling very disturbed and frustrated.

In their letters to the editor in the Nov. 2 edition of *The Gazette*, H. Salem, Hakem Al-Rustom and Magi Abdul-Masih all immediately attacked Ms. Kaufman for her assertion that through his "propaganda pumped sermon", Dr. Zayid was "making a distinctly anti-Jewish statement".

While I agree with Salem, Al-Rustom, and Abdul-Masih that Dr. Zayid did not go quite that far, I would argue that he merely stopped just short. Though Al-Rustom and Abdul-Masih correctly point out the inappropriateness of immediately labeling anyone who criticizes Israel an anti-Semite, they unfortunately overlooked the similarly inappropriate message strongly implied by Dr. Zayid. This message was namely, that anyone who *supports* Israel is clearly a heartless and immoral individual, one with no regard for human rights or decency.

As a human being, I am deeply concerned over the current turbulent state of the Middle East. As a Jew raised on Zionistic principles, I am also an unabashed and steadfast supporter of Israel.

However, I am *not* a racist, and I am not blind to the plight of the Palestinian people. I believe that a Palestinian state is both inevitable and deserved.

What I don't believe, though, is that such a state, or anything positive for that matter, will ever be accomplished through the kind of violence we have witnessed recently. Through lynchings and stone-throwing; through innocent children being sent to the front lines of battle; through bombing civilians in the very marketplace where I have bought my groceries countless times.

Above all, I believe in Peace, a peace that I truly believed was attainable no more than two months ago.

After listening to Dr. Zayid denounce any attempts at negotiation and call for the continuation of violence, it was made blatantly obvious that he and his many supporters do not share this belief.

I am frustrated by the constant efforts of Dr. Zayid and his admiring followers to search out and focus upon quotes from Zionist and Israeli leaders of the past which might serve their purposes, (while, incidentally, conveniently neglecting similarly disparaging quotes from Arab

leaders over the years).

Why not look to many of the mainstream Israeli leaders of today?

Why not look to Prime
Minister Ehud Barak, who in his
attempt to help end the bitter
conflict, offered far more at Camp
David this summer than any
Israeli leader before him?

Why not look to the Peace Now movement, and many others like it in Israel today? Why not recognize the promise of the present and the real opportunities available to us?

Instead, Dr. Zayid and his supporters continue to promote violence abroad and encourage a legacy of hatred here. As an active member of the Atlantic Provincial Jewish Students Federation, I am well aware of several unfortunate incidents that have occurred at Dalhousie recently — where Jewish students have been harassed and threatened by those who are doing their part to ensure a

climate of conflict here on campus as well.

I urge Dr. Zayid and his supporters to remove the veil of hatred from their eyes, and instead to face the future realistically.

I am well versed and well aware of the facts and history of the Middle East, of hardships experienced by both sides and caused by both sides.

However, I am equally aware of the distortion of these facts which is all too often perpetrated by both sides. The encouragement of further hatred and hostility will never yield the types of positive results that compromi e and open conversation can — they can only lead to more animosity and ill will, whether on the streets of Jerusalem or the campuses of Halifax.

Sincerely, David Silver

More on your vote than a tax break

Dear Editor,

There are more serious issues in this election than appear on the surface, more important than who will give us the biggest tax breaks and economic advantages. If Canadians would have to choose between having more money in their pockets or personal freedom, ask anyone who has lived under tyranny as to what the answer would be. For many years a rightist segment of the population has been working toward establishing power on Parliament Hill; one of the aims being a panting ambition to upgrade the moral fabric of Canada. However good citizenship does not depend on indoctrination or biblical quotes.

Democracy, the best system of government yet devised by man, grants equality to every citizen, regardless of race, color, creed and lifestyle. Democracy in full flower requires all citizens to take responsibility in working together under one umbrella and

through already-existing channels in solving problems and making improvements whenever needed. Democracy demands tolerance and an openmindedness; government with a cosmopolitan outlook rather than a parochial one.

Should the latter attain power, some legitimate and serious questions that come to mind are: How long will Canadians enjoy the luxury of freedom in the bedrooms of the nation? Will our houses of learning remain democratic, or will certain educational institutions be considered and treated more "equally" because of their ideological orientation? Will the arts community be stifled and censured? Will there be book banning and burning? Will abortion clinics be outlawed? The list could go on.

As we move into a new millennium, now is the time to stand on guard for Canada and personal freedom for all

Mrs. E. L. Carlson

Night Herodotus lost Darla

Dear Mr. Minimal,

How shall I know that this survival and reproduction are my own, and not a borrowed text? By giving them a structure which formalises them, takes them out of the bath of self-regard? My own made distant, separated out from me by patterns or not-patterns, forced to a distance by the language that will return it? It will not be enough to say I write therefore I am.

Walking down Gottingen again, now bankrupted by one more store-front siltation, I looked up to where the bill(owing) boards met the eaves. There she was. Darla. There on the (l)edge, there in barren feet tauted by pesticide-free lawns, balanced on herself.

I should have been afraid because history always repeats itself. The past fitted in a different wedding shroud and married to the future. I should have been afraid, waved my arms and shouted, ranted, not stood in quiet wonder at her grace. I knew she would not fall. I knew she had a separate but not separated reason for her risk. She was unravelling herself. Pulling the threads loose from some old sweater to knit an/other, other.

Piece by piece the fragments are retu(r)ned, polyphonic impracticality - the body, the work, the love, the life. Undocumented formulations avoid the deceit of memory. The invisible city is not calculated to exist.

And now? Yes and now, still challenging the fragments that I am. Gene pool or opera? You choose. There's no such thing as autobiography, there's only art and lies.

Invariable variating, Tangential

Herodotus Blackbird

See Mr. Minimal's response on pg 20

RANTARAVE

Medicine, health and fear

"So... you've got the flu 'eh? Take this loaf of bread, rub it on your ass and call me in the morning."

I think that there are a lot of misconceptions floating around in the average person's mind with regard to alternative medicines.

Naturopathic medicine, as best as I understand it, constitutes about four types of alternative medicines working together under a philosophy that unites the underlying principles and works toward healing a given illness.

Basically Naturopathic medicine views the health of a person as a balance that is achieved and maintained through proper lifestyle choices. The body is naturally healthy, given proper nutrition, exercise and also has the ability to combat illness and repair the damage caused by illness.

Treatment received from a Naturopathic doctor will differ in one major way from treatment given by a traditional doctor. For example, you have some type of minor throat infection. The traditional doctor will most likely look into your throat, recognize infection and then prescribe some type of antibiotic drug to destroy the life-forms that have invaded your body and caused the disease.

The Naturopathic doctor will also look down your throat and recognize the infection however (s)he keeping in mind that you have an immune system will not prescribe antibodies but prescribe a treatment including certain herbs, activities, or foods that will work toward strengthening your body's built in defenses which will in turn eliminate the illness causing life-forms.

The Naturopath is usually trained to administer four types of alternative medicines. They are Traditional Chinese medicine (acupuncture, acupressure, herbs, chi-gung, tai-chi etc.) homeopathy, western herbal medicine, dietary consideration and even a bit of psychological counseling.

Personally I much prefer the holistic approach to health offered by Naturopaths. The idea of strengthening the immune system as opposed to supplementing it is very appealing, especially if you consider the immune system to be like any other part of your body to which one could aptly apply the old saying "use it or lose it."

Jeremy Sears

What are YOU doing after school?

by johneen manning

the gazette

Chances are, if you're reading this article, you're probably a university student. I'm willing to bet you're a Dalhousie University student.

What am I getting at?
Most of us are here right
now because in our final year of
highschool, someone or
something influenced us and we
decided to continue our academic
careers in a university setting. I
want to know if you think it will
be worth it in the long run, and
what can be done to improve
the system. There are a few
major problems with this
system – it doesn't
allow for growth,
development

and change.

highschool, how many of you knew what you wanted to do when you finished university? If you did do you still hold the same conviction? Do you have a passion that you've been told would be too ridiculous to pursue as a career? What is your opinion on how our society values certain careers and professions over others? What would you like to see given more respect?

Let's stop fixating on pseudo-realities and start paying attention to our own. How do you plan to use your skills and what you've learned out in the real world? What kind of

lifestyle

would you like to live?

Do you feel that your university education is adequately preparing you for making decisions about your future, or just filling your head with facts deemed useless by the working population? Is there enough emphasis on the real world in your program of study? For those whose programs do not have work terms or co-op, do you feel you're being robbed of an opportunity for valuable experience in the real world?

These are important questions. The fact that university students usually spend at least four years of their lives and \$30,000 on their education makes

these questions even more important. Are you getting your money's worth?

Send your message. With 10,000 copies of *The Gazette* circulating in this city, this can be your vehicle for change, but only if you use it.

Drop off your message (Attention: Lifestyles) at *The Gazette* office, Room 312 in the Student Union Building, fax us at 494-8890, or e-mail us at gazette@is2.dal.ca



Dang it. In issue 133-9 photos for the Capitol Theatre article were incorrectly credited. The correct photo credit should have gone to Maya Williams.

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"I started talking with their technical person about Mpowered before the interview began... asking what type of connection Mpowered was (ISDN versus ADSL) etc. During the interview he asked if I knew about DHCP. Thanks to Jeff

Uebele, LAN instructor! I was able to talk knowledgeably about the topic. Result? I was hired for a full-time position in Halifax one week later."

"Hooray! Full-time job! I'm learning a lot and gaining valuable experience as I go! Who knows where this could lead?"

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RECIPE SHOWCASE

Christmas Cookies to die for

by johneen manning

the gazette

These cookies have a crackly top and a spicy bite. You'll be eating them by the fist-full — I recommend doubling the recipe. They also freeze quite well if you want to make a bunch in preparation of the holiday season. It is a truly classic holiday cookie.

Ingredients

3/4cup butter or margarine, softened

1 cup granulated sugar

1 egg

1/2 cup molasses

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 tsp baking soda

2 tsp ginger

1 tsp cinnamon

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup granulated sugar (for rolling)

Cream butter and first amount of sugar well (an electric mixer works best). Beat in egg. Mix in molasses (if you coat the measuring cup lightly in vegetable oil all of the molasses will pour out easily).

Stir flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon and salt together in a medium bowl, and add to creamed mixture. Mix well.

Shape into one-inch balls with your hands. Roll in sugar and place on greased baking sheet. Do not

flatten—they will flatten and crackle on their own in the oven.

Bake in 350° oven for ten to 12 minutes. Watch the cookies carefully — they're ready when the tops are crackled. Let them cook fully on a baking rack before indulging.

Makes six dozen.

Brain Teaser

Brutus Bloodhound approached the desk and gave his name to the receptionist.

"Ah, yes Mr. Bloodhound, we've been expecting you," greeted the secretary.

"Have a seat and help yourself to a cookie."

"Don't mind if I do," replied Brutus, filling his pockets. Several minutes later Brutus was called into an

adjacent room just as he entered he realized that they had been waiting for him. The last thing Brutus could remember was being stabbed by a man in a mask and seeing his blood squirt from the wound.

When Brutus eventually regained consciousness he found that his wound had been bandaged and that he was able to walk. Happy to be alive, Brutus quickly left without bothering to report the incident to anyone. Why not?

Send you answers to CDCONTEST@Xweb.ns.ca

Vanessa's Closet

by vanessa owen

advice from someone completely unqualified

Dear Vanessa,

The guy I've been dating told me he loved me. I didn't say it back to him because I wanted to wait until I truly loved him. A week later, he told me he needed space because he was very hurt. I feel like I'm so cruel for telling the truth. How can I get him back so things are as they used to be?

Truth Be Told

Dear T.B.T.,

There is a general rule in relationships that goes something like this: anything you say can and will be used against you in future fights, arguments and dinner parties. So you have to be careful. In this case, you exercised extremely good judgment in not lying about your feelings to your boyfriend. Believe me, you would have created much greater problems had you said the "L" word and not meant it. I can understand your boyfriend feeling hurt, but you did nothing to hurt him. Either he'll accept the fact that there's nothing fundamentally wrong both with what he said and your response (or lack thereof), or he'll fade away. In any event, don't invoke the "L" word without meaning it just to get him back, or the relationship will go into meltdown faster than a popsicle in the the Sierra dessert.

Dear Vanessa,

How do you tell your man that he's not making enough time for you in his life?

Counting the Days

Dear Counter,

Guys can sometimes be a little touchy about criticism, so try approaching it as a request rather than a criticism. For example, "I need to spend more time with you" is better than, "Ralph, you selfish bastard! I'm going to track down your poker buddies and hunt them for sport." I think the key here is to try to find out why he is distant. Is he really, truly busy? Is he backing off? Does he dig you but need to take things slower than you? Approach the conversation correctly, and you could learn a lot about yourself, your guy and the relationship. And that never hurts in the long run. Well, if you keep the claws sheathed, that is.

Dear Vanessa,

I have a boyfriend who continually compares my body to those of his exgirlfriends. What should I do? He can be really sweet but very critical.

Latest Model

Dear Latest Model

I would gently remind your boyfriend that there's a reason why these women are former rather than current inamoratas — and that doubtless, his amazingly boorish behavior played a role in it.

If you like the guy, say this sweetly and teasingly — and stifle the inevitable bubbles of protest with a kiss.

If you don't like him, don't forget to slam the door on your way out.

Dear Vanessa

The 33-year-old virgin in a recent question mentioned that she had engaged in something called "Tantric sex." My question is, what in the world is that, and why did she act as if everyone had done it?

Seeing Enlightenment

Dear S.E.,

Tantric sex first came to Western attention with the publication of the Kama Sutra, translated by Sir Richard Burton in the 19th C British explorer and raconteur. The Tantrics practice yoga — and Tantric sex involves body manipulation, meditation, breathing and, of course, orgasms. Theoretically, truly adept Tantric lovers can bring each other to orgasm just by staring at each other across a room. Think how that could spice up a boring dinner party!

Seriously though, even novices practicing the art of Tantric love-making find that little things like massage, light touch, rhythmic breathing and the like can cause a heightening of arousal and sensation. Just think of it as really good foreplay!

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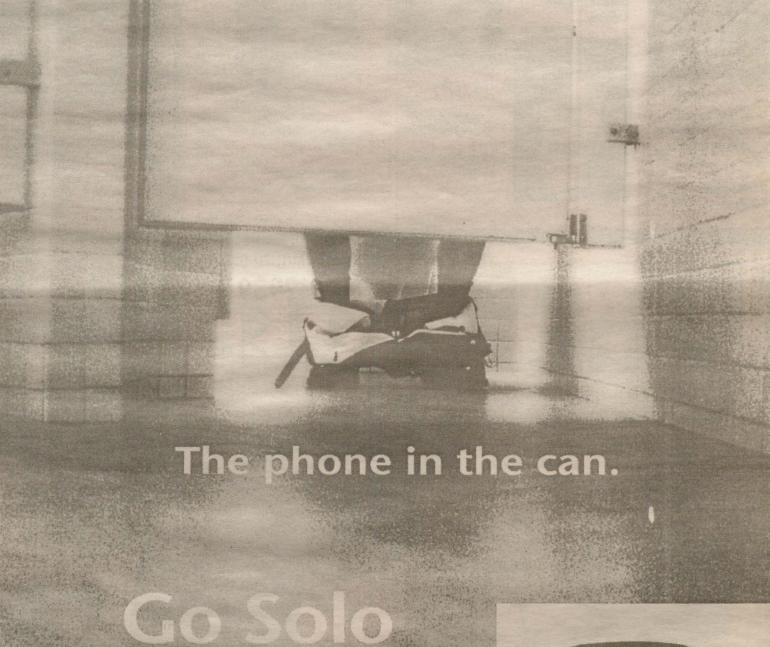








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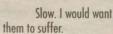


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This week
The Gazette asks:

Is revenge better taken quickly or slowly?



Fayez Deeb



Quick. It is better not to harbour anger. Plus there is the immediate gratification.

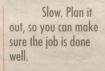
Sarah Mullen Waverly





Slow. You can out more thought into it and really get them back.

Mark Joudrey Bedford



Amanda Faber Calgary



Quick. I would want to get it over with.

Valentyna Galadza Ontario



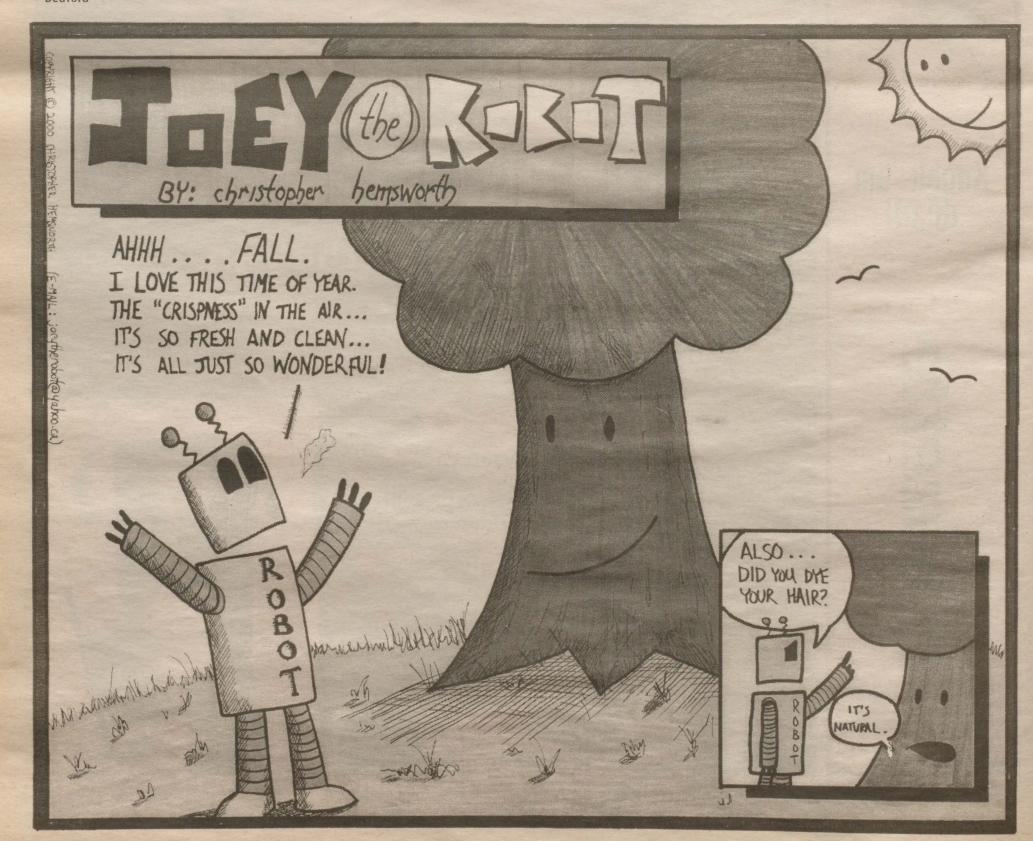
Slow. I said this because Lisa Powers told me to.

Natalie Sears Tennessee





by Sabrina Thurlow



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Produces of

by melanie hawkins

the gazette

What exactly makes or breaks a good band? The music — most definitely, the members — sure, but that's not all. The secret recipe for success has many ingredients.

Shyne Factory has been growing and thriving on the music scene of Atlantic Canada since 1992, when the era of the Halifax Pop Explosion began. There are many reasons why they are successful in this business, and it is not just found in their catchy, upbeat poppy tunes that even Mom would turn up on the radio.

One of the many secrets to success of this band lies in the management. Shyne Factory along with their management, Red Licorice, go hand in hand and have grown together all along the way.

"A good management team will let the band stop, and take a good look at where they are and help to make smart decisions about the future," said drummer Matt Johnson.

Johnson, along with guitarist and brother Mike Johnson and bassist Shawn Scott are living out a lifelong dream and winning in the process.

"Ever since I can remember we were into music, like when Sesame Street came on TV, we'd grab pots and pans and play along, or Dad would play Beatles and we'd freak out, or we'd sing with the Minipops, I always wanted to be a Minipop!" Matt said. "I always wanted to perform in front of people, now I just want to perform in front of more people."

As more and more people come to the shows, sometimes it is all the little things that add up to equal something greater.

Look at Shyne Factory's fan base. From Marquee-type 20+ year-old crowds that show tremendous excitement, to internet hogs that check out www. shynefactory.com daily to see what's new, the fan base is as diverse as the influences of this three-piece band.

However, "the internet is not really an ad for bands but a home base for fans."

Fans sport your shirt, friends tell friends about the music and you have something cooking.

But the big avenues of advertising definitely help too. With their newest video for Bring Me Down, the guys have a foot in the door to some very promising gigs. This video received intense video play on MuchMusic. The video is a spoof on the Goldeneye videogame that caught the attention of videogame developers as well as fans. It received honorable mention in the N64 magazine in the UK. Plans are presently hatching concerning the band's music being played in actual games, so kids, you can listen as well as play 24-7 soon.

Recognition in a high profile vid-kid mag, what's next? Abercrombie and Fitch?

Uh, yeah. The band uploaded an mp3 onto the Abercrombie and Fitch website and won the hearts of the company which led them to being featured on AFTV. Three Shyne



Factory songs are being used in promo videos, "and these are no small productions" Johnson said.

Abercrombie and Fitch plans a new line of clothing that suits the skater/surfer type dude and will suit the Shyney music perfectly, possibly like the clothes the guys sport on the cover of Lava, the band's newest indie release.

With all this success, you'd think the guys would be head hunted by numerous record companies.

Maybe, yes, but Shyne Factory is in no particular hurry to get a deal.

Lava, (titled because "lava is the most elementary stage of rock") has some promising sounds to deliver and they are currently working on some new material for a new spring release, maybe this one will be on a label. They are in no particular hurry, as in from day one the guys have been doing this for the love of playing music, and if they do sign, that company will fit Shyney style like a glove.

"We are doing big things, we need more backers behind us, to do what we want," Johnson said.

As the band matures, so does the music, naturally. The guys

have more complicated guitars and some very confident vocals and they are working on some new stuff to demo ir. December as they possibly tour in the Spring across Canada, hopefully hitting up some Universities along the way.

"Halifax has a good name for music in Canada, the problem is, sometimes when you mention that you are from Halifax, many people automatically think you sound like or want you to sound like Sloan or Thrush Hermit or the Superfriendz."

While they admire those bands, they still have a different sound from all of them.

So maybe the success of bands isn't always being at the right place at the right time after all

"I believe that there is an element of randomness to success in this business, but the further we go, success comes to us. It is in how you perceive what is going on and building that essential confidence in yourself to succeed" Johnson said.

They definitely deserve this great success, and Halifax should be proud of the new hardworking musicians surfacing in the city. We can look see them at the Attic on Dec. 16.



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REVIEWS

Johnny Cash — American III: Solitary Man (American Records)



The Man in Black has aged, and he sounds exhausted. Johnny Cash's voice does not carry the strength it once did. Instead, it carries the weight of age and illness.

Despite that, Cash has lost none of the grit of his youth. There is an underlying conviction in his voice that does the near-impossible by improving on songs by Tom Petty, U2, Neil Diamond and Nick Cave. Cash performs their songs with the haunting resignation of a man nearing the end of his career and possibly his life. He not only gives them new meaning, but does each song justice and brings a depth to them which is often lacking in country music today.

Cash's own song writing abilities are as strong as ever. Songs like "Country Trash" and "Before My Time" are as good as any he has written. With this album, Cash proves that he has not lost touch with his roots, the struggles of the poor and disenfranchised, or his own dark sense of reality. — Jason

Various Artists — Rap Essentials 2000

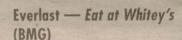


Rap Essentials 2000 is the latest chapter in the sucessful series of compliations spotlighting up-andcoming Canadian rap acts, and this release continues the tradition of quality music as its predecessors. It may be new to you, but it isn't new to the Rap world. This experience shows through with well written and delivered lyrics, as well as polished production (which Canadian hip hop has historically

suffered for). In fact, a few of the featured emcees pull double duty — on mic and on the board On the battle track "Gimme 5 Mics," Arsenal's gruff, spitfire delivery over a suitable dope looped sample guitar and thumping bass line of "Live Ordeal" is perfect for rocking car stereo's, and the three MC's

of Brassmunk are more than qualified to rock this ill beat.

I'm not sure if I agree with the decision (presumably BMG's) to pad the CD with a number of popular songs by established artists, billing them as bonus tracks, but if nothing else, Rap Essentials 2000 should prove that Canadian hip hop has become a force, not only to be respected, but also to be reckoned with. And, if you are looking for a good listen, it can provide that as well. — Chisulo





The truth hurts, but it must be said. Whitey Ford was a lot more entertaining when he indulged in coke and hookers as opposed to Jesus and folk music. The poor bastard is trying, trying hard, but it just isn't pulling

Eat at Whitey's is his second hip hop/folk/Christian ballad album since his heart attack, and also since the House of Pain. The softer, scratchier Everlast manages some solid accompaniment on the album, including B-Real from Cypress Hill and Kurupt, of Dogg Pound fame — both joined i — and although the re-teaming of B-Real and Whitey for "Deadly Assasins" was a moderate success, Kurupt should not sings songs about Jesus over an acoustic guitar, and for

that matter, neither should Everlast. Somebody give this guy some booze and hard drugs and get him in a fight for Christ's sake, as he would put it, before he's opening for Billy Ray Cyrus at Jerry Falwell's birthday party. Not that the music scene couldn't use more crap, it is just that it's so sad to watch a man who once claimed to be hard singing hymms with Crypts from Long Beach. — Pat

Johnny's Favourite

Making a fresh start...musically



by cailtin kealy

the gazette

On the phone with a scratchy morning voice, Stuart Batow — AKA Johnny Favourite - recounts last night's adventure at the Bovine Sex Club in Toronto.

It was a somewhat hazy story, probably related to Favourite having just woken up, but it was something about Great Bob Scott's birthday celebration and how the man is a nut who likes to take his clothes off but is regardless an amazing, great guy.

Favourite just woke up in his temporary home, a room in the Ramada somewhere in Toronto. Although he insists he still lives in Halifax, he's been living there since September and hasn't really seen Halifax since last January. He refuses to call Toronto home and says that whenever he can he's coming back to live in Halifax.

This uprooted Newfoundlander has some crazy stories to tell. The Johnny Favourite Swing Orchestra toured incessantly for years but broke up

"As the Swing Orchestra, we were together for along time. We were going on the road all the time and it was great. But towards the end it got worse. A lot of the band weren't happy,

including me," said Favourite.

After the disbanding, Favourite Laveled to Toronto for pre-production for his new album The Tonight Album .

What resulted is a completely different sound than one would expect. It's a poppy jazzy something (how's that for articulate). Last week, when Favourite asked the drummer from the Odds to define the music they were playing, his response was "Let the cultural watchdogs define it. It's between you and the people who listen to your music.'

So Favourite hasn't worried about it since.

So why would Favourite even ask someone to define his music? Wo ldn't he be the one that would know what it was? Well, it turns out that this was Favourite's first attempt at writing music, which explains the huge difference between the last CD and the newest one.

"I didn't change my music! You've never heard my music before. If you had caught me in an honest mood back in the Swing Orchestra days, I might have told you that I didn't do any of the writing — I was singing someone else's stuff — I just made my own music for the first time ever and I love it," says Favourite.

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Remembrance Day with Joel Plaskett

by melanie hawkins

I was looking forward to seeing The Joel Plaskett Emergency, former member of Thrush Hermit, and checking out just what Slow Lover was all about. First up on the evening at the Marquee was an unannounced Matt Maze, who played a quick three songs for us along with a special guest, Dale Murray on steel guitar.

The Marquee was surprisingly crowded as Maze sang his three long songs. As the audience smoked and started off the night with a few glasses of spirits, the Marquee seemed a little more comfortable than usual, or maybe it was just the chair I was sitting in.

Slow Lover came on after a long wait and played some ambient music with a tiny hint of My Bloody Valentine.

What the? I had to get closer exciting and mellow at the same the gazette to realize just what was going on here. It seemed like the whole city was up on stage along with the extremely elusive Mike LeBlanc who a Seattle garage band that also kept up the between song banter

The entire stage was decked out in suits and scarves and sported blank looks as they sat gazing up at LeBlanc, who was decked out in fur, black nailpolish and tonnes of glitter on his face and bare chest.

As I starred — my mouth gaping open like a deer caught in some headlights — I saw Mike O'Neill on stage too, plinking away on what seemed to be a toy synthesizer and singing along softly with Frenchie. Long-timeago-former-member of Black Pool, Phil Sedore was up there with a cello and with Dale Murray on steel guitar. It seemed more like a Halifax-All-Stars-Jam-Session in progress that made the experience

time.

The whole image of Le Blanc reminded me of the Makers, knows how to dress for success.

Waiting patiently for Plaskett, who was a spitting image of Matt Murphy and as much of a genius, I found myself reminiscing about the last time I saw Thrush Hermit in 1995, in Vancouver, with Sloan.

Also thinking about Plaskett's first solo album, In Need of Medical Attention, that has a large chunk of material about his grandfather's passing.

To my surprise, the night with Plaskett (lead guitars and vocals), Dave Marsh on drums and Tim Brennan on bass, did not play the majority of the songs off of the solo album, except for "When I Have My Vision" which was done beautifully. He also played some great new stuff that will be released some time in the Spring on a new album.

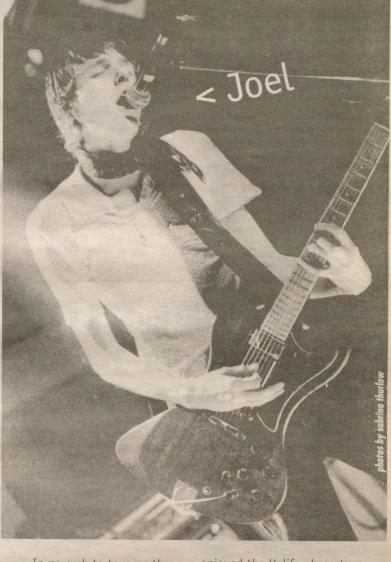
This left me slightly confused, once again, since many of the fans knew the words to the songs, I had not heard of any new releases from Plaskett, but alas, I learned later that these songs have been played live since January and there are a lot of diehard Plaskett fans out there with excellent memories.

Songs like "True Patriot Love" and "The Hurts All Gone" were some favourites of the happy crowd.

Numerous head bobbers were getting their fill of the extra-tasty-crispy tunes, as Joel switched his numerous guitars, stomped on the floor pedals and cheerfully thanked the crowd for coming out.

As he played songs that were exquisite left-overs from Thrush Hermit like "This is a Message", "Maybe we Should Just Go Home" and "Waiting to be Discovered", I was wanting to hear more, even though I was in the mood for those melancholy tunes off of In Need of Medical

When asked about plans to move out of Halifax, Plaskett mentioned that he has no desire to relocate to another city and that he needs to be in Halifax to play music at this point.



In no rush to tour, as the weather will be getting progressively worse, the new release out in the Spring will make the perfect garnish for a tour then.

He feels comfortable, and lucky to have some great musicians to play with as he

enjoyed the Halifax-hometownproud crowd at the Marquee that

Overall, the night was splendid, to say the least.

We can look forward to seeing and hearing more of The Joel Plaskett Emergency again soon at the Attic on Dec. 8.



Boy is our face red. In issue 133-8 the above photo was incorrectly credited. The correct photo credit should have gone to Maya Williams.





Coffee, Art, and Style

by kaitlin naugler

the gazette

If you like art or coffee, the place for you is AND. Located at 2383 Agricola Street, many people have probably not heard of this place before, I never had before I was told about it, but it is truly an amazing place. When I

visited AND, I had the chance to sit down and talk with the owner, Tobin Belanger.

AND is an art and coffee shop based on the freedom of expression. Most of the art pieces on the walls were brought to Tobin by those people simply looking for a good place to put them. The shop is not restricted to anything, as long as it is not offensive to young children. Not only is AND a place where you can find art, but it also gives local musicians a place to play.

At AND they very recently finished a kayak building workshop, where a kayak was built, and is being painted to auction off to charity. There are also several other events that occur during the week, such as lifestyle drawing classes, and everything is donation based.

The atmosphere at AND is entirely far beyond any other coffee shop I have ever experienced. It is a comfortable, relaxing place and the people I encountered were extremely friendly and interesting. The building in itself is also interesting. For example there is a library in the bathroom. There is also a monthly magazine, which is put out by Tobin, including everything from art and poetry to AND short stories, which you should also check out.

The thing that surprised me most was that I wasn't even there when anything was really going on, and still had a great time. AND has been up and running since July, and things seem to be going strong. They don't quite have a set schedule of hours, but they should eventually. Everything is pretty much at ease there, or so it seems to be. Right now they're just "taking advantage of not having a system," says Tobin.

AND is just beginning to open in the mornings, so they will most likely be open any time you decide to drop in.

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"An art and

If you are looking to get involved, it's not that difficult. You can either bring in pieces of art or any magazine submissions you may have. They are definitely open to whatever you decide to give them. They are currently trying to start a television show. If you're interested, they would certainly appreciate your help. You can drop in anytime, with your submissions, or just let them know that you want to get involved. It would surely be worth your time and effort.

I'm not sure how to describe what an amazing place this is. I didn't expect to be so impressed by it when I was asked to go there. It is not just a great

at five thirty in the morning i stare at your back your body silhouetted by light of a nearby window

i trace the edge of your shoulders with my

insecure

window your naked skin is soft and

mind's eye i can't believe i'm here i can't believe you're in my

i burn this image into my

i think i'll never feel this way again

place to sit and have a coffee, there are also some really good concepts behind this place.

It is providing somewhere for local talent to be displayed, whether it is in the form of art, writing, or music. I would cancel other plans just to go there and have a coffee. However you need to get there, you should find a way, buy a coffee and take a look around. Bring your school work if you have to, but go.

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

by jeremy sears

the gazette

Book:

The Art Of Dreaming -Carlos Castaneda

Castanada sums up a 13year apprenticeship with a Yaqui Indian Shaman named Juan Mantus w th a focus on his visionary experiences in the dream state. Don Juan Mantus teaches Castanada how to gain conscious control over the everelusive dream state and how to use this ability for the practical workings on the path of knowledge. Between the near death encounters in the realm of "the inorganic beings" and shared dreams with other dreamers in his party, Castaneda takes the reader on a mindmelting journey deep into the subconscious. Read this book, you'll never be the same.

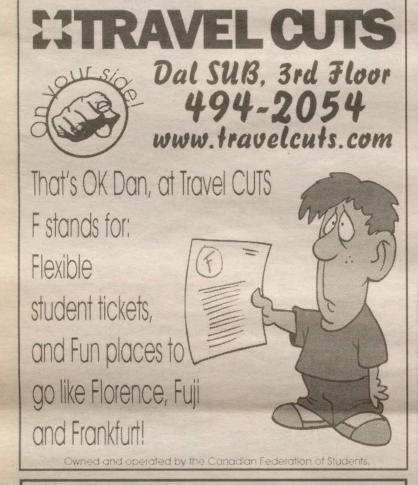
Album:

Axışı Bold as Love- — Jimi Hendrix

I've been listening to this album for ten years and have yet to tire of it. Hendrix combines hard-rockin' quitar driven (of course) tunes such as "Bold as Love" and "Spanish Castle Magic" with subtler melodies such as "Castles Made of Sand" to create what I consider to be one of his best releases. Phat fuzz face distortion, reversed guitar riffs, and an amazing rhythm section.

Movie:

I don't own a Television or a VCR. I've seen many movies but haven't a favourite. Check out Amen an Psycho, Altered States, Star Wars, The Little Mermaid, Amazon Women from the Moon, The Gods Must Be Crazy or The Matrix.





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the Cool Kids will be....

This week, we'll be short and sweet. Take a study break and go out and get some fresh smoky air at the clubs. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, dudes, but exams are around the corner. The good news is in one month from Friday exams will be almost over. Time to cram...

On November 16, the Rock Rangers and Slow Coaster are playing the Marquee. Be there or be square.

Everyone's baby faced favorite, Johnny Favorite, will be at the Marquee on Nov. 17. Why not swing by the club for some eye candy? ummmm...

On Nov. 18, go check out the King of Conquerers, King Konquerer, Straight 8 Deluxe and Ded Red at the Attic. Whew, big study weekend. When you are done, wrap yourself up in a warm blanket and listen to Sloan's Twice Removed as you catch up on beauty sleep.

If you're putting something off let us know - it might be cool enough for the

gazetteeis2.dal.ce Melanie Hawkins

A night with the 5-0. by vanessa owen and jonathan dieli colburn

It was a dark and stormy night when Constable Jamie Vacon pulled up in front of the house in his cruiser. We jumped in, anticipating a night filled with down to the credibility of excitement, high speed chases, and near death experiences something straight out of Cops.

"Tonight is going to be busy, we've already had a report of someone trying to commit suicide, by swallowing antifreeze.

This statement was issued by our host for the evening, Cst. Jamie Vacon of the RCMP. We were participating in a 'ride along' with the officer in order to experience the realities of patrol policing.

We drove through the rainy night towards Sackville as Cst. Vacon gave us instructions for the

"No matter what happens, if I get into a fight or anything don't get involved. It has happened before that ride-alongs get into it with our 'clients'.

This did come as a slight disappointment, as we were hoping to flex our muscles on some crime-breaking trash, just like Charlie's Angels.

Our first call of the evening came in at 8 p.m., a chilling tale of friendships gone sour.

After a detailed explanation, it was revealed that two teenaged girls called and harassed their neighbour after a falling out over the weekend.

Incidents like this one are difficult to solve with any degree of certainty. This woman was looking to the RCMP to provide something of the "big older brother" protection status.

The reality of the job

cannot include threatening another party on behalf of an alleged victim.

"The decision largely comes someone over someone else," says Cst. Vacon, if the situation were to ever head into the courtroom.

In this case, it doesn't seem like it will go that far, Cst. Vacon places a brief but seemingly effective call to the girls.

"Hello, this is the RCMP. Leave your neighbour alone. Have a nice night.'

We were both surprised that such a seemingly small incident would convince a person that it required the attention of the federal police force, but this kind of attitude is apparently standard.

"People expect the RCMP to be everything from their protectors to their councillors to their janitors," says Cst. Vacon. "The other night I got a call from someone to go take care of a pumpkin that had been smashed and was lying in the road. So I had to take time out of my night to kick pumpkin guts toward the sidewalk while somebody could have been getting beat up somewhere else."

Cops do not get the chance to follow up on every call or lead that they might get sent their

Our antifreeze swallowing friend was supposedly going to stay on a city bus until he died, but we definitely weren't about to start pulling over every bus we passed to search them.

In the same vein was a report of a couple of moviegoers who pulled a handgun in a parking lot. The incident brought a half-smile to the face of our host, and then we were onto more pressing matters. If the gunwielding suspects were expecting the surrounding police forces to drop everything and smother them in sea of angry sirens, they were going to be disappointed.

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> We again began our 'patrol' of the Sackville area and quickly heard the now-familiar squawking from dispatch. This time we were sent to investigate an abandoned 911 call from a legion not far

"It is always good to think about what type of a call you will be investigating. Take this call for instance, it is probably a wedding at the legion and some kid was just playing with the phone.'

It turns out that Cst. Vacon was entirely correct.

We pulled up into the parking lot of the legion and the sign read congratulations Jodi and Scott. It was a wedding and there were no emergencies apparent, but children were present. The bride was quick to re-assure us that there was no problem and it simply must have been one of the kids playing with the pay phone located in the lobby.

She apologised and we left. Next we decided to head over to the local high school to see if anything was going on there. Ironically as we pulled into the parking lot, dispatch informed us of a gathering of teens at the high school and we threw the Crown Vic into gear and motored up to the parking lot.

Indeed, there was a group of teens hanging around in the front of the building. We pulled up and Vacon ordered them to disperse. Several of the individuals had vehicles and the teens piled into the cars and left the area.

Cst. Vacon however had detected the pungent aroma of marijuana and asked one of the teens about the smell. He admitted that some of them had been smoking a marijuana cigarette.

"I am 90 percent more likely to let a 'client' off when they are honest with me from the beginning.

The cigarette in question was nowhere to be found and Vacon let the kid walk away, with a warning not to come back to the area again tonight.

We all piled back into the cruiser and decided to drive around to the back of the school

> just to make sure that the teens had left the area. There we encountered a single vehicle with two male occupants inside.

Cst. Vacon stopped the police car and got out to investigate. He asked the male driver for his license and

insurance papers, which he was unable to produce.

Again, Vacon detected the smell of marijuana and saw on the floor of the vehicle several tiny plastic baggies, the type normally used for the storage of pot. He asked the driver to step out of the car and had him empty his pockets out onto the hood of the police car.

The suspect pulled out numerous items, including two grams of dope and Vacon placed him under arrest.

The officer then walked over

to the other side of the car and asked the second individual to step out of the vehicle. The occupant obliged and was also asked to remove any items from his pockets.

"If you were smart, by now you would have stashed any drugs you had under the seat.

The suspect looked grim and afraid, unable to even crack a smile at the policeman's attempt at humour.

We thought it was funny and had a good laugh.

Vacon also found other illegal in the vehicle. The teens also had a radar detector, which is illegal to own in the province of Nova Scotia.

After being interrogated by the two police officers present, the young offenders were set free, minus their dope and were given a valuable lesson in life.

Cst. Vacon made them drive over their radar detector several times to ensure its destruction.

The rest of the evening went by with little excitement. But we were able to reflect on the actions of this officer and felt that while he had had the power to arrest several individuals that evening, he was able to instead give them something much more valuable, a clean record.

"People generally have the impression that cops are the bad guys, but in fact we are people





The Man behind the badge

the gazette

Jamie Vacon — Police Officer Jamie Vacon has wanted to be a police officer since he was 13 years old, growing up in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. In 1997, at the age of 23, this dream was realized when he was accepted into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, (RCMP), conducts an exhaustive investigation on any person wishing to join their ranks. They are extensively screened and evaluated. The applicant must submit personal background information, medical information and supply character references.

The RCMP will also conduct physical, as well as psychological testing. They must also pass written exams and comprehensive personal

homicides

When a candidate has passed all of these tests, they are then shipped off to 'Depot.' Upon successful completion of the training course, the officer can be posted anywhere in Canada.

It took Vacon almost six years to get into the esteemed profession, and he was "the happiest guy in Nova Scotia" the day his acceptance letter arrived.

"I've never taken drugs, never smoked a cigarette and I haven't had a beer. I don't even drink coffee. All I have ever wanted to do was join the RCMP and I didn't let anything stand in the way of achieving my goal," said Vacon

His acceptance letter was an invitation to attend Depot — the RCMP training academy in Regina, Saskatchewan. This is one of the final hurdles an applicant has to pass in order to be hired by the RCMP.

Depot is an intensive six-month training course whereby the applicant is challenged

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academically, physically and mentally.

Most applicants arriving at Depot do so with mixed emotion; it is exciting, but also stressful and slightly daunting.

"A lot of people get homesick. They are coming from all over Canada to this one place and most are leaving behind family members and loved ones.

But Vacon never let this inhibit his

"I didn't let myself get distracted by that. I was in Depot and I focused on the tasks at hand, not the people I was missing at home. The harder it got, the more I said, BRING IT ON!"

During the months at Depot, applicants develop strong bonds with fellow 'troop' members. These friendships can last throughout an officer's career.

You go through a lot together and I met some of my closest friends there.

After graduation, most applicants select three locations as their preferred postings.

But not Vacon, he did not have a preference for where he was posted, and left it up to the RCMP to decide for him

"I didn't care where I went. I got lucky and was able to come back home where at most, I would be eight hours away from my family."

Cst. Vacon was posted in Lower Sackville Detachment, in Nova Scotia.

My original intent for this article was to expose the reality of policing

I've spoken with police officers in the past, including several RCMP members and their responses were generally the same. Policing is not the exciting, fulfilling or even especially dangerous job as portrayed on television. In fact a lot of the time it was boring, with only the occasional call from dispatch to break up a fight or play referee to the same couple from last week, in the midst of yet another domestic dispute.

Top this off with endless hours of paperwork and courtroom visits and the allure of the profession is quickly counteracted.

The officers I spoke with all had the tongue-in-cheek idea that they wanted to be cops because they thought they could change the world, catch the 'bad guys' and protect innocent victims from crime. Only to discover in the end that they change nothing, see humanity at its worst and solve nationally less than 50 percent of the crimes they investigate

Jamie Vacon is different. He has a genuine respect for people and his profession that I found lacking in the other officers I had known. He is articulate, humorous and surprisingly

"I worked the Swiss Air crash and as I stood on those rocks for several weeks. I saw the most spiritual people. It is hard to describe how it feels when someone is crying on your shoulder for an hour after finding out their family members

He does not claim to feel the frustration that some police officers have when dealing with repeat offenders.

"A lot of the calls that come in are from people we have had dealings with in the past. It doesn't make me feel as if I want to give up on them. It is almost as if you are a part of their lives and it makes me want to work harder to help

Vacon was inspiring when questioned about women in policing.

"I don't see a gender difference in the RCMP. When I walk into a situation and I see the uniform, I know that the person wearing it has been trained and can handle whatever happens. If you think that because an officer is female she is weaker, you will very quickly be reminded that this is not the case."

He is also a coordinator for the auxiliary officers program and a facilitator for the Restorative Justice program.

"Restorative justice is an excellent program that gets the victim and the perpetrator together to discuss the incident. This is a conference that strives for resolution of the event outside of a courtroom, although if the victim doesn't feel the meeting was effective they can then pursue the legal channels.

Cst. Vacon says he works 24 hours a day,

"My boss knows he can call me at any

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time to come into work. I am really always 'working'. I walk down the street and I am constantly aware of my surroundings and the behavior of the people around me. I can't just shut-down.

But Vacon is not all work and no play. "I belong to a recreational soccer team. We played on Wednesday and I ran for an hour. I am hurting now," he says with a laugh. "I also bought a little woodworking shop about two years ago and I have built all of the furniture in my house.

Physical activity helps the officer to relieve stress and tension.

"I go to the gym, and I like to go hiking and mountain biking. Working out helps me to centre myself. I love the feeling of physical and mental well-being that comes from challenging

The RCMP is continuously encouraging its members to upgrade their education. They offer many in-house training opportunities and will assist financially any officer that wishes to take university level classes.

Cst. Vacon is currently taking a law class at Dalhousie Law School

"I have always taken classes at university. I think education is important and I love to learn.

He has also taken classes at St. Mary's and at the Universite of Ste. Anne.

He is fluent in both English and French. Vacon would advise anyone wanting to

get into the RCMP not to give up. "It took me six years to get accepted into

the academy. But I persevered and my hard work and determination paid off. It can be frustrating when they tell you to come back after not scoring high enough on some aspect of the process, but don't give up. It is a difficult program and the competition is fierce, but the rewards of the profession are well worth it."

Getting on the inside: joining the RCMP

by jonathan dieli colburn the gazette

Every seat in the McInnes room is filled and people are spread out along the walls and through the walkways.

Out of the six hundred or so students and other hopeful applicants present, it is reasonable to presume that only between two and four of them will ultimatley be asked to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and then only after completeing a process that can range in time from several months to several years.

According to Corporal Mark Furey, who led the presentation to a group of mostly St. Mary's and Dalhousie students on Oct. 24, the RCMP is expecting to lose half of its current force within the next few years.

"Alot of our members will be reaching retirement age in the upcoming years," said Furey.

This presentation was

among several to be conducted around the province in order to find participants to take upcoming entrance exams.

The RCMP gives two aptitude tests per year, if an applicant's test does not pass the first time, it will be considered among the next bloc of tests. If the applicant is not accepted after those tests, they can reapply after a year of taking the first test.

For someone who has the chance to attend and graduate from the RCMP academy in Regina, Saskatchewan, it is very likely to be stationed away from your hometown.

"The possibility of being a career constable is very likely. Promotions into leadership positions or to different departments are possible, but are far from frequent," said Furey. Someone looking to advance through the ranks has to be willing to move around and work with different departments.

"A few years ago I was working with an officer with a couple years experience, and he was having difficulties with people at his station. An opportunity came up to work in a different job further away and he took it. I had ten years more experience than him, and today that officer is my supervisor," said Furey.

Cadets are assigned to general assignment positions, but other divisions are available, such as international service, narcotics, rescue missions and protection detatchments, but many officers can remain on general assignment for the duration of their careers.

There are more civilian positions available than there have been in the past, in areas like medical technology, forensics and information technology, openings in these areas are dependant on the requirements for an area.

A large part of the dramatisation of police life relies on the depiction of violence and conflict preceding diplomacy or peaceful resolutions. As Cpl. Furey pointed out, the police will always attempt to discuss a problem rather than become a party in the conflict.

"There can be situations where you would find yourself on duty alone with no backup available," said Cpl. Furey "In these cases you'll find that it saves a lot of trouble to be able to reason with a someone rather than get into a physical confrontation."

While working in a smaller community, officers inevitably

find themselves becoming a part of the life of the town, which can affect the job, according to Furey.

"When you get called to a fatal car accident one morning and one of the victims is a kid that you've coached in little league, it can really make things a lot more difficult," said Furey.

All applicants have to be able to pass a physical abilities test, the standards of which remain the same for every potential member of the force, regardless of past experience, advanced educational background or gender.

"Any of you in human development will be aware of numerous papers published on the parallels between physical fitness and mental ability," said Cpl. Furey. He added that applicants need to be engaged in a healthy lifestyle before entering the program and that they are expected to maintain the same kind of lifestyle throughout their

The physical requirements test has taken on a new look in the last few years. Every officer hired since the requirements changed is required to pass the physical test a regualr intervals for the full duration of their careers, according to Furey. He said that this new aspect further stresses the importance of maintaining an active lifestyle.

Many entrants into the RCMP force have had previous experience in police work or a similar field, but it is not required.

"It's more important to be able to point out instances of

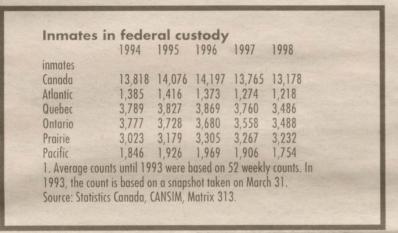
proven leadership," said Cpl. Furey. He pointed out examples of youth leaders and local church group organizers as possible sources of leadership experience that is beneficial for RCMP candidates.

After an applicant with a high enough entrance examination score and a passing mark in the physical requirements test is selected, he will face an interview and a background check, which touches on everything from school records to past personal events. Furey pointed out that applicants have given false reports on everything from schools attended to job experiences to criminal records. An applicant who has been found to be lying during the interview is not asked to continue on in the

"Your willingness to be open to your personal experience is paramount to the interview process," said Furey.

"Some of you might be thinking, 'I smoked a joint in high school, should I tell someone that in an interview?' Rather than worrying about how you sound to someone else, you should allow the process to determine your suitability."

After a four hour presentation, there was a line of interested applicants stretched across the auditorium to ask him questions about joining the RCMP.





SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Green party hopes voters make parties pay at polls

by darren stewart

the gazette

OTTOWA (CUP) — The Green Party of Canada sees the recent federal leadership debates as another threat to the integrity of Canadian democracy and hopes voters will make the big parties pay at the polls.

Green party leader Joan Russow wasn't invited to the debates. She called the country's current electoral system "undemocratic" and "a disservice to the electorate."

Russow said she's concerned that the exclusive debates will hamper the ability for voters to choose the party they like best, in an already polarized election campaign.

"They looked like five brats fighting in their sandbox," said Russow, of the leaders' debate. "I should have been there as a mother to supervise."

She said the only issues raised are done so with political strategy rather than sincerity. She thinks Canadians would be better served hearing where leaders stand on issues such as aerial spraying of pesticides, international peace and genetically modified food. Russow thinks many voters would find something they like if they gave the Green Party platform a read.

John Grogan, Green Party candidate for Prince George-Bulkley Valley, said the debates only served to legitimize the "commodification of democracy" that Canadians are faced with in the electoral system.

Grogan says the polarization of the electorate is a dangerous trend and takes attention away from the

important issues of a campaign. The polarization is very visible in Russow's Victoria riding where she's up against Liberal incumbent and high-profile environment minister David Anderson. Anderson admitted he needs to fight for every vote, given that the Alliance is fielding Bruce Hallsor, a new candidate who is hot on the Liberal minister's heels in the polls.

Russow makes no qualms about potentially stealing some of the green votes from the western cabinet minister and hopes no one hesitates to vote Green because they'd prefer to vote against the Alliance.

"This was the problem when I ran against Anderson last time," she said. "He urged Green Party members to vote for him to prevent the Reform from getting in. Now what we're calling for is to vote for the party you want, don't vote strategic, don't vote for the one you want less than the one you want least."

"I think it's a democracy and people should vote for parties they believe in, who say things that they support," said Sierra Club of Canada Director Elizabeth May, who has been very critical of Anderson's record on environment.

"Individual candidates, local democracy, members of parliament: even in a system of party loyalty and party unity, individual MPs within the government party deserve to get re-elected for the work they've done," she said. "Individual members of all parties have played roles that voters should take into account in deciding what they think of the national leadership."

The Green Party is fielding 105 candidates in all provinces and territories but Newfoundland in the upcoming election. This is up from 79 candidates in 1997. Though they have never won a seat federally or provincially, they are slowly gaining voter trust and have received the highest percentage of votes of any "fringe" party outside the ton five

The Green Party of Canada also hopes to launch a Charter Challenge later this year alleging that the current electoral system violates voter rights, being that it is undemocratic.

"That's what the tragedy is," said Russow. "All the parties suffer because they're spending all their time trying to be strategic rather than thinking about how to address the urgent

issues that have to be addressed."

The Green Party would prefer to see a system of proportional representation where the amount of seats held in Parliament are a direct reflection of the popular vote.

Only the five leaders whose parties hold seats in parliament were able to take part in the public debates.

The Mind Mr. Minimal

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Jean de la Rue

Monsieur Jean de la Rue. Thank you for your contribution, the contradictions encountered in the minds of men and women, are translucent and conducive to understanding the yin-yang plan. Your reply to the our question

(editorial-pg__) adds yet another dimension to the symbiotic relationships formed in order to support either side of our question. I had not received your letter till late in the week's end and as such am not able to provide a properly lucid response to your array of ideas. Please accept this story as a preconceived letter of correspondence and not directly as a response.

The Furred Queen

Ambling along the west side of citadel hill-feeling painfully bloated from gassy newsprint headlines-I sought some form of relief or at least release.

Upon arriving at the drugmart, a fur-lined fille with her cow-covered co-dependent was 3 odd seconds ahead of me. The furred one tapped impatiently at the handicap access panel and with her other hand herded her cowish man-friend behind her. I wondered. Had the grinding-wheel of industrial convenience succeeded in spawning yet another languid squid of habit in this urban habitat?

Was she another carrier? Tenderized for capital-prioritizing enterprises? Or could it be the sloth-queens final viral progeny, and highest rank, the

Provisions in hand I strided towards the candy-striped cash-stewards. The furred one suddenly reappeared to the left and slithered ahead of me. She bared her teeth to the cash-steward in a hypnotically still smile-all the while chanting mantras into the ear of her leathery subject. I shut my senses off to her luring voice and when I was finally aware of the end of her incantations I opened my eyes. Gazing upon the furred one's back I felt a shrieking seizure of fear grip of my internal organs. Her back was alive with shifting vertebrae sliding in, out, and across, fading and emerging again beneath her outer pelt like eager larva festering just below the skin of decaying lama.

I felt the pressure of the room increase. A pop sounded through my right temple and blood dripped down my lip from the right nostril. Dropping my ultra-sensitive condoms, I summoned what agility and strength I had left and made a random crash through the windexed window doors, leaving handprint streaks of sweat and blood on the glass. I staggered past denizens who didn't see the incident and fell to my knees in a nearby alley-way shivering and vomiting up overpaid journalists' cliches.

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Skipping along the pages of the Sunday Herald, the neatly scribbled drivel seemed to evoke the usual feelings of 'disgust and criticism. My fingers finally led me to a short article, 'Fast food might be bad, but it's not evil-priest'. The 8 paragraphs did a poor job of summarizing a priest's (John Bonelli) opinion that food has no connection to any moral obligations of religion. The title also suggests a distinction between 'bad' and 'evil'. Losing my self in the wood knots of the brunch table, I guessed that Bonelli must have formed a distinction between moral values strictly imposed by his religion and the misdeeds that are not directly mentioned in his bible.

Bonelli is a catholic. He probably believes that since eating corporate hamburgers is not mentioned in his bible it must not be 'evil', just bad for yourself and the environment.

Eating animal meat was a necessity for our spear throwing ancestors. As history proceeds, man and woman have become less dependent on animal protein. As we move into the new millennia, our animal protein has become more and more of a safety hazard. Additives, preservatives, growth hormone injections, antibiotics and animal by-products are all being fed to our poultry and holstein domestics.

The treatment of these animals in festering factories may be considered 'bad', but maybe not necessarily evil, especially since our western society

has not yet incorporated any moral obligations towards animals in our cultural and religious beliefs.

On to sins committed upon your fellow man-To produce one pound of meat, 16 pounds of grain and soyfeed must go into production, along with intensive use of fossil fueled machinery. Indulging in a few dozen McBurgers a month, could seriously affect your karma. I speak of karma because I am not committed to any one religion and feel it as a good watchdog of morals. Eating meat excessively, one uses these grains less efficiently, thus, theoretically and realistically one is using resources in a careless and ignorant fashion. The grain feed for America's meat production could be used to feed many undernourished people in developing countries. Ignoring these facts of karma-balance and succumbing to the convenience of a McMeat patty we can call this laziness, sloth, and even possibly greed.

Purchasing a 5 pattie burger, is akin to buying a share in that burger company. The consumers' purchase is like a vote of approval or support towards their food production and processing companies.

I believe we are responsible for and in complete control of all our actions, each act having an important significance. Everything is everything.

Our eating habits show our support and disapproval of food companies' policies, activities and in turn their moral beliefs. Eating locally produced meat is far more ethical, these animals are raised on a smaller scale (more environmentally friendly) in more natural conditions by people you can have a conversation with and decide whether they are your choice of distributor to support. Just do down to the brewery market on Saturday mornings or take a look at local delis. If you shop at super-big-marts ask the deli staff where the meat came from, pose some questions and you'll get some answers.

If you want to find out more about meat based vs. veggie based diets, I suggest you read Diet for a Small Planet by Frances Moore Lappé.

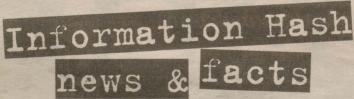
By supporting certain larger capital-based food companies we give an ok to their money-hungry and exploitative activities. By ignoring the fact that food is intrinsically connected to morals, we close our eyes, humming a tune, while the slaughter and misdeeds of our hands are controlled by the barely visible strings of corporate puppermasters. Are you an accessory to a crime, a bystander, herd-poisoned and watching an old lady get her head bled for her purse.

If these words are too dark, go out and buy something black to wear over the next little while, it'll do wonders to match your mood. Then you can slowly incorporate some green and yellow when the sun starts to shine a little more.

Food does have moral obligations. I am over any angry criticism now and feel a light shower of release soaking my hair. I hope Bonelli reads this and gets better. In fact I wish I had his address so I could send him a love-letter.

I do hope everyone in Dalhousie-Land is enjoying this column, and if you don't then, the pleasure is mine. Conflict is the platform for resolution, what's your beef.

Check out Jean de la Rue's response to Herodotus' fable (last week) in the feedback (pg____) section. Can you best their responses to the Minimal question. Send in your haiku's, cartoon sequences, abstracts and broken sentences to Mr. Minimal and qualify for a minimal mixtape (HipHop/Downbeat) Send submissions to mr_minimal@hotmail.com



by kip keen

Have you been abducted by aliens lately? Find out by filling in the www.abduct.com abduction questionnaire. They ask:

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own? [no/yes]

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Huh? What's that Mr. Alien? I can't hear you with my Thought Screen on...
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ANAL PROBESH

The abductee also reported that since wearing a Thought Screen helmet he has not been abducted by Meekmok aliens, or any other species of aliens. No more aching hums

Velostat shielding is hard to buy in small quantities, so buy in bulk from wiring companies and give your family the gift of telepathic protection for Christmas.

Students pop Ritalin for studying

by chris westendorf

VICTORIA (CUP) — The prescription drug Ritalin is the best way to get through a night of heavy studying, according to some University of Victoria (UVic)

"Yeah, I'd say my sales increase around exam time. Not too much though," said Joe, a Ritalin dealer at UVic who had

the gazette asked that his real name not be

Ritalin, or Methylphenidate, is a prescription drug used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder or ADD. It has become the focus of public scrutiny in recent years due to its high rate of prescription to hyperactive children. The long-term effects of the drug have not been thoroughly studied.

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Joe says he believes physicians prescribe Ritalin indiscriminately.

"I've got ADD, but Ritalin isn't the answer. Anyone can have access to this amphetamine if they go there and talk.

Joe describes his enterprise as a way to earn pocket money with his Ritalin prescription. Pills cost \$1 for one 20mg pill or \$3 for five 10mg pills. He believes

the drug has no real merit, but rather a placebo effect.

"It helps you stay awake and focused, but a lot of it's psychological. You don't get a good sleep, the next day you're whacked out."

Ritalin is often crushed into a drink, swallowed, or snorted. Because of the drug's fame as the cure for Attention Deficit Disorder, some students believe it will help them concentrate on their studies.

Ritalin is a "mild central nervous system stimulant" according to Health Canada's Web

"I wouldn't recommend Ritalin as a study aid," said Dr. William Dyson, director of UVic Health Services. "This is an abuse of prescription medication."

Dyson says Ritalin is classified under BC's triplicate program, a tri-copy system of prescription forms designed to prevent the misuse of prescription drugs. Dyson said he was unaware of any specific instances of Ritalin abuse at UVic.

"I've suspected that some people do this, just like they would take anything else. People will take anything. Is it right? No."

When questioned, many UVic students were unaware of Ritalin use as a study aid. Some had heard of it, however.

"Yeah, I know of a few people who have used it to study," said Andrew Weeks, a fourth-year economics major. "But I don't think it's very common.'

Ritalin's most common side effects are nervousness, insomnia and decreased appetite. In isolated cases users have reported instances of hyperactivity, convulsions, muscle cramps, choreo-athetoid movements and physical ticks.

On rare occasions, emotionally unstable patients have developed a psychological dependence on the drug. However, most Ritalin users are not known to develor serious dependencies on the drug.

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Back to Back Gold for the **Tigers**

Women's soccer take national title...again

by amy stockwell

the gazette

On the afternoon of Nov. 11, the Dalhousie Tigers claimed their second straight CIAU Women's Soccer Championship with a 2-0 victory over the nation's second-ranked Ottawa Gee Gees. The fourth-ranked Tigers went ahead to an early lead when Julie Pigozzo netted her second goal of the tournament in the 13th minute. 1999 CIAU Championship MVP Stef Finateri then sealed the victory with a marker in the 81st minute. Finateri was crowned Game MVP honors for her effort in the final. Finateri has been something of a sensation since her return two weeks ago. Since her return, she has scored goals that, the previous week, crunched Saint Mary's and Mount

All have been extremely

impressed by her dedication and commitment to play even when she was in pain.

With the win, Dalhousie grabs back-to-back titles and also marks their third straight medal at the nationals were:1998: Bronze, 1999: Gold, 2000: Gold.

The Tigers have already started to set their sights high for next season, as talks on how to improve an amazing team have begun. The Tigers are trying to install a legacy in Women's Soccer as they'd like to see a few more titles added to their history.

The Gee-Gees must be very disgruntled at the loss who have been beaten for the second consecutive season by the Tigers. With the loss, the Gee Gees snag their third trip to the podium in the past five seasons with silver in 2000 and 1999 and gold in

Dalhousie Hockey Team **Looks Impressive**

A closer look at Dal's prospects

by c.j.foote

There has been a lot of talk about the Dalhousie hockey team this year. Many have been wondering how a team that was playing so mediocre last year could come up with such play this

Well, many changes have been made to the staff this year. They've picked up players a slew of new talented players from all across Canada as well as a new couch. The additions are:

Coach: Fabian Joseph, a two time Olympic silver medalist and previous captain of Canada's Olympic team.

Players: Chris O'Donnell, a 6',200 pound forward from Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia.

Bob Crummer, 5'10, 210 pound forward from Mount Forest,

Billy Browne, a 6'1, 200 pound defenseman from Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

Mike Fletcher, a 5'9, 190 pound forward from Windsor, Ontario.

Jasmine Gelinas, a 5'9,190 pound defenseman from

the gazette Drummondville, Quebec.

Jason Troini, a 5'9,190 pounde forward from St. Hubert, Quebec.

Dave Walker, a 6',190 poundforward from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.

Chris Tellum, a 5'11,185 pound forward from Louisbourg Nova Scotia.

Chris Mei, a 5'11, 200 pound defenseman from Sault St. Marie,

Chris Stanley, a 6'2, 210 poundf orward from Parry Sound,

Freddie Belanger, a 6'1, 210 pound defense from Longueuil, Quebec.

Pat Berrigan, 5'11, 210 pound goalie from Halifax, Nova

Harlin Hayes, 6',200 pound goalie from Stellarton, Nova Scotia.

The Dalhousie Tigers were the only Nova Scotia team to win this past weekend at in AUAA hockey play. The Tigers beat their host, Prince Edward Island Panthers, with a decisive victory 5-2. This game puts them in third place with a 6-4 record. Also,

Dalhousie has slipped into the top ten in the CIAU rankings for the first time in a long time.

CIAU Hockey Rankings

1 Alberta

2 UUTR

3 StFX

4 Manitoba 5 Western

6 St. Thomas

7 Lethbridge

8 Calgary

9 Saskatchewan

10 Dalhousie

In other play, the Saint Mary's Huskies went to a 5-5 tie with the Moncton Blue Eagles and the New Brunswick Varsity Reds defeated the St. Francis Xavier X-Men 5-2. At Halifax, Brian Barker of the host Huskies scored with six minutes left to tie it. Jeff Tetzlaff, Brett Gibson, Clark Udle and Steve Gallace rounded out the scoring. Billy Manley had three assists. Sylvain Rodier, with a pair, Christian Drolet, Luc Cormier and Carl Prudhomme produced for Moncton. In Antigonish, Craig Soke scored twice for the Reds while Ryan Walsh, Calvin Watson and Jason Hegburg scored one each.

Women Tigers Trounce in Season

by c.j. foote

the gazette

Are the Dalhousie girls basketball team on a roll or what? The women have used their balanced scoring attack and

tenacious defense to roll over highly ranked teams this season. Last week the victims were the St. Mary's Huskies, and this week it was the Prince Edward Island Panthers.

The Tigers creamed the

visiting Prince Edward Island Panthers with ease in a 66-49 decision, at the women's seasonopener for Atlantic Universities Basketball Conference action at the Dalplex. The game was close for the first 15 minutes until Dalhousie started to pressure and the Panthers were unable to hit respectively from the floor. At the end of the second half Dalhousie only led by 37-30. However, the second half ended up being all Tigers who seemed to be everywhere, every time making the Panthers cough up 29 turners.

This continues Dalhousie's 13 regular season win streak from last season. Dalhousie also showed superior defense that was similar to last season when they allowed a CIAU low 50.3 points per game.

At Dalplex, six-foot-one post player Jillian Macdonald had a double-double with a gamehigh 16 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore forward Fausta Charlong looked extremely impressive in the game and went four-for-five with 12 points and 19 minutes of playing time.

"I'm happy just to go out and work hard and play well so that our starters can get a rest," said Charlong.

Janice King made one of the biggest differences in the game. She grabbed 10 rebounds for Dalhousie and was a contender

on the defensive boards on every play. Dalhousie is looking for no more then a medal finish, as the girls have shown they are contenders for the titles.

In other action, the New Brunswick Varsity Reds beat the Cape Breton Capers 78-70 and the Memorial Sea-Hawks slipped by the Saint Mary's Huskies 68-66.

At UCCB, Beverly Kennedy had a solid all-around outing with 23 points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals. Jillian Hachey helped out with 19 points on seven-for-nine shooting for the Sea-Hawks while rookies Brandy Carafelli and Heather Ross scored a team-high 14 points for the Capers

Past Tiger Greats

Chad Kalmakoff

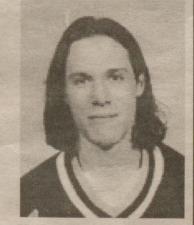
Position: Centre Major: Commerce

Hometown: Swift Current, SK

Height: 5'9" Weight: 180 lbs.

Date of Birth: March 20, 1976

An Academic All-Canadian was an all Canadian for this second, third and fourth years at Dalhousie. Chad displayed steady improvement his four years stay in Halifax years and was again selected to represent the Tigers at the '99 All-Star game. An Assistant Captain in this second and third years, Chad showed exceptional ability to lead the team and put the puck in the net. In his fourth year, he became team captain and demonstrated himself as a classy player on and off the ice.



Chad was an exceptional goal scorer and team leader in 1999

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Tigers and Huskies claw it out to the end

by anthony gill

the gazette

There was a large crowd on hand, last Thursday, at the St. Mary's Tower, as the Dal Women's Volleyball team went heat-to-head with St. Mary University's women's team. This game was hyped with the existing rivalry between both universities, and the fact that this was a big Atlantic Conference show down. The 2 and 1 Huskies tried to keep the 0 and 3 Tigers winless.

The crowd was a mix of both SMU students, and Tiger faithfuls.

The first set was a typical tiger game, as our women capitalized on the sloppy SMU mistakes and came out hard. Dal took a commanding lead, 15-7, and continued to work together to stop the SMU attack. After getting control of their defense, Dal never looked back and they took the first set 25-18. The SMU coach remained unimpressed with the play of his Huskies and made it known that he expected more in the second set.

Fresh off a sweet win, the Dalhousie Women came out drilling the Huskies, and showed excellent poise on the court.

The SMU Women looked very unorganized, and seemed to

have no rhythm, as they could not get a rally going. This led to a Tiger win, 25-14, of the of the second set.

The Tigers were ready to take their first win of the season,



Dal coach Kirk Yanofsky, a man of short outbursts

and jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the third set. Finally though, the Huskies showed some team chemistry, and tied the set up at seven — all.

SMU then took the lead for the first time of the night, 10-9, and never looked backed winning the third set in convincing style, 25-14.

The fourth set started off with Dal seeing a wall of SMU

defenders and not being able to get anything going. SMU took advantage of a somewhat bewildered Tiger squad and come out hitting hard. The Huskies continued to rock our women on the court and finished the set with SMU pride, 25-10.

The fifth, and final set, started off with a quick SMU start, as they went up 5-2 on the Tigers. This led to a short outburst by the Dal coach, Kirk Yanofsky, which involved kicking a crate, and almost led to his ejection out of the game. After this, the Dal Tigers rallied and pulled within a few points and tried to take back the game. The intensity was felt throughout the gym, as this set was by far the most exciting and explosive. The Tigers came close but in the end it was the SMU Huskies celebrating a 15-12 victory in the final set.

The SMU girls handed our Dal women another loss, but not without a trying effort. Both teams will be looking for redemption on Feb. 10, 2001 as they rematch at the Dalplex. The St. Mary Women's team moves to 3 and 1, while our Tigers have yet to win a game.

Next Game: Nov. 18, 2000 vs. Memorial, at Memorial.

DALHOUSIE TIGERS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Marty Johnston Men's Hockey 2nd Year BA Gloucester, ONT

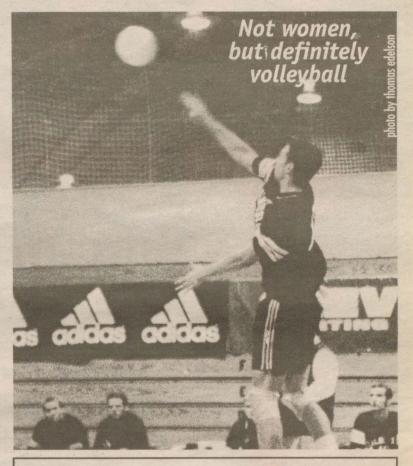


Marty Johnston of the Men's Hockey Team is the Dalhousie Tigers male athlete of the week for the week ending Nov. 12, 2000. Marty put in two strong efforts on the road this weekend that helped the Tigers move into first place in Atlantic University Sport Hockey. On Nov. 10, Johnston picked up two goals and an assist leading the Tiger to a 5-4 victory at UNB. Nov. 11, the Tigers Contain continued his strong play leading the Tigers to a 5-2 win at UPEI. With his impressive weekend Johnston moved into a tie for first place in AUHC scoring with 22 points in 12 games. The Tigers are also the only team in the AUHC with eight wins and they will also likely move further up the CIAU Top ten this week after entering in the tenth spot last week

Claire Martin Wamen's Soccer 4th Year Science Halifax, NS



Claire Martin of the Women's Soccer Team is the Dalhousie Tigers Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Nov. 12, 2000. Words can not do justice to the performance Claire Martin put in this weekend at the CIAU Women's Soccer Championships. Martin was a pillar of strength in defending the Tigers end of the field. She cleared dangerous balls, from the opposition, time and again and took all the important kicks at both ends of the field. She was a calming force for the Tigers in pressure situations and she would turn a defensive play into a counter opportunity. Her tremendous overall effort was recognized with the CIAU Championship Tournament's Most Valuable Player Award and she was the main reason the Tigers became the first team in CIAU History to claim back to back CIAU Women's Soccer Championships.





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WOMEN'S SOCCER CIAU Championship @ Acadia Gold Medal - Dalhousie 2, Ottawa 0

Bronze Medal - Victoria 1, McGill 0

MEN'S SOCCER CIAU Championship @ McMaster

Gold Medal- Laurier 1, Saint Mary's 1 (Laurier wins 6-5 in penalty kicks)

> WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UNB 76 @ UCCB 70 SMU 46 @ Memorial 62 UNB 78 @ UCCB 70 SMU 66 @ Memorial 68 UPEI 49 @ Dalhousie 66

MEN'S BASKETBALL UNB 87 @ UCCB 95 SMU 106 @ Memorial 102 (2-0T)

SMU 79 @ Memorial 70 UPEI 76 @ Dalhousie 79 UNB 81 @ UCCB 100

WOMEN'S HOCKEY Saint Mary's 1 @ McGill 9 (Exhibition) Conocrdia 8, Saint Mary's 2

MEN'S HOCKEY
Dalhousie 5 @ UPEl 2
Moncton 5 @ SMU 5
StFX 2 @ UNB 5
St. Thomas 5 @ Acadia 2

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL StFX 0 @ UNB 3 (25-

19,25-19,25-22)

Acadia 3 @ Moncton 1 (25-23,18-25,25-23,25-18)

UCCB 2 @ Saint Mary's 3 (20-25,22-25,25-19,25-18,15-12)

Memorial 3 @ UPEI 1 (25-18,23-25,26-24,25-22) Memorial 3 @ UPEI 0 (25-

StFX 0 @ UNB 3 (25-22.25-16.25-22)

17,25-16,26-24)

Acadia 2 @ Moncton 3 (25-19,24-26,14-25,25-20,15-10) UCCB 1 @ Saint Mary's 3

(25-18,25-22,19-25,25-16)
Dalhousie 3 @ Mt. Allison 1
(23-25,27-25,30-28,25-22)

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL Memorial 1 @ Dalhousie 3 (25-17,17-25 25-20, 25-18)

Memorial 3 @ Moncton 0 (25-16,25-21,25-18) Warrior Classic @ Waterloo (Nov. 10)

Toronto 3, UNB 0 (25-22,25-18,25-15)

Penn State 3, UNB 0 (25-18,25-23,25-18)

(Nov. 11) Montreal 3, UNB 0 (25-21,25-2025-14)

Waterloo 3, UNB 1 (26-24,18-25,25-22,25-20)

(Nov. 12)

Bronze - Montreal 3, UNB 0 (25-22,25-22,25-17)

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