

Marathon Dalhousie Student Union session was extended twice as councillors slogged through the budget and referendum screw-up. A weary Sherri Golding(left) and Grants Committee Chair Scott Matthews(right).

# Registrar 'steamrolls' process

by Ellen Reynolds

Many students voiced strong criticism of the new undergraduate registration process in an open forum last Friday afternoon in the SUB lobby.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) VP Academic Bill Jeffery drafted a letter summarizing the students' concerns which will be sent to Dalhousie registrar Gudrun Curri, President Howard Clark, the Board of Governors, and the Senate.

According to Jeffery, the forum was an opportunity for students and faculty to give the input they didn't have in the planning stages. "Curri steamrolled it through," says Jeffery.

The forum, chaired by Student Council President Caroline Zayid, began with a brief explanation of the new process by its creator, Gudrun Curri. Curri has recetly transferred from her position as registrar at Scarborough

Jeffery and Kim Vance, incoming VP Academic, spoke briefly on their concerns with the process. For the remainder of the time, students were invited to ask questions or comment on the new process.

With this new process, registration forms will be mailed June 7 and classes will be selected on a first-come first-served basis, so students are encouraged to mail their forms early. The first installment of tuition is due August 19, as opposed to last year's September 25 deadline. A student who is unable to pay by August 19 must show proof of application for Student Aid or apply for "hardship". There will also be a 'Registration Week', September 6 to 9, for those students who haven't yet registered or were unable to pay their first installment before August 19.

The main criticisms were of College in Toronto. the August 19 deadline and the inefficiency of the mail-in process. Students asked why the

> had been moved a month ahead. "I haven't received a satisfactory answer from the registrar about that yet," says

first installation of tuition fees

Curri says the deadline was changed in an effort to "fine-tune enrollment" - to be able to make adjustments early and meet the "demand and supply" of students. Curri suggested payment of the first installment is proof that students will follow through in the courses they register for. Several students rejected this reasoning, saying they will still be changing classes during the first week after they assess their professors.

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# Proposal changes fee referendum

by Dale Rissesco

Student Council decided last Sunday to adopt a proposal which would modify the athletic fee voted on two weeks ago. Although almost 12 per cent of the student body voted, only 7.8 per cent voted for the twentyfive dollar option on the ballot. Minimum response for any option is eight per cent. Council decided to approve a proposal by DSU VP External Joe Morrison which would gather the \$25 levy for one year only on condition that another fee referendum be held next spring.

Councillors were concerned that students had not been well informed when they voted. Sheri Golding, Board of Governors rep, spoke for many, saying students would have voted to keep tuition down (tying the fee to a negotiated tuition) if they had known the issues.

Referendum returning officer Lara Morris defended the referendum, saying students could have been informed if they wanted to , but Golding said there was a lot of misinformation given by coaches and administrators, and the council had a duty to look out for students' best interest by examining how the referendum was

Although this is not the 3-year deal the administration wanted, Bryan Mason, Vice-President of Finance, says it is still useful and that present programs will be kept up. The only problem is that it limits the administration to one-year programs in terms of improving present facilities.

Tony Martin, Director of Athletics and Recreational Services, gave one example of how a long-term financial commitment might have been used. He said intramural hockey this year was played late at night. If there had been a long-term commitment to the fee, it might have been moved to a prime-time rental slot. "But since there is only a one-year commitment, we cannot bump a paying customer this year, only to go back to him next year and ask him to come back," says Martin.

Joe Morrison, outgoing DSU vice-president external, says intramural hockey is not the issue. Students will be able to decide whether the money was used effectively or not, he says, and if students are unsatisfied with the use of the fee they will be able to cancel the fee next

The athletic fee will be administerred jointly by the Student Union and the Administration through the Athletic Advisory Committee, Morrison says. The Student Union will have ultimate control over where the money will be spent.

The Student Council also asked President Caroline Zayid to write a letter to the administration saying council was not pleased with their interference with a student referendum. The proposed letter was to express the DSU's concern that the administration should act more appropriately next time when dealing with Student Union

# Morris cancels over threatened boycott

by Heather Hueston

Minister of Higher Education Edmund Morris won't be giving any words of wisdom to the 1988 class of Dalhousie library graduates.

A hushed-up meeting last week between a group of outraged library students and President Howard Clark ended with Morris' name being withdrawn as convocation keynote speaker In return, Clark apparently asked for a ban on publicity.

Following the meeting, student organizer Kris Melnick

would say only that "the matter has been resolved" but would not confirm whether that meant Morris would not speak.

Dr. Clark told the Gazette vesterday that government pressures obliged Morris to decline the invitation to speak, but Clark could not give the precise date when he received the minister's regrets.

Morris said yesterday he informed Clark "promptly" when he realized the convocation Thursday would fall on a cabinet day, but was also unable to spec-

ify when exactly he declined the invitation. "It was some time ago," said Morris.

Morris said he finds it unusual that students would be upset over the minister of advanced education and job training being invited to speak at a university convocation, and said if such rumours are true it does not "say a great deal for their education".

Students had earlier given Clark an ultimatum, saying they would call a press conference Friday, April 8, if Clark didn't

retract his suggested speaker,

Morris said if students are thinking of the action brought against him under the Freedom of Information act, they should be aware that "all the world has heard is one side of the story. I have made no comment on it." Morris said the student reaction was surprising at a university where there is supposedly a free exchange of ideas.

Morris was fined \$100 for passing out confidential information when he released personal facts from the file of a welfare mother who had publicly criticized Morris as social services minister.

"If these students did take adversely my being invited to speak, it's a reflection upon them and the university, not upon

According to one graduating student who did not wish to be named, friends who planned to fly home after classes ended, said they would not bother to return for the

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The Student Aid Department should darn well finally learn a lesson from this. It's like a student who leaves all their work until the last night. The students are the ones paying for the government inefficiency.

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# Guns? who cares

### by Heather Hueston

The Dalhousie Senate has decided not to create a gun policy for a proposed program for police officers.

Last Monday, the Senate accepted a recommendation from the Committee on Academic Administration to not implement a policy of firearms in the classroom. The CAA said though the Halifax Police Department should ask the officers concerned to "refrain whenever possible" from carrying guns to class, past experience with gun-toting officers in class has not proved a problem.

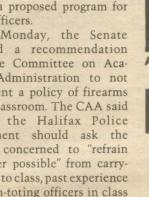
Officers have been taking Dal courses in small numbers, usually in sociology and criminiology. When they are on duty, they must wear uniform and sidearms.

Dr. Frank Wien, a Dalhousie sociology professor, says members were concerned it would inhibit the collegial atmosphere and would distract other students and the lecturer. However, Wien says it was Victor Thiessen, chair of the Sociology Department, who calmed senate fears, by explaining his approach to introducing police officers to his class ahead of

"It can be intimidating to see this guy with a gun on his hip," officers who take these classes don't have this authoritarian hangup anyway.'

The new certificate in liberal studies program now awaiting approval before the Maritime post-secondary governing body would combine courses at Holland College

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said Thiessen, "but most of the

Another council meeting.

# Libraries cut

### by Geoff Stone

Interlibrary loans, reference services, library hours and six and a half full-time positions are going to see cuts next year after the Dalhousie university library brings in its budget for 1988-89.

William Birdsall, university librarian, says the library has been going through a continuous reduction in staff, books, and resources. "It is a cumulative effect. We have had to cut 25 positions since 1982 at the Dal libraries," says Birdsall.

While library collections

won't be much affected by the cuts, library hours have been cut to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday, and 6 p.m. on Fridays starting in September. As well, evening hours for reference services in the Killam have been cut.

Birdsall says these cuts will affect services, and to maintain a constant number of staff, library hours have to be reduced.

Student Council plans to send a letter of complaint to the library for the cuts, and the issue was a hot topic of debate at the Sunday council meeting.

# Managerial flack

### by Heather Hueston and Ellen Reynolds

It's not just the Grawood getting a facelift - the whole management is getting an overhaul.

Manager of Bar Services Tim Pertus is leaving "by mutual agreement", says SUB manager Steve Gaetz. Pertus will be replaced by Grawood Manager Debbie Brown, with the aid of two student supervisors.

"It's a whole new management style and it's happening quickly," says Gaetz, who expects the newly created student positions to be good training grounds for management.

Gaetz and the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) were criticized for choosing Brown by former Grawood employees who charged her with favouritism and inept management.

"It's not a hidden problem," says Lyn Fitzgerald, an exemployee who took her complaints to last Sunday's council where Brown's promotion was announced.

"I feel it should be opened to a

wider job search, and if Debbie was the first choice, fine," says

The DSU Finance Committee, concerned about the new Grawood's financial future, also asked Gaetz and DSU Treasurer Shane Feriancek why no job search was held.

"Revenues are bound to increase if the best person is there," says committee member Chris Hopper.

Gaetz says though he is aware of the concerns, he is fully confident in Brown's abilities.

"Debbie has every opportunity to make it fly," says Gaetz, "with supervision and assistance from my office." He says it's important for the DSU to not lose any more experienced staff. |Gaetz's predecessor, Andrew Beckett, resigned in January.)

Feriancek also backed Brown at council, saying she "really wanted the job" and was willing to work for it. He said her performance will be reviewed at summer's end. But the Grawood will be closed until late August.

# Students outside Metro

### by Gazette staff

The Nova Scotia government is touting its commitment to summer jobs for students, but local young New Democrats say the province's changes are shortchanging rural youths.

"While (Premier John) Buchanan pays lip service to Nova Scotian community spirit, youth are being told to pack up and move away if they want a summer job,' says young NDP leader Geoff Stone, a biochemistry student at Dalhousie University.

Stone says traditionally rural-

based jobs are being cut, while public service employment opportunities are opening up.

Figures released February 23 show that 950 jobs have been slashed from the Lands and Forests Ministry. Only 250 openings remain from last year's 1200 employment opportunities, Stone says.

"These jobs, including tree planting and brush clearing, are often the only ones available to many rural youth."

But 350 new jobs were created in the civil service.

"It is obvious that the Buchanan government is telling youth the only jobs they can get are those in the public sector, jobs which are concentrted in the urban areas, and which are very often riddled with patronage," Stone charges.

Dalhousie student Doug Henson is president of the Young Liberals. He says in his hometown of Bridgewater, those Lands and Forests jobs were important. Students were employed on the beaches, in provincial parks or related forestry

work, or paving highways.

The federal government is pumping \$7.4 million into Nova Scotia for the Challenge '88 summer jobs scheme. The province's Minister of Small Business Development, David Nantes, announced February 29 that N.S. would chip in another \$720,000 for the program.

The province had already promised \$5.5 for its own job creation plan six days earlier.

Last year's federal student unemployment rate was 13.6 per

# Registrar

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In the letter to the registrar, Jeffery suggested changing the deposit at registration to \$100 and the tuition deadline back to September 25, which is similar except Scarborough College (where Curri is from) and McGill, where tuition is considerably lower.

# Last resort

### by Ellen Reynolds

The Student Union has an alternate plan in case registrar Gudrun Curri and Dalhousie Administration refuse to make recommended changes to the new registration process.

The Union will be writing a letter to the Dal Administraion and to Student Aid threatening to overload the student aid office with applications. This threat is meant to pressure the administration to make at least some of the recommended changes to the new registration

Instead of paying the first installment of tuition August 19, the union will encourage students to apply for student aid, whether they need it or not, since students need only proof of application to defer payment of

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia is in support of this idea but "has strong reservations about the backlog. Hopefully it won't come to that," says, Bill Jeffery, VP Academic. This alternate plan will only come into effect if all other methods to pressure for changing the registration process are ignored.

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Vance expressed concern about the mail-in process, which she called inefficient. Vance asked Curri what would happen if more than the capacity of students mailed in their forms on the first day. "Curri's reply that 'we'll deal with that when we come to it' is not good enough," says Vance.

Other recommendations in Jeffery's letter include a process to priorize students on the basis of required courses, a method for getting "special permission" to take courses without prerequisites, and ensuring the registrar has accurate, up-to-date summer mailing addresses for students.

"It was a successful forum, a good turnout, and students asked informed questions," says

When the registrar's office was contacted for a comment from Curri, her office said she was out of the province at a marketing conference but refused to say

# Students get a veep

### by Paul Creelman

A year after a university commission studied the problem, and six months after Dean Edward Marriott retired as dean

### Morris

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May 12 graduation ceremony if Morris were to address them.

The student said Clark's choice of Morris posed a "moral dilemma" for library students because of ethical sanctions on librarians releasing information from files.

He gave an instance of a professor checking on a supposedly plagiarized essay who asked him for a list of materials a student had requested from the library.

The police and government are also known for making such requests when checking on suspected "subversives"

of student services, the university is doing something to fill the position.

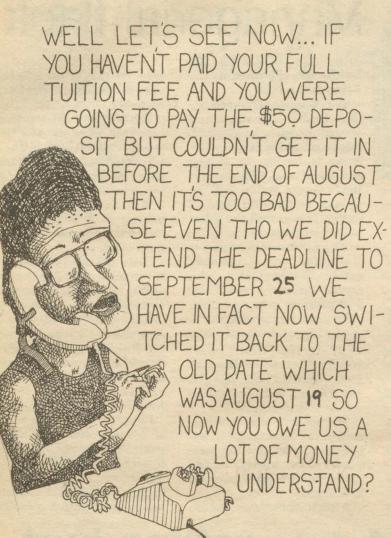
University president Howard Clark said Tuesday that "the position as it is being filled resulted from an extensive study that began about a year ago." Chair of the committee Dr. Lawrence Maloney was charged with an intensive search to find a suitable replacement for the Dean of Student Services.

After a year of bureaucratic hemming and hawing, Clarke announced, "I am taking a recommendation to the Board of Governors next Tuesday.'

President Clarke would not say who is being recommended,

Dean of Student Services will be replaced by a Vice-President of Student Services to emphasize the importance of student services in the future. "These things

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# Cash flow woes?

# Register your complaint

Sure, spring is a time for change, but things are going too far — referenda, elections, and a new process which puts registration in the hands of Canada Post.

With the new registration process introduced by our new registrar, Gudrun Curri, students will be required to pay their first installment of tuition a month sooner than last year and course selection and approval will take place through the mail.

If you haven't applied for student aid or "hardship", you must have enough money together for your first installment of tuition by August 19. The reasoning for this particular change given by Curri at the forum was rather feeble. She suggested paying earlier will make it easier for the administration to sort everyone out, and paying the entire first installment proves students are serious about the courses they register for. Curri also said if a student doesn't have the money by August 19, they aren't likely to have it before by September 25 either. What she fails to see, apparently, is that many students aren't rolling in dough - in fact, many are scraping by financially and will need their last paycheque of the summer to pay the first installment.

Does the Dal administration paternalistically believe they have a better use for out money than we do? After all, Dal can collect a whole month's interest on our 3 million bucks and then spend all that extra cash on dear old Dal. Now how can students argue against such a noble hijacking — I mean use — of our money a month early?

Curri's solution is to apply for student aid, and apply early —even May or June — when you don't yet know how much money you'll make over the summer if you even have a job by then. Curri should take a closer look at a student loan application and she would see where you're supposed to fill in how much money you've made over the summer, or have letters from employers.

Curri is at a marketing conference this week, so maybe she'll learn something about marketing her new ideas to all of us, the 10,000 captive consumers who are forced to swallow what she dishes out.

The DSU has been hard at work to agitate for change of this new registration process, but their job has been made more difficult by students' preoccupation with studies this time of year. Unfortunately, their idea to flood

the Student Aid office with applications in an effort to pressure the administration will mean some students may suffer. DSU members realize this is a drastic action to take, but console themselves that students probably won't respond to the DSU's call to action. Their bluff could be called two ways: either the students do come through and apply, causing a glut in the Aid office, or Student Aid may not care if their office is flooded or not. Their compassion for students is not exactly renowned.

Heather Hueston Ellen Reynolds



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# Last word

To the Editors:

Well. In last week's letter responding to my letter of the week before, Hugh Paton certainly has set me straight on the issue of sexism, hasn't he? Imagine. I don't understand sexism at all, and good Mr. Paton has seen fit to correct my misguided opinions.

It didn't work. I still agree with everything I wrote, and Mr. Paton has only helped confirm it

If men have very nearly all the power in our society - and they do - then they are indeed responsible for nearly everything wrong with it. But guess what? I do think men are responsible for many of the blessings of society, even though Mr. Paton first says they are and then says they aren't — why, I have no idea. After all, since men have controlled pretty well everything for all of recorded time, of course they are responsible for many good things. Women's achievements have been hidden and downplayed and often coopted by men, it is true, but men have achieved much that is good. Anaesthetic was, I believe, discovered by a man, and I'd hate to live through surgery without that. Most of the great composers were men, and so on.

But does Mr. Paton think these two things balance each other out — the good things men have created equal the bad? Does

he think Bach's Magnificat compensates for the hundreds of thousands of homeless people in North America? Does he think all the women who are raped each year can forgive their (male) rapists because a man tamed electricity?

Of course not. There are good things, but they're only good for a small number of people, while the bad things are bad for a huge majority — women, non-white people, the poor, and so on. Yet he still insists "mankind" (which in my book means men only; perhaps he meant "humanity") is responsible for everything, good and bad, on a global scale.

But I don't buy it. If women had just as much power as men, and all the bad things were still as bad as they are, then I could give his assertion credence. But I cannot, because he is merely trying to shift the blame. He has listed a number of women who have contributed much to the world's culture: can he name as big a list of women who have helped destroy it? I wager he cannot, though I can easily make a list ten times as long of men who have contributed to the earth's ruination.

Mr Paton says, unaccountably, that blaming men for all that is wrong with the earth is wrong "because that would be just like saying one must...accord them responsibility for all the good things". Now how exactly does he figure that? If I say, for example, Hitler was responsible for everything that was bad about Germany in the 1940s, does this

mean he is also automatically responsible for everything good? Obviously not. If Mr. Paton has a real point here, I can't find it.

I hope Mr. Paton never takes a philosophy course.

**Robert Matthews** 

# Lost faith

To the Editors:

Thank you for publishing my article, "Thickness of Faith", in the religious supplement last week. I would like to point out, however, that the title was not one which I had chosen, and that the heading substituted by the newspaper rendered the first two sentences of the article difficult to understand.

For the benefit of readers, the title was intended to be "Faith is believing what you know isn't true," which proposition the article then endeavoured to refute. Without this statement, the focus of the article was lost and its message was somewhat obscured by the apparent irrelevance of the first few lines.

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# More mores

To the Editors:

Intent on exposing the fallacious reasoning which he

believes to motivate feminism and gay activism, Hugh Paton has advanced a phallacy of his own invention. (Competition is, after all, the spirit of free enterprise and the old boys' network of the future on which Mr. Paton seems to have set his sights.) His reasoning in response to a letter from Robert Matthews goes something like this: "If it is right to blame men for all the tragedies of society because they are in control of society, then it must also be right to applaud them for all the blessings of society." But, continues Mr. Paton, it is clearly a mistake to applaud men for all the blessings of society; hence, it is a mistake to blame men for all the tragedies of society.

Mr. Paton's confusion becomes clear when we realize he is equivocating about what he takes to be implied by the word 'control'. To have control over something implies some degree of causal responsibility. If I control the hiring process for a business, then what I decide plays a crucial causal role in the outcome of the process. If I decide to hire a man, rather than a woman, I have clearly brought about some result which would not have occurred had I decided to do otherwise. As this example suggests, being in control of something very often involves being not only causally responsible, but morally responsible. But these two senses of 'responsibility' are quite different. I can be causally responsible for some process - spilling a can of gasoline and starting a fire — without being morally responsible for that process — I may have had no reason to expect someone to leave a can of gasoline on the stairs where I might trip over it while smoking a cigarette.

Besides blame, moral responsibility may involve praise. But because moral responsibility and causal responsibility are distinct, the mere fact that I am causally responsible for a process with positive results does not imply I am deserving of praise. If in a fit of rage I push someone to the ground, inadvertantly saving that person from a dangerous projectile, I am not the hero I would have been had my action been motivated by a desire to save that person. There is no logical reason evil actions cannot bring about good effects, but this is no justification for claiming the perpetrators of those evil actions deserve praise for those good results.

There is, therefore, no inconsistency involved in blaming men for all the major problems facing humanity (a word which, unlike 'mankind', seems not to have been able to seep into the well-sealed lexicon of Mr. Paton's idiolect of apologism) without simultaneously praising men for all the 'blessings' of society. Even if men were causally responsible for everything which went on in society, this would not decide specific issues of their moral responsibilities. Mr. Paton's argument assumes the contrary.

Mike Hymers

# Student left traditionally disunited

by Tony Tracy

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was a reasonably short-lived organization, lasting less than ten years before its breakup. Yet this group has influenced the student movement and many left-wing theorists in a way that no other group has done. The Port Huron Statement, drafted in June of 1962 at a national convention of the SDS, has remained a valid document to this day and has become a cornerstone of the student left. James Miller's latest book, "Democracy is in the Streets", is perhaps the best-written history of the SDS to date.

Miller's book is the latest of a number of books and articles released recently which chronicle the student movement, and the New Left, through the 1960s. This year, being the twentieth anniversary of the year 1968, has seen more '60s nostalgia than ever before. Many writers have made the most of the fact that twenty years have passed since the riots in Chicago, the demonstrations in France, the Tet

offensive in Vietnam, the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the developments in Prague, Czechoslovakia. However, this history of the SDS is in some ways especially relevant in

There are many similarities between the years preceding the formation of the SDS and recent years. The McCarthy era, with all its paranoid anti-communism, is in some ways similar to the American nationalism of the new Reagan era. Thus it is not surprising to find that the first attempt to organize a nationwide left-wing student organization since the collapse of the SDS in 1968 occurred earlier this year, at Rutgers University. The failure of this group to draft a constitution is in many ways linked to the failures which led to the demise of the SDS.

The SDS was comprised mainly of young student radicals, coming from a white middle-class background, who were disillusioned with the government of that time. However, this in itself added to the

failure of the SDS to deal with a number of issues, particularly with the issue of black liberation. Groups such as the Black Panther party and various minority groups, including gay liberation groups, were completely alienated by the SDS.

It was this failure of predominantly white leadership of the SDS to deal with minority issues in the U.S. which led to a certain disillusionment among the members. The Black Panther Party and other minority organizations were becoming more and more militant and gaining support among the grassroots members of the SDS, while the SDS leaders could not formulate a policy supporting these groups.

In the same way, at a national conference held in early February of this year, it was the failure of the majority of students attending to deal with the issues facing the gay community and

minority groups which caused the failure of the convention to do what it had set out to do; form an '80s equivalent of the SDS which would unite the student left once more. This convention, which took place at Rutgers University, was many months in the planning but allowed only a weekend to reach a consensus among the vastly different types of individuals who comprise the student left. Early in the convention weekend, there was a dispute centred chiefly on the representation at the convention, leading to the formation of two dissenting caucuses: a "people of colour" caucus and a gay-/lesbian/bisexual caucus. These two groups issued a joint statement that the convention would be a farce if it passed a constitution for the formation of a new group while not being truly representative of the student left. Delegates to the convention realized their failure, and the convention ended with little accomplished except a plan to hold another convention within

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# Men: The sexuality and the vitality of form

by Jennifer Latham

The Anna Leonowens Gallery recenly featured a show called He Art/S. It was a show with bold statements to make about sexuality and vitality in the male form, about the ambiguousness of space, and about intuitive designing. It was a strong showing of talent by Halifax artist Neil MacInnis.

The artist's use of colour was predominantly high-key, and the plain white walls of the gallery accentuated his style. Six giant portraits of men imposed themselves on the room like physical presences rather than as paintings on walls. "The thrust of the show is centred on the idea of unified space, where the viewer sees objects living in space, not just paintings on walls. Instead, the space belongs to the object," said Neil MacInnis.

The poses were of men sitting or standing, but each gave an impression of movement and vitality and of almost overwhelming physical personality. All the paintings were done in high-key oils reminiscent of Van Gogh and Gauguin, but without presuming to imply their greatness. Nonetheless, there is greatness of style and in use of colour in MacInnis' work. The gallery was dominated by the paintings rather than by the crowd gathered to view He Art/S. The crowd's response to his art was very positive as viewers lingered at each painting.

On the far wall of the gallery was a work MacInnis calls "Homage to Warhol". It hangs in five pieces, each showing a view of male anatomy from a diver-

gent angle and hung in symmetrical juxtaposition. It is only one of the self-portraits on display. The other is a small-scale selfportrait MacInnis painted of himself painted of himself by direct observation while using for his background the same one Van Gogh used in "Flowering Almond Branches".

MacInnis is a talented and ver-. satile artist. A book of photocopy art called "Random Narratives" showed MacInnis' talent with textures applied to themes. MacInnis says he designed the book intuitively and at random rather than by forethought and design. Also on display was a Gay Tartan designed and woven by MacInnis. "Half the preliminary work was involved in design. I used a computer with a colour program of 166 colours. Then I wove samples and did drawings until I came up with a design and colour scheme I was pleased with." MacInnis shows a strong affinity to textiles and often likes to incorporate a textile with a painting.

To complete his show, MacInnis performed a poetry reading relating the theme off He Art/S

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both visually and orally.

MacInnis is a graduating student of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. All the works on display were not only new pieces done in the last year, but were also products of his years of learning and experience gained at the Art College. Mostly, however, He Art/S is a showing of an artist's personal exploration of his talent.

MacInnis' style is unique and has a quality of the sensational without the slightest hint of conformity to traditional styles

in art. The sexuality and strength of his brush suggest arrogance, but my opinion is that his arrogance is fully warranted. Let's hope He Art/S is just the beginning of a long and productive career for Neil



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## AIDS is a very serious disease.

The good news is that the HI virus (AIDS virus) cannot be caught through casual, everyday contact. There have been no infections caused by shaking hands, hugging, crying, bed linen, straws, eating utensils, food, insects, or animals.

The term AIDS was first used to describe the advanced stages of a serious illness in which the body's immune system failed to perform its natural functions. It is important to understand that AIDS is caused by a virus - Human Immunodeficiency Virus(HIV). It previously had been called Human T-Lymphotrophic Virus, type III(HTLV-III), Lymphadenopathy Associated Virus(LAV), or AIDS Related Virus(ARV). The virus may be present in the body long before any AIDS symtoms become apparent. Researchers are investigating whether certain cofactors may be necessary to trigger the disease. Preliminary studies show that some individuals with HIV infection demonstrate symptoms while others have no symtoms, most HIV infected persons remain in good health; others may develop illness varying in severity from mild to extremely serious.

However, all persons infected with AIDS virus, whether they show any symptoms or not, present risks of transmitting the virus to others.

This HI virus(which causes AIDS) is found in the blood, semen or vaginal fluid of an infected person, and is spread when any of these infected substances enters another person's body(bloodstream).

The virus has also been isolated in the laboratory from tears, sweat and saliva of some infected individuals. However, in over 45,000 known cases of AIDS worldwide, not one is known to have contracted the disease from these bodily fluids.

If the virus is able to enter the body in sufficient concentration and if it finds its way into the bloodstream, it can have devastating effects.

The following are the answers to the AIDS survey conducted by the Dalhousie AIDS Education Committee.

### Being HIV positive is the same as having

HIV is the Human Immunodeficiency Virus which is present in AIDS but is also found in the stages leading up to AIDS.

HIV positive: when a person has been in contact with the HI virus and has produced antibodies. The person does not necessarily have AIDS. All persons with AIDS are HIV positive but not all HIV positive people have AIDS

HIV carrier is the same as a person who is HIV

AIDS carrier is used synonymously, although incorrectly, to describe someone who is HIV positive. This term should not be used. HIV positive is the more appropriate term since the person may not actually have AIDS.

### TESTING FOR AIDS

How is AIDS diagnosed?

There is no simple single laboratory test for AIDS. To diagnose AIDS a physician needs a medical history, a physical examination and a number of tests. The doctor will ask about, and look for, physical symptoms like swollen lymph glands, weight loss, night sweats, severe fatigue and certain skin conditions. If sympoms or signs are present and persist for a number of weeks, the physician may request blood tests.

What kinds of tests can be done?

Three types of tests may help in diagnosing AIDS or AIDS-related conditions:

1.Blood screeening tests for the AIDS virus antibody

2. Tests of the immune system.

### The AIDS test checks for the AIDS antibody in the blood sample

The AIDS(HIV) antibody is produced by the body in response to an invasion y the HI virus - it shows that the virus is or has been in the body. The AIDS test does not detect the virus itself. If HIV antibodies are found in a person's blood, it doesn't necessarily mean that the person has AIDS or will develop AIDS. Nor does it mean the person is immune to AIDS (usually antibodies protect a person from a disease, but this is not the case with the HI virus antibodies)

If antibodies are found, it simply means that, at some time in the past, the virus has entered the person's bloodstream. It is currently estimated that 40 per cent of people who have antibodies will develop AIDS. Some people have the HI virus in their bloostreams for a number of years and never develop symptoms of AIDS. Others develop AIDS after the virus has been present in the blood for a few months. Tests are available that can identify HIV antibodies in the blood. The blood screening process involves the use of an ELISA(enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) screening test. If the results are positive on two of these tests a more sensitive and specific antibody test known as the Western Blot is

All studies indicate that these tests are highly effective in identifying blood infected with HIV. In fact, the ELISA test errs on the side of 'false positive' readings, since only about 10 per cent of blood that tests positive on the initial ELISA test is confirmed positive through the Western Blot. An antibody test is not called 'positive' until the test is repeated and confirmed

### The AIDS test checks to see if the AIDS virus (HIV) is present in the blood sample FALSE

When the HI virus enters the body, antibodies are produced - the AIDS test identifies these odies, not the actual virus.

Very specialized and expensive tests used in research can determine whether HI virus is actually in a person's blood. These tests are not yet available for diagnosing AIDS or for wider use in testing large numbers of people for HIV infection. Researchers are currently working to develop simpler and less expensive ways to test for HI virus in the blood.

### The AIDS test result may be negative even though the person has been infected with the AIDS(HI) virus

Because there can be a delay of 3 to 6 months before the body reacts to the HI virus with antib-



ody production, a HI test (antibody test) can be negative even though the virus is in the body. It may be 3 to 6 months from the time of exposure to the virus before the test becomes positive for the antibody.

### In Nova Scotia we can be quite confident that a negative blood test result is accurate-FALSE

Because there can be a delay of 3 to 6 months before the body reacts to the HI virus with antibody production, a HI test can be negative even though the virus is in the body. This is known as a false-negative result. It may be 3 to 6 months from the time of exposure to the virus the possibility of a false-negative result, all persons should avoid risky behaviours.

### Because of the procedure followed, in Nova Scotla we can be confident that a positive result on the AIDS test is accurate TRUE

The two ELISA tests and the Western Blot test described above must all be positive before a test is reported as positive in Nova Scotia. Given the sensitive nature of these tests the results are considered extrememly accurate.

### Persons with a positive AIDS(HIV) test can transmit the virus to others TRUE

A positive HIV antibody test indicates that the virus is or has been in the body - there is no readily available way to identify the virus itself. We must therefore assume that all persons with a positive test can trasmit the virus.

At present we do not have the technology to determine which person is carrying the virus or which person is merely antibody positive.

So, a positive test that shows you to have HIV

antibodies in your blood:

-DOES NOT necessarily mean you have AIDS or an AIDS-related illness;
-DOES NOT necessarily mean you will develop

AIDS;

-DOES NOT mean that you are protected

against AIDS in the future.

A positive test that shows you have HI virus

antibodies in your blood DOES mean:
-You probably have the HI virus in your blood

and other body fluids;

 You must assume that you are able to pass the virus on to others through sexual contact, or through your blood;

-You must take precautions.

## Donating blood carries risk of contracting AIDS FALSE

In Canada, there is NO possibility of contracting HIV from the needle used when you donate blood. Blood banks and other collection centres use sterile equipment and disposable needles. The need for blood is always acute, and people who are not at increased risk for AIDS are urged to continue to donate blood as they have in the past. Donating blood in other parts of the world may not involve the use of sterile equipment so before donating blood in other countries check the procedures followed. To contract AIDS there must be an exchange of body fluids - donating blood does not involve any exchange.

### Currently, anyone receiving a blood transfusion runs a high risk of contracting AIDS-

FALSE The risk of contracting AIDS through a blood transfusion is extremely low. Since November, 1985 the Canadian Red Cross, which handles all blood donations in Canada, tests every unit of blood for the HIV antibodies. The tests described above are extremely sensitive and any contaminated blood is discarded. The risk of contracting AIDS through a blood transfusion was only one in one million prior to



initiation of blood screening; the risk is now significantly lower.

All blood that tests positive by the initial screening test is removed from the transfusion pool.

As an additional measure, persons who may be high risk for HIV infection are advised to refrain from donating blood. Sperm banks and organ banks have been advised by Health and Welfare Canada to test potential donors for HIV antibody and not to accept sperm or organ donations from individuals who are antibody positive.

AIDS TRANSMISSION

To date, the HI virus is known to be transmitted in only four ways:

1. Through sexual intercourse;

2. Through sharing contaminated needles or syringes;

3. Through transfusion of infected blood or blood products (this method is very rare since blood banks are now taking every precaution to ensure the safety of blood and blood products); 4. From an infected mother to her foetus in the womb.

AIDS is not an easily transmissible disease. Direct blood-to-blood or semen-to-blood contact appears necessary to transmit HIV. There is no evidence that AIDS can be transmitted through air, water, food or casual body contact.

# The three body fluids that most commonly have been shown to tansmit AIDS virus are: blood, semen and vaginal secretions TRUE

The HI virus is in highly concentrated amounts in blood, blood products and semen. It is in a lesser concentration in vaginal fluid. But some researchers think it's enough to transmit the virus. The HIV has also been found in trace amounts in tears, saliva and sweat, but there has never been a case documented to have been caused by these alone. The virus is *not* in sufficient concentration in these body fluids.

# The AIDS virus is highly contagious through hugging and kissing FALSE

Unlike most transmissible diseased, i.e. colds, flu, measles, etc., AIDS is not transmitted through sneezing, coughing, eating or drinking using the same utensils, or by merely being around an infected person. No cases have been found where AIDS has been transmitted through casual(non-sexual) contact to a household member, co-worker or friend.

Since there is no exchange of body fluids in hugging and dry kissing, these activities carry no risk of transmission.

Although the HI virus has been found in the saliva of some AIDS patients, there is not a single case of AIDS that is known or suspected of having been transmitted by kissing. If AIDS were transmitted by kissing, many family members would be expected to have developed the condition since they hug and kiss each other, they play, eat, bathe and sleep together. They share bathrooms, food, kitchenware and clothes.

To contract AIDS, infected body fluids must pass from one person to another.

# The AIDS virus(HIV) is highly contagious through sexual intercourse PROBABLY

HIV is highly contagious for male or female recipients of intercourse if no condom is



used. Present studies indicate there is the greatest risk to the recipient of anal intercourse, high risk to the female from an infected male during vaginal intercourse and moderate risk to the male from the infected female - more so during menstruation - if no condom is used.

# The HI virus can be transmitted from public tollets, drinking fountains and swimming pools FALSE

The HI virus requires personto-person exchange of body fluids. It does not survive on surfaces or in fluids outside the body and cannot be acquired from them.

There are no cases of AIDS suspected of having been transmitted through swimming pools, public toilets or drinking fountains. Even if the virus were to survive for a short period of time, it would be killed by the chlorine used to disinfect swimming pools and drinking water.

# You can acquire the AIDS virus(HIV) by sharing eating utensils with someone who has

The AIDS virus is fragile and does not survive outside the body. To acquire AIDS an exchange of body fluids must take place, i.e. semen in intercourse or blood exchange as occurs when drug users share needles. No incident has ever been recorded of the virus passed by sharing utensils, Six years of experience indicates that AIDS is not transmitted in households where people drink or eat from common dishes or utensils. The HI virus, even if it were to survive outside the body, would be killed by detergents used in the normal washing of dishes and other eating utensils.

# It is possible to contract AIDS by sharing razors with an infected person PROBABLY FALSE

Not likely, since it appears to take direct infusion of infected blood into your bloodstream to transmit the disease. There has never been a documented case by this route; however, if there were enough blood on the razor and you had open cuts on your skin then there is a very slight possibility of transmission.

It would be prudent to avoid sharing things where blood-to-blood contact could occur.

# Earpiercing is one possible way of spreading the AIDS virus PROBABLY FALSE

Not likely, since blood-to-blood contact is required. However, if unsterile equipment is re-used there is a very slight possibility of transmission.

# Sharing hypodermic needles puts one at high risk for contracting AIDS TRUE

The common practice of mixing blood with drugs and sharing it intravenously is responsible for the high incidence of AIDS among drug users in the USA. This group only represents 0.4 per cent of the AIDS cases in Canada.

The low rate of cases from IV drug abuse in Canada is a similar pattern to other countries such as Australia. The difference from American figures may be due to a smaller drug abuse problem. But more importantly it may stem from the fact that needles and syringes are more readily available here and are therefore not shared as frequently. They can be purchased at most phar-



macies over the counter, while in the US a doctor's perscription is necessary. Nevertheless, drug abuse by itself is dangerous in any situation, particularly if needles are shared.

# A person can transmit the AIDS virus even when there are no symptoms of the disease TRUE

This is one of the most important features of the disease. If the virus is present in the body, whether or not there are symptoms, it can be passed and infect others by the exchange of body fluids.

## Infected females can transmit the AIDS virus to males during sexual intercourse TRUE

The risk to the male is increased of no condom is used and he has a cut or break in the skin of his penis. This provides a way for the virus to enter his bloodstream. An infected woman who is menstruating may also increase her partner's risk because of the presence of the infected blood and other fluids. She should abstain from sexual activities that would expose her partner to blood. Used tampons or napkins should be carefully wrapped and disposed of.

## Lesbians are at low risk for contracting AIDS TRUE

Unless a lesbian shares IV drug needles and syringes or has heterosexual sex with infected partners, she is at very low risk.

There is no evidence of AIDS being transmitted from an infected woman to another woman through sexual contact. However, contact with menstrual blood, which may contain HIV, should be avoided.

# A woman who is having her menstrual period may become infected if she has unprotected sexual intercourse with a carrier of AIDS TRUE

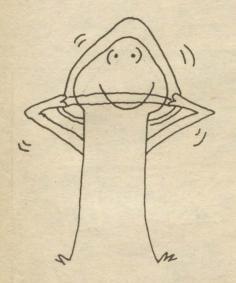
Not because she is mentruating, but because she is having unprotected intercourse.

## The AIDS virus can be spread from a female to her unborn child during pregnancy TRUE

The HI virus can pass from the bloodstream of the mother, through the placenta and into the bloodstream of the foetus. Not all pregnant women who have the virus transmit it, but there is no way to identify which HIV positive mother will and which won't. Current recommendations are that these women should not become pregnant.

pregnant.

The majority of infected children acquire AIDS of HIV from their infected mothers. A few children developed AIDS from blood transfusions prior to screening of the blood supplies and there is one case of AIDS in australia which is reported to have been transmitted to an infant through mother's milk So far, there are no reported cases of AIDS in the U.S. or Canada linked with breastfeeding, but any woman who is positive for HIV antibodies should not breastfeed her child.



Prostitutes who are carriers of the AIDS virus are highly likely to transmit the AIDS virus even if they use condoms

FALSE

With proper use of condoms, the risk of transmission is the same as for anyone else.

### Mosquitoes can transmit AIDS FALSE

The HI virus can only be transmitted from human to human.

Mosquitoes spread diseases that use the insect as part of the disease organisms' life cycle. The malaria organism, for instance, has to spend part of its life in an anopheles mosquito in order to mature before the mosquito can spread the disease.

Mosquitoes don't go immediately from person to person but usually bite and feed once every 48 hours. Even if the HI virus were there, it would be in minute quantities and would die before the mosquito had its next bite.

If mosquitoes were transmitting AIDS, we would expect to see many more cases of AIDS in all gender, age, and racial categories, and not just in young adults, in those parts of the world where mosquitoes are most common.

Other diseases such as syphilis which are more akin to AIDS are not spread by biting insects but by blood and blood products.

## To date, no one has completely recovered from AIDS TRUE

The average life span of a patient who has contracted AIDS is two years.

Approximately 50 per cent of those diagnosed with AIDS have died. The death rate is nearly 70 per cent two years after diagnosis. Even with this discouraging news some people with AIDS are still alive four to five years after diagnosis. Since there is no known way to reverse the damage to the immune system, we don't know how long AIDS patients can live. Tracking of the disease has only been underway for about seven years, so there are no long-term records. However, HIV positive are surviving.





### PREVENTION

Using a condom can help reduce one's chances of acquiring AIDS TRUE

A latex condom is an effective barrier to the HI virus.

Condoms generally have a shelf life of five years, but begin to deteriorate earlier as a result of hear, strong light, and rough treatment. They shouldn't be left in the sun or kept in glove compartments or billfolds for long periods, or stored in a place where they will be subject to direct sources of fluorescent light.

While condoms aren't an absolute guarantee against HIV infection, they are the best preventive measure available other than sexual activities without the exchance of semen or blood, or abstinence (no sexual activity).

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, have proven in laboratory tests that condoms can stop HI virus. The virus cannot penetrate latex rubber condoms unless broken. Further research is being done to establish the effectiveness of natural skin condoms as a barrier against the virus. It has also been clinically proven that condoms will help prevent the transmission of other sexually transmitted diseases including herpes simplex, gonorrhea, and symbilis

Regardless of precautions taken, all sexually active people with multiple partners are advised to exercise "safer sex" practices. The use of condoms is statistically considered 95 per cent effective.

## Petroleum jelly (e.g. Vaseline) is a good lubricant to use with a condom FALSE

Petroleum jelly is oil-based and can disintegrate synthetic material in condoms — often making them break.

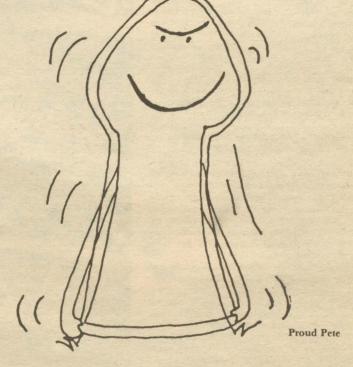
Important: When using a consom, use only water-based lubricants. Do not use vaseline, mineral oil, or any petroleum gel. These will cause breakage. When additional lubricantion is required, use a brand-name surgical jelly. Use a spermicide foam or jelly with condoms for maximum protection.

### Re-using a condom is a safe practiceFALSE

Re-using condoms causes defects in the material and increases the possibility of leakage and breakage. It is a very unsafe practice.

Women who use diaphragms without spermicide are protected against AIDS infection FALSE

Diaphragms do not protect against AIDS.



Spermicides containing the detergent nonoxynol-9 provide some protection against the virus.

Although it is yet undetermined whether nonoxynol-9 can kill HIV inside the human body, the detergent has killed virus in the laboratory, and is effective against other sexually transmitted organisms such as the herpes virus, gonorrhea, and syphilis.

A much safer practice would include the use of a condom.

If you are going to have sex, and want to avoid the AIDS virus, you are safest with a partner who is not infected TRUE

Determining whether or not a partner is infected may be a problem — a partner may no know is he/she is infected. False negative tests do exist — so use of condoms is still encouraged.

Abstinence from sex or maintaining a mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has not been exposed to HIV are the surest ways of eliminating risk. If you are sexually active, don't have sexual contact with anyone whose past history and current health status are not known, and exercise "safer sex" practices at all times.

To prevent the spread of the AIDS virus (HIV), it is important to wear plastic gloves when shaking hands with a person with AIDS FALSE

Unless both parties have open weeping or bleeding wounds on their hands, it is not possible to transmit the HI virus when shaking hands. There must be an exchange of blood for this to happen.

Wearing plastic gloves and carefully disposing of body fluids will prevent infection with the AIDS virus

If you are giving personal care to someone who has AIDS or come in contact with the infected person's blood, urine, or other bodily fluids, there may be a very slight risk. To prevent the virus from entering your bloodstream through cuts or sores on your hands, wear plastic, disposable gloves and wash your hands thoroughly when handling the bodily fluids of AIDS patients.

# In cleaning up blood or vomit from a person with AIDS, a solution of chlorine bleach and water is adequate to kill the virus \_\_\_\_ TRUE

One part chlorine bleach (Javex) to 9 parts water applied to a surface on which infected material has been spilled kills the virus. Wear gloves and allow the area to dry for 20 minutes. While these precautions are recommended, it

should be noted that no cases of AIDS have ever been linked with exposure to urine, saliva, vomit, or feces. The bodily secretions linked with AIDS are blood and semen. Cleaning anything that has been contaminated with blood using rubbing alcohol or a bleach solution will also protect against hepatitis B and other bloodborne infections — including AIDS.

# A plastic mask (mouthpiece) should be used when performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation as a precaution against AIDS TRUE

No transmission of the HI virus (or even of the more easily transmitted Hepatitis B virus) during mouth-to-mouth resuscitation has ever been documented. Although very small quantities of HIV has been found in saliva, there have been no cases of transmission through saliva. Emergency workers who regularly give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation or CPR to victims may protect themselves from a variety of diseases by using a specially designed mouthpiece. However, the risk of infection is so slight that no one should hesitate to give emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation without a mouthpiece.

without a mouthpiece.

The chance that you can help someone outweighs any chance of contracting the virus.

HIV is not spread by touching, carrying, or holding a person who is infected. Non-sexual contact is not risky.

However, ambulance or other emergency personnel will likely come into contact with blood and other bodily fluids in emergency situations. Even if these fluids contain the virus, the risk of infection is slight. There have been no cases of anyone becoming infected with the virus from providing emergency care for an infected

To protect against any infection, emergency workers should follow strict infection control practices in caring for emergency victims. They should:

\* wash their hands thoroughly.

\* clean their equipment according to recommended procedures.

If they are likely to come into contact with blood or bodily fluids, they should:

\* wear plastic, disposable gloves.

\* cover any cuts or sores on their hands.

\* clean any contaminated surfaces with a chlorine bleach solution.

These simple precautions will protect them from hepatitis B and other bloodborne infections — including AIDS.

### RISKY BEHAVIOUR

### In North America, only gay or bisexual people acquire AIDS

Any behaviour which includes the exchange of infected body fluids, whether between homosexual, bisexual, or hetersexual individuals, carries the risk of transmitting AIDS. Blood transfusion before 1985, when testing was begun, could transmit the virus; I.V. drug abusers who share needles are also at risk.

Any exchange of bodily fluids (particularly blood, semen, or vaginal secretion) during sex is to be considered risky.

So when participating in any sexual activity, consider the following:

\* Use a condom when involved in vaginal or anal intercourse and oral sex (fellatio). Even the pre-ejaculatory fluid from the male's Cowper's glands may contain the virus.

\* Dry kissing is a non-risk activity, while "French" kissing, which involves inserting the tongue into your partner's mouth, creates an exchange of saliva and should be considered at least a low-risk activity, since HIV has been found in saliva.

\* Mutual masturbation, body massage and body-to-body rubbing are all considered safe.

\* Oral sex (cunnilingus) is a low-risk activity. Vaginal secretions can carry HIV and if ingested could reach the bloodstream through cuts, wounds, or abrasions in the mouth.

\* Inserting the fingers or tongue into the anus cavity should be considered risky. Even wellscrubbed hands will often have slight cuts and abrasions that could permit the transmission of

the virus.

\* Urine is another bodily fluid in which the virus has been found. Do not drink urine.

Never share unsterilized sex toys such as dildos and vibrators, which may cause cuts or abrasions.

\* Any sexual activity that might involve blood exposure such as S/M is high risk. Direct contact with blood should be considered high risk.

Remember: AIDS does not have to mean the end of sex. Safer sex guidelines will only work if they are widely known and practised. Talk openly with your friends and sexual partners about safer sex and identify the risk factors accordingly. The following is a list of sexual activities that are considered to be **no risk**, **low** risk, moderate risk and high risk.

### No Risk

- \* mutual masturbation
- \* social "dry" kissing
- \* hugging
- massaging
- \* body-to-body contact where there are no breaks or abrasions to the skin.

### Low Risk

- \* cunnilingus (oral-vaginal contact)
- \* "French" kissing inserting the tongue into a partner's mouth \* vaginal or anal intercourse using a condom
- (spermicides further reduce the risk) fellatio (oral sex); inserting the penis into
- the mouth and not allowing semen to enter

### **Moderate Risk**

- \* fellatio (oral sex); receiving the penis in the mouth and swallowing the semen \* inserting the penis in the vagina or the anus
- without the use of a condom \* inserting the hands or tongue into the anus cavity

- receiving the penis vaginally or anally without using a condom
- \* sharing sex toys such as dildos or vibrators
- \* S/M (sadomasochistic practices)

Following are the answers to the questions posed in the Risky Behaviour section of the questionnaire.

### Anal intercourse without using a condom: to the man who inserts his penis in his partner's .. moderate risk to the partner who receives the penis high risk

The anal mucosa (lining) is much more

can easily be transmitted through lacerations

fragile than the skin of the penis and the virus

### Vaginal intercourse without using a condom: to the woman ..... . high risk . moderate risk to the man .....

The seminal fluid of a man who is HIV positive is highly contagious. It has been suggested that when ejaculated in the woman's vagina, the virus can easily enter the bloodstream through openings in the genital tract

There is less risk to the male if his female partner is infected because the intact skin of the penis partially prevents entry of the virus. If there are breaks or cuts in the skin, however, these provide entryways for infection

### Having a partner ejaculate in your moderate risk mouth

The lining fo the mouth, if it is unbroken, will not permit the HI virus to enter the circulation. However, even small breaks in the mucosa will allow infection to occur.

### moderate risk Swallowing semen ...

The semen of men with AIDS is laden with the virus and if there is a break in the lining of the gastro-intestinal tract, it can pass into the

## Mutual masturbation (masturbating each

There is no risk provided neither partner has cuts, abrasions, exzema, etc., through which ejaculated virus-containing fluid could enter the system.

### Anal intercourse using a condom:

to the man who inserts his penis .... low risk to the partner who receives the penis low risk

Provided the condom is intact and remains intact, there is little risk of infection - as long as there is no fluid transfer, there will be no contagion.

Care must be taken when the condom is

removed so no semen is accidentally spilled.

### Vaginal intercourse using a condom: low risk to the woman \_\_\_\_\_ low risk

intact, there is little risk of infection - as long as there is no fluid transfer there will be no contagion.

Again, care must be taken that pre-ejaculate is not present before the condom is put in place and that semen is contained when the condom is removed.

### Sharing unsterilized sex toys high risk

Shared sex toys can carry bodily fluids, both blood and semen, containing the virus from one person to another and can spread AIDS.

### Anal-oral contact (analingus)

to the partner who makes oral contact moder ate risk

to the partner who receives oral contactlow risk There is only risk if the lining of the mouth has breaks, cuts or ulcers through which infection can spread to broken skin and into the partner's blood. Nevertheless, other organisms could be tranmitted through this practice.

### Unprotected intercourse with many high risk partners...

Most efficient way to spread AIDS partners about whom you may know little

### Unprotected intercourse with someone who has many partners high risk Most efficient way to spread AIDS —

unimpeded exchange of body fluid with your

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# Everything you wanted to know about music

...and then some

by Scott Neily

April has been and will be a busy month in Metro as far as live music is concerned. I don't know how the summer is shaping up, but I'm hoping that if April is any indiction, the next few months will be terrific.

Stevie Ray Vaughan, the great Texas blues guitarist, played on the 5th at the Metro Center to an enthusiastic in spirit but disappointing in numbers crowd of 4700. The two hours Stevie played were performed with the usual incredible virtuosity he is famous for. While he did have some technical problems with his guitars, broken strings being the least of the screw-ups, he once again demonstrated his talent by hardly missing a beat. The musical highlight of the night was his encore performance, but his speech about the dangers of drug and alcohol addiction also received a surprisingly positive response. Are people actually starting to realize how terrible drugs really are, or were the ones who cheered that night simply caught up in the exhilaration of the moment?

The 6th of April saw the arrival of Basic English at the Pub Flamingo. Originally from Halifax, the band, consisting of Tim Armour on guitar and lead vocals, John Davis on guitar and backing vocals, Roger Whyte on drums, and Sean Ryan on bass

and backing vocals, has a sound that is highly reminiscent of R.E.M. and the Georgia Satellites. Although they have been around in different forms for the last 10 years, it has only been in the past few that they have actually gained any recognition. The band won two awards in 1987, the Q-107 Homegrown contest and a CASBY for best non-recording group, and have since gone on to record their first single and video, "Images of Love".

The jazz-beatnik-funk-rap band The Shuffledemons followed Basic English's performance at the Pub with shows on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of April. Another Toronto band, they have become reasonably well-known through their hits "Spadina Bus" and "Get Outa My House, Roach", their totally weird style of clothing, and their eclectic but excellent style of saxophone playing.

Classical guitarist Liona Boyd no doubt caused the Demons to lose a few audience members when she performed at the Cohn on the 8th with Symphony Nova Scotia. The performance of Liona with the Symphony was well done overall. However, it was unfortunate that she did not play with the orchestra throughout the whole show.

Long known for her virtuoso classical guitar playing, Liona released an album in 1986, Persona, that marked the beginning

of period of expansion for her. The album showcased a New Age-pop sound for the most part, but it also featured her collaborating on what were essentially basic rock tracks with guitarists David Gilmour of Pink Floyd fame and Eric Clapton. Although she began to move into pop music with the Romantic Guitar television LP she admits that the album was not an example of her most advanced work. "Romantic Guitar is not a virtutoso record. I found the album Persona more challenging, more creative. I'm proud of that one and I will be continuing to do more in that style."

Gilmour and Clapton are not the only rock heavyweights she has worked with. Alex Leifson from Rush and Rik Emmett from Triumph have also worked with "the first lady of the guitar". Recently, Liona performed a pop-rock song with Alex and Rik called "The Hands of Man", a tune she had written for the Olympics. The song is on a compilation album called The Big Picture - A Dream on the Horizon that unfortunately has had poor distribution. However, she is confident that it will eventually reappear somewhere else.

Along with touring, she plans to spend more time writing music, especially pop music. "It would be sad to be limited to one particular style," she says. When working with my band, I tend to write more pop-style pieces. I do write some purely classical pieces, though." Other plans she has include publishing some of her arrangements and music, releasing a classical album called Encore which will be out in about six months, more touring, more pop albums, and eventually an autobiography.

Burton Cummings performed over at the Crazy Horse on the weekend. From reliable reports, it seems the former lead singer of the Guess Who is still doing fine.

Taj Mahal performed last night at the Cohn. A blues artist primarily, he also plays anything from rock to country with a style that is definitely in the same class as Stevie Ray Vaughan.

FM, the band with Nash the Slash (who popularized facial bandages), is back in town at the Crazy Horse from the 14th to the 16th. Also in town on the same dates and just across the harbour at the Misty Moon is former April Wine member Brian Greenway. Both are touring to support albums, FM for Tonight and Greenway for his self-titled



## Guitar is not a virtuoso record

John Hiatt will be appearing this weekend on the 15th and 16th at Pub Flamingo. A bluesy kind of rocker, he should provide a great show for all.

Also this weekend, specifically Saturday the 16th, is the Q-104 benefit "Rockin' at the Royal" at the World Trade and Convention Centre to help the United Way in their fight against child abuse. The event will feature such notables as Chalk Circle, Zappacosta, and Metro's own F-Tones. Full bar service and a large dance floor will be provided, but capacity is limited to 1600 with tables for 900. Also in the line of entertainment is the O's benefit auction in which celebrity novelties will be auctioned off. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. and will run until 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$20 a person and are available at the door and at the Metro Centre Box Office.

Last but not least, April will show the return of the Jitters to Metro. Appearing April 28th to the 30th at the Crazy Horse, the Jitters have just returned from a European tour, where they opened for Heart. Their album is now available across the Pond and they have high hopes that it will do proportionally as well over there as it did here.

There are a lot of other bands and performers coming to Metro in April, more than can be mentioned in one article. Hopefully, as many people as possible well get to see as many bands as possible. After all, Halifax and Dartmouth have one of the highest ratios of bars to people in Canada

# Theatre oppression

by Heather Hueston

Native land claims on stage. Boring? Not in the collage of performance, participation and ritual that two West Coast native bands assembled with the help of a regional theatre company.

The Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Tribal council is currently involved in a major court battle with the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada over their people's rights to jurisdiction and ownership of their traditional lands ownership which has never been legally relinquished. The results of this court case will set worldwide precedent for the settlement of indigenous people's claims in former European colonies.

The show will tour Canada and makes its national tour premiere in Halifax tommorrow. Its province-wide tour of British Columbia last fall drew an audience of 10,000.

Publicity for the play, called NO'XYA' (Our Footprints), is being handled by a local native support group. Hannah Cowen, spokesperson for Nova Scotians in Solidarity with Native Peoples, says the group offers its resources to whatever issue natives want to promote. "The main thing is that we don't

decide what to educate people on," says Cowen. "That comes from the groups themselves."

So far, they've tackled American problems of the Navajo and Hopi, low level flight testing over Innu land in Labrador, and most recently the impact of Bill C51 on native women and communities. The reallocation of native rights to women who have married whites, or even to natives who become university graduates and professionals, is not going smoothly, says Cowen. As well, the group is involved in local MicMac land claims.

Self-government and land disputes are a higher profile problem on the Pacific coast, but the play addresses not only the settlement claims of the BC natives who wrote it, but urges a more holistic way of looking at the land.

The style is one borrowed from the "theatre of oppression" developed in South America in the 60s. This theatre uses "strong visual images" and audience participation.

NO'XYA' (Our Footprints) is at the Tower Road School, Friday, April 15 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$6/\$8 at OXFAM/Deveric.



# Student left

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the next two years at the University of Eastern Michigan at Ann

The SDS, however, did have a number of unique issues to deal

with, such as the escalating Vietnam conflict and the Cuban missile crisis, which many belived would be the beginning of the third world war. Miller's book deals well with these issues, as well as the work of the SDS within welfare rights groups. However, the book seems to

insinuate that a major reaon for the breakdown of the group was a growing Marxist orientation among its leadership, when in fact this orientation had existed from the beginning of the organization, with a number of the founding members being linked to the Socialist Party and the

Communist Party in the U.S. It was, in fact, this ideal which led to the formation of the SDS philosophy of "participatory democracy" with their slogan "let the people decide"

If for no other reason, this book is worth purchasing simply for the complete text of the Port

Huron Statement, which is included in its lengthy appendix. This statement perhaps best descibes the philosophies of the SDS from its beginning.

This book is invaluable to anyone with a real interest in the history of the student movement. It provides clues to the reason for the SDS formation in the early '60s, as well as an explanation of the death of the student left after the riots in Chicago in 1968 and 1969 and finally the killing of students at Kent State University after National Guardsmen opened fire. As Miller states, "the bullets were real. The days of revolutionary fantasy were over ... The New Left collapsed, plummeting into cultural oblivion as if it had been some kind of political Hula-Hoop."

As of yet, the student left has not recovered from this collapse. Perhaps it will be the students of the 1980s with issues such as CIA recruitment and the American foreign policy which will revive it. But first, these students must be willing to accept that the student left is not comprised entirely of white middleclass heterosexual youth. For it is in unity that the left can survive and make a difference in a corrupt society.

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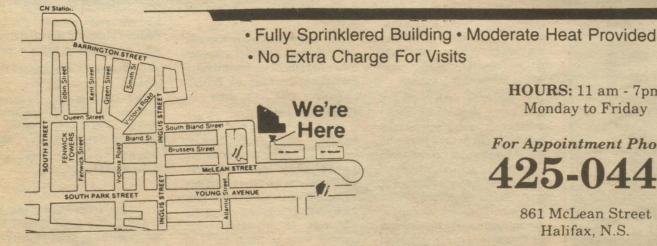
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# Your guide to spending

by Pam Sullivan

If you are a student (and if you're reading this, you probably are), and you are looking for something different or exciting to do, either in the summer or during the school year, then A World of Difference: Every Student's Guide to Off-Beat Work, Travel and Study Opportunities is the book for you.

Lisa Yarmoshuk and Chris Coy, two university students, quit their jobs one summer, went across the country, made a lot of phone calls, and came up with this comprehensive guide to offbeat student experiences.

As the title suggests, it's broken down into three sections: work, travel, and study. The first section, work, illustrates many interesting situations for a unique, fulfilling work experience. It covers everything from au pair

survival to being a page in the House of Commons, with a broad spectrum in between. The job ideas offered, though certainly out of the mainstream. and excellent sources of experiences, are, for the most part, not really practical for a typical struggling university student. The summer jobs which do offer reasonable to very good income, like the House of Commons page, are extremely competitive and require better-than-average transcripts and qualifications. So if you are more interested in the experience than in the cash, apply early and good luck.

The second section of the book, travel, offers an extensive listing of different organizations which specialize in organizing trips to pretty much anywhere in the world. Depending on how much you want to spend, you

can go either first class or economy, conventional or unconventional (like kayaking off Baffin Island). This section is extremely informative, and offers a wealth of information to those unsure of what type of trip to take. It also gives practical information on what you need in the way of official documents before you go anywhere. A listing of how to travel and where to find good and usually cheap accommodations adds the finishing touches.

The third and final section of the book focuses on study. It seems to be strongly directed towards high school students, though there are some programs, such as an exchange with France, that are also open to university students. Once again, though the variety is large, the costs, like \$2000 for one month's stay

at a European institution, can be somewhat steep. And even when the cost is not unreasonable, the odds of acceptance tend to be on the low side. At the end of this section there is an informative list of scholarships and book reviews which prove interesting to a person who is looking for financial assistance or information on the wheres and how-tos of studying home or abroad.

In an interview with the Ottawa Citizen, Coy said she always felt "pretty well aware of

a lot of the neat things available," though that was before learning of all the programs she "missed out on". There is no doubt that the programs presented are "neat"; in fact, when reading this book, I became totally overwhelmed with a desire to apply for half of them myself.

This guide is not for all students, but for those looking for something out of the ordinary, A World of Difference is a definite

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by B.T. Hill

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### By Dale Rissesco

The University of King's College honoured its top athletes and students at the annual Awards Banquet held in Prince Hall on Friday, April 8.

Teams being recognized were the men's and women's basketball, who were Nova Scotia ColKing's annual awards banquet

# King's honors top students

lege Conference champions, and the Senior Men's Coxless 4s Rowing Team, which finished second at the head of the Rideau Regatta.

Other major awards presented included the E.E. Bissett Award for top male athlete, going to Owen Parkhouse; the H.L. Paxley Award for top female athlete to Sarah MacDonald; the Gary MacLean Award for athlete showing the most dedication to their sport, presented to Lyndon Dorrington; and the Rod Shoveller Award for coach of the year, shared by Steve Leniton (rugby) and Kathie Wheadon-Hore (women's basketball). The top graduating students were David Wilson and Jane MacIntosh. The top residence students were Michael Davie and Jill Thompson. The top day students were John Curry and Dora Kemp and the winner of the Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Godfrey Cup) was Rod Thibodeau.

The Varsity Award winners were: soccer, Kathy Higley (most valuable player), Leslie Frank (most improved player), and Karen Weatherston outstanding first year); men's soccer, Gene Owelette (MVP), Jim Hayhurst (MIP), and Greg McConnell (OFY); women's basketball, Sarah Macdonald and Denise Gotell (MVPs), Betty Kehoe (MIP), and Rachel Crowell (OFY);

men's basketball, Donnie MacLean and Dave Brown (MVPs), Bill Jack (MIP) and Andrew Galloway (OFY); women's volleyball, Darlene Scoville (MVP), Linda Barker (MIP); men's volleyball, Dwayne Landry (MVP), Alan Dick (MIP), and Robyn Woodworth (OFY); rugby, Keven Kielty (MVP), Brent Barelay (MIP), and Sam Hardy (OFY). In rowing, male oarsman of the year was Norman Grant, female oarsman of the year Kate Ketchum, male with outstanding first year Jon Toms, and female OFY Penny Richardson. Peter Classen got an award for dedication over the years.

In the K.C.A.A.A. (CUBE)



awards, the Smedley Award for participation went to Radical Bay/3 West Hall.

The Cube reps of the year were Sarah Hergett and Mary Dewar (female) and Terry Doyle (male).

The champions in both volleyball and basketball were North Pole Bay/first floor Alex Hall.

## Veep

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are very important," said Dalhousie professor Richard McBride. "Now, instead of having to argue from the bottom up for money, there will be someone in the President's office.

The Dean of Student Services, Ted Marriott, who left the job open in 1987, developed the student services programs such as career and psychological counselling services. According to McBride, it was Marriott who came up with the ideas for many

of the student services, and fought for the needed funding to put these services in place.

The new vice-president will have a number of student service-related duties, including responsibility for counselling services, athletics, residences,

and health services. The interim duties are shared, with McBride working part-time advising students under the Early Detection program, which is designed to help students with difficulties.

Student services will be more accessible to students in the future, says McBride, because the office will be moved to the Student Union Building.

### Guns

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LECTURE

Chemistry

Advances in Inductively Coupled Plasma/Mass Spectrometry with H.E. Taylor, U.S. Dept. of the Interior Geological Survey in rm. 215, Chemistry Dept., at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments served.

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**UPCOMING** COURSES

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April 25 to May 5, Monday through
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LECTURE

A Theory of Molecular Structure: The Quantum Definition of an Atom in a Molecule is a lecture by Prof. R.F.W. Bader of the Dept. of Chemistry, McMaster University, on Friday, April 22 at 1:30 p.m. in rm. 215, Chemistry Dept.

BFI Strikers Benefit Dance at Capers Lounge, Ilsley Ave., Burnside. Saturday, April 16, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Tickets at the

CONCERT

The Latin American Information Group will present an evening concert by the El Salvadorean group Banda Tepeuani on Thursday, May 19th at 8:00 p.m. at the North St. Church. Tickets are \$5 and \$8. For more info, call Marion at 429-1370.

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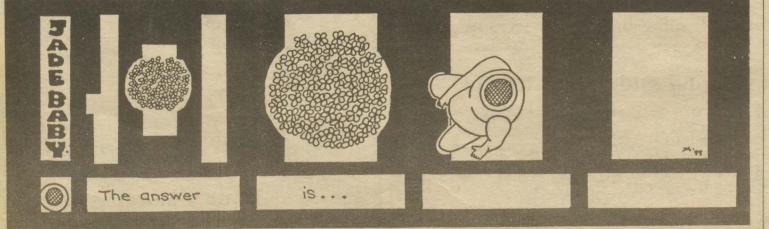
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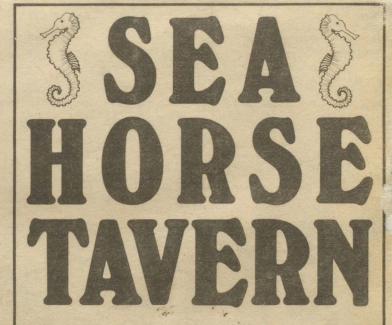
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