

UNIVERSITY NEWS

this week

DFA wins bid to unionize, 265-217

By Derek Mann

Dalhousie Faculty Association is now a union.

But certification was gained by only a slim margin, 48 votes separating the "fors" and the "againsts" in a total vote of 489. Seven ballots were spoiled.

The Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board was expected to issue an order this week certifying the DFA as a bargaining agent as the result of the April vote by members of faculty on the association's application for certification.

Counting of the ballots took place last week, only a week after the DFA and the university reached agreement on the composition of the proposed bargaining unit.

The new bargaining unit consists of 636 full-time and part-time members of faculty, out of a total academic staff of nearly 1,500.

Vice-President W. Andrew MacKay said after the result of the vote was known:

"Of the 636 ultimately included in the bargaining unit, 489 voted.

"Of those 489, 265 were in support of the application and 217 voted against it."

This means that of those who voted, 54 per cent favoured certification and 45 per cent did not, and that of the 636 included in the bargaining unit, 76 per cent turned out to vote.

"The unit," said Vice-President MacKay, "does represent a substantial portion of the full-time academic staff, excluding all those in the Faculty of Dentistry and those

636 of 1500 in bargaining unit

in the clinical departments of the Faculty of Medicine."

He added that the university respected the right of its academic staff to elect to bargain collectively, in accordance with the laws of the province.

Dr. R.S. Rodger, president of the DFA, said that once the order for certification had been issued, the executive of the association would write to the Administration, saying that they wished to open negotiations.

"The law says that negotiations must start within 20 clear days of such an order having been issued, and we will be ready to move as soon as the order is issued," said Dr. Rodger.

His comment on the vote: "It was greater than 50 per cent. That's the most important thing I can say." He also considered the turnout for the vote "excellent."

The bargaining unit includes all full-time and regular part-time (at least 50 per cent of full-time duty) employees who hold positions as academic

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Vandalism coincides with strike



The view from a shattered window in the Arts Centre. (Cameron Photo).

The strike against Dalhousie University by members of Local 1392, Canadian Union of Public Employees, entered its second week without any sign of a settlement at press time.

The 235 cleaners, porters, truck drivers, caretakers and groundsman walked off the job shortly before midnight Nov. 5. Issues in the strike include wages, the term of the contract, shift premiums and the introduction of a new job classification.

Cleaners' dispute enters 2nd week, no further talks

By Eric Cameron

One man was apprehended throwing eggs at the windows of a university building. Vice-President Vagianos said appropriate disciplinary action would be taken.

"As far as I'm concerned our people are not responsible for the damage that has been done," said Mr. Cunningham. "There is a lot of scabbing going on," Mr. Cunningham said. Students, faculty, and members of several other unions on campus have been doing cleaning work. "People don't realize what they are doing," he said. "They are prolonging the strike."

The union and the student strike support committee were developing a "no scabbing" program to educate other people, said Mr. Cunningham.

Approximately 30 to 40 students joined CUPE members on the picket line last Saturday.

The university has hired six additional people for the security staff to watch buildings and other university property overnight, said Vice-President Vagianos, but no outside people have been hired to do the work of CUPE members.

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Damage in one of the stairwells of the Arts Centre. (A/V Services)

A considerable amount of damage has been done to university property since the strike started. Beer bottles have been thrown through windows in the Arts Centre, a minor flood was caused in the Law School after sinks were blocked and taps left running, air guns have been used to break windows in several buildings, toilets have been plugged, and garbage has been scattered about.

There is no direct evidence of union participation in the damage, said Mr. Vagianos, "but these things, don't happen unless there is a strike."

DFA a union

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staff with the rank of lecturer and above, professional librarians, and artists and musicians in residence, but excluding most employees with large administrative responsibilities.

The certification moves began over a year ago, and arguments from pro- and anti-unionists were debated at length last winter and into the spring. The arguments culminated in the DFA's application for certification in April, following which the vote was held.

Since then, the parties have discussed the composition of the then proposed bargaining unit, and the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board held a number of hearings to listen to the arguments of the university and the DFA.

In a report in last Sunday's Halifax daily papers, Dr. Rodger was quoted as saying that the association might seek as much as a 20 per cent salary increase, to which Vice-President MacKay responded: "There is no way the university can be expected to pay the kind of salary they are talking about when we just don't have the money."

The Chronicle-Herald and The Mail-Star also reported that the total number of votes cast in the April ballot was 636, when in fact the actual votes totalled 489.

Cleaner's strike

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"Everything is being done by management," Vagianos said. If students or university employees want to contribute to the cleaning effort "we don't tell them that they cannot work but do tell them to let their conscience be their guide," he added.

Management is keeping a surface-clean operation, said CUPE representative Cunningham.

The university doesn't foresee health problems, Vice-President Vagianos said. "There is no doubt that we can keep the place open so the students can get their education, which is our primary responsibility," he said.

The union has claimed that they are the lowest paid workers on campus, but a large proportion of members of the 650-strong Dalhousie Staff Association receive lower salaries, he added.

"I think this strike is unfortunate, and I wish they would sit down and look hard at the offer we have made."

One hundred and fifty pharmacists attended the annual Pharmacy Refresher Course presented by the Continuing Education Committee of the College of Pharmacy at Dalhousie last month.



ABOVE, left to right: W.B. Rice, Chief of Miscellaneous Drugs, Bureau of Drugs, Ottawa; Dr. David K. Yung, Director of the College of Pharmacy; M.J.V. Naylor, president of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists; and John Ryan, Registrar of the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society and recipient of Dalhousie's first B.T. Pugsley Lectureship.

BELOW, left to right: Lieutenant Colonel G.R. Stewart, from CFB, Petawawa, Ont.; Roland O'Brien, community pharmacist from Pugwash; Mrs. Norma Lynn Pearson from CFB Hospital, St. Hubert, P.Q.; and R.J. Gathercole, manager of Pharmaceutical Services, Blue Cross of Atlantic Canada, Moncton, N.B.



Annual medical refresher: 120 attend

More than 120 doctors from Eastern Canada and New England attended the 52nd annual Dalhousie refresher course this week.

During the varied scientific program presented by the Faculty of Medicine, morning sessions were devoted to practical, contemporary management of three major basics: chest disease, pharmacology and hypertension. During the afternoons, workshops and clinics were held for small groups in a wide variety of topics such as a physician sees in primary patient care.

The 125th annual meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia is being held today and tomorrow at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

Business students doing local alumni survey

For the past eight months the Board of Directors of the Dalhousie Alumni Association has been working with the university's School of Business Administration preparing a survey for alumni in the Halifax-Dartmouth area.

The purpose of the survey is to find out and evaluate how much alumni know about the organization, purpose, and function of the association. The survey allows ample room for individual comment and suggestions.

Two business students, Keith Dexter and Paul Conrod, are heading a team of four students doing the telephone survey of 200 randomly chosen alumni.

It is hoped that alumni contacted will take the 15 to 20 minutes required to answer the questions, and offer their comments and ideas.

This survey is seen as a step by the association to help better serve the alumni of Dalhousie University.

Vitamins caution by Chandler

The situation today was improving as strong regulatory controls were imposed on foods new to the market, and the dissemination of Canada's Food Guide and the Participation program were also helping.

What should the pharmacist know?

Dr. Chandler said he should know that:

*Good health comes from an optimal diet; that dietary fibre is a means of disease prevention.

*There are new uses for old vitamins.

*Vitamins are measured in several units and available in a variety of dosage forms.

*Megavitamin intake has its pros and cons.

*Vitamin E taken for cardiovascular disease and as a treatment for peptic ulcer is in question.

*Vitamin A and D intake for arthritic and asthmatic conditions is based on non-scientific belief.

*There is only marginal evidence that vitamin C wards off colds, or that niacin is effective therapy for schizophrenia.

Pharmacists, Dr. Chandler added, should:

Know the advertising regulations regarding the sale of vitamin products;

Select the vitamin preparation according to age category;

Be aware of the dosage and dosage form;

Be conscious of potential toxicities caused by larger doses; and, most of all,

Be sure to weigh the costs and the benefits when providing information on vitamin therapy.

The abundance of over-the-counter drugs and the availability of more and more non-prescription medication have had an impact on the pharmacist and his role in dispensing.

Dr. Frank Chandler, of the College of Pharmacy, drew particular attention to one item in daily use in most households—vitamins—when he lectured at the pharmacists' annual refresher course.

If the pharmacist was going to counsel customers, he ought to be informed on the intelligent use of vitamins to maintain good health, said Dr. Chandler.

Because of the number of inquiries received by the College of Pharmacy, he added, he had collected information that could be useful to pharmacists wanting to update their knowledge in vitamins and vitamin-related areas.

Rule one, he said, was that vitamins went hand in hand with nutrition. When certain substances are missing from a diet, a revision to that diet is needed, or a supplement of vitamins.

It was interesting to note, he said, that a 1973 Pillsbury Company survey on nutrition showed that the average housewife did not believe her family had any nutrition problems nor did she know how to describe a balanced meal. In addition, many respondents did not consider breakfast an important meal.

The health cost due to malnutrition is staggering. In 1975, it was \$7.8 billion, or \$355 per head, and the statistics showed that at least \$2.5 billion could have been saved if nutritional standards had been upgraded.

"Adverse reactions to drugs serious today" - Mezei

Dr. Michael Mezei, reporting to pharmacists attending their annual refresher course, said that adverse drug reactions have become a serious problem partly because drugs today have greater potency, partly because more people are taking drugs than ever before, and partly because more people are taking a greater variety of drugs.

Add to this the publicity the media has given to various incidents involving the adverse use of drugs, and you have a serious problem.

Dr. Mezei, who has made a special study of the adverse effects of drugs on the skin, claims that if professionals can recognize or predict the drug reaction, the problem of adverse drug exposure would not be as great as it is.

He has prepared a drug

profile that can serve as an aid in the diagnosis of skin disorders. It includes the characteristic kinds of clinical skin eruptions and their most frequent causal drugs.

According to Dr. Mezei, reaction can be the result of concealed "drug" exposures such as those found in certain food products, salicylates, additives and aerosol sprays.

In his area of interest—skin eruptions—it is important to keep in mind organic disease, nutritional status of the patient, physical factors, and indiscriminate use of certain drugs such as penicillin.

Procedure for treatment is standard... stop the use of the offending drug; provide relief with the use of topical treatment, oral antihistamines and steroids; caution against re-exposure to the drug and be on the look-out for cross-reactions.

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On being a Student Union president

Power knows what being in power is like after seven months

By Roselle Green

What does a Student Union president need?

Third-year political science student Michael Power says he had no idea what was in store for him when he took over the presidency of Dalhousie Student Union last spring.

His presidency began almost immediately with a host of unexpected situations which he had to handle.

So what does a president need?

Says Power now, seven months after being in office:

A basic understanding of student issues.

Being prepared to deal with a variety of problems.

And, most of all, being resourceful.

Shortage of manpower is a chronic problem; since spring the council has been plagued with resignations. Recent by-elections were held to fill two vacancies and two other offices have been filled by acclamation.

The most pressing problems facing students are cutbacks and employment. He feels financial cutbacks can only lead to increased tuition for students. At present declining enrolment is due in part to the student aid squeeze. Mr. Power and members of the council are working to correct this by pressing for increased student loans, advocating government-sponsored summer employment projects and urging politicians to increase operating grants to universities.

He's aware that one area council has not dealt with is the creation of an academic affairs

secretariate but the constitutional committee of council is at work on this matter. Mr. Power sees this position as serving a watchdog role, monitoring faculty decisions which at times create problems and anguish among students. He cited the Christmas exam schedule as a case in point. Exams are planned for 8 am, 11:30 am and 3 pm. For some students this represents undue pressure. If Council had an academic affairs person on their roster, the exam decision could have been questioned and possibly re-examined.

Commenting on the disbandment of the Atlantic Federation of Students, Mr. Power said that a Nova Scotia Federation has been structured to deal with problems common to all universities in the province.

The most pressing problem is the breakdown in communications between Council and the Union. It will require a strong fence-mending effort to turn the situation around. In part it's attitudinal. Students, according to Mr. Power, must realize that council can be a vehicle for change.

The most obvious question put to student council presidents today is that of student apathy. Power's response is positive. Council is a concerned body. Its representatives are trying to do something useful for their particular constituency. While he admits that the mood is different than that of a decade ago, because students are looking to their own future and appear less active in student affairs, they still care.



Student Union president Michael Power.

[Dal Photo]

New association for bereaved parents

The tragic and perplexing phenomenon of sudden, unexplained death in infants, referred to as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, is the factor binding bereaved parents and medical researchers in a new association.

An initial meeting to support parents of babies who have died of the syndrome will be held at 8 p.m., November 21, (Tuesday) in the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children. The public is welcome to attend.

Faculty members of the school of medicine will be among those speaking in the program, which will feature pediatricians, a pathologist, a coroner and a social worker.

Medical pioneer, Dal alumnus, dies at 87

Dr. Harold B. Atlee, noted as one of the stalwarts of Dalhousie, and of the medical school in particular, died recently in his home in Halifax. He was 87.

Born in Pictou County, Dr. Atlee spent his youth in Annapolis. In 1911 he graduated from the Dalhousie medical school at the age of 21. He was the youngest graduate in the history of the school at that time.

After a year of general practice in Joggins Mines, Dr. Atlee went to London, England for further study. He served in the First World War, holding the rank of major. He was the recipient of the Military Cross.

He returned to Halifax in 1921 and shortly after was appointed head of the newly-formed department of obstetrics and gynecology at the medical school. He held this position until he retired in 1958.

Dr. Atlee was a past-president of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, the Canadian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Halifax Medical Society. He was a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of England and Canada and a fellow of the American Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Not only was Dr. Atlee a well-known medical doctor, he was a teacher, philosopher and writer as well. He published a number of medical articles, and he is author of *Gist of*

Obstetrics. Early in his career, he wrote detective stories under the pen name Kent Power, many of which were published in Maclean's Magazine.

Dr. Atlee took an active interest in community affairs and in particular supported women, whom he felt should get more involved in medical and political life.

A memorial service for the doctor was held in the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building last week. The body was cremated.

New aid for bibliographers

The Dalhousie Computer Centre has made available a routine called BIBLIO for those needing computer assistance in maintaining and utilizing large-scale bibliographies.

Current users in the French Department, Anatomy Department and the Institute of Public Affairs have expressed satisfaction with the system and encourage wider knowledge of its capabilities.

For further information, contact the Computer Centre (424-3472), or the author, Andy Ross (424-3692).

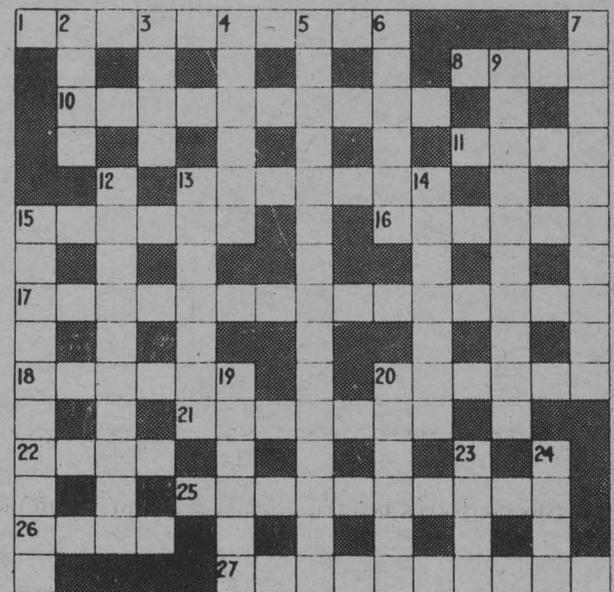
CROSSWORD

ACROSS No. 2,789

1. Vocal strain afflicting the singer apparently (10)
8. Case of pins and needles (4)
10. Worn seats for groups of venerable judges (3, 7)
11. Of some eminence, but hot-headed! (4)
13. Point about time-pieces made by recluse (7)
15. Matures as a sniper perhaps (6)
16. Trestle collapses, and a bit drops out in a way (6)
17. Girl moves in particular circles, fierily (9-6)
18. Conservative gains advantage—ingenious! (6)
20. Deals with occupations (6)
21. Woman grows old: does her no good at all! (7)
22. Cancel international celebration (4)
25. They keep you posted when you rise to great heights (10)
26. Write your name as a token (4)
27. Make fun of duffer taken in by a disreputable fellow (10)

DOWN

7. Last trials for the ultimate matches in the series (5, 5)
9. Right documents to produce performances from a champion (5-5)
12. Saw Rover getting at the dessert? (7, 3)
13. Came in and disturbed ten deer (7)
14. They eat away, these craftsmen! (7)
15. Places to see the better types, including thoroughbreds (10)
19. One who goes on (and on) form of transport with some hesitation (6)
20. Church chant almost sounds boring! (2, 4)
23. Pages hanging from tree (4)
24. It's a kind of wine (4)
2. Order around love, with this instrument (4)
3. Worshipped by the gallery? (4)
4. Not ours! (6)
5. Employing a bull punishingly! (15)
6. Pours and pours on the nautical equipment (6)



This prize crossword puzzle appears in every second issue of the weekly paper.

\$10 will be awarded for the first correct entry opened; this does not necessarily mean the first correct entry received in the Information Office.

All members of the university community—faculty, staff, students and members of affiliated universities and Dalhousie alumni are eligible. Those involved in the production of UNIVERSITY NEWS are not eligible.

Entries must be received no later than one week from the date of publication, and should be sent to CROSSWORD, University News, Information Office, Old Law Building, Studley Campus.

Winner of 2788: Dr. Chris Garrett, Oceanography.

CROSSWORD No. 2,788 SOLUTION

Across: 1. Scarlet-runner; 10. Holy place; 11. Rotor; 12. Ebbed; 13. Slithered; 14. Footling; 16. Miscue; 19. Endows; 20. Handcuff; 22. Wolf-hound; 24. Lathi; 25. Deter; 26. Long March; 27. Exchange words.

Down: 2. Cold Blood; 3. Roped; 4. Elapsing; 5. Re-exit; 6. North wind; 7. Enter; 8. Three feet wide; 9. Bridge of sighs; 15. Low Church; 17. Countered; 18. Fan dance; 21. Dublin; 23. Latex; 24. Limbo.

SPORT SCORES

Hockey:

Nov. 10 Dal (6) vs UNB (4) (overtime)
Nov. 11 Dal (2) vs UdeM (4) (overtime)

Men's Basketball:

Nov. 10 Dal (86) vs Budget Sr. A. (114)

Women's Basketball:

Nov. 8 Dal (88) vs Alumni (80)
Nov. 10 Dal (48) vs St. FX (46)
Nov. 11 Dal (64) vs Acadia (48)

Dal won the Acadia Tipoff on Nov. 10-11.

Men's Volleyball

Nov. 11 Dal (1) vs UdeM (3)

Women's Volleyball

Nov. 11 Dal (1) vs UdeM (3)

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Calendar from Nov. 16 to Nov. 23

Compiled by Gina Wilkins Slopek

THURSDAY

Department of Chemistry Seminar Series. "The Usefulness of ^2H NMR for Chemists." Dr. I.C.P. Smith, Division of Biological Sciences, National Research Council of Canada, Room 215, Chemistry Building.

Russian Club. "The Inspector General", by Gogol, 8:00 p.m., MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library.

CBC-Dalhousie Festival. "Viennese Operetta," with Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and Dalhousie Chorale. 8:30 p.m., Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Tickets: \$4.00 / 3.00, students and senior citizens \$3.00 / 2.00.

Films on Art. "Surrealism," noon to 1 p.m., MacAloney Room 406 in the Arts Centre.

Thursday-Nite-Theatre. "Rebel Without A Cause", James Dean. Room 2815, L.S.C., Screenings 7 & 9:15 p.m., Admission \$1.49.

Dept. of Physiology & Biophysics Seminar. "The Intrinsic Generation of Time And The Aging Process" Dr. R. Rosen & I.W. Richardson, Theatre E., Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building.

Varsity Women's and Men's Volleyball. St. F.X. @ Dal. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Dept. of Biology Seminar. "Victorian Sperm Or Sex Denied" Dr. John Farley, Biology Dept. Dalhousie, Room 2970, LSC., 11:30 a.m.

Biochemistry Dept. Lecture. "Applications of Carbon—13 NMR in Biochemistry," Dr. Ian C.P. Smith, National Research of Canada, Lecture theatre E, Tupper Building, 5 p.m.

Centre for African Studies. Lunch hour seminar by Eric Mahurah, a Zimbabwean, expressing his views on the Zimbabwe Question. 1444 Seymour St., 12:30 p.m.

Friday

Theatre Dept. Visiting Canadian Playwright. Tom Hendry—Studio One, 8 p.m. He will be talking on Contemporary Canadian Theatre with reference to his own work.

Varsity Women's Basketball. UNB @ Dal. 7:00 p.m.

Serendipity Cinema Society presents "Battle of the River Plate." Life Sciences Bldg., Room 2815, Screenings 7-9 p.m. Membership only. Admission \$1.50/1.00.

Dept. of Psychology Lecture Series. "Limbic System and Corpus Striatum: crossroads between motivation and movement." Walle J.H. Nauta, Professor of Neuroanatomy, Cambridge, Mass., MIT, Life Science Centre, Room 5263, 3:30 p.m.

Friday-at-Four Lecture. "Molecular Details of the Organization of Biological Membranes as Seen by Magnetic Resonance." Dr. I.C.P. Smith, Sr. Res. Officer, National Council, & Professor of Chemistry, University of Ottawa, Theatre A., Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building.

School of Library Service Lecture Series. John N. Berry III, editor-in-chief, Library Journal, "Libraries: The Politics of Survival Updated." 10:45 a.m. in the MacMechan Auditorium.

Chemistry Seminar. "The Usefulness of ^2H NMR for Chemists," Dr. I.C.P. Smith, Division of Biological Sciences, National Research Council of Canada, Room 215, Chemistry Building, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday

Varsity Men's and Women's Volleyball. Dal/Acadia Open.

Varsity Men's Basketball. McGill/Concordia.

Varsity Hockey. Mt. A. @ Dal. 7:00 (Forum)

Varsity Swimming. UNB/MUN @ Dal. 1:00 p.m.

The Alliance Francaise. "Soiree canadienne" 7:30 p.m., 1950 Vernon St., Member \$2.50 single \$4.00 couple. Non-members \$3.50 single \$5.00 couple. Everyone welcome.

Sat. Nite Classics. "Way out West," Laurel and Hardy. Room 2815, Life Sciences, 7 and 9 p.m., \$1.75.

Sunday

Film Theatre. "Savage Messiah" Rebecca Cohn. 8:00 p.m.

Varsity Hockey. U.P.E.I. @ Dal. 2:00 p.m. Scotia Stadium.

Red Herring Cooperative Books Lecture Series. 2:30 p.m., 1652 Barrington St., "The Working Class in 19th Century Atlantic Canada." Judith Fingard.

Monday

Dalhousie—King's Reading Club. "The Past and Future of the Married Persons Property Act", Speaker: Jenny Nedelski.

Tuesday

Forensic Dentistry—(a continuing education course for dentists, physicians, lawyers and law enforcement personnel) November 20-21—Enquiries and registration: 424-2277

Community Affairs Lecture Series. "Food Additives: Eating Them May Be Hazardous to Our Health", Dr. Om Kamra, biologist. Room 406, Arts Centre, 8 pm

Wednesday

The Alliance Francaise presenting a series of short Canadian films in French at the National Film Board. 1572 Barrington St. 8 pm. \$1.00 for non-members.

AMC Seminar. "Purchasing Practices", Holiday Inn, Halifax. Until Nov. 23.

Cultural Activities. "Theatre Beyond Words", 8:30 pm, Rebecca Cohn, Arts Centre.

Physics Seminar. "Evidence for universality at second-order phase transitions, or, is the correlation length the only length scale?", Dr. B.G. Nickel, Dept. of Physics, Guelph University, Room 101, Dunn Bldg. 4 pm (refreshments served in Rm. 245 after seminar).

Varsity Volleyball (W). St. F.X. @ Dal. 6:30

Varsity Volleyball (M) ST. F.X. @ Dal. 8:30 pm

Thursday

Cultural Activities. "Theatre Beyond Words", 1:30 pm, Rebecca Cohn, Arts Centre.

African Studies. "Long Distance Trade & Production: Zinsani in the 19th Century", Richard Roberts, University of Toronto, 1444 Seymour Street, 4:30 pm.

Film on Art. "Sulpture", noon - 1 pm, MacAloney Room no. 406, Arts Centre.

Thursday Night Theatre. "Dark Star" (sci fi), 7 & 9:15 pm, Life Sciences Bldg, Room 2815. Admission \$1.49.

Dept. Physiology & Biophysics Seminar. "Human Behavior Systems and Senescence", M.K. Lawrence, Dept. of Family Medicine, Theatre "E", Tupper Building.

GLAD (Gays and Lesbians at Dal). "Bring your own lunch" luncheon, Room 218 in the SUB, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

School of Library Service Lecture Series. "Canadian Children's Literature: Survival and Prevalence," Dr. Marcia Rodriguez, English Dept., and formerly at the Children's Book Store in Toronto. 10:45 a.m. in the MacMechan Auditorium.



The advisory board of the National Library held meetings on campus early in the month. National librarian, Dr. Guy Sylvestre (left) is shown here with board chairman Rene de Chantal and Dalhousie professor Malcolm Ross who is a member of the advisory board.

Dr. Sylvestre said that the university community represents a very specialized clientele and with the national library's acquisition of improved instruments, it could better service the needs of this audience.

People

Dr. Malcolm Ross of the English department was awarded an honorary LLD from St. Thomas University in New Brunswick at the university's fall convocation ceremonies held recently. Dr. Ross was also the convocation speaker.

Dr. J.D. Hatcher, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, was recently named member-at-large on the 1978-79 Executive

Committee of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges. The elections were held at the annual meeting of the Association held recently in Toronto.

Dr. Allan F. Pyesmany, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, has been appointed to the Clinical Trials Committee of the National Cancer Institute of Canada.

... and in the Chemistry Department

In September **Dr. Jan C.T. Kwak** attended the 6th International Biophysics Congress in Kyoto, Japan, and visited Kyoto and Nagoya Universities and the Tokyo Institute of Technology. At the Biophysics Congress he chaired a session of the Symposium on "Dynamic Properties of Polyions", and presented an invited lecture on "The influence of polyion structure on polyion-small ion interactions".

The Physical Chemistry Division of the Chemical Institute of Canada sponsored a symposium on Theoretical Chemistry at the Annual National Chemical Institute of Canada meeting that was held in Winnipeg this year. **Dr. Russell J. Boyd** presented a discussion paper on why electron interactions are of interest to chemists and how they affect electronic calculations on atoms, molecules and ions. A jocular report on the symposium, which was marked by animated discussions, appears in the September 1978 issue of "Chemistry in Canada". More recently, Dr. Boyd gave lectures on "Those magnificent chemists and their orbitals" to the St. John's and Corner Brook campuses of Memorial University.

Dr. R. Stephens has returned to the Trace Analysis Research Centre. This follows a sabbatical year spent as a visiting lecturer at the Department of Chemistry, University of Newcastle, New South Wales. The year was spent in a study of some analytically useful properties of X-rays, in writing, and in the discussion of problems of mutual interest with Australian scientists. Visits of scientific value were made to the Australian Atomic Energy Establishment at Lucas Heights in Sydney, and to the CSIRO Division of Chemical Physics in Melbourne.

During the past months, **Dr. Amares Chattopadhyay** presented several lectures centering around his work on activation analysis to the LCC (at the Centro di Studi Nucleari della Casaccia), Rome, to the International Symposium on Nuclear Activation Techniques in the Life Sciences, sponsored by the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, to the University of London Reactor Centre, Ascot, U.K., and to the Annual National Chemical Institute of Canada meeting, Winnipeg. He was also invited to visit the Radiochemistry sector, Chemistry Division, of the EURATOM Joint Nuclear Research Center in Ispra, Italy to discuss facilities and mutual research interests.