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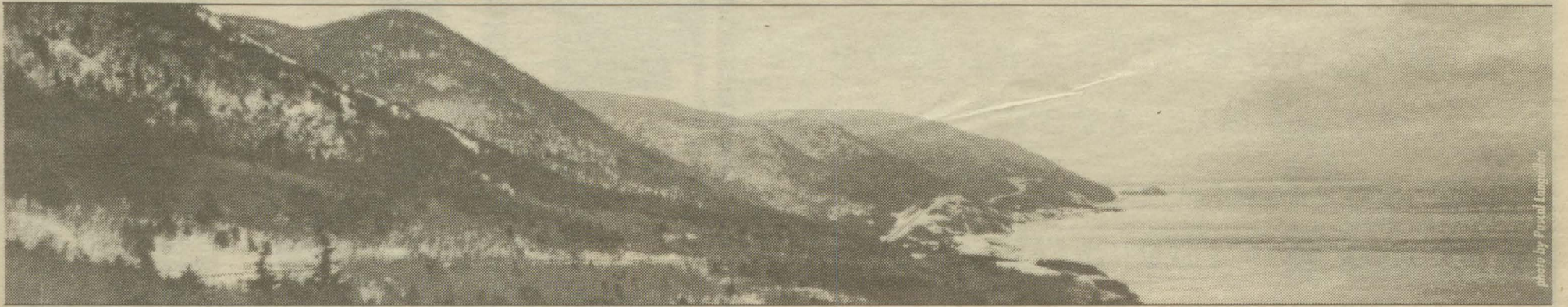


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## Dal student union elections off to slow start

BY SALLY THOMAS

The word on every candidates tips was the one people said was most lacking at the start of this year's student union elections. Communication.

As part of the elections, the Dalhousie Student Union holds

candidate forums at different spots around campus. The forums are designed to inform student voters on the issues each candidate feels are most important.

But on Tuesday, the first day of elections, only one of two planned forums even got off the ground.

Poor attendance and advertising were blamed for the collapse of the first forum, scheduled for the T-Room at DalTech, where five people showed up. And the second was also plagued by shoddy attendance, with roughly twenty-five people attending.

Each candidate was allowed two minutes to give their opening speech, and the team running as president and executive vice-president were each allowed one minute to speak, instead of two.

Elaborate hand signals

accompanied the speech countdown.

The following 20 minute question period held candidates to a strict 30 second time limit after which candidates were cut off.

The whole process had some people frustrated.

"It was a wasteless exercise of talking out of our asses," said one student who was helping out with a candidates campaign.

He says no one got to hear answers to any of the questions because of the time limit.

Dean Naugler, vice president

Community Affairs, agrees.

He says while he understands people don't want to go to forums that last for hours he didn't think students got a chance to have their questions answered.

"Every student needs to hear a response to their questions."

Sean Moreman, the election's chief returning officer, is in charge of all election regulations.

Moreman, who did the same job at Acadia, says his main duty is to make sure the elections are run

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AFRICAN NIGHT: Dal students celebrate a rich heritage.

## CASA director Hoops Harrison steps down

BY KRISHNA LALBIHARIE

OTTAWA (CUP) — The director of one of Canada's national student lobby groups has resigned, citing "personal reasons" for his decision.

Hoops Harrison, national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, announced his resignation last Wednesday.

"The organization is in fine shape," Harrison said in an interview. "It's in a transitional period for the organization. The reasons why I'm leaving aren't that important. It's really insignificant in the big picture of things."

Yet insider speculation credits Harrison's early departure from the post as a sign he disapproves of the group's shift toward grassroots lobbying on a wider range of issues.

In the past, CASA has focused

exclusively on post-secondary education issues.

Harrison denies the speculation.

"The new direction of the organization and the fact that I'm leaving have nothing to do with each other," he said. "If CASA chooses to lobby for things beyond [post-secondary education] or through grassroots lobbying, that's fine. CASA is constantly changing and is reflective of the changing concerns of students."

Andrea Wenum, vice-president external of the University of New Brunswick students' union, a member of CASA, isn't convinced.

"I think Hoops has a slightly different idea than what the majority of CASA now wants: a more comprehensive and broader

view of how to lobby and who we should represent," she said.

Motives for Harrison's resignation aside, some student leaders are sceptical CASA is in fact headed toward a more activist approach.

"They can talk all they want about doing grassroots work, engaging in demonstrations, etc.," said Elizabeth Carlyle, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "But their bylaws are very clear in stating their membership is comprised of student councils and not the students themselves and so you can only get so close to the grassroots with that kind of structure."

The association plans to elect its new national director March 9.

The Dalhousie Student Union is a member of CASA.

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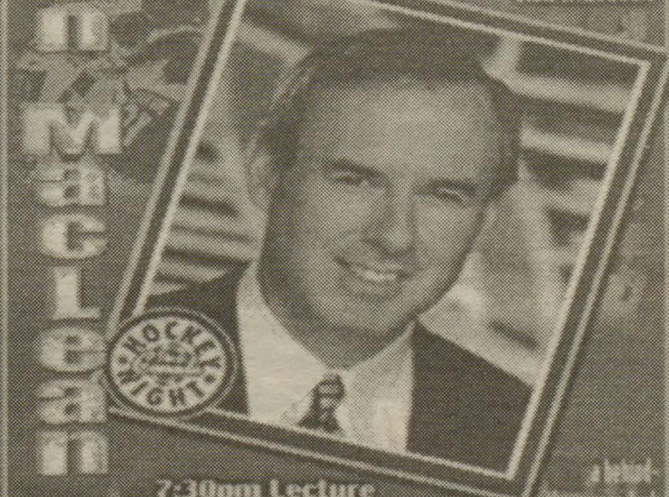
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# In the Black

## Program aims to increase Black youth entrepreneurship

BY GREG MCFARLANE

There are about 34,000 businesses in Nova Scotia. Less than 250 are owned by Black Nova Scotians. A new program promoting Black youth entrepreneurship hopes to boost those numbers.

The Black Business Initiative, also known as BBI, recently unveiled its latest program, *Business is Jammin'*. The program is designed to help Blacks aged 13-30 make a successful go at commerce. And BBI director Rustum Southwell says he expects good things.

"We have a lot of work to do, but it's really about trying to get our community into [business]."

The program will require participants to attend a series of seminars, write a business plan and enter a business development competition. The best plans will earn young entrepreneurs the funding to start a new business.

All entrants in *Jammin'* will also be partnered with mentors that will help tap private and public sector support for their ventures.

Organizers say they saw the need for a program like *Jammin'* because, although many mainstream programs exist, some Black youth felt uncomfortable in those settings.

Gordon Blackmore, program co-ordinator of the Cultural Awareness Youth Group in Halifax, says *Jammin'* will allow young Blacks the opportunity to develop business skills in a more

comfortable setting. "There is a lot of intimidation... being alone inside of a large group and not feeling that you truly have someone that is like

**"There is a lot of intimidation... being alone inside of a large group and not feeling that you truly have someone that is like you, racially and culturally."**

you, racially and culturally," he said.

Blackmore also says the BBI's vision goes beyond commerce itself. The expected spin-offs can lay down the infrastructure for further economic growth.

"It'll strengthen the community. You have these students that are starting businesses and if they are successful, in future years they can hire other students, and they can serve as a role model for younger students."

Tyrone Williams, the program director for *Jammin'*, is a Halifax

native who has a degree in economics from the University of Western Ontario. He was also a Super Bowl Champion with the Dallas Cowboys.

He likes the program because it places confidence in participants and emphasizes learning.

"I went to school and was an athlete. I don't

believe in limiting [anyone]... [they] can be great athletes and great businesspersons. But for this program, I want the focus to be on education and the business side."

Other organizations supporting the BBI in *Jammin'* include the Canadian Youth Business Foundation, the Black Educators Association and the Centre for Education, Entrepreneurship and Development, among others.

Anyone interested in *Business is Jammin'* can contact the BBI at 426-7752.

## Dal to sign Talloires Declaration

At the recommendation of the Senate, Dalhousie is about to sign on to an international agreement for sustainable development.

The Talloires Declaration is a voluntary agreement for university leaders to actualize sustainable development both on their campuses and in the larger university community. The

declaration is organized by the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future and has been signed by 21 Canadian universities as well as 250 universities from around the world.

Dr. Ray Cote, Chair of the Senate Committee on the Environment, says although Dal had been approached to sign the document previously and declined, now is a good time for the university to sign on.

"It's a good idea to sign on now when we've actually started doing a number of things recommended in the declaration," he said. "Dal has done a number of things for the environment recently and I think it's important to recognize that."

Dalhousie is known for their teaching, research and operating programs in environmental and sustainable development issues, but has been absent from the list of signatories for many years.

## Elections slow

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smoothly and fairly.

Before Tuesday evening's forum, he said he had received no complaints and he has found the elections so far to be encouraging.

But Brian Kellow, a candidate for executive vice president, says the forums have been disappointing. He says the point of the forums are to let

students ask the questions they want answered.

"Questions and dissent [are] not encouraged right now."

A Wednesday night forum held at Sherriff Hall was an attempt to correct some of the earlier difficulties.

Candidates were given more time to answer questions from the audience — a full minute — and there were over thirty minutes allotted for audience questions.

## 20 Years Ago This Week...

### Guelph elects "nobody"

During presidential elections, students at the University of Guelph decided nobody was better than somebody. They took advantage of the no candidate option on the ballot — and two thirds of the voters chose the option, which forced the Canadian Students' Association to hold new elections. Students said they were dissatisfied with the candidates. The new election will cost the Students' Association more than a thousand dollars.

### Unemployment caused by women — Chretien

Finance Minister Jean Chretien said women are the cause of the high unemployment rate in Canada. At a conference in Toronto, Chretien said too many women have entered the workforce in recent years. He did expect the number of women to decrease in the "near future". Carol Swan, an executive member of the National Action Committee of the Status of Women said Chretien's comments confirm the government's attitude towards women. She said high unemployment was caused by the government's inability to cope with the needs of a growing workforce.

### Petition for exotic dancers

Dalhousie councillors were presented with a petition of 200 names for the allowance of exotic dancers in the SUB. The petition objects the Engineering Society's planned "Stag and Stein" as being immoral. President of the Engineering Society, David Bolivar, said exotic dancing is an art form that happens to have

nudity at the end of it. He defended the party as saying when a "bunch of males get together you get something of a sexist nature". Council passed a motion to allow the party saying they couldn't censor any group on campus.

### Law students in Quebec protest exams

Francophone law students said a final examination system for notary students was too harsh. Notary students had to write exams for two days in June which were worth 50 percent of their final mark in their fourth year. At the Universite de Montreal, students had to write 30 exams and 10 papers in their fourth year. In February, law students at UdeM protested the Chambre des Notaires du Quebec to replace the "double evaluation system". The students would prefer an internship with a notary office.

# Most bars per capita?

## Halifax myth debunked

BY AMY DURANT AND BRIANNE JOHNSTON

As a port city with seven universities, Halifax has a lot of bars. The most bars per person even. It's what people have been saying about Halifax for years. But is it true?

Lesley Spencer, a second year science student from Fall River NS, thinks it is.

"Everyone says it," she said. "[And there's a] whole hell of a lot of bars in Halifax."

Greg White, manager of the Velvet Olive on Market Street, agrees.

"I think it's basically a fact," he said.

Halifax has a population of 113,910. And there are 215 liquor licensed establishments downtown — and 375 regionally.

That's 1/19th of a bar for every person in Halifax.

But a liquor licence does not a bar make. Licensed establishments include bars, pubs, restaurants and hotels. And some of these establishments, like hotels, may have multiple licences — sometimes as many as three or four.

In contrast to this number is the small town of Stellarton, NS, which has 4,968 residents and 11 licensed establishments.

And Halifax beats Stellarton

with a narrow margin. Stellarton has 1/22nd of a bar per person.

But compared to Toronto, Stellarton is not the place to drink. The Toronto liquor licence board indicates that the population of Toronto is approximately 2.5 million and they have anywhere between 3500 and 4000 licensed places.

Over on the West coast, there are 76,334 residents of Victoria BC who have the choice of going to 431 licensed establishments.

So that's where the myth ends. That's where we stop and realize Halifax no longer has the most liquor licences per capita. And maybe it never did.

But don't be too disappointed. We do have more choices than good old Stellarton. And St. John's, Newfoundland.

St. John's is another port city with a population of 125,000. Their number of licensed establishments is determined differently. The city has what Gene Healey, an employee of the liquor control board of St. John's, estimates to be 17,000 brewery agents. A brewery agent allows beer to be sold at corner stores. However, St. John's has 144 of what Healey calls "lounges".

But 215 bars in downtown Halifax still makes one hell of a pub crawl.

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# Evictions soar in Toronto with 30,000 evicted

BY CARLA TONELLI  
AND ANDREW SUNSTRUM

TORONTO (CUP) — Students are outraged to hear that more than 30,000 Ontarians have been evicted from their homes since the provincial government brought in the new Tenants Protection Act last June.

Dreading the worst for students who frequently move from apartment to apartment, activists last summer predicted that the

loosening of legislation for landlords to hike rents and then evict tenants would be bad news for students.

Under the Tenants Protection Act, a landlord may hike the rent on any empty unit to whatever price he deems fit.

Applications for eviction filed by landlords from June 1997 to June 1998 totalled 65,050. That figure rose by 550 to an estimated 65,600, expected for June 1999.

"It's really depressing," said Jane Harvey, a telephone councillor

for the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations.

She says about 100 people call every day to ask for advice with how to deal with threats of eviction and landlord harassment, problems exacerbated by the deregulation of rent rates.

"[The Tenant Protection Act] has definitely worsened the situation," she said. "Now there is more power for landlords to enforce evictions. Our phone is ringing all day long with people calling who are terrified, facing eviction. It's really terrible, and there's nothing we can do."

University of Toronto student Naomi Savage was evicted last month when her landlord took her to the Housing Tribunal so he could use her apartment for personal use.

Savage is outraged that it was so easy for her landlord's wishes to be approved by the tribunal, which is staffed by provincial government appointees, not judges as was the case before the introduction of the Tenants' Protection Act.

"When we were at the tribunal it was very shocking to me to see the rate at which tenants were being evicted," she said, adding that at least four other people were evicted the same day as she was.

In addition, the added

bureaucracy at the tribunal makes it especially difficult for immigrants or students without legal aid to make heads or tails of the system.

There has been a 15 per cent rise in evictions in Toronto alone since the new legislation was brought in last summer, says the Toronto Action for Social Change.

Group member Mathew Behrens says the time has come for new housing laws.

"We need to go back to rent controls and real consultation with tenants and tenant groups."

But while activists and students continue to say the new legislation isn't working, the Ontario government maintains that evictions shouldn't be a threat, as long as rents are met on time.

Scott Harcourt, manager of Ontario's housing policy branch, says up to 90 per cent of evictions are due to non-payment of rent.

"The grounds for eviction have not changed," he said.

"I'm not sure that the numbers are up. We wouldn't expect the numbers to change under the new legislative regime," he said, adding the assistance that is provided from the tribunal office is at a higher level than previously provided by the courts.

Carol Kiley, manager of

program development for the tribunal, admits the applications for evictions are expected to have risen by 550 by June, but denies the new law loosens the reins on landlords.

"It's not easier to evict now than it was under the court system," she said. "The law itself has not changed. The tribunal is more accessible and easier for tenants to defend themselves and it's administratively simpler."

But students say there's nothing simple about making it easier to hike rents when the summer rolls around and apartments are left vacant for three to four months.

Chris Ramsaroop, president of U of T's student council, says one way to fight the legislation is to get educated on the facts, and for students to know their rights.

"Students should join or create a tenants' association; it's a right to have affordable housing," he said.

Students say the rat race to find a place has just become more difficult.

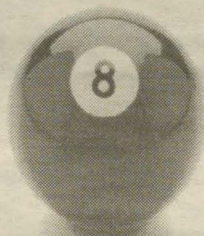
"It's hard to find an apartment," said Alexandra Kirby. "There are a lot of street deaths, and too many homeless people, it's tragic. There have to be other solutions."

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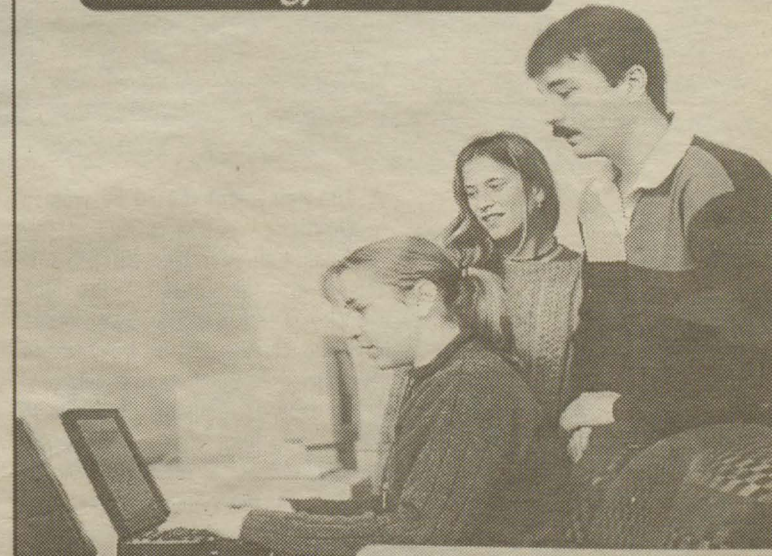
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# U of T tackles sweat shop issue

BY T.E. MORGAN AND CARLA TONELLI

TORONTO (CUP) — The day before the University of Toronto's conference on sweatshops and universities began last weekend, administrators told students they will devise a new code of conduct regarding which clothing can sport the school's logo.

In a move local activists are applauding, an informal committee met and agreed to tear up the current draft of a revised policy on licensing and allow students input into the process of implementing a strict code of conduct. The school also agreed to ensure the new code of conduct goes even further than Duke University's, considered a ground-breaking clamp-down on sweatshops.

"I think it's a good move," said Kevin Thomas, a member of the Students Against Sweatshops group and the Ontario Public Interest Research Group. "Negative publicity was definitely a concern for the university. I don't think they want to be left behind on the issue of establishing a code."

With a coalition of American

universities currently establishing a combined code of conduct, including Duke University, Georgetown, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, U of T will be the first in Canada to embrace the campaign spearheaded by student groups to eliminate business for sweatshops at post-secondary institutions.

Students at American and Canadian campuses have recently raised concerns about the working conditions common in sweatshops in Indonesia, China and Honduras, where mostly female workers are paid low wages, forced to work overtime in poor conditions and denied the right to organize unions.

"We work in horrendous conditions," said Violeta Lara, a guest at last weekend's provincial conference from the Dominican Republic.

The conference, organized by U of T's Students Against Sweatshops and OPIRG, included seminars and lectures on topics ranging from acceptable university codes of conduct to corporate accountability and how to respect international labour standards.

Barbara Dick, U of T's

associate director of alumni and development and one of the administrators who met with students last Friday, says while the university hopes to have a new set of guidelines in place by the summer it's taking it one step at a time.

"I think that the real challenge here is to make sure we can come up with guidelines that are meaningful, that have teeth, and that we can enforce," she said. "There's no point in having a really tough code if we're not assured there is some way to monitor and enforce those guidelines."

Dick added the research conducted by Students Against Sweatshops and OPIRG played an integral role in U of T's decision to devise the ideal code.

"From where I stand, there's no disagreement between the University of Toronto administration and student groups in terms of the objective," she said.



BLOOD SWEAT & TEARS: Women workers at a Dominican Republic "Free Trade Zone."

# Canada pledges support for UN intervention in East Timor

BY KRISHNA LALBIHARIE

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy announced last week Canada's support of United Nations intervention in East Timor.

"Canada believes that the UN should establish a presence in East Timor in order to enhance its effectiveness there," said Axworthy. "The most effective way to ensure progress is through meaningful and comprehensive consultations with the East Timorese."

A former Portuguese colony, East Timor proclaimed independence from West Timor, now the Republic of Indonesia, in 1975. The following year, the fledgling nation was invaded by Indonesia and subsequently annexed as the country's 27th province.

The UN never recognized the annexation and still regards Portugal as the province's administering power. UN-sponsored negotiations between Indonesia and Portugal are scheduled to resume March 9 in New York.

While applauding the upcoming talks, Axworthy raised concerns about the violent deaths of hundreds of East Timorese civilians in the last few months, alleged to have come at the hands of paramilitary groups armed by the Indonesian government.

Responding to these attacks, Axworthy called on all parties to

disarm, including civilian militias, and supported the immediate release of all political prisoners.

Last Friday's announcement follows recent Ottawa roundtable discussions — attended by non-governmental organizations and representatives from the East Timorese community — examining

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the federal government's continued economic support of Indonesia.

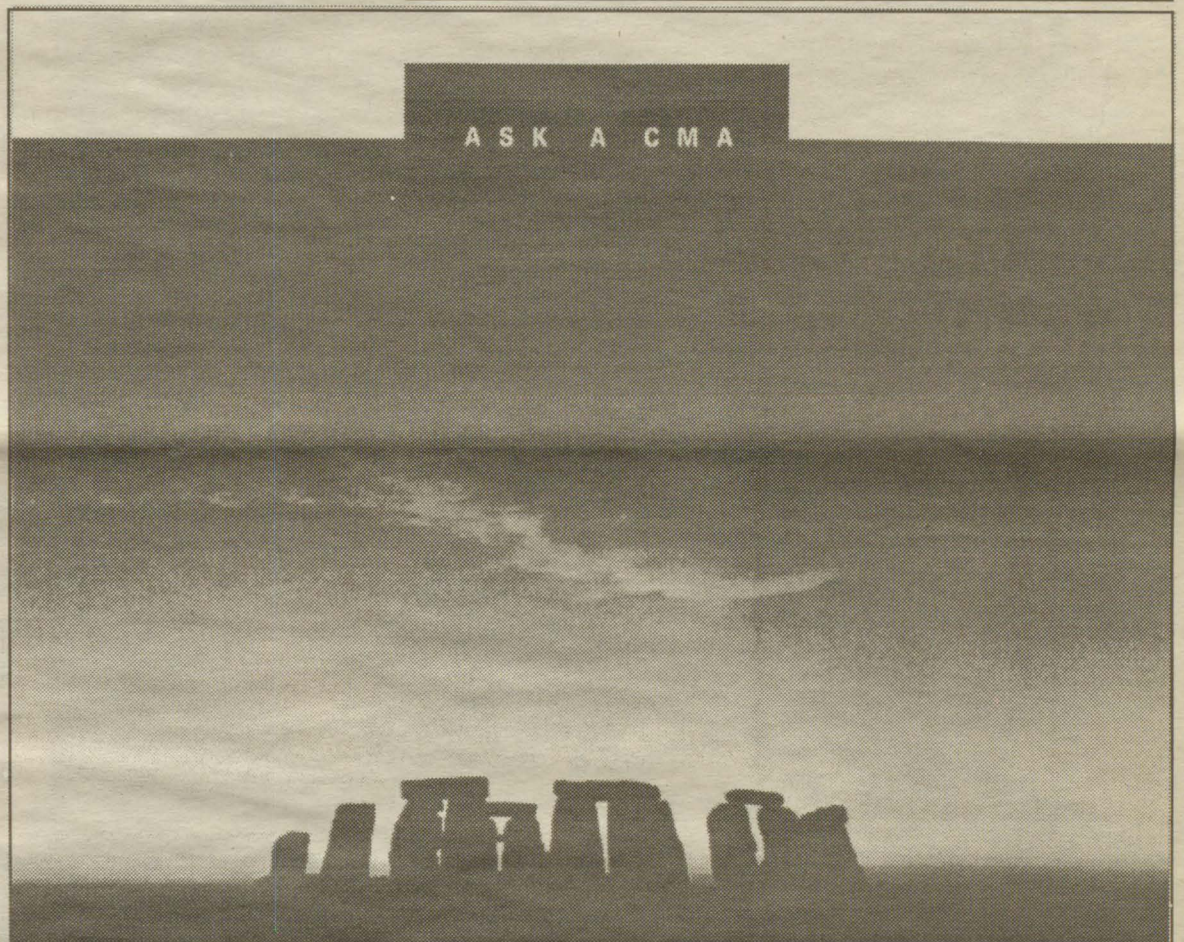
The new direction by the Grits pleased some activists.

"I'm thrilled," said Sharon Scharfe, roundtable participant and head of the International Secretariat of Parliamentarians for East Timor. "Canada has gone further now than pretty much any other country has in terms of its policy on East Timor."

But not everyone was so quick in hailing the federal Liberals.

"Now that the Canadian government has changed its foreign policies and is more positive towards the East Timor issue, I would hope that minister Axworthy's statements are not just statements, but are put into action on the ground in East Timor," said Bella Galhos, a Timorese refugee living in Ottawa and a roundtable participant.

"Because of my involvement in this struggle, my family is threatened daily that they will be killed.... They need help, now."



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# Jesus ate beef, and other Texan reflections

You can learn a lot about a place from its airport. Or at least, you can learn a lot about Texas from spending six-and-a-half hours in the Houston International Airport. It's not enough time to get a real sense, but enough time to reinforce all the stereotypes.

People really do call you ma'am. And none of them seem to mean it. It's sort of like they say it half as habit and half to keep you happy enough not to pull a gun on them. A woman at Wendy's who called me ma'am at least three times in as many seconds told me they were out of Frostys — but assured me it was nothing

personal against me. As if I thought she was stashing a load of chocolate shakes in the back room to spite me and I could only get one by threatening to kill her.

Which may be why security was such a big issue. Apparently even after people have gone through a metal detector the escalators need to be heavily guarded for any illicit trafficking that might occur on the revolving 20 steps. Drugs. Guns. Frostys. So two people are always watching you — one at the top, one at the bottom.

But at least the escalator watchers have it better than the shuttle drivers. Intended for the old

and infirm — although I actually saw one woman run to catch one — these people drive up and down the airport all day. With no horns.

These are Texas' real cowboys. Wading through hordes of people on nothing more than an elaborate golf cart requires a steady hand and a ready distaste for virtually everyone. So here's how they do it — they try to act like they are horns. They all just bellow out these low guttural beeeeeeeppps over and over. I heard one guy, who must have been new, try to "pardon

me" and "excuse me" his way through the crowd but eventually when no one moved he just started beeeeeeeppping too.

The carts drive right through the airport's food court. A whole food court. Subway was there. Taco Bell was there. The combined barbeque (bar-b-q) and pancake house with the neon sign was there. And the beer place, which opens in time for breakfast. At eleven thirty in the morning one table already had empty beer bottles.

And you know anyone who's drinking beer that early had to be wearing a cowboy hat. Because people really do wear cowboy hats there. And cowboy boots, big ass

buckle belts and string ties. And for anyone who forgot theirs, the gift shop was well stocked.

Which might seem fine until you consider the equivalent — it's not like all Nova Scotians wear sou'westers, gum boots and hidden fiddles.

It was like wondering into some part of the Epcot Center where people are paid to act like caricatures of themselves.

"Why thank you Bobby Sue," Bubba would say in his thick drawl wearing the full Marlboro Man get up. "Now why don't y'all follow me over to the oil rig room for a film strip on cattle ranching and cussing."

People didn't just live the stereotypes, they were proud of them.

The gift shop also had "Don't Mess with Texas" key chains, bumper stickers and shot glasses. And lots of crosses.

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Oh, and these people invariably eat beef. Jesus ate beef. Just smile and say yes ma'am.

SHELLEY ROBINSON

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### Show me the money! Some financial news on Dalhousie

Much has happened in the Board of Governors since our last report in November. For the purpose of this article though, we will again be covering mostly financially related matters.

First, a few words about the budget surplus. Halfway through every fiscal year, the university always does a review of its finances. The review this year showed that there was a \$800,000 surplus. It may seem like a lot but this is less than 1 percent of Dalhousie's operating budget. The surplus was due primarily to an increase in enrolment for Computer Science. The extra money has been allocated to the library (which suffered from the drop in the Canadian dollar), the Faculty of Computer Science (where a lot of the money came from), improvements in computers (God knows, we need it) and debt refinancing (the financial policy of the 90s).

Second, something that you may find interesting is the way in which you will pay your tuition next year (well except for DalTech students). Per-course tuition will begin when the new Banner information system is implemented in the upcoming academic year to address the Y2K problem.

On one hand, this will be good news for students who take only 4 courses and were paying a full time student's tuition. More good news comes in the fact that an Arts student and a Science student taking the same course will no longer be paying different amounts for that course.

On the other hand, since students will no longer be "donating" money to the university by paying for courses they are not taking, overall tuition will be raised by approximately 1.5 percent to make up for the shortfall.

Third, have you ever used Dalhousie Health Services? It was discovered one and a half years ago that the centre, located in Howe Hall, is in financial trouble. Administration considered cutting back on services (like weekend hours) but it important for students to have a place where they can get weekend medical service other than the hospital. The university also did not want to lose control over the service by having an outside party provide it. Since the centre is already running efficiently, it became apparent that more money needs to be put towards Health Services. Currently, the university gives only a small amount to the

centre but cannot afford to give more. Therefore, in the upcoming year, each full time student will be paying \$7 to \$10 per term towards the centre in the form of a Health Services Fee. Sure, it sucks that we have to pay more money. However, we feel this is an important service to have and, on the flip side, they will be eliminating some of the current fees at the centre. For example, you won't have to pay for sick notes anymore!

Fourth, the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) gave its recommendations for next year's budget in January. Notable changes include more money for student employment (security shifts in the new buildings) and increases in the library and scholarship/bursary budgets. However, two important lines were missing from the budget: tuition fees and budget units. The first item is self-explanatory. The second outlines how much money is given to the "units" (faculties and departments) of the university. In order to balance the university budget, there needs to be a tuition fee hike and a corresponding reduction in the unit budgets. The Committee did not make a recommendation on these figures because it wants input from the members of the Board (including us). Our mandate is pretty clear: keep tuition as low as possible. However, a severe reduction in faculty and departmental budgets could also have a negative impact on the education of students. As more discussion is made, we will keep you updated.

Finally, you may ask yourself what have students accomplished on the Board? Besides attending meetings, we also advocate student issues. One visible success we have had this year was passing a 'Student Accessibility' motion. This motion states that the University reaffirms its policy on tuition, basically stating that 'where permitted' Dalhousie is committed to making tuition as affordable as possible. The success of the motion is that it will appear under the University mission statements, therefore every year when Board members (who set tuition) get their updated Board handbooks, one of the very first pages they will see will emphasize this policy. The Handbook outlines the mission statement, critical issues and other policies of the University but until now, it contained no statement about tuition. The intention here is to remind Board members to keep tuition affordable a high priority.

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DSU Board of Governors  
Representative

Oh look Reggie,  
they're having a  
fundraising dance!



I am so there Wilbur, I  
am sooo there!

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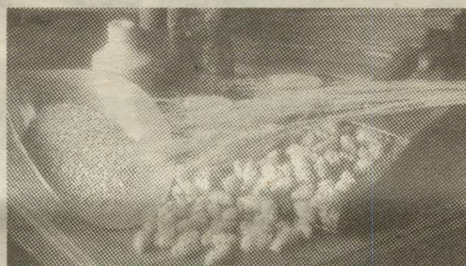
# A blast with the past.

Back in the 1820s, the Maritimes were the place to be. Ships loaded down with goods from around the world berthed at the port cities. While down on the docks, soldiers and sailors, adventurers and merchants brought cosmopolitan flavour to the local scene.

It was in Halifax, on Lower Water Street, that a very fine India Pale Ale was born, forever changing the social swirl. The brewmaster was Alexander Keith.

He refused to compromise, insisting on using only the finest ingredients. Then brewing slowly, carefully, taking the time to get it right. With an unrivaled commitment to quality. Once Alexander decided his was finally ready, barrels were

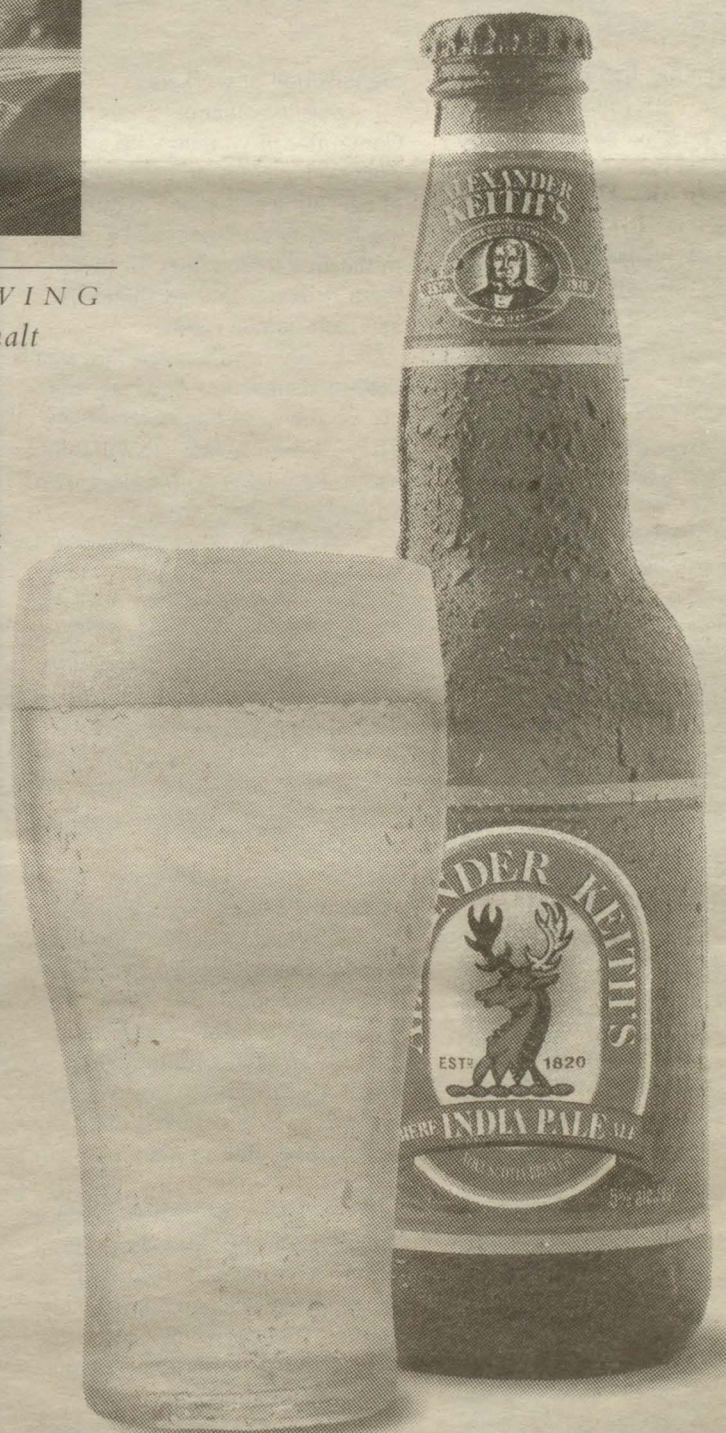
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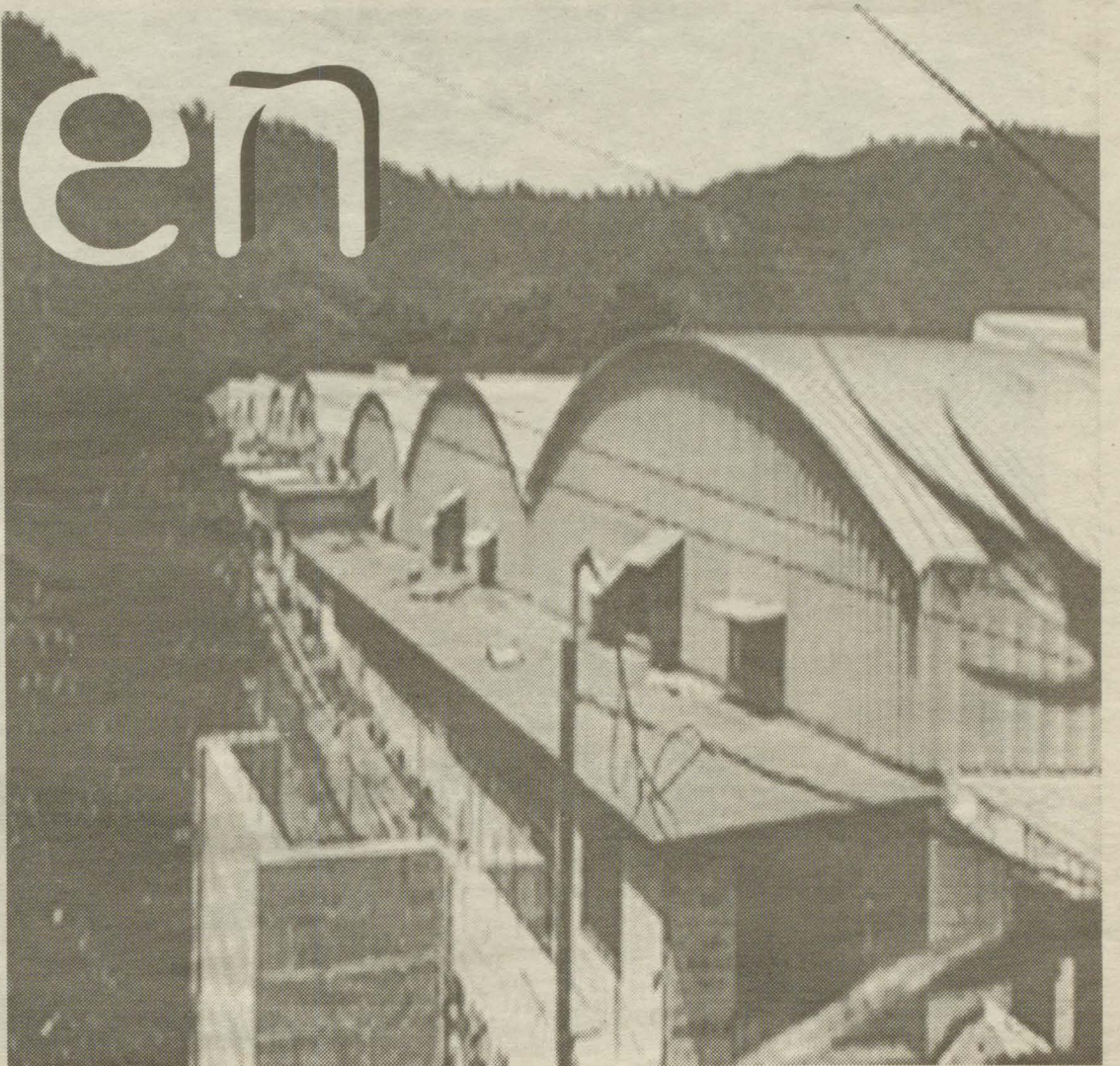
delivered to taverns and inns. His fine ale became an overnight success. Today, after more than 175 years of quality brewing, Halifax remains a great port of call and his ale, a Maritime favourite, celebrated wherever beer drinkers gather. Still brewed the Alexander Keith Way.

Those who like it, like it a lot.



## FOCUS

# Women unite in the Zone



## *Activist speaks of poor labour situation*

BY KATY HENDERSON

As part of a cross-country tour, Violeta Pérez, co-ordinator of La Zonera, spoke to a group of students and other community members at Dal on Feb. 17. Her lecture discussed factory workers in the Dominican Republic.

Since 1969, when free trade zones were established, the Dominican Republic has been a hotbed for cheap industry.

Multimillion dollar companies set up factories, knowing that they can get hard workers willing to work long hours for lesser pay.

These zones are good for business because they are exempt from paying taxes.

"It is promoted by the government as a way of getting companies to set up and create jobs. The workers have to pay taxes but the company has no accountability and can easily move on," says Pérez.

After working in these free trade zones for 10 years, Pérez knows only too well the inhumane conditions the women must face every day.

"I suffered all the exploitation and limitations — not being able to go to the washroom, not being able to get free time for medical attention or appointments."

She and several other members of La Zonera have researched the free zones and the working conditions within them. What they found was that workers were repeatedly and systematically refused the right to form unions in any of the factories.

These restrictions are in strict violation of labour code provisions, and resolutions set out by the Organization of International Trade, regarding the liberty and

organization of workers.

She and other members of the Committee of Women Workers (La Zonera) have developed programs of education and action to raise the consciousness of industrial workers in the free trade zones — helping them to better defend themselves and their human rights.

"They have learned they can defend themselves because there are certain laws that defend them. They are more aware and will think about organizing within their own workplace," said Pérez.

When asked if the women wouldn't get fired if they stood up for their rights, Pérez replied, "When the management sees women that defend themselves they normally get afraid and back off — they don't get fired necessarily."

A few facts to keep in mind concerning working conditions for factory workers in the Dominican Republic:

— The majority (over 70%) of factory workers are women.

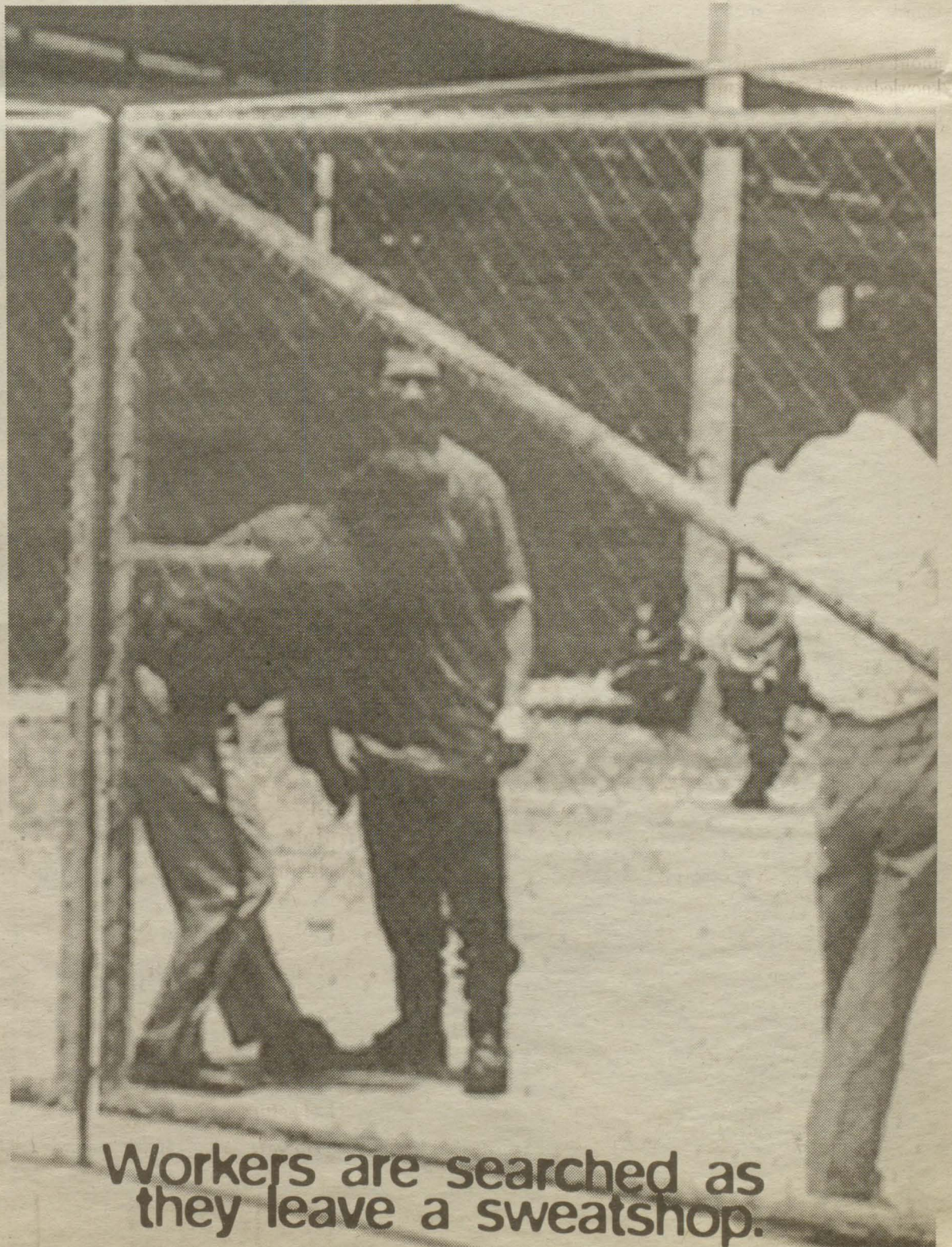
— Workers in the Dominican Republic make approximately 400 Dominican pesos per week. The equivalent of \$40.00 Canadian.

— Workers over the age of 30 are not allowed to work in any factory, as it is believed that they will not be able to keep up with quotas.

— Every women is given a pregnancy test before she is hired on. If a woman is found to be pregnant she is let go immediately.

— Young women are often expected to perform sexual favours to secure employment.

To learn more about which companies are especially exploitative of the workers in the Dominican Republic and elsewhere, go to the "Sweatshop Fashion Show" on March 9 at 12pm in the Green Room of the SUB.



**Workers are searched as they leave a sweatshop.**



# DSU Election Supplement

## PRESIDENT & VP EXEC. CANDIDATES

### DAN CLARK & GREG MCFARLANE

**1. Dan:** I've been at Dal for four years. In that time, I've seen a lot of fixable problems. But what has become clear is that the only way to change things is to do it yourself.

**Greg:** I've often felt dissatisfied with what I've received from the DSU. I know there are a lot of people out there who are just like me in this respect. By running in this election I've given students an option that won't perpetuate or endorse the status quo. I want students to receive more from the DSU. That's the most important thing.

**2a.** When we graduate, we want skills that will make us employable and that will provide opportunities and not barriers. However, when we are here, we seek growth and fulfilment. Education is too often seen as nothing more than the pursuit of a piece of paper required to get a job. But when you think of the memorable things you learn, they have nothing to do with finding a job — they are about experiences that gave you knowledge and inspire you to keep learning.

**2b.** Respect. Students aren't ignorant, we know that Dalhousie is experiencing money problems. But that doesn't mean that we the students

always have to be the expendable party. A re-evaluation of students' roles in university governance is needed. We've all been lulled into the role of "consumer," but our tuition makes up roughly one-third of Dalhousie's operating budget. We have to be treated as legitimate stakeholders in the process, not cattle lined up for the slaughter.

**2c.** Help. The government is supposed to provide a basis on which every citizen can achieve and create at their full potential. Anything less is a personal denial. A student loan is supposed to be an equalizer making education accessible to all — not a noose around your neck for the rest of your life. Government must realize this.

**3.** There are two parts of advocacy. One is announcement and the other is facilitation. Often advocacy ends once the message is out, but that never accomplishes anything. It is not enough to tell the government you want more money for education and student loans. Governments traditionally lack creativity; it's up to us to generate the ideas that will lead to real change. One idea we would like to see explored would allow students to repay loans through their income taxes. The government would be rewarding us for working, and encouraging us to get jobs with a future — not just the first one that will pay down the loan.

This is advocacy that looks at real solutions. This is something students receive very little of.

**4.** The DSU has a tremendous amount of services that it makes available to students. We have lawyers, doctors, psychiatrists, employment services, housing services, a travel agency, a volunteer bureau, tutoring and a bookstore. We have so many services that they have become neglected and under-used. Our priority would be to improve, expand and rejuvenate these services (especially the job centre), and then make sure that every student knows they are there. As for new services, we plan to propose a discount pharmacy (with no prescription fees) in the SUB, and a shuttle service between our campuses to help students move between classes. We also want to open up the entire campus to allow Dalhousie to enjoy our students' diversity and talents. This would include expositions, music, and displays in all of the campus's high traffic areas during the day, and give any and all groups the opportunity to contribute.

**5. Dan:** *Mr. Big.* When you're this big, they call you Dan.

**Greg:** *Turtles.* Underestimated at the start, but packed full of more goodness than I can describe in a one-sentence answer.

**6. Dan:** The DSU is useful to students, but the big failure of the union in past years has been the inability to let students know what it can do for them. We plan on holding monthly forums at peak times (ie — lunch hour) in each of the Studley, Carleton and Daltech campuses. This would give students a real opportunity to be informed and to inform us of



Dan Clark and Greg McFarlane

their issues. We wouldn't be politicians, but rather tools of and for students.

**Greg:** It's a false belief that the only place students hang out is the SUB. On upper campus, people often spend spare time at Dalplex, or in the Killam Atrium, or anywhere else for that matter. At Tupper and Daltech, obviously people don't spend a break between classes at the SUB. So, money and services have to be diverted to these locations so students all over campus can benefit — in this respect, we can take the DSU to students. This is only fair. After all, we all pay DSU dues.

**7. Dan:** Play "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes over and over and over.

**Greg:** Beat Dan until he stops.

### KELLY MACKENZIE & BRIAN KELLOW

**1. Kelly:** Cause' it's about time a female ran the show around here!! I think I have a lot of experience, ideas and most of all, I would like to continue helping the students here at

Dalhousie.

**Brian:** I believe the Exec VP's office best serves students when it

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### OUR QUESTIONS FOR THE ELECTION CANDIDATES:

- 1) Why do you want this job?
- 2) What do you think students want from their:
  - a) education?
  - b) university?
  - c) Federal & Provincial Governments?
- 3) How will you get them what they want?
- 4) What new ideas do you have in terms of DSU student services?
- 5) If you could be any candy or chocolate bar which would it be and why?
- 6) How will you use your position to make the DSU useful and valuable to the student body?
- 7) What will you do if you lose?

# GENERAL ELECTIONS

## MARCH 9, 10 & 11

<p><b>NOMINATION WEEK</b> FEBRUARY 15th - 18th</p> <p><b>DSU President</b> <b>DSU Executive VP</b> <b>DSU VP Community Affairs</b> <b>DSU VP Internal</b> <b>DSU VP Student Advocacy</b> <b>Senate Reps (3)</b> <b>Board of Governors Reps (2)</b></p> <p>Nomination packages available @ the DSU Council Offices, Room 222 Dal SUB</p> <p>DalTech Student Union Office #J126A in the FH Sexton Gymnasium</p>	<p><b>CAMPAIGN WEEK</b> MARCH 2th - 8th</p> <p><b>CANDIDATE FORUMS</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Howe Hall</td> <td>7:00 pm</td> <td>Mar 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shirreff Hall</td> <td>7:00 pm</td> <td>Mar 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dal SUB lobby</td> <td>12:00 pm</td> <td>Mar 4</td> </tr> </table> <p>Forums at DalTech and Carleton Campuses TBA Watch for signage</p> <p>For more info contact: Sean Moreman, Chief Returning Officer Room 222 of the SUB 494-6397 • e-mail smoreman@is2.dal.ca</p>	Howe Hall	7:00 pm	Mar 2	Shirreff Hall	7:00 pm	Mar 3	Dal SUB lobby	12:00 pm	Mar 4	<p><b>VOTE</b> MARCH 9th - 11th</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>WEBELECT</b></p> <p>A polling booth on the Internet! For more info e-mail smoreman@is2.dal.ca</p> </div> <h2 style="margin: 0;">It's Easy!</h2> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 • Logon to DSU Webpage @ admwww1.ucis.dal.ca/dsu/index.cfr</li> <li>2 • Follow the directions.</li> <li>3 • VOTE!</li> </ol>
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concentrates on issues immediate to students lives, I would like to do this job to ensue that issues like employment, accessibility and affordable health care for students remain a priority for the DSU.

**2. Kelly:** First of all, I could not assume to know what students want at all. Only they know that. But by communicating to students one-on-one or through avenues like the survey that I completed this year I would say that several buzz words might give a general feeling of what students may want.

a Education – affordability, quality, a rewarding job/career.

b University – respect, friendships and room to grow.

c Federal and provincial government – accountability, honesty, financial support.

**Brian:** Students want an education that enriches them intellectually and gives them real world skills that will help them after graduation.

b) Decent Profs, reasonable tuition and a safe campus.

c) Federally and Provincially students want reasonable funding levels and debt relief.

**3. Kelly:** Wow, one could go on for days answering this question! This year as the VP Student Advocacy at the DSU I have learned that maintaining strong communications between the students, administration and

government is the key to being an effective lobbyist. By continually giving both administration and government sound policy directives, almost any outcome can be achieved. This year I have acted as a lobbyist and advocate for the students at Dalhousie on municipal, institutional, provincial and federal levels and I believe that I have done a pretty good job!!

**Brian:** I would like to establish a Committee To Guarantee quality service. Comprised of students the committee would make recommendations directly to council. This committee would respond to concerns from individual students about inefficiencies within the DSU. It would also be charged with searching out inefficiencies within the union and making motions to council to remedy them.

**4. Kelly:** The DSU is a student organization run by students. In the past the DSU has been very involved in offering business services to students like campus copy, the Grawood, the T-room and has been very successful. However, I believe it's time that the DSU started concentrating more efforts in the areas of student advocacy and research. When you have sound research, lobbying the government and administration becomes a lot easier. As well, we need to start offering students more help with advocacy issues. For example, right now the DSU student advocacy service offers free advice and representation to students who finds themselves

needing to defend an accusation of plagiarism, cheating, etc. This service has been very successful and I would like to expand on it by beginning to offer students a place where they can go to discuss academic problems, employment, goal setting, financial difficulties, etc. so that they can get the help they need to make their year a bit smoother.

**Brian:** I would like the DSU to publish a Safety audit in the gazette each year. This will give students an accurate representation of what has been happening on campus each year. I would also like to set up a used book exchange. I would also like to see the union actively address the issues faced on campus and in the SUB by Students with Disabilities.

**5. Kelly:** That's easy, I'd be a box of nerds. I'd be colourful, sweet and I could be in a million places at once!!

**Brian:** I would like to be a Big Turk, I love that bar, sure it's a freak bar I know that. But Damn it's tasty.

**6. Kelly:** By being an honest, hard-working employee of the students who always has their best interests in mind.

**Brian:** I would continue to focus on relevant issues. I think Students need to know about things like the threat posed by Rohypnol on Campus. I also want to ensure that our services continue to grow and be accessed by more students.

**7. Kelly:** Well, to begin with first I would congratulate the successful candidates and wish them luck in an upcoming fun and challenging year! As for what I would do next year, the possibilities are endless! I could go back to school full-time and finish my degree, try to find a good job, or I could just move South to a beach somewhere and have tropical drinks all day long in my grass hut!!

**Brian:** I would found my own religion. It will involve the worship of a mythical fruit bat named Jinky. This will involve the consumption of cheap Chianti and vast sums of cotton candy. The liquor and sugar will take me and my followers to new levels of consciousness and nausea. It'll be bigger than Dianetics. All hail Jinky.

**ANDREW PHILOPOULOS & MATTHEW HART**

1) Being president of the student union means being the leaser and official voice of the students of Dalhousie. I would like to be president of the DSU because I have always deeply cared about students, students issues and the DSU.

The role of the Executive Vice-President is mainly to run the Student Union Building and the services the Students Union provides. I want to be Exec VP so I may achieve the feeling of assisting my fellow students at Dalhousie, and to obtain priceless experience bestowed upon this position.

2a) Students want quality education that will provide them with the skills and knowledge to help them enter and adjust to the 'real world'. Students also want an education that is affordable, that will not leave them in a very disadvantaged position upon graduation.

b) Students want a University that will provide them a quality education, small classrooms, low tuition, and many avenues from which they can choose as they walk down the road of life. Students also want a student friendly environment where they can undergo a positive University experience.

c) Students want governments

that will meet and listen to their concerns, and be accountable for their decisions.

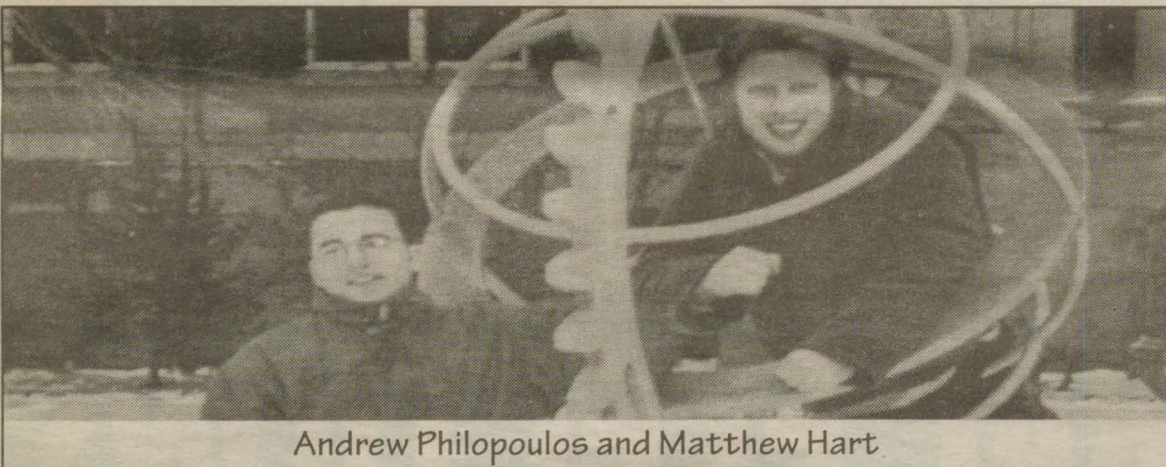
3) To give students what they want we must first find out what they want. We want to run an awareness campaign to promote the DSU and what it currently offers. As well, we want to initiate a Presidents' council, comprised of all societies' presidents, as an alternative discussion group. We also want to conduct an annual survey which would enable the DSU to better meet the needs of it's students.

4) The first service that we would implement is a Student Loan assistance Program. This would entail: an Info Booth that would answer questions regarding student loan, financial planners to assist students in budgeting and finding alternative funding, and Bank Officers on campus to sign student loans. Secondly, we would re-initiate Campus Criers which is a troupe of students that act out skits in classrooms promoting services provided by the DSU and the university. These services would include the lesser-known services such as Sexual Harassment Resource Group.

5) We would be Caramilk Bars because, other than the Tibetan Monks, we are the only people who really know how they get the caramel inside the Caramilk Bar.

6) One of the biggest problems the DSU is faced with is its lack of presence on campus. Part of the problem is the fact that the DSU utilized most of it's operating budget (\$63 per full-time students) confined within the SUB. We feel that DSU needs to take an internal look in order to re-allocate some of it's resources to better meet the needs of students on all parts of campus. This includes a Student Loan Assistance program, an improved walk home service, a political researcher to enhance the DSU's capability as a lobbyist organization, and improved I.T. capability.

7) We would definitely continue our involvement with the DSU but in what shape or form is unknown.



Andrew Philopoulos and Matthew Hart

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**Vote**  
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**VP Internal**

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# VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

## VP Internal FERAS AL BANNA

Hello Everyone, My name is Feras Al Banna. I am nominated for VP Internal.

Fellow students, I urge you to vote for me in this election for very specific reasons.

We will be entering the new millenium in 10 months. Through my work with the Communications Committee with the current VP Internal Mr. Nick Murphy, I will be using my experience to bring the DSU's Members, you, closer to the Operators of this organization. Students in Canada and North America, will want a better education, and moreover, a better education atmosphere while going into the new millenium. Fees should be lowered and more financial aid be given, and I plan to work with the students organizations around campus will have a fair chance to express their concerns and needs.

Finally, I would like to conclude that I love Cadbury Chocolate, for which I know the secret of the Caramel Filling. Remember, vote experience, reliability, and most important, vote confidence.

Vote Feras Al Banna for VP Internal.

## VP Internal STEPHEN COTE

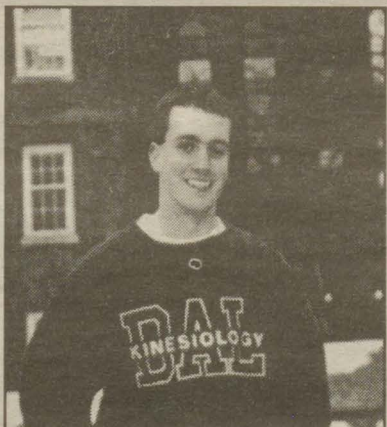
1) I have always been involved with extracurricular student activities and government. I really enjoy interacting with people and helping people in whatever way I can. I want this job because this particular position best suits what I am qualified to do. Most of my experience lies with my involvement with societies. This position would require me to help out the societies of Dalhousie and Daltech and act as a liaison for them to the DSU. As well, I would be in charge of handling communications and public awareness of society events. What a great job! I mean, I get to interact with

all of these different people and help them in whatever way I can. This position really makes me enthusiastic and I really hope I get the chance to show what I can do!

2) A) I think students want an education that is going to prepare them for the labor/management market. The curriculum should be one that is intense enough that when you graduate from Dalhousie University, employers know that you have been trained to meet what they want in an employee. In other words, students expect a solid base of knowledge from their education from which they can market themselves to an employer for a job.

B) A university should be in touch with what the student body wants. As students, we must remember we pay a large amount of money in our tuition for this service that a university provides. If the institution fails to listen to its students then the institution is not providing the proper service to its customers. As a student, I expect a university to be intense but also open to the student voice.

C) I feel that all across Canada, students have a general consensus that tuition is getting too high. The federal and provincial governments must take a serious look at this problem of rising tuition costs and increased student bankruptcy rates after graduation and implement some sort of subsidy plan or tuition freeze. I think that the student body as a whole is pretty sick of hearing that



Stephen Cote



Gina Granter

tuition is on the rise each and every year.

3) As DSU Vice President Internal, my goal would be to provide the most help and the best service to the societies at the university. I plan on having a number of meetings and making myself as available as possible to the heads of the societies as well as, offering a number of new promotional ideas for society events.

4) I would like to bring back Campus Express in conjunction with the VP Community Affairs. I think this was a really effective and low cost way to keep everybody aware of the events that were going on in the university. Campus Express was a newsletter/handout that I would like to see go out every two weeks with the information about the upcoming event in the next two weeks. Each society would have the option of placing some sort of advertisement in it. Also, societies will be able to get through a lot of red tape issues with the use of an internet database program that I plan to have going in September. It would allow societies to register themselves and place ads without the hassles of all of the paper work. As well, Society round tables will become an important way of keeping people informed.

5) I would be a chocolate bar because candies always come in clumps and are all alike. Chocolate bars come in a unique, independent wrapper and can sometimes be a little nutty.

6) If I am elected, I plan on giving the societies a distinct voice on the DSU. I want to know what each society expects from the DSU and do my best to help them get what they want.

7) If I lose, I hope to stay

involved with the DSU through other means and working with the council to help them in any way that I can.

## VP Internal GINA GRANTER

1) I want to be VP Internal because unlike most of the other executive positions, the VP Internal is not only involved with the DSU but promotes involvement. The VP Internal's chief responsibility is to facilitate communication between the Union, societies, and DalTech. I am interested in the position because it involves meeting and talking to many people, and a lot of contact with the student body. This communication would hopefully result in more student involvement in DSU societies and committees, which I feel is essential to improving the life of Dalhousie.

2a) Essentially all students seek an education for their own betterment. We all hope that education will lead to bigger and better job opportunities. Even those who are unsure about what they want to do hope that their education will lead to a promising and successful future.

b) Students want their university to provide them with an education that is of a quality competitive with other universities. They want a school that offers a wide course selection and strong courses. It is important in this competitive time that a school's name is recognized and respected. Besides the academic part of university, many students also look for a strong sense of community with an active campus.

c) I think students are tired of governments that fail to recognize the special needs of this important group. Financial problems are a big issue for many students, as we are no longer in a time when a summer's work can pay for a full year at school.

We want a government that recognizes the importance of education to our provinces' and country's future and acknowledges the needs of those who seek education.

3) They key thing in getting people what they want is to first ask them what they want and then try your hardest to fulfill their demands. I plan to establish more frequent contact with society presidents and representatives as well as DalTech representatives so that their concerns are heard and action is taken. The best way to get people what they want is to communicate with them.

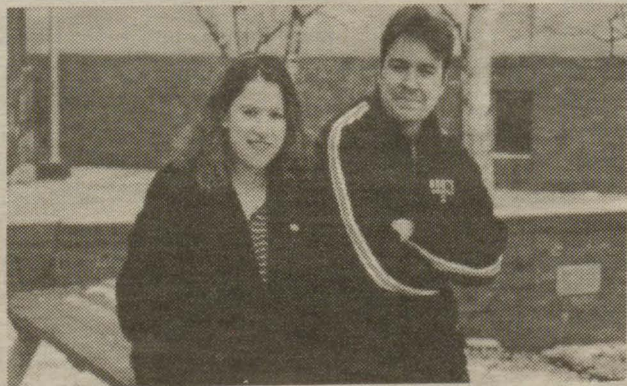
4) One thing I want to do is to make an active society board in the SUB so that there is a central place where society information and announcements can be posted. I'd like to bring back Campus Xpress into a stronger format; it was only on the Web this year, and I wasn't even aware of it until recently. I want to use the Gazette and Sextant for more than simply a page of advertising. These papers are widely read across upper and lower campus and I'd like to take advantage of that. I plan to write articles and reminders on how to start up societies and how to join societies and DSU committees. I think that a lot of times students see the Union and societies as being separate from them and aren't aware of how to get involved. I want to get information out so that people know what to do to become more involved in campus activities at Dal. I think Frosh Week is an especially important time to have information sessions so that new students are instantly aware of what the DSU has to offer.

5) A red M&M. Not to be related to any political purpose, just because I like them.

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weakness. A university should make education accessible to students with different needs (financial and otherwise) and provide them with a variety of educational, cultural and social opportunities.

c. I think students want basically one thing from governments: money. Whether it be in the form of grants, bursaries, scholarships, loans, employment or funds to individual institutions, money is the key issue. Government money helps get students to university, and helps universities live up to student expectations.

3) "Honest and active representation" seems to be my slogan, I've been saying it a lot. But it's the concept I've lived by, and I think it works. Basically, be responsible to the people who voted for you, keep them informed, advocate issues that matter to them, and don't sit idle. It's easy to get tied up in bureaucracy, unless we remember why we're there — to work for students.

4) I have to admit, my main goals (to increase awareness and representation) are not new or revolutionary. They do, however, have the potential to introduce students to services that already exist, but are not well known. All too often these resources go untapped, and I want to make sure that students are better informed about what exactly is available to them. Old ideas, but the services may be new to you.

5) I would be a Hershey's Kiss — they're sweet, they brighten up people's day, and everyone loves them. (And they make great projectiles.)

6) I think the Senate is already extremely relevant to the student body; these are the people who deal with course offerings, graduation requirements, student discipline, academic appeals and the office of the Ombudsperson. My two main goals for next year are to increase student awareness of what the Senate does, and increase the student influence on policies and procedures.

7) Run for my old seat on Council, and seek my revenge when I one day rule the world!

**Senate Representative  
KEVIN MCSWEENEY**

1. I want this job for two reasons. First of all, I believe that I can offer Dal students a strong voice on the Senate, ensuring that their needs are heard. I have been on a number of similar entities in community organizations and have done an effective job with them. I feel that these experiences have prepared me for this position. Second, I think I would enjoy the position. It's been my experience that the more involvement one undertakes, the more rewarding that experience is. My experience so far at Dalhousie has been an excellent one, and a rewarding position as a Student Senate Representative Representative could only enhance my time at Dalhousie.

2. From their education - Students want an academic experience that will enable them to

get a job when they leave. Pure and simple. Whether the Dal environment provides that through classes, social development, networks or anything else, the purpose of their education is to develop the person so as to place the university graduate ahead of the game in the labour market. Education is a means to an end, and to the extent that their education provides those means, and the capability of getting the end, students are satisfied.

From their university - Students want a university to create the environment where they can learn freely and openly at reasonable cost. While a university education remains a good investment and a great social experience, the rising cost of education is making many students question whether the experience is worth it. The university has a tremendous responsibility to not waste the ever-so-precious dollars that students have to beg or borrow the undertake their education.

From their Federal and Provincial Governments - Students want their federal government to invest the surplus in the future. Education is the key way of ensuring that Canada remains a good place to live, and - whether through direct spending, or preferably, tax credits - the government must take a strong role in ensuring that students have access to higher education at a reasonable cost. Provincially, students want to see money freed up to ensure similar goals, and "encouragement" of the banks to continue and improve student financing programs.

3. The best way to get students what they want is through strong arguments and persistence. The arguments that students are making are the correct ones. Investment in the future is crucial and the old bumper sticker "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance" sums it up. Making the arguments

**BOG REP.  
CANDIDATES**

**BOG Representative  
DAVID LOVAS**

1. I want this position for a number of reasons. One is that I've always thoroughly enjoyed being a part of student government at Dalhousie. The second reason is that I feel that good student representation is crucial at the Board of Governors level. This stage of university policy making is responsible for changes in tuition, the construction of buildings, and the long-term planning of the university. With ever-increasing concerns over the ways in which universities allocate their budgets, competent student representatives are needed to help guide the placement of our tuition dollars. I'm confident that I'm the right candidate for the position and I'm eager to meet this challenge.

2. From their education, I believe students want to have a great time at school, and inevitably, to have good job prospects upon graduation. From their university, I think students want reasonably sized classes, first-

forcefully and reasonably to the right people (protests don't work) is the way to get things done. If that fails, we make 'em an offer they can't refuse. You want me to clear up your schedule?

4. The Senate is less concerned with direct Student Services than most other positions, but keeping an eye on the incoming registration system to ensure that the university hasn't flushed nearly \$2 million down the toilet will be a start. The University should be increasing, rather than decreasing the number of parking spaces on campus. Looking into extended course drop dates so students can audit more courses would make sense as well.

5. If I were a chocolate bar, I would be a Snickers. I REALLY satisfy.

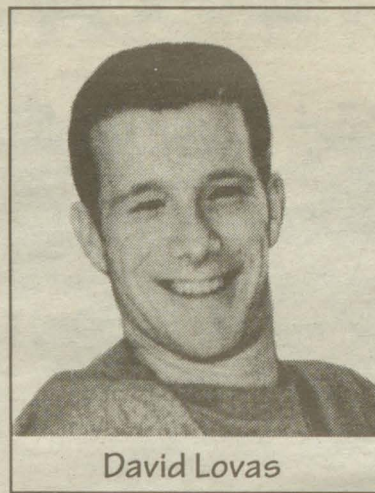
6. To make my position useful and valuable to the student body, I'll be persistent and accessible. I can't anticipate all of the concerns that will arise over the next year, but I will be open to all students, without exception. Again, persistence is the key. If problems can't be resolved, I'll voice the student body's concerns again and again and again (and maybe again after that; but that might be getting too annoying).

7. If I lose, I might go deep into a funk, begin to question my belief in a benevolent God, wandering around sobbing "What happened?" and examining the futility of life while on a four continent odyssey to find myself before writing a book on the meaning of it all - co-written by an entourage of criminals, former legionnaires, George Harrison and the Mahareesh Mahesh Yogi, causing Dr. Laura, Deepak Chopra and Bill Maher to marry one another - announcing the apocalypse but ending the specter of run-on sentences. Or, I might of the Grawood and have a beer. Definitely one of the two.

rate professors, up-to-date facilities, and fair tuition costs. From the government, I feel that students want issues such as the massive student debt load and towering tuitions addressed.

3. As far as what students get from their education, this is probably largely dependent on what they put into it. However, I hope that I can help guide the university in focusing financial resources into the areas that concern students such as those mentioned above - class sizes, tuition, improvement of facilities, etc. (all of which are in the domain of the Board of Governors). Improving these factors would in turn boost the university's image in the eyes of industry and other schools, and this would undoubtedly improve job prospects for graduates of Dalhousie. Additionally, through the Board and the DSU, I plan to stress the importance of lobbying the government to improve the tuition and student loan situation.

4. For student services, it



David Lovas

seems that communication is in constant need of improvement. Thus, I plan on maintaining and improving the current DSU Board of Governors web site (is2.dal.ca/~bog); increase email distribution of info; and inform students of the administration's activities through articles in the Gazette. Additionally, the board and I will be dealing with important student services issues such as the Health Services charge and the Banner program. And clearly, adequate communication will be necessary to tap into the students' opinions on these contentious issues.

5. If I could be a candy I'd be Pez, 'cause I just keep dispensing the flava'.

6. I hope to use my position to give the DSU, and the student body in general, a valuable and powerful voice in the running of the university. Ultimately, I will be a servant of the students, in that my task will be to take student concerns before the DSU and before the Board of Governors, and argue on all of our behalf. Through traditional and additional communication methods, such as the web site and e-mail, I hope to be quite accessible and accountable for student concerns.

7. If I lose I'll cry like a teething baby. And then drown my sorrows at the 'Wood.

**BOG Representative  
SHAWN TRACEY**

1) I have always enjoyed being involved with student's councils in the past. At Dal it has taken me some time to decide what venue I would like to pursue to make my contribution. I feel that the BoG is the right place for me since it requires someone who is not afraid to speak the mind of the students and loud enough for the administration to hear.

2a) From their education, students expect job and career opportunities. We expect university to expand our learning and to prepare us for life after school.

b) Students expect the university to commit itself to providing the highest quality education possible (without jacking up tuition).

c) From the federal and provincial governments, we as students expect the support that the university needs to meet the criteria put forth by the students and university.

3) The only way to get what you want is through persistence. There are only 3 student reps on the Board of Governors so they must make themselves and the opinions of the students known.

4) If feel the DSU has to be brought back to the students. Even small things like a board of pictures showing the council members so that students see who is speaking for them,

and can recognize them to ask questions or make suggestions. The more students know about the DSU, the more easily they can get involved. When everyone wants to be involved, you end up with the best people for the job. We have a lot of great resources to draw from, we just need to advertise them better.

5) If I were a candy bar I would be "Fusion", like the bar, I am new at this but am the right blend of ingredients (honesty and enthusiasm) to make your mouths water (get the job done).

6) As I said before, the student reps are on the BoG to show the administration that we do care about the decisions are made since they usually directly affect us. The Board works slow, but with persistence we can achieve the things we need to make the university better for students.

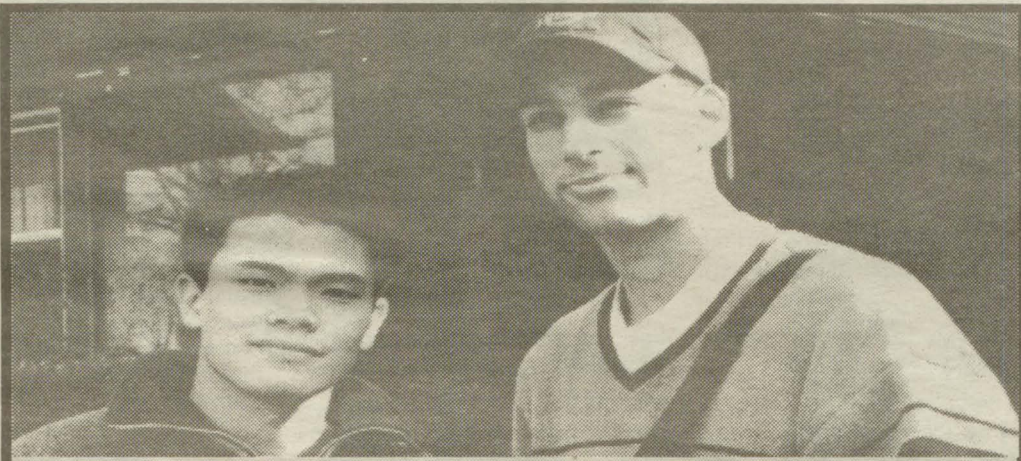
7) If I lose, after my days of weeping, I will still want to be involved with student life. I would consider running for member at large in the fall, or a position in the DSS.

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# Streeter

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## Will you vote in the DSU election?

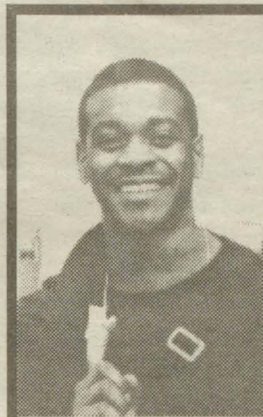


"I don't know anything about it. I saw posters but I didn't read them."

Rohit Seth, 1st year Science, Halifax NS

"I didn't even know about it. Doesn't seem like it really affects us."

Lloyd Sepidoza, 1st year Science, Halifax NS



"No, I'm not interested."

Gerald Saunders, 2nd year Biology, Halifax NS

"Probably, if I pass a polling station, if I have the time."

Rachel Davison, 3rd year Nursing



"No, because I don't know enough about the candidates."

Graham Dodge, 1st year Computer Science, Dartmouth NS

"Probably not, sorry. Where do I vote? I don't know much about it. There's not a lot of attention paid to it."

Andrew Rae, 2nd year Science, Bedford NS



"I have seen posters for Cousins, whatever that's about."

Carrie Fair, 2nd year Therapeutic Recreation, Dartmouth NS

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# Staring right into their bedrooms

## And not being charged under existing stalking laws

BY GREG MCFARLANE

Adrienne Salinger's fixation with teenagers inside their bedrooms probably needs some explaining. The first thought that comes into a lot of heads is, "Why?", but it's a thought that's easily answered.

*Teenagers in Their Bedrooms* is not a new joke book rife with masturbation gags — instead it's

Salinger's latest photo exhibit on display at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. Through 40 portraits of average early-nineties kiddies, viewers peer into the private sanctuaries of hippies, nerds, druggies, metal heads, jocks, mothers and more. And they're all under the age of 20. The portraits are accompanied by written statements by the kids themselves,

making the experience even more poignant.

While we can all remember the mental anguish over those hard choices we were forced to make as teenagers (Coke or Pepsi — what to do?), Salinger's exhibit goes beyond and shows the contradiction, troubles and uncertainty of being adolescent — and how those feelings are expressed on the walls, floors, ceilings and dressers of their sleeping quarters. She does it remarkably well, too.

Society's problems, from the seemingly trivial to the blatantly monumental, find their way into Salinger's lens and into your psyche. There's Betsy P, a devout

Mormon who thinks she likes boys too much, and Karl B, who's straight-edge all the way, but has Budweiser poster girls and a massive *Choose Your Own Adventure* library in the same corner of his room. This stuff is child's play, and only the beginning.

More pressing issues come forward in a much stronger fashion. There's Lynne M and her daughter Alexis, who stare into the camera from within bleak, paint-chipped, water-stained walls. They are surrounded by third-rate furniture, and sit in front of the stained white bars of an old crib. But from this chaos stare two healthy bodies, abandoned mother and child, showing that maybe material goods

aren't the be all and end all of how we are judged.

Auto C's father beats him, Brad S can't see the purpose to life, al-Vaughn B is seen as a thug because of the colour of his skin and Amie D is strong and proud. Through all of these subjects, Salinger shows that the conflicts in their lives aren't that different from anyone else's.

Although the shots are a bit dated (Salinger took the photos in upstate New York in 1990-91, thus Kurt Cobain and Eddie Vedder hadn't had the chance to brood on any walls yet), the exhibit acts as a striking timepiece.

See it before the kids move out.

# Ringling in the Year of the Rabbit

BY LIBERTY TRIMARCHI

On Feb. 16, the staff and patrons at the Garden View Restaurant in Dartmouth rang in the New Year with ancient Chinese traditions.

The Chinese New Year, unlike its western counterpart, is not about champagne toasts, confetti, and party hats. The Chinese New Year represents a renewal and a new beginning.

For young children the New Year is like Christmas; they receive gifts of money in bright red envelopes as a symbol of good luck.

The Chinese New Year is a 2-week celebration based on an ancient legend of 12 animals and 5 elements. Each year is named for one of the 12 animals; the year and the individuals born in that year are believed to possess characteristics of the animal. The same kind of year occurs every 12 years. Nineteen hundred ninety nine is the year of the Earth Rabbit.

No celebration would be complete without the traditional Lion Dance to chase off demons and ensure good luck in the New

Year.

The non-profit Chinese Youth Society of Nova Scotia performed the Lion Dance at the Garden View. Performers included David Luong, Edmune Tan, Simon Choo, Enoch Wu, as well as two Dal students, Douglas Choo and Po Suen. Compliments to the Chinese Youth Society for a spectacular job, and to the chefs for preparing a delightful dinner that made the celebration as delicious as it was entertaining.

Rabbits are lucky, talented, clever and crafty. They can get out of any jam. Just think of all of those stunts Bugs Bunny pulled on Elmer Fudd and Daffy! Other famous rabbits include Drew Barrymore, Johnny Depp, Tina Turner, Roger Moore and Fidel Castro.

Rabbit years are also noted as great times to negotiate. Take the INF Treaty negotiated in 1987 which limited nuclear weapons, the last rabbit year.

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# John Ralston Saul vs. the Ivory Tower

One of Canada's best-known thinkers is a relentless critic of our university system

BY: JEREMY NELSON

WINNIPEG (CUP) — It speaks to John Ralston Saul's talent as an author and speaker that almost everyone has a hard time finding an appropriate label for him.

More prolific than most writers, more open-minded than most academics and more effective than most activists, Saul has been called everything from a public intellectual to a great political thinker.

But after spending a couple hours in discussion with the man, as 20 University of Manitoba students did last month, you get the sense he'd probably prefer to skip the accolades and simply be labelled something less dramatic — namely, a good citizen.

As he fielded questions from students during a recent visit to the U of M, the author of best-selling books including Voltaire's Bastards and the Unconscious Civilization tore into modern academia and the problems with post-secondary education.

He also urged students to foster debate on campus.

"The university is where there is the time and opportunity to think about ideas," Saul told students. "This is where the elite is — I don't know if you think about yourself as that, but you are the elite. You have obligations and one of them is to make sure that your knowledge is used to provoke debate, not close it down, because if it doesn't happen here, then it's not going to happen in government or businesses."

Saul, who completed his PhD at King's College in London, Ont., said that even 30 years ago universities were becoming more inward looking and elitist.

He also criticized universities for isolating different fields of study and concentrating on methodology instead of content.

Saul, who has published a dozen books and done hundreds of speaking engagements around the globe, has spoken in front of more than 27,000 Canadians in the last year alone.

"I'm attempting to revive 2,500 year old tradition tied to democracy, philosophy and the individual," he said.

"That tradition says that books

are fine, text is fine, but public debate, citizens coming together is where in the end most of the decisions are made."

Saul has thrown a diverse lot of ideas into the public debate over the last two decades, but has generally focused democracy and been critical of anything that attempts to deny citizens their right to influence the direction their society will take.

Universities have played a key role in shutting down debate by continually telling citizens that everything from unemployment to globalization is inevitable, Saul said.

When members of the elite tell society everything is inevitable, citizens believe they have no role to play and cut themselves off from politics and debate.

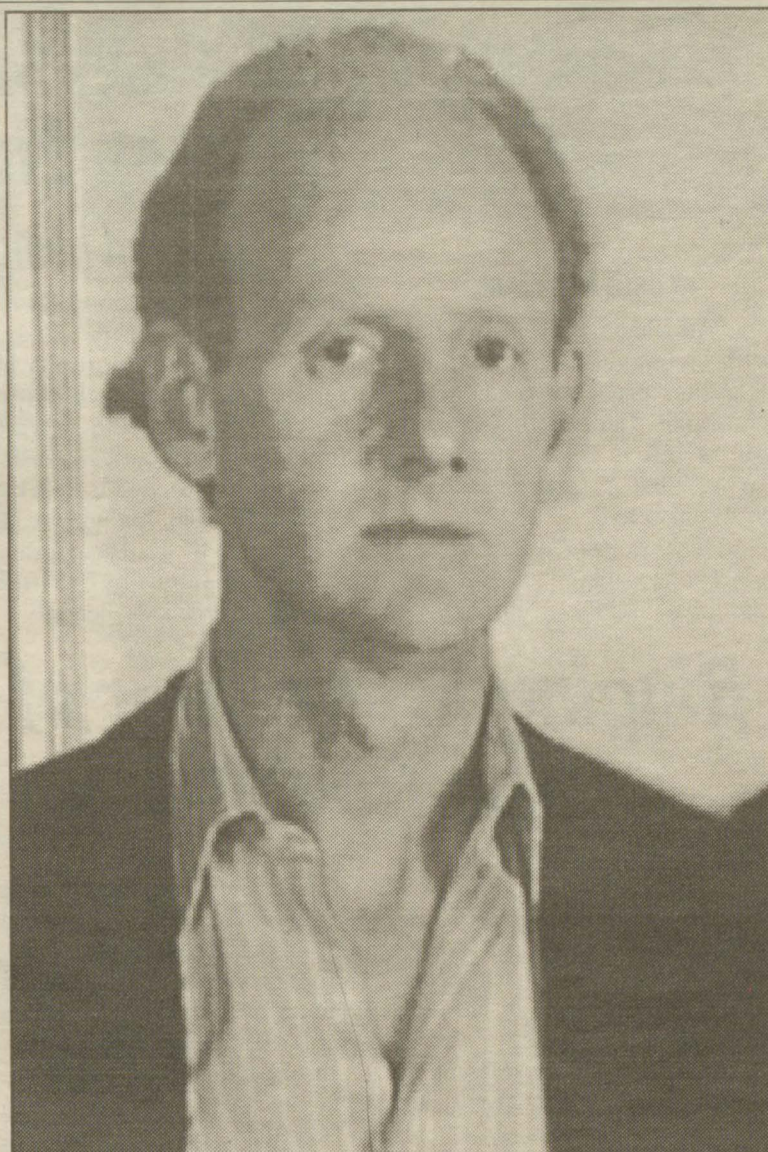
"We have a real problem inside the universities and the intellectual community and that problem is contributing to very seriously to the despair in the citizenry," Saul said.

"In other words one of the real obligations of people like you and me is to be feeding the debate, not killing it. When you're looking at why there is disaffection between citizens and politicians, begin with the fact that there is disaffection between citizens and their universities."

According to Saul, universities have shut down debate in a number of ways, including the compartmentalization of education.

Instead of allowing academic disciplines to learn from one another and contribute to a wider understanding, they have staked out their territory and thrown up walls in the form of language and methods that are completely impenetrable to the outsider. The message this sends, says Saul, is that you cannot participate in the debate unless you are an expert — and even then, you're only allowed to debate issues within your area of specialty.

"We're clearly not following the humanist approach, which is a sort of integral view of human intelligence putting together things.



Our education system is based on the taking apart of things and the isolating of smaller and smaller elements of knowledge."

Just as damaging, Saul added, is how management and social science fields have made false idols out of efficiency and management.

"What is the proper way to proceed when you are faced with a problem?" he asked rhetorically.

"First we identify reality — even dogs can do that. Then we have a debate... After a debate it's not difficult to make a decision because we've got five or six things in front of us and all we have to do is pick one to try for a while. And then, having made a decision, then you have to manage it and try to make it efficient. Those are the third and fourth most important steps and we've been elevating them to the primary level."

Worse yet, many other faculties have been cutting their cloth to teach management of art, or literature or science, instead of teaching those subjects themselves.

"The origin of the word management comes from a French word for housekeeping," Saul said. "Have we come this many years only to decide that the most important part of human intelligence is housekeeping?"

The reasons why people feel cynical and passive in the face of major problems is that society has been reduced to efficiency, management and inevitability.

In the face of complex problems, however, the way to go is remarkably simple: If the citizens and their universities can cast aside the notion of efficiency and demand their leaders debate policy instead of managing it, then society can begin to move in a more constructive direction. Debates will reveal ways to tackle even the most seemingly impossible problems he said; all that is missing is the political will to engage in them.

"I think that we have — and Canadians are perhaps somewhat worse than others — slipped into thinking of ourselves as helpless. And yet in many ways, it's never been so easy to realize that we can take power and make some changes. These people who say everything is inevitable have been in power for a quarter of a century and they have blown it. They look like fools."

As for where change should start, Saul impressed upon students and professors their crucial role as catalysts for a long overdue discussion.

"There are very few professors who go outside of academia and use clear language to engage in public debate," he said. "There is debate going on inside the universities but they are not communicating to the larger citizenry. So in effect they're losing sight of their special responsibility to force the pace of communication in society."

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BY TERRY HAWES

Perhaps the St. Francis Xavier X-Men should consider playing the rest of their home playoff games at Dal instead of Antigonish.

The blue and white ran their record to a perfect 4-0 on the road against Dal with a 6-1 victory to sweep the best of three Kelly Division semi-final on Friday night. Despite the final score, the match was tight until the last couple of minutes when X scored three times to make the result flattering for the visitors.

**St. FX 2 Dal 1** — Xavier head coach Danny Flynn knew that the match-up with Dal would be no walk in the park.

"They were in first place at

Christmas, it was the injuries that resulted in their slump," Flynn said.

In a tight defensive battle, the X-Men got goals from Dominique Auger and Kurt Walsh, then survived Dal pressure late in the match to win game one in Antigonish. The Tigers were effectively shut down for the first two periods, finding X goalie Shawn Silver hard to beat and it was not until the last minute of play that defenceman Martin Lapointe scored a powerplay goal to narrow the gap. Dal pulled the goalie, but it was too late as X held on to send the fans home happy.

**St. FX 6 Dal 1** — A capacity crowd of over 1,000 at Dal Arena, including many fans that made the

trip from Antigonish, witnessed an all out war between the Kelly Division rivals.

The Tigers had the first scoring opportunity only for Brian Surette's shot to be stopped by Silver. Within a minute later, X took the lead as Chris Angione fed it across to Steve Nimigon, who beat goalie Neil Savary to the left side at 3:32. Both teams turned up the physical play. Tigers forward Chris Pittman, a marked man in the eyes of the St. FX players after a vicious hit on Andrew Warr earlier this year, got into a heated exchange with X defenceman Carl Beaudoin, which ended with both players receiving misconduct penalties.

X goalie Silver couldn't stop



ROAR INTO THE SILENCE: Tiger action before elimination.

them all and the Tigers levelled the score when Surette tipped Chad Kalmakoff's shot from the point at 10:49. However, undisciplined penalties, the Tigers' Achilles heel, ruined a potential 2-on-1 break with an interference penalty to Lapointe.

The X-Men took advantage of the mishap as Yannick Evola one-timed a pass from Mark Matier to give X a 2-1 lead heading into the dressing room.

The intensity was so great that referee Bob Best ordered the Tigers to wait at their bench while X left the ice first to avoid potential trouble.

The chippiness continued in the second period with numerous battles after the whistle. Savary took a senseless penalty for roughing after the whistle, but Dal had a chance to score shorthanded

as they broke out 2-on-1 only for Silver to stop Lapointe.

St. FX stepped it up in the third period, winning the battles on the boards and outthrusting the Tigers. It was no surprise that the blue and white extended the lead after some lax defending by Dal let Dave Stewart in alone and he beat Savary to the top left corner, giving X a two-goal lead.

It was over from there on in. Dal appeared disorganized, Silver only had to make one challenging save, stopping Jason Pellerin on a breakaway. With 2:12 to go, Paul Andrea one-timed a shot to make it 4-1 and he scored at 19:03 on a rebound from Evola's initial shot. Kurt Walsh banked a shot in off of Savary's skate at 19:45 to complete the scoring and give X a well-earned victory.

## Dal Wrestling Club takes gold

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Dal Wrestling Club travelled to CFB Greenwood last Saturday, Feb. 27 for the Nova Scotia Club championships. Dal had some great results, which was slightly contrary to the performance at the AUAA's.

For the first time in the club's 3-year existence, Dal walked away with the Provincial Men's Senior

Championships.

Highlights in the senior men's finals were 2 champs, Logan Ward at 63kg and Mike Leblanc at heavyweight. Benji Parks lost a hard fought match in the final to place silver.

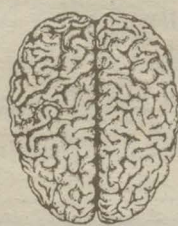
Dal also placed 2nd at the Junior Men's title, with 76kg Paul Rhyno winning his first Nova Scotia Junior Championship.

At 97kg, Jason Mitchelmore lost a close match in the final to earn

a much-deserved silver.

The Dal Club will attend the 1999 Atlantic Open this Friday and Saturday at Sackville High School. This is the Atlantic age group championships and will feature wrestlers from all Atlantic Provinces.

"We have a very strong [under 20] team," says Dal coach Scott Aldridge, "and I hope we can win the Atlantic Junior Men's team title."



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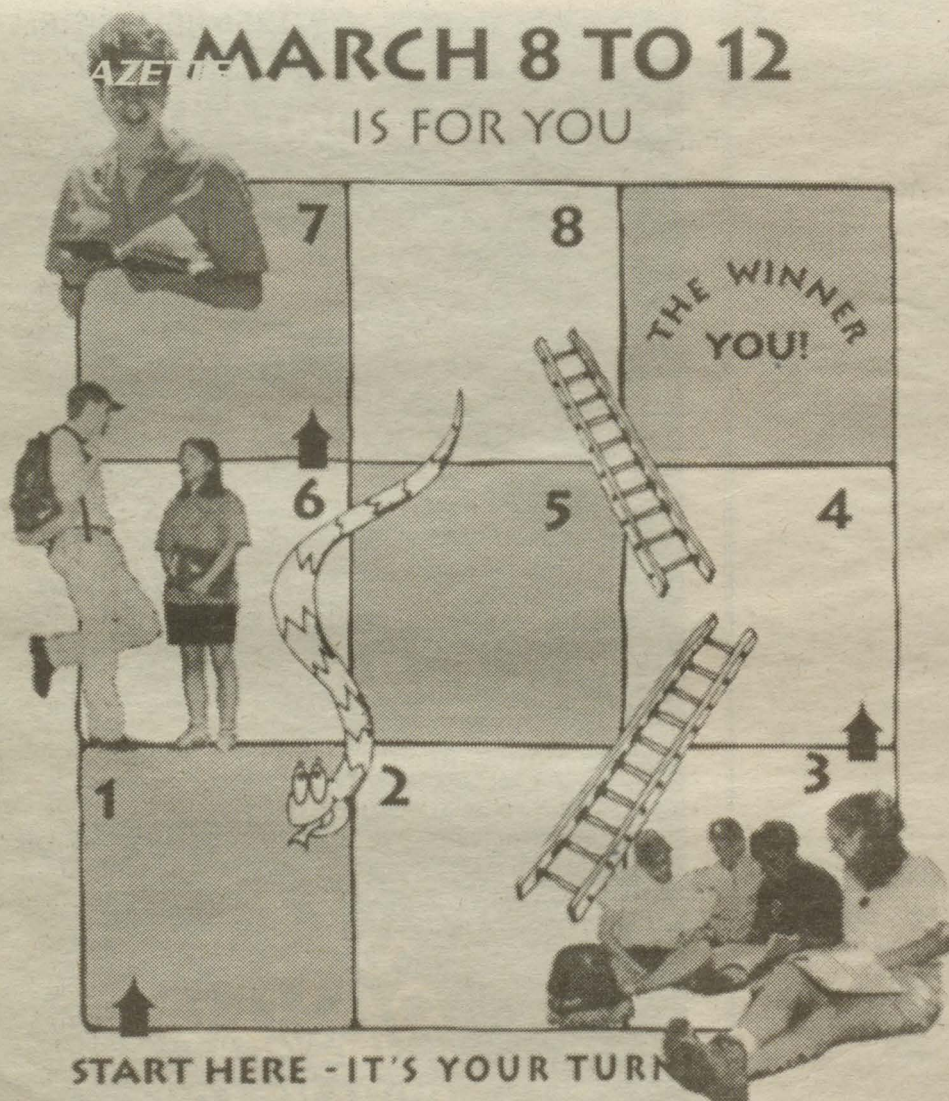
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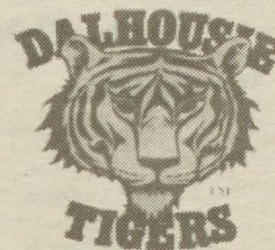
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## Dalhousie Tigers Athletes of the Week



**Andrew Dunbrack**  
Track and Field  
1st year BA  
Hammonds Plains NS

Andrew Dunbrack of the men's track and field team is the Dalhousie Tigers' Male Athlete of the Week, for the week ending Feb. 28. Andrew was instrumental in helping the Tigers win the team title at the AUAA championships in Moncton with a first place finish in the 1000m event in 2:38:89. Andrew also had outstanding results in all three relays with great times in the 4x400m and 4x800m. For his outstanding performance, Andrew was named AUAA Track and Field Athlete of the Year and will be heading to the National Championship from March 12-14 at the University of Windsor.

**Sophie Cardinal**  
Track and Field  
1st year BSc  
New Liskeard ON

Sophie Cardinal of the women's track and field team is the Dalhousie Tigers' Female Athlete of the Week, for the week ending Feb. 28. Sophie was named AUAA Rookie of the Year in Moncton where her results helped the Tigers win the team title over SMU and Moncton. Sophie captured first place in the high jump and triple jump while finishing second in the long jump. The Tigers will be heading to the National Championships from March 12-14 at the University of Windsor where the Ontario native is currently the top ranked jumper in the CIAU.

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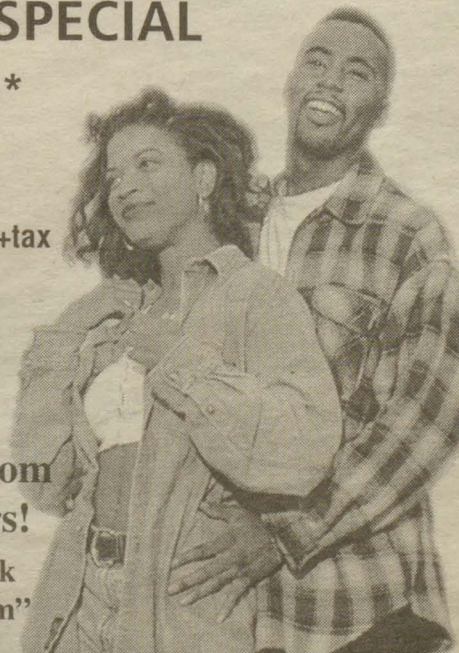
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