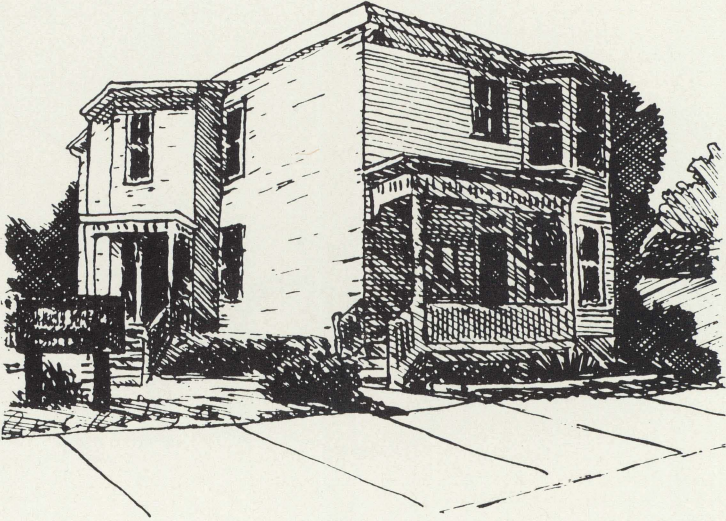


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## Message From The Chairman

Dear Audience:

Last spring John Hirsch, the ex-artistic director of the Stratford Festival, opened the Nova Scotia High School Drama Festival. The next day he had a workshop with the senior acting students of the Theatre Department in front of 400 high school students. When it was over he wrote me the following letter which I would like to share with you.

28 April 1988

Professor Peter Perina,  
Chairman,  
Department of Theatre,  
Dalhousie University.

Dear Peter:

I would like to thank you for inviting me to the 16th. Annual Nova Scotia High School Drama Festival.

The work which I did this morning gave me a great deal of pleasure and surprised me no end. Working on the scenes from A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM with four of your third year acting students was just delightful. They were marvellously open, literate, articulate and fully professional. This is what surprised me, not because I didn't expect first class training here, but because I have just come back from the United States where I spent a great deal of time teaching at the Graduate School at Jolla, at the University of California, San Diego; at SMU where, as you know, I have an endowed chair; and at Yale in the famous drama school. But nowhere in the graduate schools have I come across the kind of talent I worked with this morning. Obviously the kids here are not only a credit to your university but to the profession.

The theatrical culture of a nation starts in its educational institutions, from public school through the university. In these times when man's degree of humanity will decide the future of mankind, it is crucial that we spend much time, effort and resources on the humanities and the arts, the two great civilizing disciplines we have. I hope that you will be able to continue this excellent work you are doing, here at Dalhousie.

I know that your school will have a great future if your administration has the wisdom, generosity and foresight to support your programme.

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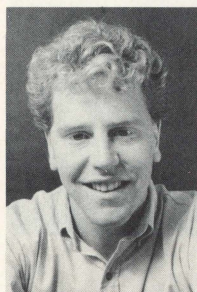
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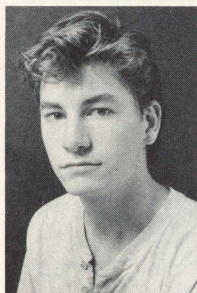
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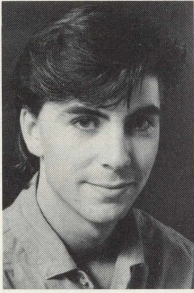
**George Belliveau** is a pure-bred French Acadian from Memramcook, New Brunswick. Unfortunately, during his first year for DTP, his French accent was too obvious and he was withheld from mainstage shows. He rebelled by playing hockey, for Dalhousie. Nonetheless, he did appear in a work-in-progress, *Twelfth Night*, as Duke Orsino. Last year he was seen as Banon in *The Hostage*, Samson in *Romeo and Juliet*, and as a Pierrot in *The Bonds of Interest*. This past summer George worked as an assistant to artistic director Scott MacIsaac at Moncton's Shoestring Theatre. Also, on a government grant this summer, he wrote a French-Acadian play which toured senior citizen homes in southern New Brunswick.



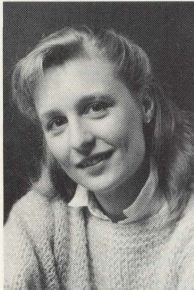
**Tara Doyle** is a native of Prince Edward Island. In her first year of the Dalhousie Acting Programme, she appeared as Viola in the Lab Production of *Twelfth Night*. That summer she portrayed Lady Anne Pettigrew in Berkeley Square at the Victoria Playhouse, P.E.I. In her second year she played the title role in *Miss Julie*, Wilma Atkins in *The Rimers of Eldritch* and Mary the Maid in *The Bald Soprano*. She also performed *The Bald Soprano* at Cunard Street Theatre as a member of the Just About Theatre Company. She has just completed a summer of work in the actor's second oldest profession, waitressing, and hopes this year will provide a trunkful of new experiences.



**Alistair Hamish MacDonald** was born in Ottawa, Ontario but moved to Windsor, Ontario at the age of three. Nine years later, he moved to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island where he realized that it was possible to make a living at pretending. Since coming to Dal, Alistair has appeared as Sebastian in *Twelfth Night* and Paris in *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as in supporting roles in other productions. Outside school, he has beaten the odds by getting work in Charlottetown in the 1986 Flyer's Feast, as well as in the Theatre for Young Audiences this past summer at the Charlottetown Festival. For the Festival he played several roles in the musical adaptation of *Rumpelstiltskin*, and played Nick, the leading role, in *New Canadian Kid*. Both jobs were wonderful experiences, and Alistair looks forward to graduating and getting out into the real world.



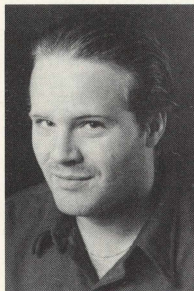
**John Alexander MacFarlane** is returning to Dal after performing this summer as the Gigolo, Sean O'Reilly, in the Governor's Feast in Charlottetown. His career in university first started in Engineering, but after a year John decided this wasn't for him, and he went into Theatre. In his first year he was known as "Oh, yeah, the cellist", but he has finally outgrown that. He has been seen as the Town Crier in *Thieves' Carnival*, a Lord in *The Winter's Tale*, a Musician in *The Hostage*, Peter in *Romeo and Juliet* and a Pierrot in *The Bonds of Interest*.



**Eileen Pedde**, from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, is back to Dalhousie to complete her final year of the Acting Programme. Last year she appeared as Mrs. Martin in the Independent Student Production of *The Bald Soprano*, which was later remounted at Cunard Street Theatre. She played Nelly Windrod in DTP's *The Rimers of Eldritch*. Eileen also appeared in *Romeo and Juliet* as well as in the Lab production of *The House of Bernarda Alba*.



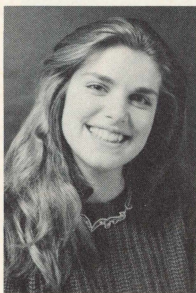
**Sanjay Talwar**, a native of Halifax, is in his final year of the Dalhousie Acting Programme. Over the past two seasons he has played a Pierrot in *The Bonds of Interest*, Jean in the Independent Student Production of *Miss Julie*, and Princess Grace in *The Hostage*. He also appeared in *The Winter's Tale* and played Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*. He appeared in a local film this past spring, and is a veteran of five Nova Scotia High School Drama Festivals. Sanjay holds the unique distinction of being the first actor on his block to play a Shakespearean character named Vinnie.



**Craig Wallace**, a native Haligonian, returns after a summer of travel and job hunting. Craig caught the acting bug during introductory workshops at Ryerson, and soon thereafter began at Dal. He has appeared for DTP as a Pierrot in *The Bonds of Interest*, Gregory in *Romeo and Juliet*, the Volunteer in *The Hostage* and as Horace in *Thieves' Carnival*. He also played Sir Toby Belch in *Twelfth Night*, a class work-in progress. Craig, who also holds a degree in mathematics, hopes to become a professional actor and someday see the world.

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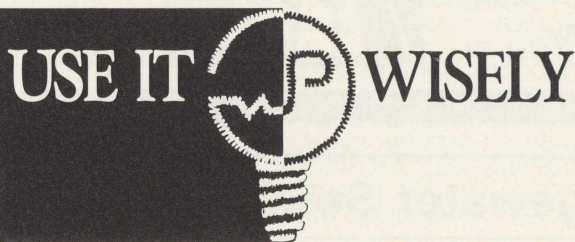


**Brenda Watkinson** is a native of Burlington, Ontario but has lived in Halifax long enough to call it home. Last year she was seen as Kristin in the Independent Student Production of *Miss Julie*, and as Mrs. Smith in *The Bald Soprano*, also an I.S.P., which was later presented at Cunard Street Theatre. Her most recent role was as Mavis Johnson in DTP's *The Rimers Of Eldritch*. This summer Brenda worked as the Front of House Manager at Cunard Street Theatre.

## Special Topics Directing



**Kelly-Ruth Mercier**, a graduate of the 1988 Dalhousie Acting Programme, returns this year for a Special Topics (Directing) class after assisting the director of *Romeo and Juliet* last season. Appearances as an actor for the Dal stage include Teresa in *The Hostage*, Mary Windrod in *The Rimers of Eldritch*, Charlotte in *Bonjour, La, Bonjour* and La Poncia in *The House of Bernarda Alba*. Kelly looks forward to assisting on further productions this season, as well as taking the helm on two Independent Student Productions.



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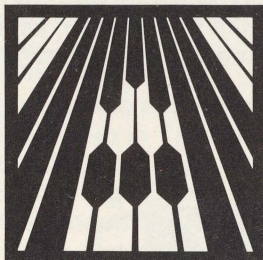
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Mr. Dearth ..... JOHN ALEXANDER MacFARLANE  
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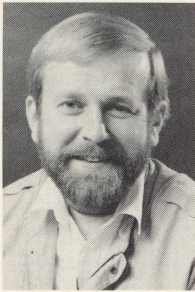
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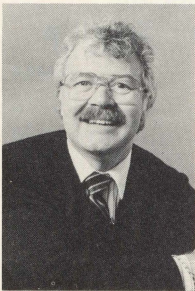
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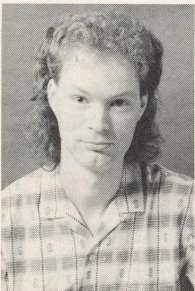
**Patrick Christopher** comes to Dal as head of the Acting Programme after 23 years in the professional theatre. A scholarship student to the Ontario College of Art, The National Theatre School, and the Loeb Drama Centre at Harvard, he began his acting career at the Stratford Festival. Since then he has performed with most major Canadian Companies including Robin Phillips' Grand Theatre, The Shaw Festival and 7 years with the Stratford Festival. He was a Dora Mavor Moore award nominee for his work on *The Count of Monte Cristo*. A member of the Ryerson Theatre School Acting Faculty from 1986-88, he is still active professionally and can be seen this fall on *The Campbells*. He and his family are happy escapees from the heat and pollution index of Toronto.



**Peter Perina** worked as a designer at the Town Theatre in Ottawa upon emigrating to Canada from Czechoslovakia in 1968. In 1970 he joined the Drama Department at the University of Saskatchewan, and two years later became Assistant Professor in the Department of Theatre at Dalhousie, where he established the now nationally recognized Scenography programme. He was the only Canadian to exhibit at the Prague Quadrennial in 1987. He has held the position of Chairman of the Department since 1980. Mr. Perina has designed over one hundred productions for the stage.



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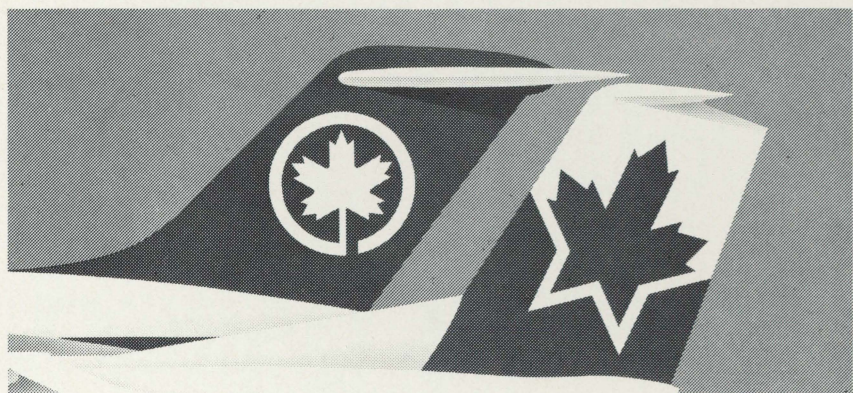
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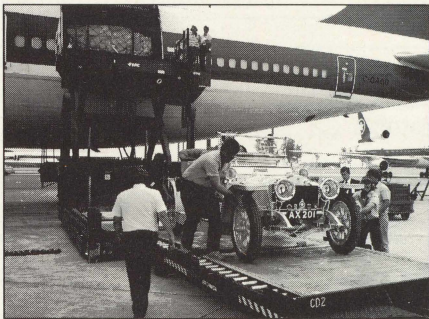
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