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DSU Pres welcomes everyone



Welcome.

I would like to welcome you to Dalhousie. The Student Union has been working full time through the summer and with everyone's input through the year it looks as though things will be falling into place. The success of Orientation Week and the Shinerama Campaign should indicate what is yet to come.

As you can well imagine, the Dalhousie Student Union will have a number of complex issues to deal with. Two foremost on our agenda are tuition fee increases and the development of a ten year strategic plan.

The Dalhousie Board of Governors has struck the Financial Strategy Committee. Its mandate is to draw a comprehensive longterm plan of revenue generation by November 3rd. A major component of their final report will be recommendations concerning tuition fee increases. Their second progress report suggested, among other things, that Dalhousie set tuition fees at 105 to 110 per cent of the Nova Scotia average and charge differential fees. This would make Dalhousie the most expensive University to attend in Canada.

The Dalhousie Student Union responded to this interim report explaining that if such a plan were to proceed not only would many students be precluded from admission to Dalhousie, but a substantial number of others would incur an onerous debt burden by the time they graduated. It appears the Financial Strategy Committee accepted the legitimacy of these criticisms because they have now undertaken to further research the effect tuition-fee increases will have on students. We, undoubtedly are going to continue to be vigilant in advocating the students' position as the committee progresses and welcome your input.

The aim of our strategic plan is to draw a comprehensive statement that reflects how the DSU must develop through to the year

2000. The students of Dalhousie can be very proud of their role in creating what arguably is the most effective student union in Canada. With our twenty-year history it is time to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses, and in doing so, launch a strategy that guides us through the 1990s.

In closing, if you want to get involved in any of the DSU's activities or pass on comments regarding our operations give myself or anyone in the office a call. If you prefer, drop in, the more the merrier. And, again, I hope September is the start of a very enjoyable year at Dalhousie.

> Yours very truly, Dave Shannon President Dalhousie Student Union

Backwards

To the editor:

It would appear that the world has completely reversed itself! What once was called good is now called bad, and bad is now called good. If a man is a gentleman of good manners, he is called a wimp. If a woman chooses to stay home to care for her family rather than to pursue a career of her own, she is labelled "odd," "strange" and not belonging to the permissive "me" generation. The Bible says a man is to be head of his household, to love and respect his wife, to apply discipline to his children with a firm but kindly hand, not harsh or cruel, so as not to alienate them. The woman is to love and respect her husband, to rear her children to be kind, caring and respectful persons. Too few little children today can run to their mothers to have their hurts kissed away. They are much more likely to be confronted by a stranger and to be told not to be a "crybaby." The damage this can cause to a small child's personality is incalculable. Thousands of young people have never known a sense of security or belonging. This is the

pattern they carry into their adult lives. They give no quarter and receive none, resulting in the crime-ridden, violent world in which we live today.

An increasing number of women have become heads of governments, colleges, large corporations, banks, etc. They have become TV anchor persons, judges, lawyers, and are found in the pulpit. Even military and police forces are not immune from this invasion. Before this onslaught, men are increasingly being relegated to lower positions; some even don aprons and are called "house husbands," while the wife becomes the bredwinner! The old saying that "behind every successful man is a woman" no longer applies.

We cannot all be rich - the Bible says the poor will always be with us - but with all the relief agencies and social programs in our western world, no one needs to go hungry or be without shelter. But we consider ourselves deprived if we do not have our color TV, microwave ovens, automatic dishwashers, etc., etc.

member of Women's Lib told how she had taken into her home a single parent with a small child. She said that the joy she received when arriving home to be welcomed by this small child made her wonder if W.L. was as attractive as she had once thought. In another interrview, the mother of another noted advocate of W.L. wondered if her daughter, as she grew older, would receive the comfort and understanding she needed from a cold typewriter! As the number of abortions increase and the Women's Liberation movement grows - wouldn't this suggest that the western world will ultimately be faced with a serious problem of underpopulation?

It would appear that man/woman made laws are not working. Lawlessness and disrespect are classic examples of what is meant. Isn't it time that we turned our world back to its proper order - the one that our Maker ordained from the beginning of

> Shalom. Gladys Barrett Guelph, Ontario

In a TV interview, a prominent

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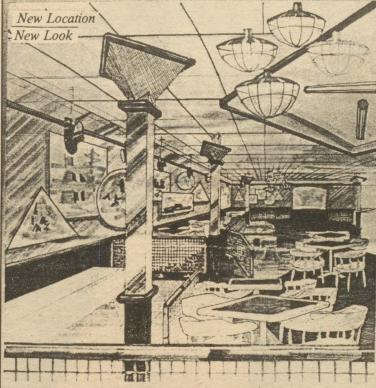
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To aid accessibility

by Sandy MacKay

This month, the Department of Advanced Education and Job Training will introduce a new on-line computer system that should speed up the processing of student loans. The program will allow students easy access to the status of their loan application. Computer terminals will be located at the Student Aid Office in the Killam Library at Dal, and at the Computer Centre at University College of Cape Breton in Sydney.

What this project is designed to do is allow students ready access to their files. The on-line system enables the user to determine her or his current status. For example, a student may use the system to discover when the application was received, when processing began, and when processing was completed. The on-line system will show the state of any appeals to the board, and also show any deficiencies in the student's application.

"500 applicants out of 13,000 simply forget to sign their application" says Elizabeth Ann Macdonald, Director of Financial Aid for Students. The 'deficiency' screen will indicate to the student exactly what the hold-up is, be it a missing signature, or lack of tax information.

"Many of the calls to our office are students asking 'Did you get my ... (application, work term report, appeal)' and the on-line system can answer these questions directly. We still expect calls from students," said Macdonald, in reference to problems that need attention, but she added that the on-line system will answer the 'Did you get my ...' kind of question.

The Student Aid Office receives an average of 400 calls a day during the summer, and the average climbs to 500 after mid-August. Whereas a telephone call to the office might take anywhere from five minutes to days, waiting for a clear line, Macdonald estimates that to get information from the on-line system should take an average of a minute and a half. Students need only a Social Insurance Number and their Student Aid file number. Student Aid file numbers are being sent out to students upon completion of the processing of each application. This means that students will not actually be able to find out their status until the processing of the application is complete. A small catch-22, because this means that

"Did you get my..."

students who have a deficiency on their initial application will not be able to access the on-line system to find out what that deficiency is.

The Student Aid on-line system will be available to students with SA file numbers on September 11th. Since this is a new project the Student Aid Office will be conducting a survey to get user reaction to the system. Further, Student Aid counsellors will be at the Dal campus October 16 and 17. Students can make

appointments at the Registrar's Office.

Instructions on using the online system will be posted at the terminal sites, Macdonald said, adding "we've had lots of cooperation from the library staff, they've been very good and helpful."

The Student Aid on-line system follows the trend of putting information at students' fingertips. Many university libraries (including Dal) have their entire catalogue on on-line systems. Carleton University in Ottawa is beginning to move into the area of on-line registration, which could be the beginning of the end of those long lines.

The terminals at the Killam Library are available from 8 am to 7 pm, Monday to Thursday, and from 8 am to 4:30 pm on Friday. At the Student Aid Office the hours are 8:30 to 4:30, Monday to Friday. If you happen to be in Sydney, the hours are the same as those at Killam.

According to a May 23rd news release from the Department of Advanced Education and Job Training, the cost for this pilot project will be about \$82,000.

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CUP Briefs

OTTAWA (CUP) — 'Christ' and 'damn' are among the words Newfoundland's education minister doesn't want final year high school students to read.

Phil Warren sparked a furor in Newfoundland when he pulled several pieces from a short story collection destined for Grade 12 students because they included words like 'damn', 'Christ', and 'God'.

The stories in question were written by Margaret Atwood, Ernest Hemingway and Jules Verne, among others.

"There were eleven or twelve items containing language which might be offensive to some parents and even some religious groups in the province," he said.

But Warren would not name any parents or groups who had complained about the text.

"I think by the time kids are in Grade 12, they don't need protection from literature," one Grade 12 student said.

The Newfoundland-Labrador Writers Alliance has organized a petition calling for an end to the censorship.

"I think we should let these students live in the real world," Alliance executive Carol Hobbs said, "We should not be so insular,"

The petition has gathered more than 600 signatures, and Hobbs said there have been mostly positive responses.

"Yet there are those that support the Department of Education decision," she added.

by Karen Luscombe

TORONTO (CUP) — Concerned friends and neighbours have started a fund to cover the appeal costs for a University of Toronto engineering professor, found guilty of sexual harrassment last spring under the school's Sexual Harassment Policy.

"The fund was established to prove he was in the right," said Helen Barclay, accused professor Richard Hummel's neighbour, who started the fund.

"We thought he'd been treated shabbily. I've known the family for a long time, and there's never been any question as to Prof. Hummel's character."

Last spring, the U of T Sexual Harassment Review Board found Hummel guilty of leering at women swimmers at a U of T pool. The board banned him from the pool for five years and recommended he take counselling. His appeal is slated for late August.

Barclay said they had no specific financial goal in mind but they were "looking for any support at all . . . even moral."

Kate Hughes, lawyer for the woman who filed the complaint against Hummel, said bringing in lawyers was unfair to students.

"When students bring a complaint and have to retain a lawyer because the other side does, they'll have a financial burden that students are not in a situation to bear," she said.

Hummel said he needed a lawyer, but the complainant was not forced to retain counsel.

Hughes said women's groups have only been able to provide moral encouragement in such cases, due to tight budgets.

Hughes said her client was paying the fees herself, and might have difficulty obtaining legal aid.

"If she wishes to," Hummel added, "she can start up a fund equally well."



Student Aid Information ... At Your Fingertips

An on-line Student Aid Information Service has been established to assist students in following the status of their 1989-90 Canada Student Loans and Nova Scotia Government Bursaries.

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Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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No deal for students

OTTAWA (CUP) - Canadian students will be at least \$340 poorer if federal finance minister Michael Wilson's unpopular Goods and Services tax is put in

The reform package includes a tax break for low-income earners, while imposing a nine per cent sales tax on most goods and

The reform, to take effect in 1991, also provides an extra tax

credit for single, independent people earning between \$6,175 and \$13,175. The credit would mean an extra \$140 for lowincome earners.

But most students won't earn enough to be eligible for it.

"A lot of students make less than \$6,175," says Havi Echenberg, executive director of the National Anti-Poverty Organiza-

Advertising research on post-

secondary students shows that about 65 per cent live away from home. About half of all postsecondary students earn less than \$7,000 per year.

"There's no reason for it," Echenberg says. "It's the only credit based on a minimum earned income in the whole reform package," she says.

Department of Finance officials say students don't need the

"What students are spending money on, things like tuition,

convinced.

The tax credit would grow annually at three per cent less than inflation each year after

"For the first year, most people do wind up ahead," Echenberg says. But in the following years, the tax credit won't keep up with

"People who are in a weak bargaining position - single parents, people in the service industry and non-unionized workers — if there is inflation,

Let them eat cake

rent and food, aren't going to be taxed," said Finance official Rick Byers. "So there's not the need to have the credit in that case - students aren't hit that hard by the goods and services tax.'

Canadian Federation of Students researcher Mike Old estimates the new tax will cost students an extra \$200 per year. And while Byers says with the tax credit students and other low income earners will come out ahead, Echenberg isn't

chance are that they're not going to keep up," she says.

"Students are almost always working in these kind of jobs,"

Byers says the government could not afford to extend the credit to single people earning less than \$6,175.

"The tax reform isn't meant to be a social program," he says. "It's just meant to make sure that the tax affects everyone equally."

Radical **Feminists** are messy

POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK (CPS/CUP) — Two Vassar College women have formed a club called "Future Housewives of America" to counter the women's college's "radical feminist" faction, which they say opposes "traditional values'

Under the mottoes "Coming out of the closet - with a mop in your hand" and "Together we stand, united by Lysol", Regina-Peters and Jennifer Harriton plan to offer the 2,300 students at the school Tupperware parties, a dating service and cookbooks.

The two say the last straw was the campus women's centre, which they found "disgustingly

"The centre was a pig sty, and that seemed wrong because at the very least, the place where women gather should be pleasant," Harriton said.

The club, which has 15 members, will also tackle wifebeating, violence against children, and drug abuse, and will try to "bring the family back", Peters

Harriton said, "We want to promote the art of homemaking so people will realize that it's okay not to want to run out and become a lawyer or doctor.'

The two said they have lined up a professor to speak next fall on "The Impact of Tupperware on U.S. Society"

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Sleep or fail

WASHINGTON (CPS/CUP) -Students who party hard on weekends may be losing as much as 30 per cent of what they learn, a Trent University professor says.

Psychology professor Carlyle Smith says people appear to lose

new-found complex knowledge if they experience even mild sleep deprivation just after learning.

"It appears skewing the sleep cycle by just two hours can have this effect," he said.

Staying up late the night following a class and then sleeping in can make students lose about 30 per cent, said the researcher, who presented his findings at a June meeting of the Association of Professional Sleep Socities.

According to Smith, loss of sleep up to the third night after learning produces the same



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Students stomped in the long run

by Andrew Campbell and Natalie Lacey

Back in 1983, the Association of Atlantic Universities (an organization of which Dalhousie is a member) stated in a brief to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission that:

If government funding continues to be inadequate, then institutions will have to increasingly look to students for the necessary institutional income. This would amount to rebuilding the financial barriers that have consciously and intentionally been lowered over the last two decades.

This statement certainly identifies the main reason why a university might seek to raise tuition fees, and what the consequences of such an action might be, but it fails to address the question of whether or not such an action is

As a corollary to the AAU statement, if there is a continuing pattern of tuition fee increases in the future, enrolment as a whole will not decline, but the socioeconomic profile of the students will change.

Fortunately, for the students at Dalhousie, the change in the socio-economic profile over the last few years has not been due to tuition fees. The main factors have been an inadequate student aid program, the rising cost of living, and the informal practice of streaming students according to their socio-economic backgrounds in our public schools. For example, minimum wage has gone down in real terms, meaning that a student makes the same amount of money at a summer job as s/he did almost ten years ago, while the cost of living and attending school has almost doubled in the same period of time. Add to this the fact that almost 50 per cent of students list personal income as their major resource in financing their education.

Stability in tuition fees (in real terms) has assisted in maintaining the socio-economic profile of Dalhousie's student body at pre-Tution Fee Agreement levels. A loss of this stability will affect accessibility, but the only way to prove this is to wait a few years until enough data can be collected. By then it will be too late. To paraphrase a famous Watergate figure: "Once the toothpaste is out of the tube, it's very hard to put it back.

A good example is that of Acadia University in Wolfville. This year their Board of Governors announced a 14.5 per cent increase in tuition for the academic year 1989-90. The Finan-

cial Aid office in Halifax has been deluged with calls with requests for transfers to other institutions as an immediate consequence. One high ranking member of the Department, who asked to remain anonymous, called it a 'nightmare of paperwork.'

This argument is not new. The Dalhousie Student Union has held the opinion for years that tuition fees do affect accessibility, and it is a view that is held by





most other student organizations across the country. For example, when Queen's released its "Blueprint for Action," the Ontario Federation of Students soon after released a discussion paper on the subject. They objected quite strenuously to the proposed increases in tuition fees:

. many students are concerned that an above inflation increase will inhibit accessibility to Onta-

Even at Dalhousie, the administration and the Board of Governors acknowledge the fact that tuition fees do affect accessibility to post-secondary education by strengthening the financial barriers, since they have specifically stated that a scholarship/bursary program should be implemented to provide support to those in need. (Financial Strategy Committee Second Progress Report, Recommendation 2d). This is, however, only an implicit admission. They ask for proof; they ask

The fact is that people have been doing studies on accessibility for years, especially in the United States, where the question is a much more serious one, considering the absence of even a facade of fairness and equity in the area of post-secondary

The fact that tuition fees do affect access was investigated as early as 1975, when a Stanford Research Institute study stated that for every \$100 decreae in tuition, enrolment would increase by more than one per cent among students from families earning more than \$12,000 per year and by more than seven per cent among students from families earning less than \$6,000 per year. (OFS -Who Goes? Access to Post-Secondary Education, February

An alternative would be to consider the past, particularly those times when the barriers to acceessibility were drastically lowered. The most useful case would be that of the veterans after World War II, whose experiences are the closest we have to a tuition-free, debt-free post-secondary educa-

The classes then were full of ordinary Joes, run of the mill guys whose parents weren't well off. We could never in a million years have gone to university ordinarily! But with tuition and living expenses paid, a lot of us took advantage of it and were the first in our families to go." (H.I. MacNeil, P.Eng., WWII veteran, telephone interview, June 9, 1988)

This is but one of many examples of this type of experience. With the financial barriers removed, the H.J. MacNeils of the time became engineers, lawyers, teachers and businessmen. They were given the opportunity; the desire to be educated was already there.

The idea that this desire and ability should be the main criteria for accessibility was echoed as late as last November by the AAU to the MPHEC:

[We] believe that a student's academic ability, combined with the will to learn, should be the principal determinants in university admissions. We do not believe that Maritimers would support a system of higher education that excludes talented minds for want of financial resources. (The Funding of Maritime universities 1989-90 and Beyond - November 1988 Brief to the MPHEC)

In May of 1976, the Government of Canada acceded to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Article 13 of the Covenant deals with the Right to Education. Within the Article, the state parties to the Covenant agree that: "higher education shall be made equally accessible to all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the progressive introduction of free education." (Secretary of State (1985), International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Report of Canada on Articles 13 to 15)

Finally, in keeping with this philosophy, Dalhousie itself has expressed concern about accessibility. The university has stated in its Commentary on the Mission of Dalhousie University a sincere desire to be progressive in this area, committing themselves

.. the objectives of equity and affirmative action in relation to employment and educational opportunities, increasing wherever possible the participation of segments of society that are at present underrepresented.

This desire is also made explicit to the community in the Mission Statement itself, a document that is meant for the public and the university community alike:

10. to ensure the intellectual, professional and personal development of faculty, staff and students within a fair, progressive and caring environment that stimulates open-mindedness, adaptability, creativity and imaginative thinking and is committed to equity and affirmative action."

An Ironic Postscript

When Paul Martin Jr. spoke in the council chambers in July, he made a number of very interesting statements, not the least of which was that the country's deficit cannot be reconciled by cutting our social programs. They are a sacred public trust, and they represent cases where the ethical and social needs far outweigh the economic need.

The situation at Dalhousie is analogous to that of the country at large, and the Board of Governors is using the same sort of rationalizations that the federal government is using. Dalhousie's debt must be reconciled somehow and the only way to achieve this is through cutting programs and faculty, and raising tuition fees. They do not see the University as a sacred public trust, and they say that economic need outweighs the ethical and social needs.

The cutting of social programs results in the same thing as raising tuition fees: it places a burden squarely on the shoulders of the lower socio-economic groups, and cuts off accessibility to our society to those who can least

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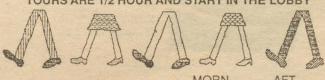
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More importantly, it means the Gazette is your newspaper. As a student of Dalhousie, you are automatically a member of the Dalhousie Publishing Society and you can join the Gazette.

This is about participation and its effect on the content of the

Every year, for decades, the Gazette has received letters complaining about the horrible things they read in the paper. "Naive," "biased," 'propaganda." Stuff people don't want to know about because they don't agree with it (so it must be biased, right?)

And more letters about what is not in the paper. "Why aren't there more sports in the paper?" "Why didn't you cover our event (after all, we support the Gazette with part of our student fees)?'

Simple. The Gazette is staffed by volunteers. No one is told, "Do this story." People write about things that interest them (most of the time).

Example: Most of last year's sports stories were written by one person, Brian Lennox. (30 years ago, the Gazette had 14 sports writers on staff.) Result? Relatively little in the way of sports - no offense,

(Of course, there is a lot more to do at the Gazette than just writing. More about that later...)

Back to what goes in the paper

University papers are different and not simply because they are run by volunteers

A founding member of Canadian University Press (the oldest university newspaper association in the world), the Gazette is not subject to editorial control by the administration, the student council or

Editorial policy is determined by you, the staff, democratically.

As for 'campus content,' the editor, in conjunction with the news editor, is responsible for covering all events and issues of importance to students. If they can't find someone to do it, they have to do it themselves. They do not have easy jobs.

Arts and sports editors (presuming such individuals exist) have similar responsibilities for their respective spheres of interest. But without help, they can only cover so much, so well.

As for the oft-repeated whine that the Gazette is not 'representative of the student body,' WAKE UP!

The Gazette is staffed by humans, who have this annoying tendency to be individuals. They each have their own body, and it is not a cross section of the student body. When I, for one, have a thought it is not the distilled essence of the Cuisinarted opinions of my 10,000 fellow

(At this point, I should remind you that you are human and can join

A person's interests obviously influence the type of stories he or she chooses to write about. But if a story is 'news,' it should be written clearly and simply, and be both accurate and fair.

This is where editors come in. It is their job to help out first-time writers (and others) and make sure biased stories end up on the opinion page where they belong.

If they don't, let them know.

And remember that if there is no story on your pet issue, that's because you didn't write it.

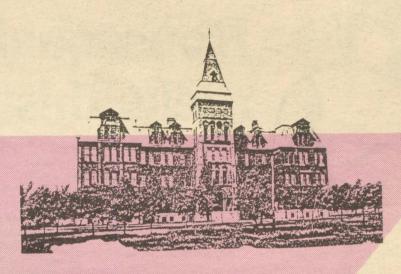
Please, don't be shy. Don't believe the popular fallacy that the Gazette office is a nest of commies of questionable sexual orientation. It's bullshit. Anyone of any racial, political or sexual stripe is welcome,

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Ron Wallace lives here now.

May, 1913



Fun times and funnier hats in the Gazette newsroom...

early 1950s

as it is by the ruling class of society this university serves their needs (at the expense of the needs of the people) and as such is an instrument oppression What could be



A little bird about to be blown Sept 17, 1970 apart...



Plus ça change, plus c'est la meme chose...

Mar. 15, 1966



CKDU night before its unfortu-

The Housequake features a big-screen video system, no cover charge, midnight Happy Hour, and most importantly, the best alternative pop music, old and new. You can also hear your requests for favourites like the Cure, Depeche Mose, Front242,

"This is the music I love and

people want to hear it," says Libby, who does a dance show on CKDU as well. Obviously a few of us agree with Libb's tastes. The first week the dancing peaked aroung 11:15; last week it peaked all night. It's a great atmosphere to hang out in, full of familiar faces and music. Rumour has it that the latest poster design floating around Halifax is on its way to a T-shirt, in black, of course. Check it out!

in the science fiction/fantasy-/horror genre (that is, five worthy of note) will be available in Metro this fall: Star Trek: The Next Generation, Friday the Thirteenth: The Series, War of the Worlds, Quantum Leap, and Beauty and The Beast. A pretty pathetic number when you consider that we are standing on the edge of new millenium, a new age that is filled with the promise of more wonders than we can imagine, a new era that is going to require people who can quickly adapt to a rapidly approaching future and not

Friday, the Thirteenth: The Series, a show that has nothing to do with the machete wielding adventures of ex-goalie Jason, will be back on for a third season this fall. Although nothing has been confirmed, there is a possibility that the show will get a bit of a face-lift and a new name: Friday's Curse. The show is one of two syndicated horror programs (Freddy's Nightmares is the other) and is one of several American-backed, Canadianproduced programs airing this season (Wiseguy, MacGyver, and War of the Worlds, among oth-



Critics of Sit-Coms

retreat into the past at the first sign of drastic change. The real power of television lies in its ability to bring new ideas into people's minds through entertainment. Sadly, the educational power of television has been shunted aside in favour of the more financially beneficial entertainment aspect. Well, that's Hollywood for you.

One of the few programs that manages to balance education with entertainment is Star Trek: The Next Generation (ST:TNG). The show follows the adventures of Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the new Enterprise, almost a century after Captain Kirk and company roamed the galaxy. The one thing Gene Roddenberry, the creator of Star Trek, wanted to do with a new series is present intellectual stories centered around an optimistic view of the future. Aside from a few episodes that were a bit below par, he has manged to produce a program that shows humanity as a positive, peaceful force in galactic exploration. Entertainment value aside, ST:TNG presents an attitude of reason and logic that will be necessary if humanity wants to peacefully explore the galaxy. Many of the ideas on the show are based around the concept of IDIC (Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations), a philosophy that essentially states that life, all life, is precious and that sentient life is even more so. By looking at the wars and troubles we have on Earth, it is not hard to see that such a philosophy is far from reality.

ers). The show centers around the spooky adventures Mickey, Ryan and Jack have as they try to recapture objects cursed by Satan before they hurt too many people. Although based around a plotline that allows for thousands of versions of one story (get the cursed object back), the show ultimately succeeds because the focus is not on the gory and sometimes graphic special effects, but on the three characters who would rather be doing anything else. Repetitive or not, the show does manage to explore a great number of themes within the basic plotline, with stories that include time travel, revenge, greed, lust, power or love as secondary elements. While the bulk of the show may focus on the negative side of the human persona, the program usually ends up with the good guys winning and therefore, it is about what happens to people when they give in to their baser urges. All in all, though, the series is excellent and is highly recommended.

War of the Worlds, another American backed, Canadian produced series, is just about to enter its second season. Although somewhat campy at times, the show has been unique in that they break one of Hollywood's great commandments "the good guys shall win at least 90 per cent of the time." For War of the Worlds, the percentage of wins for the good guys is closer to 60 per cent. This, aside from the fact that aliens are taking over the

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The best of the worst

and will hopefully get the spirit

back into the alternative pop-

Monday night was chosen in

memory of Cabbagetown's

community.

by Scott Neily

"Anything good on the tube tonight?" This cliche question has been around since the early days of television. Anyone who watches the TV regularly knows that the viewing scene of the past few years has been anything but good. Aside from half a dozen sitcoms, a few dramas and the occasional miniseries, most programs have ranged from mediocre to downright awful.

One of the most neglected areas of television has been the genre of science fiction, fantasy and horror. Other than Star Trek, The Six Million Dollar Man, The Bionic Woman, and The Twilight Zone, programs whose success was based around a loyal cult following, the genre has never enjoyed the mass popularity of shows like Cosby, MacGyver, and Dallas. While certain S/F shows have succeeded, many more have failed. Remember Holmes & Yoyo? How about The Starlost? Does the The Fantastic Voyage spark your memory then? No? Well, these were some of the better known failures, shows that had the potential to be great but for some reason fell short of the mark. Yes, there have been a great number of S/F shows to fall beneath the heel of the almighty

Neilsen ratings, but there have been some who have managed to hold on to some semblance of dignity as the years have passed. Obviously, Star Trek is one, but shows like Space: 1999, Battlestar Galactica, Buck Rogers, and V have remained perennial favourites in the minds of many S/F fans. Indeed, several video companies have recognized this potential market and have begun to sell videos of various episodes. Eventually, it may be possible to have every chapter of the Space: 1999 saga on tape, uncut and commercial free.

In the meantime, however, it looks like S/F fans will have to accept what is available in the new season. Barring the use of a satellite dish, only five programs



Beauty, Beast or both?

Sidesaddle

by Amber-Leigh Golding

One of the best things about attending a university, indeed the only good thing come to think of it, is the opportunity it affords a gal such as myself to come into delightful, close contact with numerous and often gorgeous members of the opposite sex.

This was the point of school orientation, at least as far as I was concerned.

This marvelous and wondrous realization first dawned on me when I started here last fall. It was during the early days of September, whilst shopping at the SUB bookstore for all those absurdly overpriced textbooks, that I discovered for myself what the bookstore was really for—narrow and exceedingly crowded aisles allowing for up-close inspection of a lot of great looking guys.

Needless to say, I've been rubbing bodies with Dalhousie boys ever since.

Now don't get me wrong. I am not a tramp. In fact, nothing could be farther from the truth. Just looking, thank-you-verymuch. I make it a point to never—or almost never—fondle the merchandise, as it were. But I can see some people will think me crude

Well I'm not.

Can I help it if I posssess a naturally curious and gregarious sort of personality?

Is it my fault that I happen to be the sort of person who enjoys meeting new and interesting people — particularly people of the male persuasion, clad in clinging shirts and snug-fitting slacks with biceps and butts that bulge to bloody perfection?

Am I to be held accountable for simply having a preference for a well-built bod over a well-built IQ?

For that matter, is it right and just that I should be held up to public ridicule simply because, perhaps, mind your ass, I might happen to be slightly insatiable?

I think not. Remember, I just look. I hardly ever touch.

Think of life as the scenic route, with the hills and valleys dotted with beautiful men, and the horizon beyond decorated with still more. Think of life so and you'll easily understand where I'm coming from.

Everybody is good at something. Every woman has a goal in life. Mine happens to be molesting men — visually that is.

Now, if you're like me, and you want to seek out the ultimate in male physiques, then you might as well go about it correctly.

For me the Dal bookstore was never the same again for the rest of the year. I guess there's nothing quite like the September rush for doing what I like to do best—spectator sport—and it wasn't long before I realized what was definitely needed was a new place from which to operate. Location is everything.

For the purpose of molesting men, I can think of no better locale than the Library. I don't know what you may have been told it was for, and don't much care, but I am here today to tell you that the Killam is for much more than reading dusty old books

Make no mistake, there is a much deeper purpose to the place.

Like the aforementioned bookstore, the Killam is a near ideal location in which to flit about flirting. Or is that flirt about flitting? Either way, I've got the method down to a fine art. Gracious soul that I am, I shall share with all you new girlies to the school my modus operandi.

The first thing to do is secure for yourself a good position somewhere off the beaten path. Be careful that the spot you pick is not too out of the way, however, or you will wind up isolating yourself completely. Try to strike some sort of a balance between the two extremes; a spot which is neither excessively public not too private. An aisle where the books look somewhat askew is a good bet.

What I do is prop myself up against a shelf with a volume in hand so as not to look too conspicuous. It doesn't matter really what the book is since you won't be reading it anyway.

Then there is nothing left to do but make like a spider ensconced in her web, laying in wait for some delectable prey to come sauntering by.

You will find that it's usually not very long before the first in a seemingly endless line of fascinating prospects will come your way. The thing to keep in mind is to be choosy. With so many to choose from, there is really no need to molest the very first fellow that crosses your path.

Once someone shows up who proves suitable for your purposes it is an easy enough job to start moving in. I find a deceptive request works best. The old stand-by "I can't seem to locate a particular book" works very well indeed.

I was in a philosophical section once when this appealing creature waltzed within my grasp. Wasting no time, I enquired of him the location of a fictional book crucial to an equally fictional assignment.

"Pardon me, I wonder if you could help me find a book — I

just know it's here someplace—called "Maidenhead: the Ayn Rand Story?"

If the barbarian refuses to come to your assistance, then cut your losses and wait for something better to come along. If, on the other hand he claims he's come across this same book recently, rest assured — you are very much in business.

What you do with the pathetic sot after enticing him with your shrewd deception is your own affair.

Most gals coming into the university think the best way to get at the fellas is to show up at official gatherings; Frosh Week, departmental parties, etc. I don't happen to believe they're the best places at all. The problem with

those events is that guys show up specifically to pick us up.

Now in all seriousness I ask you, how can you expect to molest fellow if they're too busy trying to molest you?

Be in charge. Take control of your own destiny. Catch a hunk off guard. Remember a man is nothing more than a commodity. He may be bigger than you but nine times out of ten you're smarter than he is.

You have to catch him when he least expects it. Try it in the library.





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If you've ever wondered about the martial arts, this might be a good time to consider karate here at Dalhousie. The Dal Shotokan Karate Club, a non-profit organization, offers qualified instruction for beginning and advanced students alike.

In an effort to promote the club each fall, a demonstration is organized by the Chief Instructors. This year's demonstration takes place Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 in the Studley Gym dance studio. Beginner classes start the following Sunday at 11:00. Cost for Dal students is \$35 per term.

Beginning students need only wear comfortable work-out clothes for the first few months, though karate gis have to be purchased before the first grading, which will probably take place in late November.

A typical karate class is a dynamic work-out, which the instructors consider necessary in order to stress both the physical and psychological benefits of karate. Classes often begin slowly, with students doing a number of slow stretches. Next it's on to basics, with students performing a wide variety of punches, kicks, and blocks. Katas, stylish fighting sequences against imaginary opponents, usually follow.

Sparring is very limited, and strictly controlled. Despite karate's voilent reputation, contacting your opponent is prohibited. Free-sparring is only done by

brown and black belts.

The class usually ends with a vigorous warm-down. Selfdefence techniques are taught just before finishing.

"It's a great work-out," one brown belt says. "It emphasizes everything: flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, stamina." Judgin by the energy expended in one recent class, karate students are in very good condition.

The Dal Club has been operating on campus in its present form. for over nine years. Chief Instructors of the club are Tony Tam, a Halifax lawyer, and Danny Tam, a local dentist. Both are ranked sandan by the JKA (third-degree black belt), and both are Dalhousie graduates. Though their teaching methods vary, they provide a comprehensive and in many ways complimentary introduction to Shotokan Karate.

"Our club emphasizes basic training and kata," Tony Tam

Sensei Tam is six-time kata champion for the Maritime region. Tam says that the club is very much concerned with the spirit of karate, and his classes reflect this focus.

Notable about the club is the respect shown for both the teachers and other students. In Shotokan Karate a student's behaviour, both in and out of the dojo, is governed by five cardinal passages that highlight the true nature of Karate-do. These pas-

sages, handed down by the great karate master Gichin Funakoshi, are recited at the end of each class:

Seek perfection of character Be faithful Endeavour Respect others Refrain from violent behaviour

Modern karate has an interesting history. Its beginnings are traced to the tiny island of Okinawa, where it was practiced secretly for centuries. Its popularization began in 1921, when Gichin Funakoshi, a young elementary school teacher, traveled to Japan to demonstrate Okinawa's indigenious fighting art for



the Crown Prince. The future Emperor was so impressed with Fuinakoshi's ability that he asked the teacher to introduce karate to the people of Japan.

Funakoshi understood the significance of this task, embracing it whole-heartedly. He hoped one day to see karate practised throughout the world. With over 3,000,000 students currently registered with the Japan Karate Association, Funakoshi has

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earned the title of "Father of Modern Karate-do.

Shotokan is an appropriate name for the style of karate popularized by this great master and studied here at Dalhousie, for it emphasizes the dual nature of this dynamic martial art. The Shotokan emblem is a tiger, which most practitioners assume relates to the rapid, decisive techniques utilized by well-trained karate students.

But this is only a partial truth. Shoto literally means "pine waves." Funakoshi used to travel to Mount Torao - the tiger's tail - to relax and meditate. While there, he was inspired by the gently rustling pine trees, and took the pen-name Shotokan for his poetic writings. And so it became the name for the martial art he practiced, defining the dichotomy that is karate, at once both a forceful yet gentle activity.

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North Carolina quiltmaker, author and teacher Georgia Bonesteel will give a slide lecture at the Mount Art Gallery at 7:30 p.m. This presentation is in connection with the exhibit QUILT '89, which continues until Sept. 17. To check it out, call the Gallery at 443-4450.

Dalhousie Gazette staff meeting at 4 p.m. A must for all you new students interested in getting involved in the Gazette. If you hurry, you'll just make it in time!

Orientation stuff

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shinerama

Help in the battle against Cystic Fibrosis. Somthing for everyone and extra prizes to the students who have raised the most money. Shiner kits and lunch will be available in the lobby of the SUB. Mandatory for all frosh and frosh squads.

8 p.m.-11 p.m.

Off-campus: Evening Tour of the

Join the natives on a tour of Halifax harbour.

On-campus: Inter-residence housewarming

Friday, Sept. 8

Eye Level Gallery is pleased to present artist Diane Torr in her critically acclaimed work Catastrophe and Beguilement at the Centre for Art Tapes, 2156 Brunswick St., 3rd floor, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.00.

There will be quiltmaking demonstrations at the Mount Art Gallery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. QUILT '89, an exhibition of Nova Scotian traditional and contemporary quilts and quilted. items, continues daily at the gallery to Sept. 17. For further information, call the Gallery at 443-4450.

Orientation stuff

All day

Coral Reef Luau

If you missed all those beach parties during the summer, get ready for the biggest and the best of the year. Buses leave the SUB between 10 a.m. and noon, and return between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Party, party, party; beach volleyball tournament, at Crystal Crescent Beach.

8 a.m.-8 p.m. Dusk to Dawn Movie Slumber

Great movies all night. Don't forget your PJs.

Saturday, Sept. 9

"Returning to Learning", a special orientation for adult students who are returning to school, will start at 9 a.m. at the Henson College Auditorium, 1261 Seymour St. Contact Daisy MacDonald at

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up to five years of age. For more information, contact Kim Adams, First Aid Coordinator, at 423-9181 ext. 455.

The Dalhousie University Rugby Football Club (DURFC) is hoping to provide exciting (or at least entertaining) rugby for yet another season. The DURFC will be celebrating its 109th year of existence in the Dalhousie community, and in an effort to remain fresh, the club is beginning a new tradition. This year will mark the first annual orientation classic, a match between Dalhousie University and King's College. With hopes of uniting the many peoples (faculty, administration and student union) of Dalhousie's campus, we invite you to enjoy an afternon of rugby at 12:00 noon in Studley

Orientation stuff

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Locals' Market Great chance to pick up a few posters for your room! On the boulevard in front of the SUB.

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tidal Wave/Super SUB The all-time favourite Super SUB, featuring three great bands and a comic, all in one building. What a party!

Sunday, Sept. 10

Orientation stuff 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. For off-campus frosh: Frosh to Freshmen Awards Dinner Bring a fellow frosh. Casual

dress. Studley Field.

Monday, Sept. 11

CLASSES START!

Come up to the Dalhousie. Gazette office on the third floor of the SUB. This is your big chance to get involved in your very own student newspaper!

Auditions begin for the AIDS video being produced by the Student Union of Nova Scotia. Please contact Sue Drapeau at the SUNS office on the third floor of the SUB, or call 422-5032.

C.G. "Giff" Gifford of Halifax, National Chair of Veterans Against Nuclear Arms, will represent Canadian "peace veterans" at the first-even international gathering of war veterans organized to work for the complete abolition of war. At a news conference at 1223 Barrington Street at 10:30 a.m., Gifford will present a brief report and answer questions.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Jeremy Richardson, one of Britain's leading experts on pressure groups and business-government relations, will give a public lecture on "The Politics and Practice of Corporate Responsibility in Britain" in room 224 of the SUB at 11:30 a.m.

The Halifax chapeter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1613A in the Veterans' Memorial Building of Camp Hill Hospital. The guest speaker, Dr.

aged to attend.

All interested persons are encour-

Micheline St. Marie, will talk

about inflammatory bowel dis-

ease in children and adolescents.

At noon in the International Education Centre, a delegation of Innu people will be speaking about the effects of low-level military flying in Labrador. The delegation will be on a tour of the Maritimes to stir public support for their people's fight against setting up a NATO training base on tribal land in Labrador. For confirmation or information. please call Mary Mugyenyi at 420-

An exhibition called Transfer: Advertising Posters from Japanses Train Stations is running at the Anna Leonowens Gallery from today until Saturday, Sept. 23. Transfer is an exhibition of posters collected from train and subway stations representing the intersection of numerous "transfers" in Japanese culture: the centuries-old influence of the Chinese writing system and the contemporary influx of the Roman alphabet, Asian and European languages, and computer-generated typography.

Wednesday, Sept.

The best time you will ever have at university happens tonight on the third floor of the SUB. Yes, that's right, it's the Dalhousie Gazette Layout Party. Come up to the office any time between 4 p.m. Wednesday and dawn Thursday and see for yourself. You may even learn something useful!

Library hours for the 1989/90 academic year will come into effect today. Any changes such as closures for holidays will be

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planet, allows for the prospect of failure on a weekly basis, giving a greater sense of anticipation and excitement for the viewer. For the most part, though, War of the Worlds is excapist entertainment, filled with lots of thrills, chills and gory spills. While nothing special, the series is worth watching for two reasons: 1) it's a Canadian produced series, and 2) it's fun to see how many people they kill each week. Enjoy!

(Part Two of this article will appear in next week's Gazette.)

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