

## Senate creates special appeals process

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

Students with academic grievances arising from Dalhousie's recent strike have a new, speedy way to get their appeals heard.

During a meeting on Monday, Apr. 6, Senate moved to create a

special appeals process at the request of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU).

The normal process — still in place for appeals unrelated to the strike — typically takes at least two months to complete. It would seriously inconvenience graduating

students, says DSU president, Chris Adams.

"This just makes things faster," Adams said, "and it is [Senate's] mandate to ensure students fair treatment after the strike/lockout period."

The special process works as follows:

- If a professor conducted classes, tests or assignments during the strike, or subjected a student to unfair evaluation following the strike, there may be grounds for appeal.
- To make an appeal students must first approach either the faculty member involved, the chair of the department, or the dean.
- If the problem remains unresolved, a written appeal with a description of the grievance should be submitted to the secretary of Senate (second floor Arts and Administration

Building).

• If the appeal is judged to be related to the strike/lockout, then it will be heard by a three-person panel. On the panel will be one student, one faculty member and one officer of Senate.

• The panel — which will take days rather than months to reach decisions — will be in place until May 22.

Senator and Dean of Science, Patrick Ryall, supports the appeals process. He is aware of three professors who continued to teach through the strike, and wonders what other transgressions might have occurred.

"The regular appeals process is very dragged out...we've got some very specific problems that are strike-related," he said.

"If one student thinks they were disadvantaged by something going on in the strike...we should just get

on with it."

Many of the problems arising may have been caused by misunderstandings, says Adams.

"There were some professors who disregarded policy and did not treat students fairly," he said. "However I think that ninety-nine per cent of the time it was a case of professors either misinterpreting policy or being unaware."

Both Ryall and Adams say that, in most cases, appeals will be resolved within the departments.

They also agree that this process is about protecting students and not recrimination against professors — many of whom continued teaching because they thought it was in their students' best interest.

However, Theatre professor Jure

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\*A detailed computer graphics program revealed that this is how Tom Traves would look if we actually gave him a jack-ass (award).

**JACK-ASS AWARD:** Dalhousie president Tom Traves is this year's winner of the Gazette's Jack-ass Award given to the person who says the most patronizing and insulting thing all year. Traves locked up the award on Mar. 17 when he spoke the following words to protesting students: "These problems will not magically go away. Shouting 'bullshit', shouting 'boo' does not make the problems we are faced with go away—it would be nice but it doesn't work that way in the real world." (Thanks Tom, I feel like I really learned something today.)

## Strike ends...issue remains

BY KAVERI GUPTA AND SHELLEY ROBINSON

The strike is over, the collective agreement is set — but one of the issues that led to the clash between the faculty and the administration remains.

Professors were asking, and striking, for salary increases and faculty replacement. While the collective agreement granted professors a 13 per cent salary increase over 44 months, it largely left faculty replacement up in the air.

The agreement includes a plan to form a joint committee between the DFA and Board of Governors' members to address concerns over the replacement of retiring faculty, called complement. The committee will make recommendations to the university Senate in six months' time.

But 46 early retiring professors will have already left by July 1. And

the university has committed only to leaving positions open, not necessarily filling them.

Dr. Ismet Ugursal, president of the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) says the DFA got what it could from the administration.

"We didn't get specific numbers in the agreement," he said. "Instead we have a process which has very strong teeth."

"This is the best we could have achieved."

University spokesperson Michelle Gallant agrees that the process for reviewing complement is a good one, but says the barrier to faculty replacement is the same as it has always been — money.

"I think everyone shares the concerns...that we are unable to replace retiring faculty," she said. "But the real challenge now is resolution of funding."

"This is why it is unaffordable to

rebuild complement."

Gallant says the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education's proposal for an additional \$22-million in funding for Nova Scotia universities is critical, but just the beginning.

"That would be a wonderful first step towards allowing the university system to have the resources it needs to be strong and viable," she said.

But Ugursal says that Dalhousie — with the second highest endowments in the country, and low professor salaries — must have cash somewhere.

"Dal doesn't have money? I mean come on, something is wrong here."

In the end Ugursal says he knows there are no easy answers to such long term problems.

"This unhappiness does not evaporate from one day to another," he said. "These type of labour disputes have long lasting effects."

## Debate over athletic scholarships heating up

BY LILLI JU

Debate over athletic scholarships has heated up across Canada since the release of the "Draft Scholarship/Awards Policy" by the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union on Mar. 24.

The organization's members will discuss and vote on revamping athletic scholarships at the upcoming annual general meeting in June.

The Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) is the governing body of university and

college sports in Canada. It consists of 48 member institutions, involving over 10,000 student athletes, and is divided into five conferences.

The draft policy is the product of an early February meeting of the CIAU's Awards Review Committee with a facilitator. It contains recommendations on athletic awards and scholarships for entering and continuing student athletes.

"It is a medium-sized step in the right direction," says Ian Reade, director of athletics at University of

Alberta, one of the more vocal supporters of changes to the CIAU awards policy.

But not everyone involved in the CIAU agrees that the proposed policy is a good thing.

Even though many of its members recognize the need to improve the current CIAU awards policy, they are divided on some key issues such as the restriction of awards to out-of-province students and caps on the numbers of awards that can be offered in each sport. Those

universities without heavy athletic funding are also concerned that they do not have the money to match awards given by richer universities and that the new policy will lead to a two-tiered system.

Currently, CIAU regulations do not allow for entering students to get financial awards based on athletic merit. However, student-athletes can receive a maximum of \$1,500 in subsequent years, with a CIAU stipulation that an 80 per cent average must be maintained to qualify for

awards.

The most significant change recommended by the draft policy is that institutions should be able to offer entering students an athletic award. The draft policy also recommends that the maximum be raised to \$3,000 to reflect the increasing costs of education. However, to balance between academic standards and athletic excellence, awards will be paid to the student-athlete retroactively, after the

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# Prof defends outlaw class held during strike

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

Despite a Senate resolution stating that all classes must be cancelled during a strike, at least three classes were taught during the week-long contract dispute.

Students in one Biology class and two Psychology classes were directed to attend classes during the strike because the information covered would be on the exam.

Psychology professor Richard Brown was one of the teachers who held class during the strike. He says that he felt extremely frustrated by the entire situation.

"The students are the ones being screwed by both sides," he says.

"They are the ones who are now doing two weeks of work in

one... It should be up to the students to decide whether they want classes or not.

"Most of my students wanted the classes. [The students that didn't] are the ones screwing themselves."

Warrick Kimmins, Dalhousie vice-president of research and academic, says that he understands the frustration felt by professors and students, but thinks the Senate resolution should have been upheld. Kimmins says that he informed students that they did not have to go to class during the strike.

"Because the Senate passed the resolution in 1988, all professors must adhere to the directive. They must not teach classes at Dalhousie or anywhere else."

Brown does not agree. He says

that the professors who held classes during the 1988 strike made the right decision. He says that professors should have had the choice to hold or cancel classes during the recent strike.

During this strike, Brown held class at the Lord Nelson Hotel at his own expense. The only contribution he asked for was a dollar from each student that came. However, because of a poor turnout, he decided to cancel the rest of his classes for the duration of the strike.

"We had arranged this before the strike occurred. All of the students seemed to be in favour of the idea. It is just so bloody stupid of the administration [to cancel all classes]. The strike was not

necessary and it just hurt all those involved."

Kimmins disagrees.

"The decision was in the best interest of the students because of the confusion in the 1988 strike. These teachers that made these arrangements are just causing a lot of grief and stress for their students," Kimmins says.

"In the end, the professors that still taught were told that they must reteach the material and that they must stop teaching during the strike."

Brown accepted that he was not allowed to teach, and said he has since made the necessary adjustments in his classes.

"I did not add any new material, I did not add seven more lectures.

The truth is I had to lose two of my lectures. [People] need to realize that professors spend months planning classes. It is extremely difficult to just drop information and make other arrangements."

Dalhousie Student Union [DSU] president Chris Adams feels that professors shouldn't have held classes during the strike.

"Obviously if they are having students in their classes complaining, then they shouldn't have taught the class. The Senate made it clear that there was to be no classes," Adams said before the conflict was resolved.

"The professors will have to redo those classes and if not the students do have a legitimate right to complain."

## Senate

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Gantar is one of several senators who voted against the special appeals process.

"It shouldn't be a matter of student appeal, it should be a matter of professors being disciplined for their disobedience," he said. "I think the professors should take responsibility."

He also says that an appeals process that applies to individual students favours those students who are more aware of their rights.

"They should treat the class as a whole, but with [this] committee some students might get marks changed or extensions and some students wouldn't.

"I'm not against student rights," he said. "I just don't think this is the right way."

## Black youth helpline to become reality

BY AVI LAMBERT

A black youth helpline in the works for Nova Scotia is scheduled to be up and running by the end of this month.

The toll free line aims to provide supportive listening, information and some referral services for black youth throughout the province. The service will be geared primarily for youth between the ages of 10 and 20 years.

Project coordinator Allister Barton says the help line "[identifies] a target group that is seldom identified as people with needs."

According to Barton, the helpline is not exclusively for black youth, but is tailored for the specific needs of the black community.

"Here is an avenue [troubled

youth] see they can come through...and at the end of the avenue are sensitized young black individuals," he said.

The volunteer staff at the helpline, who are all between the ages of 16 and 23, are trained in communication skills and suicide intervention. The Living Works suicide intervention program — which the staff is certified in — is recognized internationally. In addition to these qualifications, volunteers are trained in information and awareness sensitivity workshops on abuse, harassment, sexual orientation and drug use.

"You can't get everything, but we've tackled some of the more serious issues," Barton said about volunteer training.

The inspiration for the program came from a successful black youth

helpline functioning in Winnipeg, Manitoba:

Barton said there is "a fine line between supporting and advising". He said that the supportive listening the helpline staff provides is to help youth to "think and act for themselves...to take responsibility for their own actions".

The volunteers never identify who they are, nor will the helpline act as a drop in centre.

According to Barton, the criteria for hiring a helpline volunteer is very broad.

"You have to be someone who has a natural desire to want to help people," he said.

Training is mandatory, and the staff for the most part are a balance of males and females. All volunteers were subjected to background checks by RCMP and

child abuse resources to make sure they didn't have any emotional, psychological or criminal problems.

"The volunteers we have are the best anyone could ask for in this profession," said Barton.

Barton said news of the helpline will be advertised throughout churches, the school system, health care, group homes, correctional centres, other organizations and word of mouth.

The training program was provided by professionals who volunteered their service. The training was funded by the Nova Scotia Black Educators Association links, Public Health, the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, the Department of Education and Culture, and other individuals and organizations.



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# Seeing yellow: Tiger Patrol gets new jackets

BY LILLI JU

The school year may be drawing to a close, but it's never too late for a new look.

The Tiger Patrol program, which offers a safe walking escort service and a shuttle bus service to Dalhousie students, has recently acquired twelve new, bright yellow jackets. The jackets will replace the old orange and yellow vests — some of which have been around since 1991 when the Tiger Patrol program was started as a walk-home service by the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU).

"The vests are bright and serve their purpose," said Dean Naugler, co-ordinator of Tiger Patrol. "But the jackets will give Tiger Patrol a new fresh and professional look."

According to Bridgette McCaig, DSU executive vice-president, the issue of Tiger Patrol's visibility on campus was brought up at a council meeting this past October. Walk-home services at University

of King's College and Saint Mary's University already have jackets that are believed to give them a more professional and visible look.

"One of the councillors asked if there was anything we could do about it," said McCaig. "So I contacted Dean and Sandy MacDonald [Dalhousie chief of security], and we decided that the best thing to do would be to call around and try to get the best deal for purchasing jackets."

To this end, Mark's Work Wearhouse has been secured as a sponsor and has donated the jackets. Currently, Tiger Patrol is run by the DSU and the university with the support of a number of businesses that provide everything from the van right down to the new jackets.

"These jackets, which will come in a number of sizes, will be bright yellow, with reflector tape on the hood and collar, and around the cuffs of each sleeve," described MacDonald. "They will be clearly

marked 'Tiger Patrol'."

For their part, Mark's Work Wearhouse will be the sole sponsor of outer wear for Tiger Patrol and will have its logos added along with other business supporters on the Tiger Patrol shuttle bus and pamphlets.

Trevor Carroll, store manager at the Mark's Work Wearhouse in Bayers Road Shopping Centre, is excited about the new jackets for Tiger Patrol.

"We get so many offers to sponsor this and that," explained Carroll. "When Dean approached me and told me about the Tiger Patrol program, it made sense to support this project. We want to be involved in community service, and that's exactly how we see Tiger Patrol — a service to students and I think that's great."

"It's so nice to find a company that is generous to students, and who sees this project as a worthwhile one to which to donate," said McCaig.



Naugler, for his part, is pleased that he will end the year knowing that he helped change the look of Tiger Patrol.

"Having heard concerns from the staff about the vests, I'm really happy that I was able to do something about

it," he said.

Although the Tiger Patrol services will be ended later this month, students should expect to see Tiger Patrolters in their new jackets until then, and in September when the next academic year begins.

## CIAU scholarships

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successful completion of the academic year.

"The student-athlete must be in good standing as defined by the university, or have a 65 per cent academic average," explained Jennifer Brenning, CIAU Director of Operations.

The draft policy, in addition to addressing gender equity to support both men's and women's programs, recommends that caps be placed on the number of awards available in each sport and the numbers of first-year, out-of-province students that can receive an award. These caps will be based on the "CIAU allowable team complement".

For example, in women's basketball, the maximum team complement is 12, so a maximum of \$36,000 would be available for athletic awards from an institution per annum in the sport of women's basketball.

However, restrictions to out-of-province awards have added significance in Atlantic Canada.

"This [restrictions on awards to out-of-province students] is a concern to our region because we have so many universities in this province and not a large population base," said Karen Moore, acting athletic director at Dalhousie.

"Dal has a diverse population. We should be allowed to recruit whatever percentage of Ontario students as there already are here, which is pretty high."

Ian Reade at the University of Alberta agrees that restrictions on the number of awards to out-of-province students is unfair.

"It's ridiculous. It's completely unfair to a place like the Maritimes that has 15 universities in a small population. It's completely weighted in favour of Ontario where there's millions of people," Reade said. "I think that cap was put there so that Ontario would like the policy better, but I don't think the CIAU was set

up to serve Ontario.

"Would you rather lose your athletes East or West to other provinces, or North or South?" asked Reade, referring to the recruitment of young Canadian athletes by American universities, which is what he is afraid will happen if changes to the policy are not made.

However, Moore is also concerned that the caps on the number of awards that can be offered in each sport are too high.

"I really thought [the Awards Review Committee] would come back with something more like [offering] two scholarships per sport at a maximum of \$3,000 each," says Moore. "It's going to be really expensive."

At the same time, Moore recognizes that some changes need to be made to the current policy.

"The main reason we got into this [discussion] is to help student-athletes who can't work during the summer or part-time during the year because of training," said Moore, referring to the current maximum of \$1,500 that a student-athlete is eligible for.

Frank Butler, athletic director at Memorial University of Newfoundland and president of the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUAA), says the changes are long-coming.

"I think it was 1980 when we first approached this topic. Pure hell would hit the fan when everyone would be talking about doing these kinds of things [athletic awards]. The same arguments are coming out today," said Butler.

"Oh, it's going to be quite a debate. But this is reality. We have to face the facts... If we want to keep our brilliant athletes on this side of the 49th parallel, we have to make some concessions."

Although the association sees a need for change, Reade is not optimistic that the new policy will be passed by CIAU members.

"I'm pessimistic that this will pass because it's progressive, and we don't vote for anything progressive. I'm just a cynic," said Reade. "We're so Canadian."

"We don't have a million dollars to give away, but you have to start with something. If what you want to do is have your nice administrative, bureaucratic job and sit on your ass, and not have to raise money, then that's why you vote against doing progressive things."

According to Peter Barnsley, executive administrator for the Ontario University Athletics, the CIAU may have trouble drumming up support for the policy in that province.

"Ontario has traditionally been opposed to what they call first-part scholarships," said Barnsley. "They would rather put money into facilities, coaching, and towards the sports program, as opposed to directly to the athletes. That's been the traditional stance."

The AUAA and the four other conferences will be discussing this draft policy at their respective conference general meetings in May. The policy may undergo other revisions before it reaches the CIAU's June 1998 annual general meeting. If accepted by a two-thirds vote, the policy will be implemented in the 1999-2000 years.

"It'll be interesting to see if this passes. It won't pass if Ontario blocks it. And if it does pass, I think it will lead to tiering," says Moore. "There will be some schools who can't afford to do it, and they'll be in one tier. And the ones who can afford it will be in another tier."

Reade says despite imperfections, the changes are needed.

"The bottom line is that this is important to student-athletes and it's important for Canada as a country to be competitive and keep kids at home — competing in the CIAU."

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# Liberals pressure PM to shape up on student front

BY MEG MURPHY

OTTAWA (CUP) — In a move to ensure greater accessibility to universities for cash-strapped students, delegates at the recent Liberal convention in Ottawa passed a resolution calling for a national system of grants.

Delegates demanded additional funds for the Canada Student Loan Program, the introduction of debt relief according to salary and the establishment of an appropriate ceiling on the level of individual student debt.

They also requested the launch of a publicity campaign to encourage the pursuit of higher education and an income-contingency loan repayment program.

The Liberal party convention took place Mar. 20-22.

According to Richard Gorham, New Brunswick's representative for the Liberal party's standing policy committee, the resolution amalgamated concerns expressed by several provinces into one comprehensive package.

"We are very concerned that students come out of their education with increasing debt. The government should do something with helping them cope with the problem," he said.

It was the insistence on a national system of grants which caught NDP member of Parliament Libby Davies' attention, prompting her to question the Liberal party resolution and demanding that action be taken on it.

"I think the resolution is just another indication of the increasing pressure that is continuing to build," Davies said in an interview.

"The Liberals, despite all their claims and rhetoric about this being a student's budget, have not lived up to their promises," she said, pointing out that by the year 2000 the Chretien government will have cut \$3.1-billion in post-secondary education funding.

The new Millennium scholarship fund, introduced in the Liberal's latest budget, reinvests \$2.5-billion into student aid over 10 years, beginning at the start of the next century.

She says with debt loads averaging \$25,000 for many graduates and desperate bankruptcy declarations becoming more commonplace, the fund does not cut it.

"The federal government has completely gutted its funding of post-secondary education," Davies said, adding the federal scholarship fund is a token gesture since it helps only 100,000 students a year, which is seven per cent of the higher-education population.

"It is a classic Liberal strategy that you give people a little bit and pacify them and then you turn off the tap," she said, pointing to changes in student bankruptcy legislation as indicative of the federal government's true attitude.

The new legislation extends the period during which a person is not allowed to discharge a student loan through bankruptcy

after leaving the education system — from the current two years to 10.

"I think that is an incredibly cynical move, that they are planning to change the bankruptcy legislation. If they are so convinced their budget is good for students, why are they

anticipating unpayable student debt and already protecting the bankers' interests?" she asked.

Human Resources minister Pierre Pettigrew, answering on behalf of the Prime Minister, responded to Davies' criticism.

"The budget has been very, very well received because

education and access to knowledge, competence and skills are at the heart of it," he said, pointing to the Millennium scholarship fund as a grant system, while saying that the Canada Student Loan Program is being improved.

"This is the best achievement

we have done," he said.

But Davies says the "student-focused" budget was more about image than sincere aid.

"The Millennium fund is really more about dealing with Chretien's legacy in the year 2000 and it fails miserably to address the real problems," she said.

## Memorial faculty want board seats

BY SEAN RYAN

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — A group of faculty at Memorial University have joined forces with students in a fight for representation on the university's highest governing body.

The Committee of Concerned Faculty (CCF) forwarded a proposal to university president Art May that called for more faculty, staff and student representatives on the university's Board of Regents, the equivalent to Dalhousie's Board of Governors.

In a letter to May, CCF chair Robert Adamec clarifies CCF's arguments.

"Be assured that we are not proposing establishment of voting blocks of special interest on the Board...it is imperative that the viewpoint of all sectors be represented," the letter states.

"We're not overly interested in totally turning the governance upside down," Adamec said. "But we are interested in making sure that it has a stronger understanding of the functioning of the university."

Adamec says faculty representation on the board is necessary, and that the 29 universities across Canada that do have faculty representation on their governing bodies prove it.

But May says Memorial should not make decisions based on what is happening elsewhere.

"Copycatting is not my favourite approach to university governance," he said. "Maybe the way we do it is the best way."

Dalhousie has three faculty positions on its Board of Governors.

May said he doesn't have any problem in principle with faculty members being on the board, but

he compared the board to a cabinet — as opposed to a parliament.

"[The board] is not a collection of constituencies," he said.

He added certain principles, such as cabinet solidarity and privacy, apply and that he doesn't expect the nature or composition of the board to change anytime soon.

"People who are appointed to the board are appointed in their personal capacities the same way that people are on the board of General Motors or Fishery Products," he said. "They are not appointed to represent constituencies — they are appointed as persons to govern the institution."

"That is a very important distinction and I'm not sure that people fully understand that."

Adamec disagrees. He says a cabinet is comprised

of elected members, who represent constituencies, whereas most board members are business-people.

"If he doesn't feel that it's a representative body, why does he allow students on the Board?" Adamec asked. "His logic is not consistent."

"The reasons why the students are on there are the same reasons why we want to have faculty [on the board]."

Adamec says the faculty want board representation because they have concerns about the way Memorial is run.

"There is a strong faculty feeling that we fundamentally disagree with Dr. May as to how this place should be governed."

CCF is also calling for separate graduate student representation on the board.

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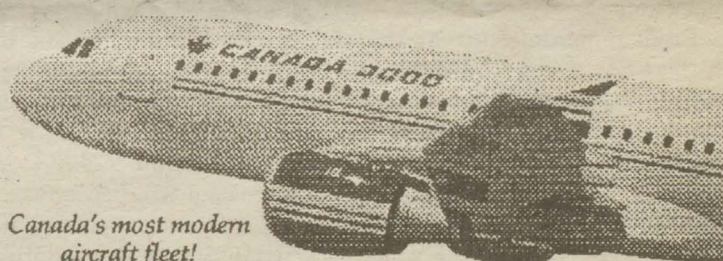
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# SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

## Fishery moves further down the food-chain

*DFO may be shooting themselves in the foot with their proposed krill fishery*

BY CHRIS MILLER

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans may sink to a new level — a new trophic level that is.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is currently examining the feasibility of allowing krill to be fished off the coast of Nova Scotia. This has angered many fishers, scientists and environmentalists who say that a healthy krill population is essential to the recovery of the collapsed east coast groundfishery and for sustaining dwindling whale populations.

Krill, a tiny shrimp-like marine animal, is important because it is located near the base of the food chain. This means that all animals higher up on the food chain, such as cod, bluefin tuna and whales are directly or indirectly dependent upon the health of the krill population.

Environmentalists fear that "fishing down" the food chain, as is proposed through the creation of the krill fishery, will further damage the ecological integrity of already stressed marine ecosystems. Others object to the purpose of harvesting krill, which in other areas of the world has been used for fertilizer and as feed for

the aquaculture industry.

Conservation biologist Dr. Martin Willison of Dalhousie University is concerned about the establishment of a krill fishery in Atlantic Canada.

**"If we continue down the current path, we'll eventually be eating plankton"**

"It is another example of us moving down the food chain, and that is a very dangerous thing," says Willison. "We don't yet know enough about the impacts of such an activity. If we continue down the current path, we'll eventually be eating plankton; that's all that will be left."

In the DFO's krill *Stock Status Report*, it was concluded there is little information available on krill populations.

"There is much that is unknown on the status of krill on the Scotian Shelf, and on the impact of harvesting this species on the overall ecosystem," the report says.

Despite a lack of available data, however, the same DFO report concludes there will be no negative effects associated with the implementation of the experimental krill fishery.

"Given the small portion of the [krill] biomass that would be removed, it is concluded that the impacts on the ecosystem would be

negligible," said the report.

Alexa McDonough, leader of the federal NDP party, has taken a position against the proposed krill fishery.

"It's the NDP's position that this proposal, by allowing fishing further down the lower part of the food chain, will lead to a wholesale collapse of marine ecosystems with disastrous results for the long-term sustainability of the larger species fishery," McDonough said via e-mail.

Many local fishermen are also sceptical. The Bay of Fundy Fisheries Council has called on the minister of the DFO to reject the krill harvesting proposal.

According to Odette Murphy, Fisheries Advisor for the DFO, over 95 per cent of public submissions made to the department were against the krill proposal and many of these submissions came directly from fishers.

"[The public response] was overwhelmingly opposed to it," says Murphy.

The Marine Issues Committee of the Ecology Action Centre is one of the groups that has voiced

concerns over the krill fishery. They caution that removing this species from the ocean may impede the recovery of the collapsed east coast groundfishery, which has devastated coastal communities in

concerns over right whale populations have been addressed by DFO, but the two are not really in conflict with each other.

"The proposal in question is for the Scotian Shelf/ Emerald Basin area and the right whale population is predominately in the Bay of Fundy...so the two areas don't coincide," says Murphy. "There is a lot of reporting that has gone on about [the right whales] that is in error."

Dr. Willison disagrees, stating that whales are located on the Scotian Shelf near the proposed krill fishery.

"Mothers and suckling young gather in the Bay of Fundy, yet juvenile right whales congregate in the Roseway Basin on the Scotian Shelf. Why would there be a whale sanctuary there if there were no whales?," asks Willison, referring to the Roseway Basin Whale Sanctuary.

The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans is currently reviewing the krill proposal and a decision to approve or reject the application is expected by the end of the month.

According to Murphy,



Atlantic Canada since the early 1990s.

The Marine Issues Committee is also concerned that fishing krill will put humans in direct competition with endangered right whales, who depend upon the tiny organism as part of their food supply. The current world population of North Atlantic right whales has dropped to 350, most of which gather off the coast of Nova Scotia in the summer.

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# Don't just think about it

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

Turning theory into practice, the students of Dr. Martin Willison's Nature Conservation class are hitting the campus and the city promoting conservation issues.

As a requirement for the class, offered out of the Dalhousie Biology Department, tutorial groups of 9-10 students work with their TAs on a project of their choice designed to benefit the environment. It gives them a chance to put what they are learning to practical use.

"Nature conservation can be very depressing — we deal with species extinction and environmental problems...and students can end up feeling that it's hopeless," said Willison. "Part of the objective of the group project is to empower them to

understand that it's not helpless and that there are things that the individual can do."

The projects have been an integral part of the course since Willison began teaching it in the early 1990's. Projects in the past ranged from the painting of Nova Scotian endangered species in the Life Science Centre to promoting the protection of right whales in the Bay of Fundy.

This year's projects included a fundraiser for shark research and a beach clean-up.

"[The nature of the projects go] in cycles," said Willison. "This year there was a lot of money raising, some years there have been a lot of pamphlets."

"One of [this year's] groups set up a Nature Conservation Society. It's going to be a 'B' society at Dal, and it means that there will therefore be some continuity from one year to the next."

## Car seats and condoms on Lawlor's Island

BY T.L.C. (THE LAWLOR'S CLEAN-UP)

Lawlor's is an island located near MacNab's Island that serves as a breeding site for heron and osprey and was once used as a quarantine area during a cholera outbreak. It is an island of great natural beauty, with colourful beaches and thick woods.

Yet, in spite of its colourful history and its environmental importance as a nesting area, Lawlor's has never been cleaned of the garbage that washes onto its shores. It was therefore a perfect project for our Nature Conservation tutorial group to take on.

At 9:30am on Saturday Mar. 21, we arrived on Lawlor's Island. Layered in our warmest clothes, decked out in our brightest rain suits and rubber boots and armed with a great number of garbage bags, we

were ready to face the elements to do our part for the environment. We had been there only ten minutes when we realized the true challenge. The wind was fierce, the cold was extreme and to make matters worse, the garbage was under a layer of snow. Still we persevered, and in spite of the difficulties we managed to collect over a dozen bags of garbage from our portion of the island. The items retrieved included sheets of plastic, chip bags, pop cans, condoms, tampon applicators, shotgun shells, a pair of underwear and a car seat.

The truly disturbing fact is that all of this waste was found on an island that the public is rarely allowed to visit. With the casual disposal of waste into the harbour we run the risk of ruining Lawlor's and places like it. This project made us realize, and we hope that by telling others it will raise their awareness too, that people need to take responsibility for the waste we create. It is time for us to clean up our mess.

## Trash Tales

It seems everywhere you look, fast food restaurants are springing up. One group of nature conservation students decided to do a survey on the amount of garbage produced and thrown away by these restaurants, as well as investigate the prevalence of recycling.

The combined number of people served in all the campus restaurants is approximately 3000 people a day. It was found that on the average day the fast food places on campus throw out a total of 58 bags of garbage. Robin's Donuts in the SUB throws out the most garbage at 15 bags a day. The Time Out lounge in the Dalplex throws out the least, averaging about 1 bag daily. The garbage consists mostly of paper bags, paper cups, styrofoam cups, plastic cups, straws and other items.

Most restaurants said they don't ask customers if they want "extras" (bags, straws, etc.) — they said the few customers who don't want them will ask for their items without the extras.

Approximately six or seven per cent of customers on campus bring reusable mugs with them for coffee and other drinks. Tim Horton's, the Second Cup and Robin's Donuts all offer discounts to those who do. Insulated mugs are available at Canadian Tire for about three dollars.

The group provided these tips to help customers reduce waste:

1. Only take a paper bag with your muffin/donut if you need one.
2. Only take what you need; for example — 1 napkin, not 10.
3. Don't take a place-mat on your tray (at Harvey's, for example). This wastes paper, and you don't need it.
4. You don't use straws and lid covers for drinks at home — it isn't necessary to use them at restaurants.
5. Remember to recycle your drink containers. Be aware of the need to recycle, and keep waste reduction in mind when eating anywhere, on or off-campus.

## OPINIONS

# Our earth, our health

The earth is controlled by executives. Our soil, water and air are slaves to corporate polluters and as a result, our health is being poisoned. There are global limits to the depletion of natural resources and the build up of waste. We give little thought to the poor environmental conditions that cause the deaths of millions of people.

Everyday we use and discard chemicals that are dangerous to us and the environment. We seem more worried about ridding ourselves of trash than contaminating our rivers, trees and ecosystems. However, waste must go somewhere and in the past, much has been disposed of in areas dangerously near local communities.

Waste water from industries releases toxins into municipal waste dumps which then enters the soil and water reserves. Those

chemicals don't break down in the environment. Hundreds of toxic chemicals reside at each hazardous waste site but no one knows the extent to which most people have been exposed and affected.

In humans, hazardous waste can contribute to birth defects, nervous and immune system deficiencies, skin and blood disorders, kidney and liver disease, cancer and more. Our health seems doomed. If we choose to try and improve environmental health today, tomorrow will be more sustainable for our children and grandchildren.

Producers of hazardous waste materials should make ethical choices about the operation of their industries and disposal of products instead of only trying to make a good return on an investment. In a perfect world, the corporation should pay the cost of pollution damage including the damage to people's health. However, this is an idealistic view

— there is no one solution. Reading this article is a first step because once you are willing to learn about what affects our environmental health, you are more willing to care.

Individual participation can promote environmental quality because it provides a way of initiating action and motivating self preservation. The School of Health and Human Performance has organized a battery disposal campaign at Dalhousie University. Disposal containers are available on campus for dead batteries until April 26. These batteries will be sent to Ontario to a special toxic waste site. Bayers Lake Recycling Depot also collects both disposable and rechargeable batteries every Saturday through May and August.

Help us to protect our environmental health. We have to take responsibility for our own existence.

STEPHANIE HICKS

# Cheap stuff and a guy named Groszko

BY ANDREW GILLIS

Looking for cheap stuff for your pad next year? Want to get rid of that sofa with three legs? Think nobody will buy your stuff? Think again, because Green Dalhousie is offering the services of a *Virtual Second Hand Store* to sell your lamps, toasters and futons.

"It's just another way for people to sell their second-hand goods, save money and reduce the effect on the environment," says Wayne Groszko, webmaster of the *Virtual Second Hand Store*, an internet service designed to reach out to a different audience than that of the usual classified section in the newspaper.

"This is easy. It's like running a little more complicated classified section," says Groszko.

The Dal Biology department's Nature Conservation Class created the web-site in May of 1995 as a part of the Green Dalhousie website. Once the website was finished, the class asked the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG) to maintain it and make it an official website. Groszko was asked to take over and it was his idea to create the *Virtual Second Hand Store*.

As you enter the *Virtual Second Hand Store*, the first thing that will grab your attention is the free table. It's the one beside the painting of 'Dogs Playing Pool'. There is a wide variety of stuff here, and if you're lucky, you can even find wood to burn in the fireplace over the winter. Next to the free table is the cheap section. This section is the largest in the virtual store, and you can browse through used toasters, lamps without shades, and computer

desks. Make sure that the toaster's wires are not frayed, and that it is approved by the Canadian Standards Association.

Upon entering, you can find the mission statement of the virtual store: "If you need something, getting it second hand helps the environment by reducing the resources required to make and transport new products. If you need to get rid of something, you can convert it to cash and simultaneously keep it out of the landfill. To facilitate this exchange and reuse of goods, Green Dalhousie offers the service of a virtual second hand store."

The *Virtual Second Hand Store* has been well received since 1995, but it is still battling problems of anonymity.

"Relatively speaking, not many people have used it," says Groszko. "It's probably because nobody knows about us."

Groszko said that there are naturally some barriers for people who are not familiar with computers. He admits that it would be a lot easier for someone to advertise in newspaper classifieds, but the *Virtual Second Hand Store* is a service offered for free, and it is a medium well worth looking into.

In the future, Groszko would like to see the *Virtual Second Hand Store* expanded and offer more services.

"I need several other people who would like to turn it into something big," Groszko says. "There is real potential here, and it could be a great business opportunity."

But making money is not the main purpose of the store, Groszko explains.

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# The stripping of school spirit

I came to Dalhousie three years ago from a small community in Inverness County, Cape Breton. There were 32 students in my graduating class and I knew everybody in my high school by name. Our sports teams were revered by the community. The winter carnival "royalty" made the local newspaper. The school was everything to us because it was pretty much all we had.

When government cuts to education threatened to close our school, the entire community rallied to save it. We held public meetings and demonstrations, we stayed home in protest, seven students broke in and held a lock-out. School spirit was so ingrained in us all it felt instinctive.

I came to university at the ripe old age of 17, so I was naturally a bit naive.

People told me Dal was a rather impersonal place, no one got involved and school spirit was non-existent. But I don't think I really

believed them. I couldn't even grasp the concept. I was going to take challenging courses and have stimulating conversations with profs and fellow scholars. I was going to challenge my mind and find out who I was. I was going to give my life to Dalhousie and let them mold it.

Give me a break, I was only 17. Being a student in the biology department, my classes have ranged from 40 to 200 students. I'm lucky if my professor knows I exist. Stimulating conversation just doesn't happen. I'm little more than a name on an essay as far as they're concerned.

And then, last September, my tuition passed the dreaded \$4000 mark. I've just spent an obscene amount of money on a year that I've all but wasted on electives or unwanted courses. The courses I wanted and needed weren't offered, of course — except for the three that were offered in the same time slot.

And then — the strike. I tried to

care. The professors do deserve more than they're getting, and we need some kind of guarantee from the university to replace faculty members. I truly believe this. I should have been marching with Students for Solidarity or suing the university and the DFA.

But all I really cared about was that it came just in time to increase that end-of-year stress. And then it ended with terms that hardly seemed worth the trouble and will probably cause my tuition to rise again soon.

I'm trying desperately to hang on to some degree of school pride, but I don't feel like I'm at a school. A school is a place where education is the priority, and money is an unfortunate obstacle. Dal seems to have that backwards.

If I had half the gumption I had when I came here, I would probably have withdrawn in protest a long time ago.

NATALIE MACLELLAN

## Editorial

Well, the times sure have changed since I went to kindergarten with a backpack securely strapped on my tiny shoulders and a *Muppets* lunch box clenched in my fist. I was eager to learn about where I could find England on a map and why clouds were shaped as they were. I wanted to fill my mind with as much knowledge as I could. It was all about learning. I just don't have the same yearning anymore.

The notion of 'school' that our generation has been raised on is a thing of the past. We don't have school spirit because we don't have a school. What we have is a sort of limbo — we're still too snoot-nosed to get a real job but too old to be on the road to nowhere.

That road to nowhere is somehow romantic. Long forgotten would be professors teaching you how to get a job and asking you to regurgitate the same crap they cram down your

ever-open throat. Long gone would be the worries that I may not be able to cut it beyond the academic world. I'd force myself to travel beyond these halls and then there would be no time to question every decision I would have made.

The control and lack of imagination associated with Dalhousie is far too stifling to promote real learning. It's a rare occurrence that I sit in a classroom, listen to a professor and think, "damn this is great." This is not a reflection of myself. I enjoy learning, but I don't enjoy listening to someone give me instructions on how to get a job — but this is what most people here want.

This is sad. During the strike, most people didn't care about the fact that they weren't learning; they just wanted to get back into class so they could quickly get back out and get "relevant" work experience over the

summer.

I have no affection for Dalhousie, and I doubt that my love will grow over the next two years I'll spend here. I just think it's hard to be a student in a world full of ladder-climbing junior executives and professors more than willing to give them a boost. It's hard when it's so damn easy to just scale the rungs with the rest of the rats.

Students have become consumers, whether we want to admit it or not. You want school spirit? When was the last time you attended a social gathering hosted by your local corner store? You probably had to buy something if ever such a party existed. If you see where I'm going with this, you see where Dal is going too — it's too bad that we pay too much for such a narrow, paltry service.

GREG MCFARLANE

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# Letters

## Howe Hall resident strikes back

To the editor,

As a first year English student at Dal and a resident of Howe Hall, I was annoyed with Ryan Lash's contribution to the Focus section of the Apr. 2 issue of the Gazette. I was one of the many residents who enjoyed Tuesday afternoon's weather in the Howe Hall quad and I resent Lash's suggestion that our behaviour was at all immature or that we weren't concerned with the strike.

I'm not sure which part of Lash's "letter from camp"-style article bothered me the most. Maybe it was the condescending use of words like "phooey". Or perhaps it was when he referred to the complaints of "the older kids", suggesting that us younger students were "having too much fun playing Hack-E-Sack" to recognize the concerns that students (including ourselves) had about our wasted time and money. No, I think what bothered me the most was the suggestion that we, as residents of Howe, were not informed about or interested in the strike. I believe that this was suggested in such statements as, "At least, that's what I think [the professors' signs] said, I was pretty busy trying to keep my popsicle from dripping on me", and also with the idea that if the "teachers" went back to work soon, it would be fine with us since it might rain anyway and we wouldn't want our Hack-E-Sacks to shrink.

I want to tell Lash and anyone who may have been impressed by his article that just because we took some time to enjoy some rare nice weather doesn't mean that we don't care about our education or that we were uninformed about the strike. Many of the residents of Howe Hall were very concerned about the strike and how it would affect their futures. And many of those students outside that day were the same students who participated in the DSU's rally to try to give students a voice in the talks between the DFA and the administration.

I hardly think that because I read a book on a blanket outside of my residence on a sunny Tuesday afternoon it should be concluded that I was carefree about the strike situation at Dal. Just because there was a strike, it doesn't mean I should have stayed in my room studying on a perfectly beautiful day. And Lash's suggestion that Howe residents were being juvenile for enjoying a nice day is very offensive. I'm sure he was glad to be out taking his pictures on such a warm occasion.

GINA GRANTER

## Get a mug to protect the environment

To the editor,

Our Health Promotion 3000 group is planning to raise the awareness of reusable Enviro mugs. It seemed apparent to us that too many styrofoam cups were being thrown away everyday. Of the 900 cups of coffee sold at the Second Cup, only one third of the customers are using Enviro mugs. Most of the local coffee shops do offer some kind of a discount when filling a reusable mug. For example, Tim Hortons offers a 10 cent discount to Enviro mug users, while the Coburg Coffee House offers a 25 cent discount.

Our group plans to start a logo contest which will be held at the beginning of each school year. Each participant's entry will consist of a logo and a mug design. The winning entry will be produced as a campus Enviro mug for the Dalhousie community to use.

Enviro mugs are an excellent alternative to cups made of styrofoam, which damage the environment and contribute to the landfill problem. What better way to show your concern for the environment than sporting an Enviro Mug!

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Sincerely,

Health Promotion 3000

## Leaving for elsewhere

To the editor,

I am writing in response to a letter from Ismet Ugursal, Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) president, in the Apr. 2 issue of the Gazette to express my frustration with Dalhousie. First I would like to respond to Ugursal's naive comment: "all the students that I have talked to praise the individual treatment that they receive from their professors." My experience at Dalhousie could not be further from Dr. Ugursal's imagined ideal. Eighty per cent of my professors over my two year experience at Dalhousie have been reluctant to see me and other students outside of class time (even during their office hours and by appointment!). I realize my comments may be offensive to some professors, but I think the professors who see my comments as offensive are the ones my comments are directed towards.

Dalhousie is no longer the great school of learning it prides itself as. To the contrary, I feel that I am paying only for a piece of paper I receive at the end of my three year undergraduate degree. Education is no longer a priority at Dalhousie, a sad reality that must be changed. I have discussed my concerns with several members of the DFA, but these members felt a quality education has become a thing of the past. It is very difficult for a student to continue taking university seriously after hearing this from the same professors that are there to teach them. I did not support the DFA in their striking action for this very reason.

Many professors claimed the DFA's action to strike was in the students' best interests because a strike would place pressure on the administration to hire more full-time professors and stabilize the positions held by the current DFA members. I seriously question the sincerity behind the DFA's alleged motivation. I am sure a select few professors did stand for the students' best interests during the strike; however I am quite confident that no one actually believed a strike would result in favour of the students' best interests. The best interests of the students I feel are smaller class sizes, a reasonable tuition, and more opportunity to discuss with "happy" professors. Correct me if I'm wrong, but these were not the topics of interest on Apr. 1 when the administration and the DFA reached



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# Student apathy at the root of DSU actions

Now that the strike is over students have the opportunity to reflect on what was done during the strike and by whom. Since we became the "victims", at least in the eyes of most, by default our official representative, the DSU, was given centre stage. They were heralded as the vehicle through which students should be served. Too bad they failed.

This is not necessarily to say that the DSU should have sided with the DFA or the administration. However, the continued claims of the DSU to be taking the "student stance" seemed nothing more than hollow rhetoric. A retrospective look speaks for itself. What did the DSU do?

Before the strike they spent \$2000 on an interesting provincial election ad campaign that came too late and lacked the substance needed to influence campaign platforms. Plus hundreds of dollars were spent chauffeuring students in minivans to polls on election day at the expense of the DSU (meaning money out of our pockets). How many students took advantage of this service? Less than 10% of students used the free ride, although certain people took advantage of it for their own personal use. This was just the

## LETTERS CONTINUED

their tentative agreement. I cannot see how anything at Dalhousie will change in favour of the students given the present outcome of the strike.

As students stress themselves trying to live up to their academic expectations in the aftermath of the strike, professors are compensated 3.5 days missed as long as they make themselves available to the students April 4-5. This means absolutely nothing to any student who works weekends. Where is the compensation for students?

I have decided to leave Dalhousie and will complete my undergraduate degree elsewhere. Some members of the DFA upon hearing my decision felt that the same problems would plague any other university I may choose. My response: the DFA obviously thinks it is better elsewhere as they have explicitly stated on the news and on campus billboards. Students have heard many times that Dalhousie professors are among the lowest paid in Canada. From a student's point of view Dalhousie tuition is one of the highest in Canada. Now in the aftermath of the strike students are perhaps facing yet another tuition hike to pay for the professors increased salary.

Perhaps I would not be so bitter about paying a few hundred dollars more if I was ensuring myself a quality education. However, I work hard throughout the summer months to pay for an education I am not receiving. I am saddened by the lack of passion so many of my professors have expressed for their job. To those who believe (naively) that Dalhousie has achieved educational ideals, please listen more carefully. Believing is not enough.

**CHRIS MCCROSSIN**  
BSc. in frustration

beginning.

During the strike things only got worse. It seemed that the biggest priority of the DSU executive (new and old) was how many times they could get into the media. Using the media as a tool to promote the interest of the students can be very effective but not when the cause is forgotten, as seems to have been the case. There were many initiatives launched through the DSU, such as the rally, which comes to mind as a success due to the student participation. However, how many people there really knew the issues on the table and communicated to the DSU what the students wanted the DSU to do about the situation?

## Our choice was voices...what happened?

Call it the politics of organized passivity. This year's DSU was dismayingly short-sighted in their responses to the DFA strike and student demands for an active role in the forcing of a settlement.

But lets back up for a second. Earlier this year president Chris Adams and the rest of the DSU rode out one dispute between Dalhousie's administration and educators employed at the university. Throughout the negotiations and strike preparations among Dal's TAs and part-time instructors the DSU quietly "gathered information" and refused to take a stand. Never mind that virtually every student at Dal is affected by the way TAs and part-timers are treated and payed. Never mind that by far the majority of TAs and part-timers are actually grad students at Dal, and therefore members of the Dalhousie Student Union. Adams and co. dismissed the concerns of TAs, part-timers and their students by pointing to the university's accounting ledgers and crying poorhouse on behalf of Tom Traves.

Clearly they thought that they could do the same thing with the faculty strike. As everyone who was at the DSU's "information meeting" before the strike last month knows, Dal's students were not willing to let them off so easy.

So they organized a rally. But what a rally! Oy vey!

Games! Hot Dogs! Want to wave a sign? Here they are, already printed up for you! "We pay we say"; "no strike no hike"; "don't exclude us include us"; "if there is no us there is no U"; and my personal favourite, "our choice is voice". What choice? Whose voice?

My partner teaches five year old children in the Halifax school system. She considers it an insult to their intelligence and individuality to give them pre-printed drawings to colour, or to force them to express themselves through other people's cutesy words and phrases. But according to the DSU this is good enough for the students at Dalhousie University.

Following the rally, the DSU stance on the strike shifted. No longer were they simply against a strike, but they also demanded that Dalhousie maintain its quality of

education. Nonetheless, they were unwilling to do something to force the administration to address the quality of education issues raised by the Dalhousie Faculty Association. Once again, the best that the DSU could do was point to the university's accounting ledgers and cry poorhouse on behalf of Tom Traves.

Meanwhile, a group of Dal students, frustrated by DSU inaction, decided to act on their own. Students in Solidarity for a Quality Education began to organize student protests by joining their professors on the picket lines,

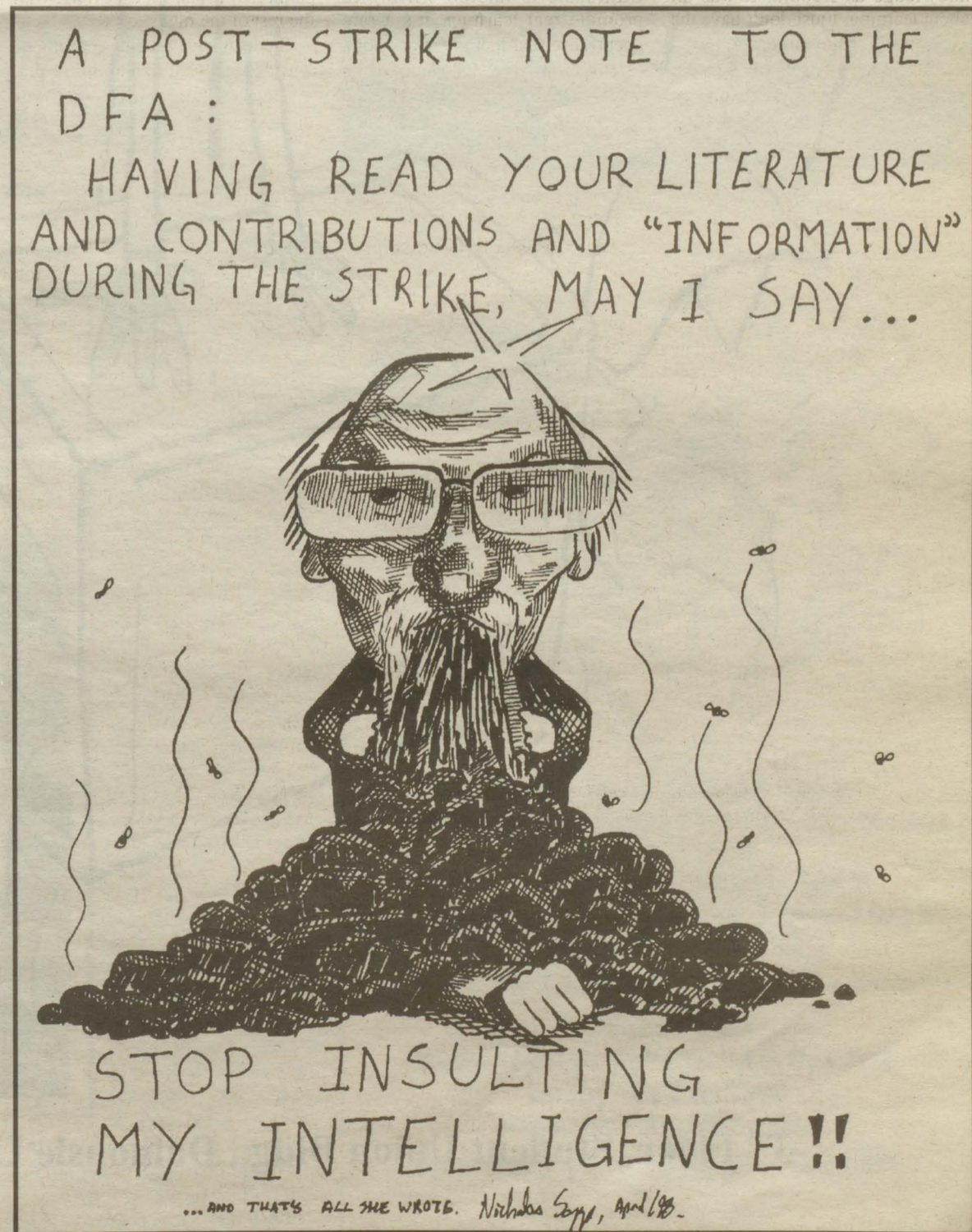
organizing teach-ins and planning for rallies in the event of an extended strike. Signs were designed by individuals, decisions made by consensus. Minority opinions in the group were respected as it developed and refined its message and position.

What support did the Students in Solidarity get from the DSU? None. Despite repeated requests, the DSU refused to do so little as to announce the existence of the group on its "information network". The party apparatus would not tolerate dissention. Instead, the DSU conducted its

own protests, which did not require student input or participation. First, our student union kicked the DFA strike information help-desk out of the SUB. Then it designed the student "graveyard" in front of the SUB, once again stifling the diversity of student voices with their own trite catch-phrases and slogans. Then the DSU decided that suing the DFA and the administration was a great publicity stunt.

Never mind that bringing a suit of "services not rendered" buys into the consumerist model of

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# DSU councillors acting out of self-interest

I have read the article "Students suing Traves, Ugursal" printed in the latest issue of the Gazette (vol 130, #25 - April 2, 1998) and wish to express my disappointment with the 1997-98 DSU council.

As a graduate student and member of the DAGS council (though in this letter I am in no way expressing or representing the opinions of DAGS) representing the Faculty of Medicine, the fees that I pay to the DSU come with the expectation that the DSU council will represent my interests or the interests of the majority of students. However, during the DFA

strike, it was made obvious that the present DSU council is representing not the interests of the majority of students but the interests and opinions of DSU councillors.

During the early phase of the strike, the DSU official position was of a neutral stand. However, its actions spoke louder than its words. The DSU's actual position was with the university and the Senate and not with the students. Of all the students who played a supporting role in the strike, the vast majority stood on the DFA's side and not the Admin's. The DSU

chose to ignore this. Indeed, this amateurish student government chose to ignore the will of the majority. Was it a simple political manoeuvre to stay "best buddies" with the Admin? Or did other self-serving issues come in?

The decision taken by the DSU council to pay for the legal costs associated with small-claims suits filed against Dalhousie president Dr. Tom Traves and DFA president Dr. Ismet Ugursal illustrates my point. The wishes of 18 students are in no way representative of the wishes of the majority of students and thus do not constitute

justifiable reason for the actions undertaken by the DSU. My money and the money of many other students is being used to represent the wishes of a small minority. I am morally opposed to the use of my money to support this position, even if done as a political manoeuvre seeking to increase public support and thereby pressuring both sides to settle quickly. A university education is not about how much it costs, but about growth, personal development and fulfilment. No price tag can be placed on such items. I believe the majority of

students feel that paying a bit more in tuition is better than receiving a mediocre educational opportunity.

In closing, due to the lack of representation on the part of the DSU during the DFA strike as exemplified by the financial support given to 18 students for the legal fees associated with the small-claims suit brought against Drs. Traves and Ugursal, I demand a full refund of my DSU fees for the 1997-1998 academic year.

**MICHAEL CHARETTE**



## DSU activity and inactivity during the DFA strike

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education which the Board of Governors wants to cultivate at Dal. Never mind that many students objected to the law suit as a misrepresentation of student concerns and opinions. The DSU spent \$900 of student money to send several DSU councillors and other students to small claims court to demand that the university provide "product", namely class time, that was missed because of the strike.

For some Dalhousie students the strike was a learning experience, even if that learning was not done for a course credit. By taking part in the protests, pickets and teach-ins organized by the Students in Solidarity group, I was forced to think through my own ideas about the strike as I became more engaged with the issues. For me the strike became an opportunity to

take my education out of the library and classroom and onto the street, and to explore the tensions and conflicts this creates. It was a great experience, one of the high points of my four years at Dalhousie.

To the DSU, I say that Dalhousie's students deserved better. The attempts of the DSU to script and choreograph student protest through a pre-fabricated rally and their inane student graveyard was an insult. The decision to provide no support to Students in Solidarity, while at the same time providing almost \$1000 for another minority student group to make their protest through Nova Scotia's courts is inconsistent at best.

To the friends I made through Students in Solidarity, I say thanks for a great experience. Our choice was voices — our own voices.

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## What are you doing this summer and what would you rather be doing?



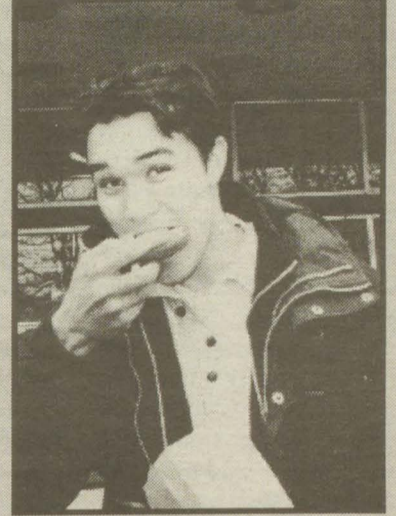
"Going to summer school, probably getting a job working at a bakery...but I would probably rather be going travelling."  
-MaryAnn Nasrallah, 1st year Commerce (SMU), Halifax NS



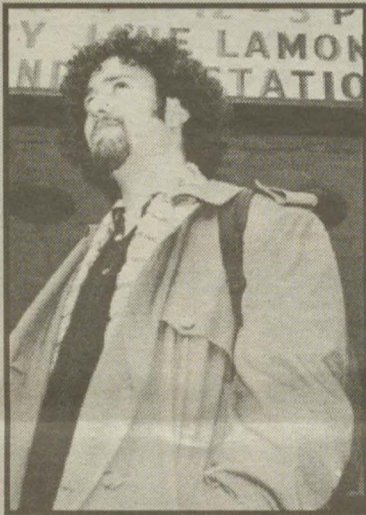
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-Peter Fielding, 4th year BA Music, Dartmouth NS



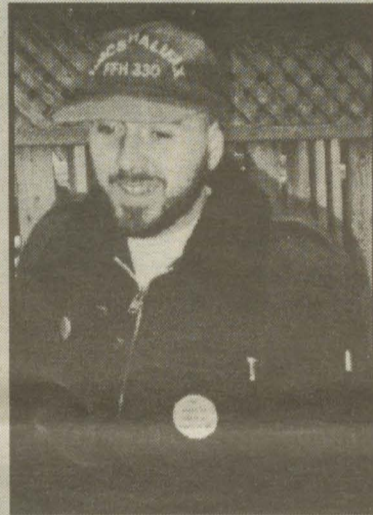
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-Emily Donelan, Mom of Dal Student, Dartmouth NS



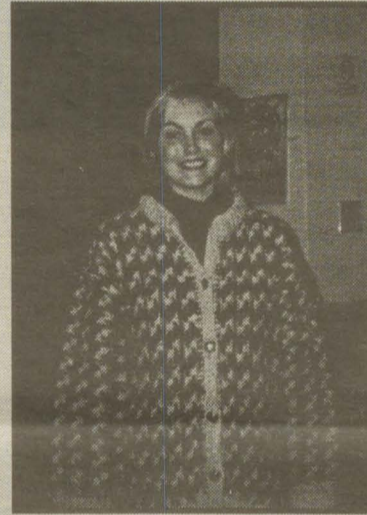
"I'd rather be somewhere in Europe, but I'm working for Weed Man so I'll be hanging out on people's lawns."  
-Jason Pelley, 2nd year BSc, Dartmouth NS



"I don't know what I am doing this summer, but I think I would rather be working... playing music or something."  
-Barrett Morrison, 2nd year BA Music, Hubbards NS



"I'll be working... I'd like to be playing in the Canadian Chess Championship."  
-Antoni Wysocki, Volunteer at CKDU and NSPIRG, Halifax NS



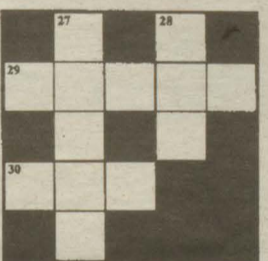
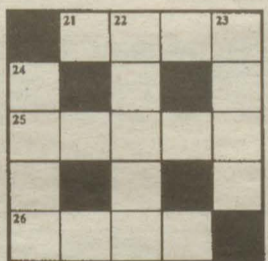
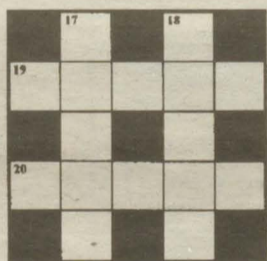
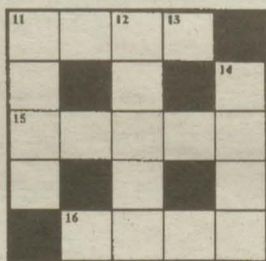
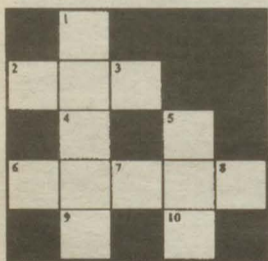
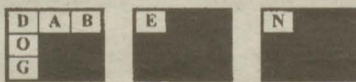
"For the final part of my Heath Education degree, I have to do a placement for eleven weeks and I don't get paid... I would like to be working and getting paid."  
-Jacqueline Hibbs, 4th year Health Education, St. John's NF



"I'm going on a boat to do some oceanography research work... and then I am coming back to Halifax to finish my thesis. I'd rather be gardening."  
-Wayne Groszko, 5th year PhD, Calgary AB

### 3D Crossword Puzzle # 16 — by Eric Fielding

A 3D crossword grid has words across, down, and deep.  
In the example DAB is across, DOG is down, and DEN is deep:



#### Across

- 2. In Darts: Triple 20, 20, 20 (3)
- 6. Stumbles Upon (5)
- 11. Cannabis Sativa (4)
- 15. Eyepiece (5)
- 16. Mineral Deposits (4)
- 19. Specks (5)
- 20. Analyze 16 ACROSS (5)
- 21. CO(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (4)
- 25. Quiz Master (5)

- 26. One Of Four Hands In Bridge (4)
- 29. Music-Related Palindrome (5)
- 30. In Low Spirits (3)

#### Down

- 1. Rocket \_\_\_\_ Hood (5)
- 5. Sum (3)
- 11. Black \_\_\_\_ (4)

- 12. A Medieval Lord's Estate (5)
- 14. Chief Ingredient Of A Nursery Rhyme Porridge (4)
- 17. Slide Down (5)
- 18. Return To Normalcy (5)
- 22. Lawn/Garden Tools (5)
- 23. What A Pretentious Person Might Put On (4)

- 24. Stark Naked (4)
- 27. Sum (5)
- 28. Container For 14 DOWN (3)

#### Deep

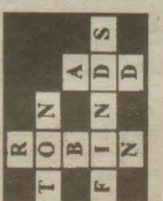
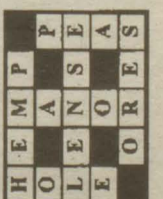
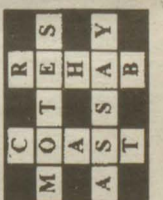
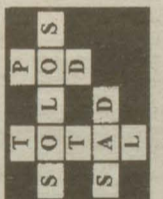
- 1. Reduced In Price, Yet Again (5)
- 2. Catacombs (5)
- 3. Birth-Related (5)
- 4. Wild Animal (5)


- 5. Became Residue From A Fire (5)
- 6. Triskaidekaphobia And Arachnophobia (5)
- 7. Followed A Scent (5)
- 8. What Simon Does (4)
- 9. Anagram Of Talon (5)
- 10. What Students Tend To Have Much Of (4)
- 13. Kind Of School (4)
- 14. Ψ And ψ (4)

### Answers To 3D Crossword Puzzle # 15:



Answers To 3D Crossword Puzzle # 16:





# FOCUS

## Mind and body: the healing power of touch

BY GAZETTE STAFF

From the everyday person to the professional athlete, massage can play an integral role in the physical and emotional well-being of a person.

Massage therapy can alleviate the discomfort of many ailments such as neck and back pain, stress, headaches, tendonitis and the discomforts associated with pregnancy. Professional massage can also aid recovery from severe physical injuries.

It can also assist in the aches and pains caused by athletics. Participating in any physical activity subjects our muscles to small injuries called micro-traumas. The body heals micro-traumas in the tendons, muscles and ligaments by generating a connective tissue protein called collagen. Massage aids the healing process by breaking up excess collagen between healthy muscle fibres. This increases circulation and allows the body to flush out lactic acid and other toxins faster.

Receiving a massage before a competition helps athletes warm up. This enhances performance and prevents injuries during the event. Athletes can speed the recovery

process with a post-competition massage.

Alan Miller, a recreational runner, says massage therapy makes it easier for his muscles to recover after a

run. "I can really notice a difference when I get a massage after running...it feels great. When I don't, it takes a bit longer to get the tightness out of the legs."

Today, more people are

becoming aware of alternative health care methods. People are keeping their bodies in shape

through exercise, diet and relaxation. People are also actively attempting to reduce mental, physical and emotional

stress. This has led to recognition of massage as an effective tool in an ever-expanding array of health care techniques. Massage is establishing credibility through

receive education in the areas of anatomy, physiology, pathology, kinesiology, hydrotherapy and the treatment of medically-related conditions. During their training students receive extensive clinical experience. After registering with a provincial governing body, therapists must display their registration number on each receipt they issue.

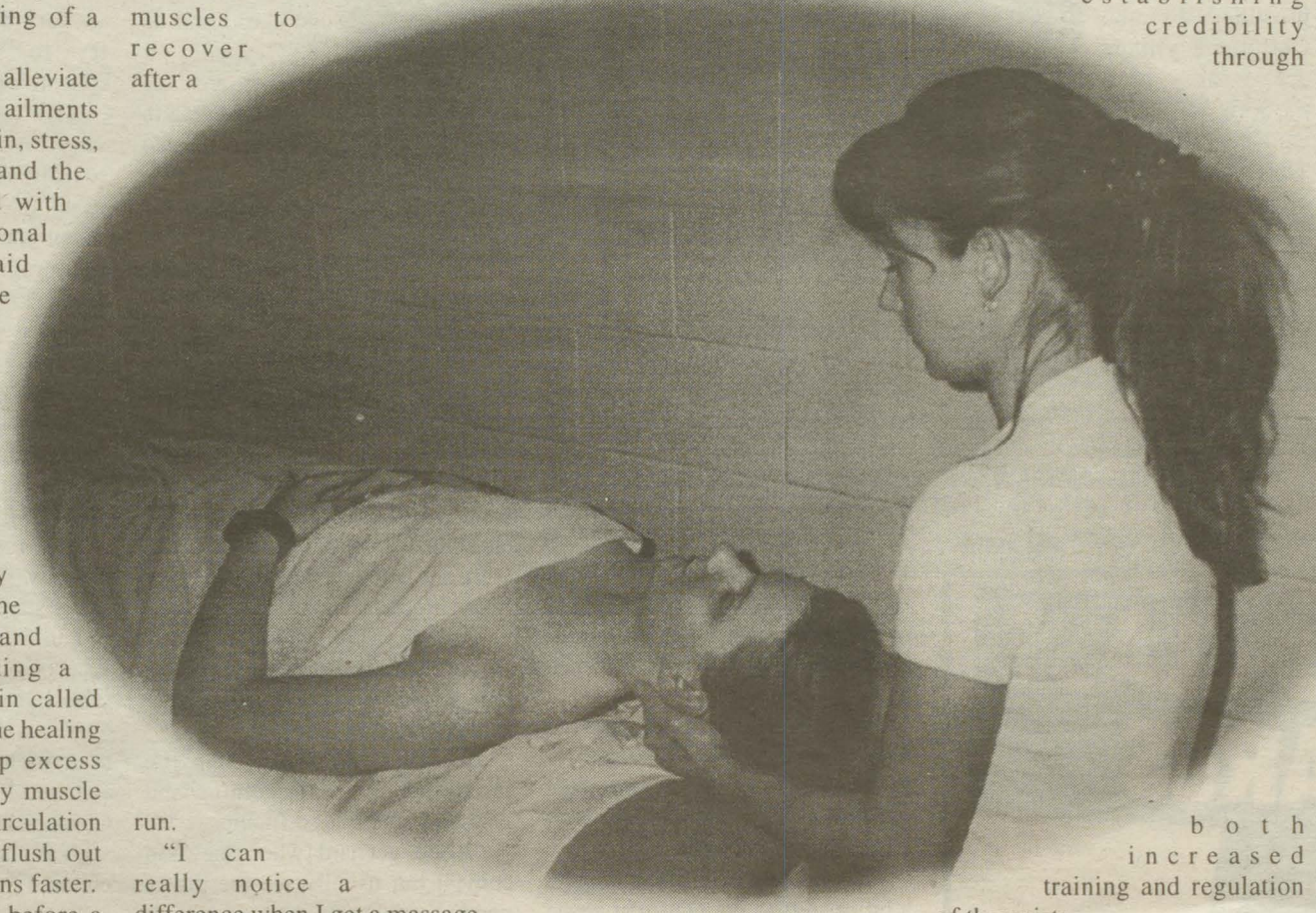
Patricia Ward is a registered massage therapist working in Halifax. She says her work is very rewarding.

"What I enjoy the most about massage therapy is helping people reach their goals, such as getting people back to daily activities after traumatic injury," says Ward.

Depending upon where you go, massages can be affordable for students. The average cost of massage treatment in metro Halifax is \$60 per hour or \$35 for a half-hour appointment, and many of these clinics offer student discounts.

A doctor's referral is often required to receive treatment of injuries.

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both increased training and regulation of therapists.

Massage therapists are required to complete a minimum of 2200 hours of training in a government-approved school of massage. They

### Basic massage techniques

Massage was first documented in China before being popularized by the Greeks and Romans, who incorporated massage into their health care regime. In Europe however, it was not well received during the Middle Ages to the 16th century because of societal taboos — often massage was inaccurately portrayed as a sexual act. In the East, massage, acupuncture, acupressure and shiatsu were valued for their healing properties.

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**Deep tissue massage** uses slow strokes and deep hand pressure on tight areas, either following or going against the grain of the muscle. It releases tension and restores suppleness and length.

**Trigger-point therapy** applies concentrated finger pressure on specific "trigger points" to break the cycle of spasm and pain. Trigger points are small sensitive areas in the muscle fibres that develop under extreme physical stress. They are commonly found in the lower back, neck and shoulders.

**Shiatsu** is massage blended with acupressure. Pressure is applied to special points along meridians, the invisible channels of energy flow in the body. Shiatsu is short for the Japanese term of shiatsuryoho: "shi" meaning finger and "atsu" meaning pressure.

**Sports massage** techniques are designed to benefit muscles by warming and softening tissues, realigning muscle fibres, breaking down scar tissue and flushing toxins from muscles. Sports massage helps to speed recovery from hard workouts and competition and enhance performance.

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# SOS Children's Village one-of-a-kind in Canada

BY ERIN SPERLING

The idea of a traditional family has been changing with the times. A mother is sometimes a dad; brothers and sisters may be halves or steps. At the SOS Children's Village in Margareville, Nova Scotia, this diversity is celebrated and used to enhance the lives of children. It is where family doesn't have to mean a biological connection, but does mean a caring relationship.

SOS, a home for distressed children and families, has been open since 1983, serving the needs of those who have nowhere else to turn. The village, located about 2 hours from Halifax on the Bay of Fundy, was the first of its kind in North America. Thus far, it is the only facility of its kind established in Canada, although one is being developed in Surrey, BC.

Wendy Chappell has been the director of the facility since the early nineties. She is responsible for three programs within the village and creating a connection between SOS and the community of Margareville. She understands the special attention needed by the residents of the village.

"Most of the youth coming in

our care come from distressed backgrounds. They arrive here typically with quite a number of issues [that] they need to look at and work on. [They] sometimes have a lot of emotional [and] behavioral problems when they first arrive and often a lot of...learning disadvantages. We typically work hard with them and work really closely with the schools," said Chappell.

The programs provided by the Children's Village are for both permanent and temporary residents. There are nine permanent residents, and seven children currently in the monthly respite program. There is also a Prevention Program for families, in which there are currently four families for a total of fifteen people. There are eleven beds available for permanent residents.

"The longest that anyone has been here to this point is just short of thirteen years, and he had been the

first child placed here in 1983 when it opened. He left here at age 20," said Chappell.

"Technically, they move out of our village when they move out of the care system, because they are all under the care of Child Welfare. Some of them remain in care until they are 19 and some until they are

that — an average day for any kid.

"I go to school. I come home and I usually do my homework as soon as I get home because we have a study hour from four to five," said Peraud. "Once a week, at least in my house, we do cooking [because we all take turns]. And we have chores, everyone has a different chore everyday. We do that and whatever you want to do at night time for an activity, you can go ahead and do it."

There are three children living in his house, himself and two girls aged nine and fifteen.

"I consider them my sisters,"

but they're not my biological sisters," he stated.

They live in a regular house, with a kitchen, a bedroom each and a house mother who is hired to care for them.

There are two other permanent residence houses in the village. The children from each house interact with one another, as well as their house brothers and sisters.

"We are all pretty close, basically we are all brothers and sisters around here. It's pretty good. It's like a little subdivision," Peraud said.

However, he says that the instability of people coming and going is sometimes difficult.

"It does get hard [when a new kid comes] but usually we are pretty good about that. In three years I've seen people come and go. It takes a little time to get used to the person, getting to know them, but otherwise it's not too bad," he said.

In terms of his own future, Peraud

21. It depends on a number of factors.

"The really different thing we do is keep the kids connected after they go out of the care system. If they [are] in a group home or something like that, and they [have] hit their nineteenth birthday, they're out of care [and] there is typically no longer a connection," she said.

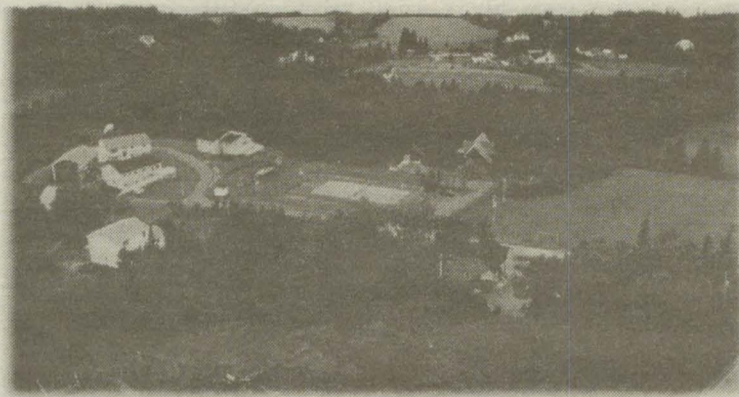
"We try to simulate a family, to reconstitute some sort of a family setting for them."

And some kids really do call it home.

Steve Peraud is a 17-year-old resident of the Children's Village. He has been there for a little over three years now. He seems happy with what it has to offer him.

"It's great up here. There is quite a bit of stuff to do. [There's] peace and quiet. There's a lot of sports activities I can do...I mean, we are pretty creative up here," he said.

An average day for the kids at the Children's Village appears to be just



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is optimistic.

"I'm hoping to graduate and afterwards, I am looking into going to law school. That's one of the goals I have right now but that could change," he said.

Chappell says that although few of the children who have lived in the village go on to post-secondary education, there are opportunities available.

"Our national office in Ottawa does have an education fund which would help somewhat with expenses — not fully, but somewhat. We do try to push [post-secondary education], that's for sure.

"We have certainly had lots of very bright kids. I have two seventeen-year-olds who are straight-A students and one who is fluently trilingual, so I am really encouraging them. But they also don't know that the world of university is out there," said Chappell.

"We are trying to set up a relationship between [the Phi Delta Theta fraternity] and the village and one of our ideas was to have our youth go in and spend a day with one of the frat boys, going around campus, going to class with them, really starting to get some exposure to a university setting because then it becomes a reality for them. If you don't have that exposure in your life ever, it's not as real. Your options seem more limited," Chappell said.

One of the major obstacles that Chappell faces is making technology, such as computers, available for the children.

"Access to technology is really very important to students. I think it is really important because I don't think anyone is going to be getting many jobs if they aren't at least computer literate. We have travelled many roads trying to come up with [the funding] and have hit brick walls all over the place. Used computers would be really appreciated down here — we don't need new stuff," she said.

Jason Charette is a Commerce student at Dalhousie who agrees.

Charette is doing his co-op work term with the SOS Children's Village. He spent the first month of his work term living at the village before returning to Halifax to drum up awareness and support for the children.

"As a student [at Dal], I can't imagine not being able to use [a computer] everyday," he said.

As both Chappell and Charette believe, without exposure to the technology that other people take for granted, these kids are somehow missing out on other things as well.

"These kids are so isolated. The office has a computer with internet [access], just one. They only have five hours [on the internet per] month. Once they start using e-mail for business, five hours gets used up in a month pretty fast, so the kids have no access to computers at all.

"They keep asking when the computers are coming in," said Charette.

Despite the lack of computer access, the SOS Children's Village offers kids a safe and special home when they have nowhere else to go.

"It is a unique place for kids to go," said Charette. "Instead of going to a house, they go to the village. And they take kids from all over the province."

# ARTS & CULTURE

## Never a dull moment with Highland Heights

BY KAREN PARKER

Ceilidh-seekers who attended Highland Heights' shows last week at the Marquee Club or the Grawood received quite a surprise. The Halifax-based group (all originally from Cape Breton) are well known for their first CD of east coast and celtic standards, as well as for their appearances at traditional music venues such as the Lower Deck. However, on this occasion, they showcased a fresh sound: strong, original, rootsy rock music.

During Thursday night's CD release at the Marquee, the band joked that the reason their new album, *Never a Dull Moment*, is not very "celtic" is so people will stop calling vocalist Norma MacDonald "Bonnie Jean" or "Cookie". In truth though, the band would much rather perform original material.

"You really get to a point where you have to stop doing all this traditional music," says vocalist Norma MacDonald.

"To be playing every night you

really have to like what you're doing. Writing our own stuff is more rewarding," adds pianist/vocalist Rob Lorway.

With eight originals and three covers on their new CD, it's quite a departure from the band's first album.

"We were told that we needed to put certain traditional songs on [our first CD] or else people wouldn't be interested in buying it," says Lorway.

*Never a Dull Moment*, which was recorded at Idea of East Recording in Halifax (the same place Sloan's *One Chord to Another* was recorded), is a reflection of Highland Heights' new confidence in their own songwriting abilities.

And that confidence is well founded. *Never a Dull Moment* is an impressive sophomore effort, with the four core band members sharing song-writing and vocal duties. There are several standout tracks, including the alternative-rock inspired song "I'm Not Sorry", and the very catchy "This Time", which includes a funky

trumpet in its arrangement. The band's instrumental and vocal talents are also obvious on the slower-paced songs, such as MacDonald's jazzy cover of "Perfect".

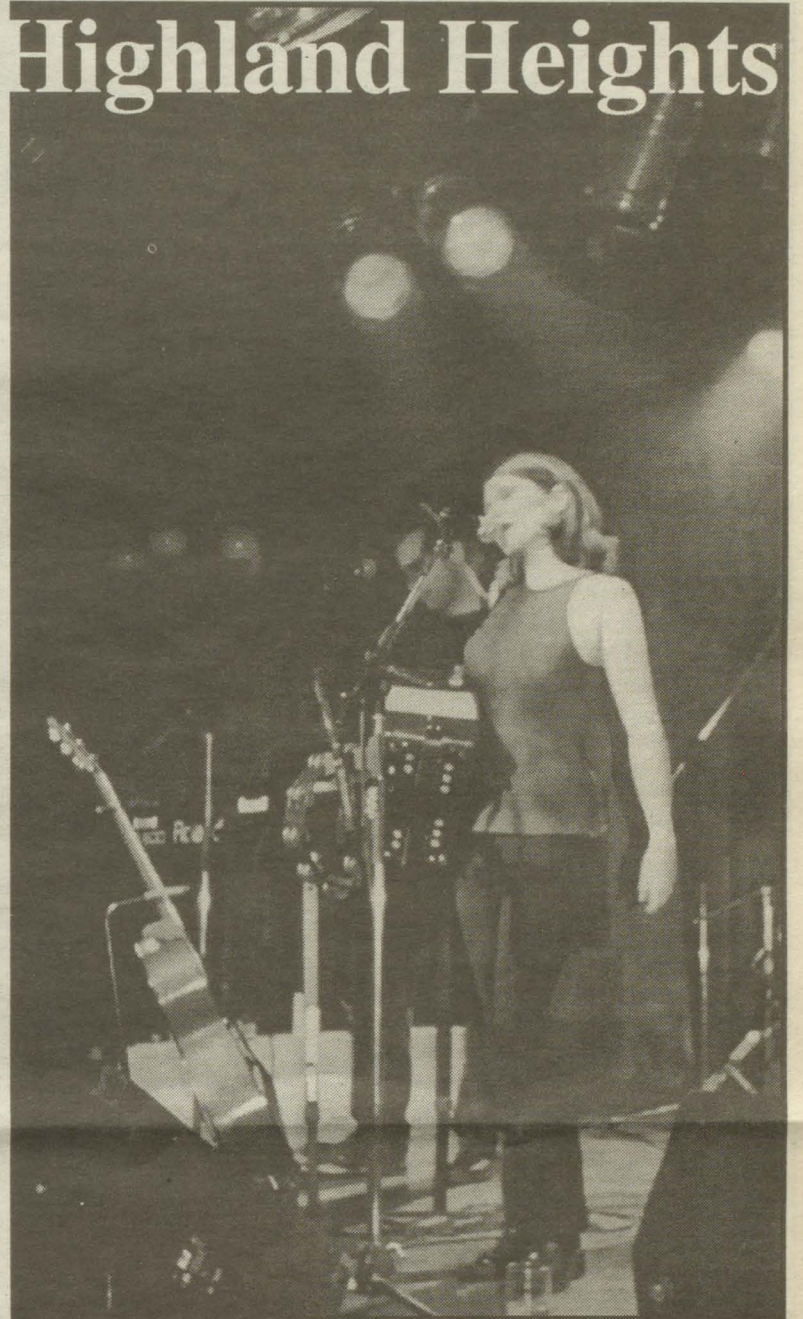
If all goes well, Highland Heights hope they might even be able to produce a video for one of the songs from the album.

"Funding is hard to come by, but we're really hoping that we can [cut a video]," says MacDonald. "It depends on how well this first single goes."

Highland Heights recently returned from a well received two-week tour, and the band is hoping that bigger things will keep coming their way.

"We're going to make a movie about our lives," jokes MacDonald. "Kate Winslet is going to be me."

Honestly, though, the band says that right now their main goal is to promote the new album, and in September they plan to tour across Canada for the first time ever.



Highland heights rocks the Marquee. (Photo by Diane Cane)

## Clerks, comic vision assembled by slackers

BY PHIL E. LEWIS

The cult movie *Clerks* was based on a pair of slackers who worked at convenience and video stores. The movie focused on their complete disregard for their customers and feelings of superiority over those who entered their kingdom. Recently, a comic book has begun publication based on the movie. Unlike other movie-based comics, *Clerks* is penned by the writer of the original movie, Kevin Smith.

Smith has created a comic book that has all the elements of the movie, but is lacking in the story department. Only the first issue has been released, so it is likely that he needs time to get his feet under him in this foreign medium.

The first issue revolves around the video guy's get-rich-quick scheme — getting into the rare *Star Wars* toy market. From the

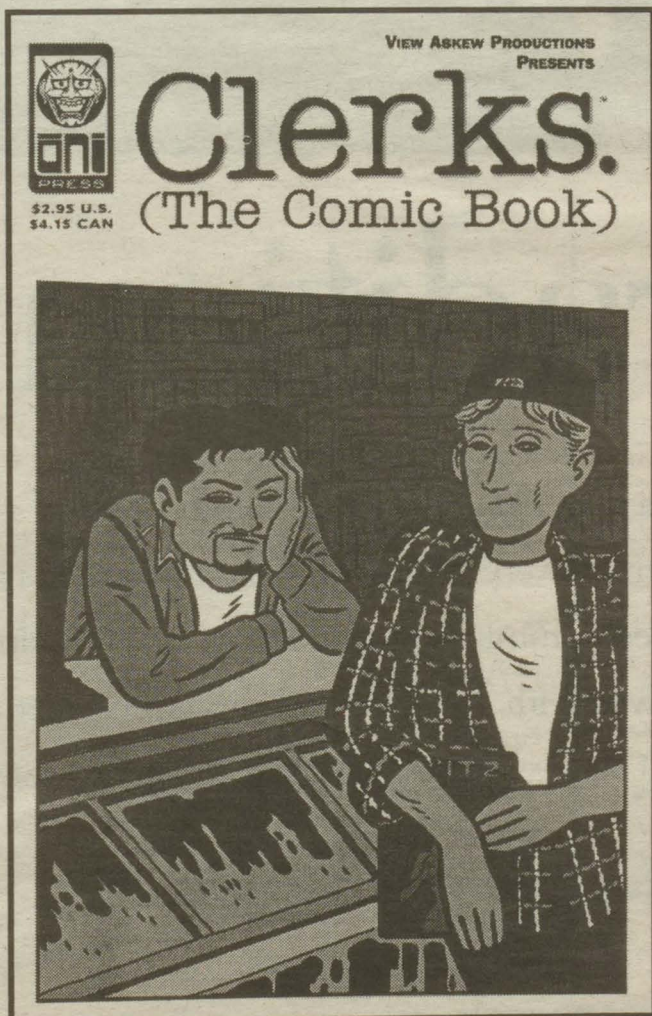
perspective of a *Star Wars* fan, I did find some moments of humour but the storyline was drawn out and farfetched. The

worshipped for being in possession of figures such as the "Leia porked Ewok".

The characters remain true to those in the movie, but they don't transfer well between mediums. I can only take so much of Smith's incessant addiction to drawn out captions which read more like rants rather than dialogue.

Jim Mahfood's alternative drawing style does seem appropriate for the magazine. It is not a very clean and sharp style but it captures the characters' quirkiness and a broad range of emotions. The comic is in black and white, which is consistent with the lack of color in the film.

It is obviously the movie that is drawing the comic's readers, but without a well written first issue, those readers will not last. The comic book market has such a glut of product that readers are very discriminate and unforgiving. I hope Smith is committed to improving his craft, 'cause without a stronger effort this book is headed for certain death.



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# Making life through the camera lens

BY AVI LAMBERT

The Atlantic Film-makers Cooperative's seventh annual AFCOOPALOOZA last weekend reflected the hype and momentum of the movie industry in Halifax and the maritimes.

I was expecting a lot of the 'beautiful people' at last weekend's screening, but I was surprised. People were a tad outrageous and others were beauties, but there were few Hollywood types — the crowd was mostly filled with normal people, several of whom I'm sure see life as though it was through a camera lens.

The screening-paloozic festival had to turn away over sixty people to make space for the chaotic crowd that packed NSCAD's Bell Auditorium. Following the cramped two hour screening of almost 32 short films there was a cash bar, free food and a performance by Knifey Moloko.

The filming of Titanic on the Halifax waterfront and the recent creation of Electropolis studios is a sign of the times. These developments are incentives for international studios to come to Halifax to produce films.

But the co-op prefers to focus on the work of local film-makers.

"Rather than big sweeping Hollywood productions coming in," says Tanis Rodiuk, "we have talent being cultivated here at the ground level."

Rodiuk is co-ordinator of the 24-year old Atlantic Film-makers Cooperative, which hosted the event. Rodiuk and other people involved in the festival are positive that Halifax and the east coast has more to offer than typical maritime scenery.

The co-op runs film workshops, collectively called *Shortworks*, which were created to support and teach new and old people in the industry.

Also, the co-op has created many programs intended to aid up-and-coming artists. The "Film Five" program provides desperately needed funding to those involved in the industry who come up with a good script. Thom Fitzgerald, of the acclaimed film *The Hanging Garden*, is a graduate of the program. His film, *Cherries*, was one of the nominated shorts at the screening four years ago.

And the work of new film-makers on the scene is extraordinary. It's truly amazing what can be accomplished in under 15 minutes. One of the short films at the 'palooza was a film called *Terminal Lunch*. In 13 minutes a truly powerful and eye opening dilemma is developed. Though you're left asking yourself if the cliffhanger ending would have been avoided if the film was longer, you wonder why you pay so much for big-budget three hour motion pictures that don't leave you with the same amount of satisfaction.

Michael Greer, whose film *Bird in the House* was recently sold to CBC, received funding by "Film Five".

"It's going to be a busy summer in Halifax and this region," Greer says. "[The 'Film Five' program] gives that helping hand."

Andy Pedersen is one of this year's recipients of a \$10,000

Atlantic Film Cooperative's intermediate level film funding grant. Pedersen says that the funding program is a "great opportunity when you don't have a lot on your own reel."

The co-operative and its programs and courses are closely run with the Center for Art Tapes and Flashfire Productions. Four films are awarded funding from the co-op and the Center for Art Tapes each year. This means that films are being created in two different

mediums, but in a closely related environment. Ann Verrall of the Centre for Art Tapes says that "the film and video industry [in Halifax] are working together on the cutting edge."

It looks like Verrall is right. The beautiful and somewhat quirky shorts shown at the 'palooza this year are only a taste of the film talent in this city. The list is long, and I'm not one for name dropping, but...Lulu Keating, Scott Simpson, and Bill McGillivray are but a few.

"Film Five" gets 64 per cent of its funding from the government, with ties to such organizations as the CBC, Telefilm Canada, the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, the Nova Scotia Arts Council, and the Canada Council for the Arts. The rest of the funding comes from membership fees and courses taught at NSCAD. It is significant that these NSCAD courses are the only film-for-credit courses east of Montreal.

Sean Kelly, the chair of the

AFCOOPALOOZA organizing committee, says that next year will be the "retrospective", as it marks the Atlantic Film-makers Co-op's 25th anniversary. He told me that the event is always improving.

I didn't know what to expect from the film industry in Halifax. Now I know it's movin'. I'd like to see the Atlantic film industry get the recognition it deserves everywhere and surpass everyone's expectations. I know they've surpassed mine.

## Yellow Fever is good medicine

BY RYAN LASH

At a little show at the Market St. Jazz Cafe on Saturday night Dr. Yellow Fever and the Jive launched their new CD, *DIY*. They didn't send me one, but if it is anything like their live show, it will be worth the 17 bucks.

The show was typical Yellow Fever fare. With the solid support of the Jive, Doctor Yellow Fever himself impressed with his swingin' hips and sexy lips. With a bunch of original tunes, many from the new CD no doubt, and at least one Michael Jackson cover, the show drew many on to the dance floor.

So now with a CD and a handful of live shows under their belts, the Yellow Fever seems to be more than just a 24-hour flu. In fact, they seem to be in a position to make quite an impression on the Halifax music scene. Not celtic and not part of the incestuous indie-rock family (well OK, frontman Kamran Abdi was part of Three Penny Opera, but hey it's Halifax — it's even more impressive that he isn't directly related to any of the members of Sloan), the group has a sound that Halifax hasn't heard too much of. And I'm sure I'm not the only one



Fans and the like caught Dr. Yellow Fever's latest gig at the Market Street Jazz Cafe. (Photos by Ryan Lash)

who thinks that's a good thing.

So before they too run off, chasing after bigger and better things (I hear that Calgary doesn't have a Halifax band to call their own yet), Dr. Yellow Fever and the

Jive could inject some musical diversity into our bland indie-pop landscape.

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# Astro City is the needle in a haystack of crap

BY PHIL E. LEWIS

of the *Astro City* storylines feature a moral which teaches us or makes us think differently about the human condition.

scotch. Young comic book readers often marvel at the possibility of being their favourite hero. In this case it was the hero that was envious of the life of the "real" kids. comic book field today. It manages to accomplish what the medium is meant to do — tell a provocative story while making use of our often neglected imagination.

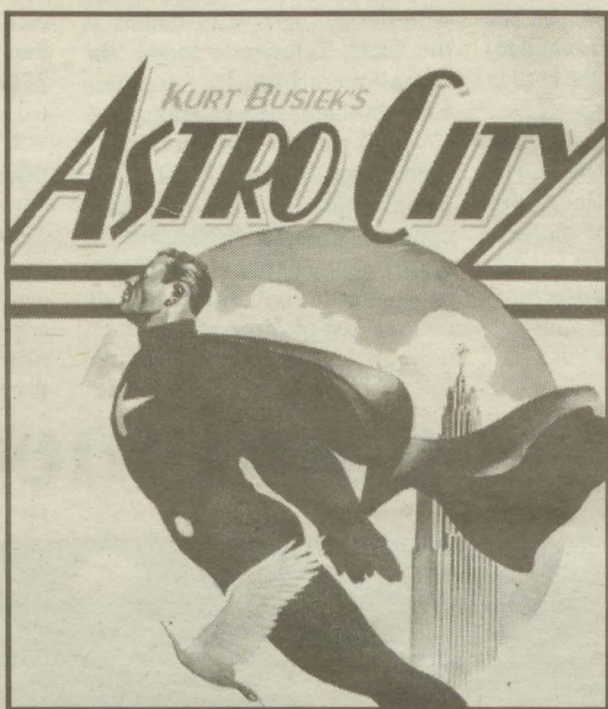
A visit to your local comic book store will make you quickly aware that the comics of today are not for kids. Comics today are generally more focused on gratuitous T&A. This is obviously done for the sheer sales potential to the horny shut-ins who plague these kind of stores. Comic book publishers believe their clientele are young boys struggling with puberty and men looking for a cheap thrill. There are a few books on the racks that do not fall into this abyss of juvenile sexism.

*Astro City* by Kurt Busiek and Brent Anderson is one of these exceptions. *Astro City* is a comic with your basic superhero devices, but without the basic superhero plot lines.

New mainstream books tend to try to subtly base their characters on existing ones. They do this to tap into an existing fan base without crossing the thin line which could lead to lawsuits. It's an obvious ploy to make up for their inadequacies in originality.

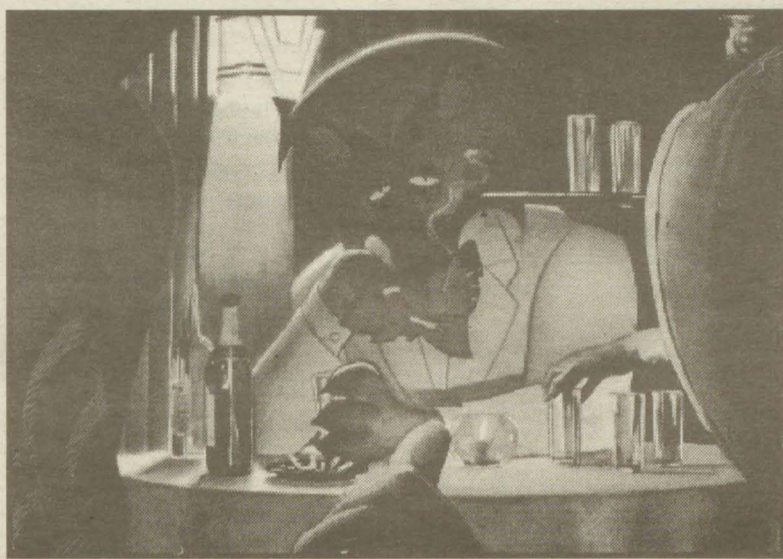
On the other hand, Busiek and Anderson blatantly copy existing characters, and they create original ones in the same vein of those prominent in the golden age of comics. This is the time in comic history (the 60s and 70s) when heroes like Superman and the Incredible Hulk were created.

The one aspect of *Astro City* which makes it stand out is the consistently good writing. Busiek's most well known works are the *Maryel* and *Kingdom Come* mini-series. These series have garnered enough critical acclaim to be used in American university english courses. Many



An example of this can be seen in the story about the First Family, who on the surface seem to be a re-working of the Fantastic Four. The story revolves around the young girl of the family and her yearning to find out what it is like to be a "normal" kid. The young child, who is the most powerful in the family, is fascinated by a group of children playing hop-

*Astro City* is a rare gem in the



## Coming of age in Babylon

*Finding Your Own Reality* is a poorly written and confusing self-help book created solely to ease the suffering of author Doug De Bias — it does not exist for your benefit. Everyone should know this before spending the exorbitant fee required to obtain this CD case-sized book: \$12 US — which means it costs even more in Canada.

*Finding Your Own Reality*

Doug De Bias

New Spring Publications

The book is a collection of De Bias' thoughts and rants on what it is to be part of western culture and America, what it was like to be a hippy and how, since they all sold out, you will too. Spiritually uplifting stuff, indeed.

The right and the left of the political spectrum clash in the author's head, but he doesn't seem

to root his ideals in any particular ideology. What results is a hodge-podge that can be downright confusing. For example, De Bias claims to be offering a self-help book, much like the ones with Neo-Buddhist sayings. But the Buddhists don't preach capitalism. De Bias will tell you how great capitalism is and how great he is, but then he'll tell you how great love is.

He continues to belie his conservatism by explaining the evil and corrupt nature of American democracy (which is inherently right-wing), parents and teachers. He'll even tell you about the nets everyone older than you is trying to trap you in; but De Bias is just trying to trap you too.

He wants you to sell-out. He doesn't want you to do what the hippies couldn't.

There are a few good thoughts in

the book. It contains politically correct views on women, homosexuality, the Vietnam War, minority groups and ethnic cleansing. However, you would have to be out of the pop-culture ring for an awfully long time to have missed the PC movement.

De Bias even shares his conservative opinions on drug use. At one point he comments that if hard drugs are enticing to you, "...put this book to much better use, and beat the hell out of yourself with it". If you're questioning what drugs are the least healthy, think of his next few lines: "What's worse: crack, heroin or speed? What's worse: killing yourself and a friend, killing yourself and a family member, or maiming yourself and killing three strangers?" His final catchy comment on drug misconceptions is "lots of pot smokers smoke too much...reefer

can be a crutch. The folks who don't think so are the folks who definitely smoke too much".

Yet, just when you think you have De Bias pegged as a bible thumpin' red blooded American, he jumps to the left again.

"I am an American patriot. I am a free person. I don't like to pledge allegiance or wave the flag. I distrust anyone who would wrap themselves in a flag. No one has the right to wrap himself in a flag of patriotism to oppress you."

Overall, De Bias switches back and forth — from an extreme leftist lamenting his inability to stay left to a reactionary right-wing corporate android. He doesn't say much that is true or right, but his personal egotism will make you contemplate the various proposed truths this model of American confusion espouses.

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Did you figure grunge was dead, or that it should be? Well someone forgot to tell Creed. I was lucky enough to get off the grunge bandwagon before it fell over and died, but this band has somehow survived. From what I hear they're getting some play on some radio stations out west, and I guess that could be considered good, as long as it stays west.

The lead vocals put up by Scott

Stapp are a mixture of the high whiny end of Layne Staley (Alice In Chains), Scott Weiland (Stone Temple Pilots) and the deep growling of Eddie Vedder (Pearl Jam). Then, again, the last I heard, those bands didn't want any recognition or decided to put out "unplugged" stuff, which is different from what happened six years ago.

This is a typical one-guitar band and Mark Tremonti does a very good job of layering a solo over a running bass line. However, although he manages to get the right "feel", his rhythm falls short. Go figure. It

sounds like he's trying too hard to get a fancy tone when he's actually not putting enough emphasis on what the song is calling for.

So, if you got caught in the plaid-wearing grunge days pick this up. But come on, how many people are still saying "Cobain is God". Meaning: Creed should try playing some California punk or crappy pop, or at least tune in to some music station, hear what's going on, and catch up with the rest of the world.

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# SPORTS

## Dal Varsity awards night tops off Year of the Tiger

BY CARMEN TAM

The 44th annual Athletics Awards Banquet sponsored by the Dalhousie Black and Gold Club honoured the varsity sports community last Wednesday in the



MacInnes Room. C100 radio sports director John Moore was the master of ceremonies for the 12th consecutive year in what is considered to be one of the finest banquets in the country.

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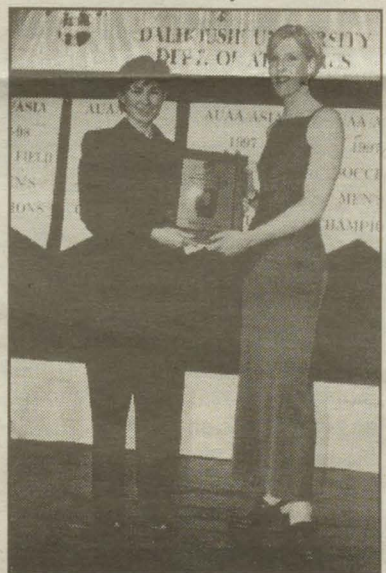
welcomed the 300 athletes, sponsors and support staff while the President of the Student Athletic Council, hockey Tiger Mark Alexander, said grace.

The first award of the night was presented by Dr. Alexander (Sandy) Young, a professor of sport history at Dal and founder of the Dalhousie Award for Great Contribution to Nova Scotia Sports. For the first time since its inception in 1976, the award went



to one of the Black and Gold's own, long-time head coach of the varsity swimming program Nigel Kemp, who retired this season after 27 years.

34 athletes were gifted with the Dalhousie Varsity Award, a



personalized plaque given to student athletes who have competed for the Tigers for three years. The volunteer recognition awards went to Garnett Cross,

Colin Guthrie and Chuck Wheeler for their contribution to the varsity programs at Dal. Swimming team manager Betty Hawary collected the Stephen Yarr Memorial Trophy while Cathy-Lynn Lee, from men's basketball, was named Trainer of the Year.

The most valuable player for each team, as voted by their teammates, were recognized at the banquet with a plaque presentation from their coaches.

This season's MVPs were Jamie Blanchard and Kristen Lewis from cross country; Stuart Kemp and Sara Woodworth from swimming; Terri Baker and Scott Simpson from track and field; Marc Rainford and Amy Harding from soccer; Terry Martin, Jason Trepanier and Jen Parkes from volleyball; Sara Henneberry and Brian Parker from basketball; and Jan Melichercik from hockey.

Soccer players Mary-Beth Bowie and Thomas Ernst took home Rookie of the Year Awards while women's volleyball coach Lori Welsh-Hawley was named the 1997-98 Coach of the Year.

Forty-seven Dalhousie athletes were recognized by the Atlantic Universities Athletic Union as All-Stars. Six of those athletes were honoured as the best in the conference: Angela Crealock (women's basketball), Mike Manuel (men's track and field), Kristen Lewis (women's cross country), Scott Simpson (men's cross country), Tomas Ernst (men's soccer), and Mary-Beth Bowie (women's soccer). Bowie was also named CIAU Rookie of the Year.

The Tigers sported four AUAA Playoff MVPs in Brian Parker

(basketball), John Hobin (volleyball), Cara MacKenzie (volleyball) and Paul English (soccer). English was also named CIAU Tournament MVP at the National Championships hosted by Dalhousie earlier this year. Soccer's Marc Rainford, Stuart Cochran, Paul English and Mary-Beth Bowie and volleyball's Terry Martin captured CIAU Tournament All-Star recognitions.

Four Tigers were named CIAU

an eight-time CIAU finalist and a CIAU bronze medalist as a Tiger.

The Climo Trophy for Outstanding Male Athlete was shared by volleyball's Terry Martin and basketball star Brian Parker. Martin, last year's co-recipient of the award, is a two-time All-Canadian, CIAU Rookie of the Year, four-time AUAA All-Star and is a member of the National Team. Parker has played for Dal for three years and is a three-time All-Conference player.



All-Canadians this season: Mary-Beth Bowie (first team), Terry Martin (first team), Brian Parker (second team) and Paul English (second team). A CIAU Honourable Mention went to men's volleyball's Jason Trepanier. The Tigers also accumulated 30 Academic All-Canadians this year.

AUAA Coach of the Year Awards went to track and field's Al Yarr and Nigel Kemp. Kemp also received the CIAU Swim Coaches Association's Distinguished Coaching Award last month in Sherbrooke at the National Championships.

The Class of '55 Trophy for Outstanding Female Athlete was awarded to Sarah Woodworth, fifth-year captain of the swimming team. Woodworth has won 11 AUAA individual titles, is

three-time All-Canadian and this season's AUAA Playoff MVP.

Woodworth also captured the President's Award for the athlete that best combines athletics and academics. Woodworth completed a mathematics degree in 1995 and is currently a third-year pharmacy student who has maintained a GPA of over 3.4.

"It was a good way to end the year," said Karen Moore, acting Director of Athletics at Dalhousie. "We are certainly pleased with how the event went. It's also nice to see such a positive and enthusiastic group."

"It takes many individuals to host an event such as this and I would like to thank everyone for their contribution."

Congratulations to all athletes for their accomplishments this season and to all award recipients.



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# AHL's youngest broadcaster a student at Memorial

BY PAULA HERRIDGE

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Chris Bonnell, news and sports director of Memorial University's campus radio station, is the youngest broadcaster in the American Hockey League. MUN-radio (CHMR) set a national precedent earlier this year by gaining the radio broadcast rights to the St. John's Maple Leafs, Toronto's professional affiliate.

For the 22-year-old Bonnell the deal meant an opportunity to help with the broadcasts.

"On a game-to-game basis, I open things up for the game on the radio, during intermissions I do updates on what's going on around the league, [and] sometimes I do interviews with players," he said.

Bonnell has also had the opportunity to do some game commentaries, something he says he has enjoyed.

"All in all, I think I've done play-by-play commentary for about five games of the 30 we've done — not bad for a first crack at it," he said.

He says one of the difficulties in

broadcasting a local team is remaining completely impartial.

"Calling the Leafs' side of things isn't all that difficult because we've followed the team throughout the season and we know who everyone is," Bonnell said. "[It is difficult] when you have other teams coming in, especially teams that you haven't seen much of the season."

Chris Schwartz, team and media co-ordinator for the St. John's Maple Leafs, says he has been quite impressed with the way Bonnell has handled his duties.

"I think it was something he wasn't really expecting to be a part of this year. I think he's [improved] as the year has gone on [and] I think he's done a great job considering that

he never really had a chance to prepare for it," Schwartz said.

The arrangement between CHMR and the St. John's Maple Leafs officially ends at the end of this season, but there are ongoing discussions as to whether the contract will be renewed for next season.

Bonnell says he intends to pursue a broadcasting career and he

would like CHMR to renew the deal with the Leafs because the experience has given both the station and himself excellent exposure.

"[Right now] I just try to go out and provide the best analysis I can. I guess I'm still trying to find my niche in the hockey broadcast world."

## Major League Baseball preview: part two

BY DANIEL CLARK

Big hitting has become the norm in the National League. The days of the .265, five home run, forty RBI platoon player are coming to an end. With it is the principle difference between the American and National leagues.

Throughout the 70s and 80s, the National League became known for its speed, its one-run games, and its bunt 'em over and sac 'em in run production. But baseball is a game of numbers, between 1983 and 1993 the NL won just three of the eleven

World Series. Attendance dropped and teams like the **Montreal Expos**, the **Chicago Cubs**, the **San Diego Padres**, and even the venerable **San Francisco Giants** were in trouble. So NL baseball sold its soul. It pursued big-hitting as a rule rather than an exception. It seems certain that, in 1998, Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs in a single season will fall. The front runner for that very American League title is National Leaguer Mark McGwire.

### National League East

Last year the NL East was the

National League's most exciting division. Four teams struggled for the prize for most of the season until it became a two-team race and then a one-team race. It is still a one-team race

The **Atlanta Braves** have been the favourites since they moved to the east in realignment. And again the Braves will walk away with this. The slaughter starts with the \$140 million starting rotation. Despite some John Smoltz health problems, Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, and Denny Neagle will beat up any lineup. The Braves sold-off aging Fred McGriff to pick up aging Andres Galarraga and Walt Weiss. The difference is the Big Cat has pulled in 88 homers and 290 RBIs in the last two years. The Braves have a solid lineup and will produce the anemic number of runs required by that rotation in spite of a terrible bullpen.

The **New York Mets** had a disappointing off-season. The Mets had a grand plan of building on last year's impressive 88-win campaign by adding a marquee starter but failed to land either Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson or Kevin Brown. What they ended up with was a result of the **Florida Marlins'** fire sale — former Blue Jay Al Leiter. For the most part the Mets are unchanged and will probably gain the most from the Marlins' disintegration. The e Mets could be in contention for a wild card spot.

The fact that the **Philadelphia Phillies** are picked here to finish third in the NL East is a testament to the cesspool which is the East's basement. The Phillies showed some real life at the end of last season posting a 44-33 mark after the All-Star break. The key was a reliable starting rotation beyond Curt Schilling. Mark Portugal, Mike Grace and Garrett Stephenson should return to second-half form. Youth is the key word on the streets of Philadelphia these days. New manager Terry Francona is perfectly suited to giving this young team anchored by last year's Rookie of the Year Scott Rolen a strong emotional base.

H. Wayne Huizenga is the Wacky Wheatley of South Florida. Within days of the **Florida Marlins** winning the World Series, he let it be known that everything was on sale — no money down, no interest till 1998. Kevin Brown, Moises Alou, Robb Nen, Devon White, Jeff Conine, Dennis Cook, Tony Saunders, Alex Fernandez, and Al Leiter. All that remains is Bobby Bonilla, Edgar Renteria, Livan Hernandez, and Gary Sheffield.

Until **Montreal** embraces the **Expos** and gives them consistent attendance, the 'Spos will always fall \$15 million short. After another money-saving fire sale, manager Felipe Alou is left to put the pieces back together. Pedro Martinez, Mike Lansing, Henry Rodriguez, Dave

Veres, David Segui and Darrin Fletcher were all lost. There is no point talking about who is on the team — no one's ever heard of them. In the words of Alou, "We won't be in contention this year".

### National League Central

This could be the worst division in baseball. It will be interesting to see how the **Milwaukee Brewers** handle being in the National League. Incidentally, they are the first team to switch leagues in the twentieth century. The battle for this league will be between two teams.

The **St. Louis Cardinals** are poised to walk away with the division. Last season they made quite possibly the most momentous deal in team history when they acquired former Oakland slugger Mark McGwire. In addition, the Cards have the division's best starting rotation with Todd Stottlemyre, Alan Benes, Donovan Osborne and Matt Morris. They have solid catching with veteran Tom Pagnozzi. Gary Gaetti, Delino DeShields and Royce Clayton provide a potent infield, while Ron Gant, Ray Lankford, and Brian Jordan make for a solid outfield. All of this under managing great Tony La Russa should make the Cards tough to beat.

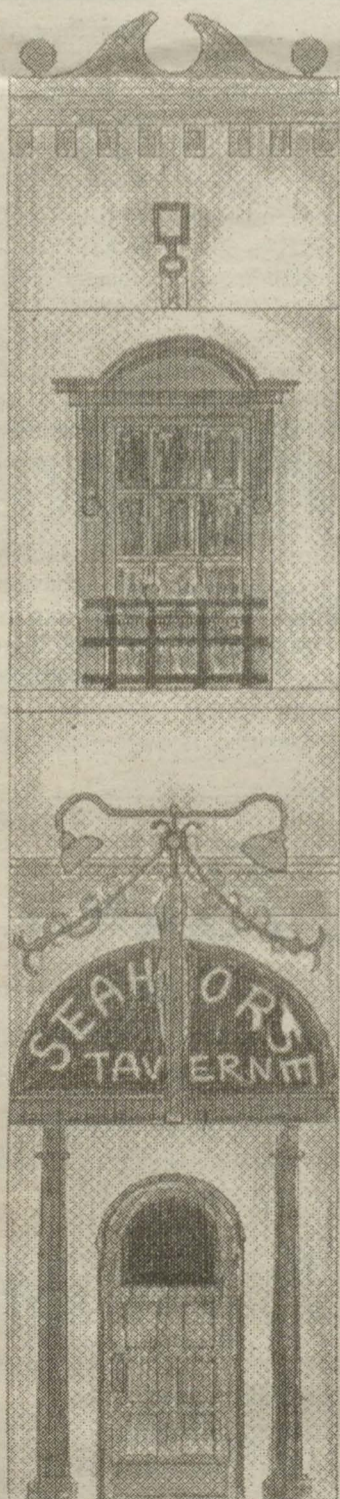
Hitting is not the problem that the **Houston Astros** need to be addressing. With Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio and Bill Spiers providing the offensive base, the Astros added Moises Alou, Jack Howell and Dave Clark. But what won the division for them last year, namely pitching, has suffered terribly at the loss of Darryl Kile. Shane Reynolds is coming off injury but Mike Hampton has solid potential. The bullpen is loaded with consistency problems which will cause the team fits. Houston just has too many pieces out of place.

Yogi Berra once said, "50 per cent of this game is 90 per cent mental". The **Chicago Cubs** will need to prove that this year and have that opportunity in Harry Carey, a Chicago icon for thirty years, who recently passed away. The unanimous consent seems to be 'win it for Harry'. With Rod Beck, Kevin Tapani, Steve Trachsel, and Jeremi Gonzalez pitching, and Mickey Morandini, Jeff Blauser, Mark Grace, Sammy Sosa, and Henry Rodriguez hitting, the Cubs have enough talent to play spoiler.

If the **Milwaukee Brewers** ever benefited from having their owner, Bud Selig, being the interim commissioner of baseball, it was when he announced that the Brew-crew will be switching to a less rich league. To inspire them, a little more management went out and spent some of Milwaukee's sparse cash reserves on Marquis Grissom. Cal Eldred and Jeff D'Amico are both solid starting pitchers, and joining Grissom are Jeff Cirillo, John Jaha,   
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# Baseball growing at Dal

BY CARMEN TAM

Dalhousie University Baseball, in its third year of operation, had another successful season, capturing their second AUAA Fall Classic title and making their third-consecutive appearance at the Canadian nationals.

Last month, the Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association (CIBA) announced that the national tournament will be held in Kentville, Nova Scotia after stints in Montreal and St. Catherines, Ontario. The winner of the Fall Classic will

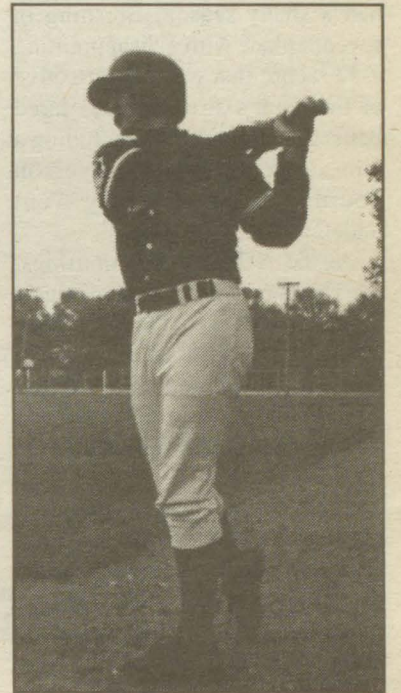
represent the Atlantic Division in Kentville in October.

The four-team conference, consisting of Dal, Acadia, UCCB and Saint Mary's, is expected to expand this year as other universities have expressed interest in fielding a team.

Dalhousie Baseball will be hosting two three-day instructional clinics, one starting May 23 and another in September. These camps will be geared toward Mosquito and Bantam-aged players. Each athlete will receive 10 hours of instruction at \$50 per player. The clinics will be run by current and former Dal baseball standouts, including CIBA all-stars Jason Irvine, Trevor Wamback and MVP Craig Higgins, who were all part of Dalhousie's 1996 national championship team.

Tryouts for the Tigers will be in early September 1998. The team is currently accepting applications for the positions of head coach and assistant coaches for the 1998-'99 season. Please send a resume and any inquiries to PO Box 22150

Halifax, Nova Scotia B3L 4T7. The application deadline is April 17, 1998.



Dal's lead-off hitter Billy MacKenzie practices his swing at Nationals last October. (Photo by Viv Tomar)

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Jose Valentin, Jeromy Burnitz and David Nilsson.

The most interesting name on the Cincinnati Reds' roster is not a player. Manager Jack McKeon walked in last year and turned around a directionless team. The Reds don't have a starting lineup of any note, but their relief core is excellent. Jeff Shaw and Stan Belinda are a solid one-two punch that locks away any eighth-inning lead. Barry Larkin, Reggie Sanders, and Mel Nieves provide the punch but the Reds could use a lot more.

The payroll of the Pittsburgh Pirates has crept dangerously high, approaching \$15 million. In comparison, every team which finished above .500 last year had a payroll of at least \$33 million. With the Cardinals, Astros and Brewers all spending money, the Pirates can just forget it.

### National League West

This is arguably one of the most exciting divisions in baseball. There are four teams here, each with high payrolls and great top-to-bottom lineups. There is absolutely no doubt that this year's wildcard team will come from this division. As always, the deciding factor will be pitching. Some have it, some don't.

The Los Angeles Dodgers are the only team in the division who are solid throughout their roster. Its consistency will hold them together. The starting rotation is anchored by Ramon Martinez, Chan Ho Park and Hideo Nomo. Antonio Osuna and Scott Radinsky are the heart of a strong bullpen. Mike Piazza is the best catcher in the majors. Todd Zeile and the injured Eric Karros man the hot corners, while Eric Young is a solid lead-off-hitter. Raul Mondesi's arm in right is amazing combined with 30/30 numbers, making him a team star.

The San Diego Padres have come a long way under John Moore's ownership. Florida ace Kevin Brown was bought to lead the rotation. Andy Ashby has tremendous potential while Pete Smith is incredibly reliable. Ken Caminiti and Wally Joyner are both productive infielders and solid leaders. The almost inhuman Tony Gwynn is back again and solid as ever. Greg Vaughn is in an almost pressureless situation. He could resurrect the Vaughn of old.

The Colorado Rockies have all the hallmarks for a successful team, but the question is whether they have enough of them. The Rocks won the Darryl Kile sweepstakes and he will

join Pedro Astacio and Kevin Ritz. The bullpen is gambling on Jerry Dipoto to produce in line with his second half last year. The Rocks had one of the best infields in baseball pillaged last year. Todd Helton and Neifi Perez are the new kids in town and they join exciting Montreal veteran Mike Lansing and the amazing Vinny Castilla. Colorado still has the best outfield in the game with Larry Walker, Ellis Burks and Dante Bichette all providing punch. No shortage in offense here, but a lot of pitching questions after Kile and Astacio.

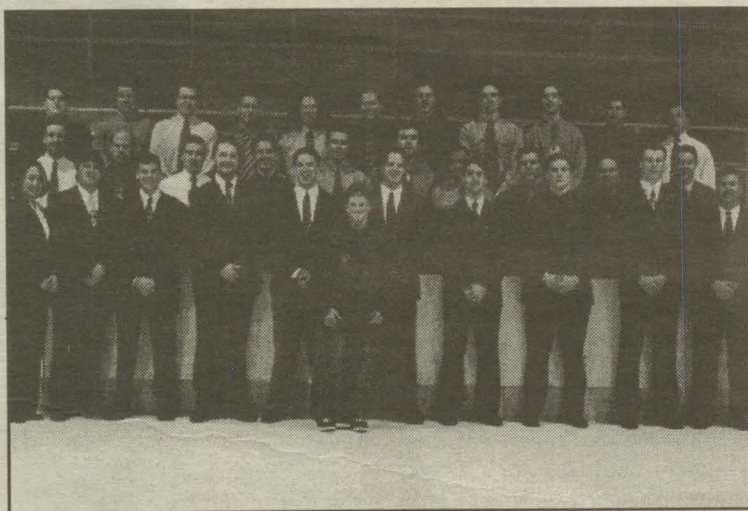
The San Francisco Giants have pitching troubles. The Giants lost Wilson Alvarez, Roberto Hernandez, Doug Henry and Rod Beck all to free agency. The only replacements were Orel Hershiser and former Marlins closer Robb Nen. The Giants still have a decent pen. Jeff Kent surprised everyone last year. JT Snow is a solid producer at first. The outfield is good with Barry Bonds

doing the offensive work. What defines the Giants offense are five guys capable of hitting .290 with 20 home runs.

The expansion Arizona Diamondbacks have clearly decided to make their presence known. The team spent \$82.75 million to sign third baseman Matt Williams and shortstop Jay Bell. Offensively, Arizona pulled a real coup by acquiring phenom Travis Lee. Veteran Devon White was nabbed from the Marlins and will anchor their outfield. While they won't be contenders this year, Arizona is primed to be a perennial contender in four or five years' time. They spent their money far smarter than the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The division winners are fairly cut and dry in the Los Angeles Dodgers, St. Louis Cardinals and Atlanta Braves. Fighting over the wildcard will be the San Diego Padres, Colorado Rockies, San Francisco Giants, New York Mets, and Houston Astros.

### '97-'98



## Dalhousie Hockey Awards

FITTEST PLAYER.....	Shane Gibbs
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR.....	Chris Pittman
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER .....	Dallas Gray
<b>KIM HOUSTON AWARD</b>	
(BEST DEFENSIVE FORWARD).....	Jan Melichercik
<b>GERRY GUNTER AWARD</b>	
(BEST DEFENCEMAN).....	Martin LaPointe
<b>KAREN DECKER AWARD</b>	
(UNsung HERO).....	Trevor Doyle
<b>BOB HADDOW AWARD</b>	
(HUSTLE, DESIRE, TEAM SPIRIT).....	David Haynes
<b>DR. BOB STALKER AWARD</b>	
(PLAYOFF MVP).....	Neil Savary
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER .....	Jan Melichercik

## The trophy winners from the '97-'98 Intramural season received their awards at the Intramural Awards Banquet, March 31.

Coed Doubles Badminton Tournament	McBean & Malaviarachichi
Mens Doubles Badminton Tournament	Gibson & Malaviarachichi
Mens Squash	M. Adams
Mens Badminton Tournament	Malaviarachichi
Coed Beach Volleyball Tournament	Med Spikers
Coed All Night Broomball Tournament	Commerce
Coed Softball Tournament	Law
Womens Softball Tournament	Psychology
Coed PARTY Broomball Tournament	Cameron
Coed A Soccer	Turbodites
Coed B Soccer Division 1	Pharmacy
Coed A Broomball	Medicine
Coed B Broomball	Physio
Coed A Volleyball	Cougars
Coed B Volleyball	Bronson Smith
Coed C Volleyball	Mad Doc's
Coed A Basketball	Oxford
Coed B Basketball	Occupational Therapy
Coed Innertube Waterpolo	Medicine
Womens 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament	Medicine
Womens Soccer	Law
Womens Volleyball	Pharmacy
Womens Softball	Psychology
Womens Basketball	Oxford
Mens Ball Hockey Tournament	Law
Mens 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	Medicine
Mens A Soccer	Outsiders
Mens Residence A Soccer	Killer Cod
Mens A Hockey	Dukes of Hazzard
Mens Residence A Hockey	Henderson
Mens B Hockey	Pharmacy
Mens Residence B Hockey	Eliza Studley
Mens C Hockey	5 Guys & a Goalie
Mens A Basketball	Medicine
Mens B Basketball	Froggers
Mens Residence A Basketball	Eliza Studley
Mens A Volleyball	Laying Pipes
Mens B Volleyball	Henderson
Mens Residence A Volleyball	Cameron
Coed Flag Football	SAPHER-K
Ultimate Frisbee	Ultimate Rascals & Pig Dogs

### Intamural Staff Awards

Outstanding Convenor	Danielle Merryweather
Outstanding Official	Gary O'Neil
Outstanding Supervisor	Cathi Sabiston

### Supremacy Awards

Men's Residence Supremacy	Studley / Eliza
Women's Supremacy	Law
Coed Interfaculty Supremacy	Medicine
Mens Interfaculty Supremacy	Medicine
Coed Residence Supremacy	Bronson / Smith

Outstanding Male Participant	Jamie Flinn
Outstanding Female	Andrea Murphy
President's Award	Pharmacy

# '97-'98 review: the year in varsity sports

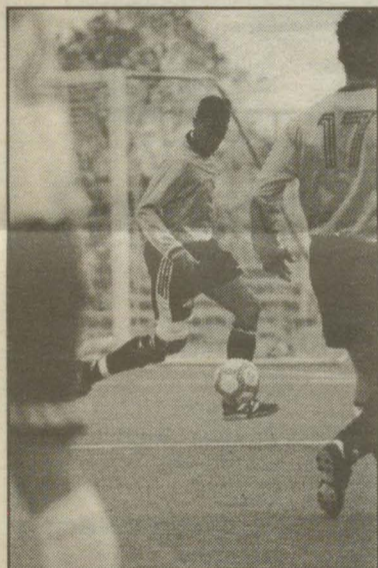
BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The **men's basketball** Tigers had a shaky season, finishing in seventh place with a disappointing 7-13 record that was not reflective of the team's strength. Dal fared better at exhibitions — including a win at the prestigious Ryerson Tournament, where they went undefeated.

At the AUSA Championships, the Tigers posted a couple of major upsets to wind up in the final. They defeated second-ranked SMU 77-66 in overtime and third-ranked UCCB 70-60 before losing the Championship title 73-66 to top-ranked Acadia.

Brian Parker was Tournament MVP and named an AUSA First Team All-Star, but was not selected as the AUBC's MVP, raising questions about conference politics. Parker, who played out his eligibility this year, was selected an All-Canadian for the third-consecutive year as he was named to the Second Team.

The young **women's basketball** team opened their year with two impressive back-to-back exhibition wins over Acadia and UNB before settling into their season. They finished at 9-11-0 and in sixth place of the AUBC.



In AUSA Championship play, the Tigers defeated third-ranked SMU before losing 59-62 to Memorial in semi-final action. Angelia Crealock was the AUSA Rookie of the Year.

The team loses Alana Coffin and Angela Thistle to graduation this year.

Dal's **men's cross country** team had a strong season, finishing a close second to Memorial in the AUSA Championships. Scott Simpson was the AUSA's Rookie of the Year and was named to the All-Star team along with Jamie Blanchard and Trevor Boudreau.

The team finished 11th overall at the national championships and will be losing Chris Evers, Pat McGrath and co-captains Boudreau and Tim Lindsay this season.

Kristen Lewis had an impressive first season with the **women's cross country** team as she was undefeated in AUSA competition, leading Dal to an easy first-place finish. She earned Rookie of the Year and Athlete of the Year awards, and was named to the AUSA All-Star team along with Kelly MacKean, Julie Thornton, Amy Higgins and Dal captain Jessica Fraser. Long-time head coach Al Yarr was the AUSA's

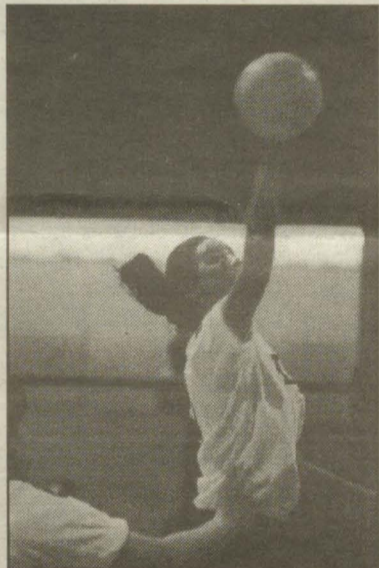
Coach of the Year.

The Tigers finished in 14th place overall at the national championships. Fraser has used up all her eligibility and will be Dal's only loss.

The **hockey** Tigers lacked consistency throughout the season, yet their fits of inspiration showed that they could take on any team in the AUHC. They finished their season at 11-16-1 in third place of the Kelly Division, a result which reflected neither their strength nor their depth. Defending Kelly champions Acadia swept Dal 2-0 (4-0, 2-1) in the playoffs to ensure that the championship banner remained a midsummer night's dream for the Tigers.

Martin LaPointe was named both an AUSA All-Star and a CIAU All-Canadian, and he will once again represent Canada in the World University Championship. He was a member of the Kelly Division Tim Horton's Cup All-Star team along with teammates Chad Kalmakoff, Jan Melichercik and Ted Naylor. Mark Alexander captured the AUSA's prestigious Dr. Bill Godfrey Award for outstanding achievement in athletics, academics and community service.

Jody Shelley left the Tigers at



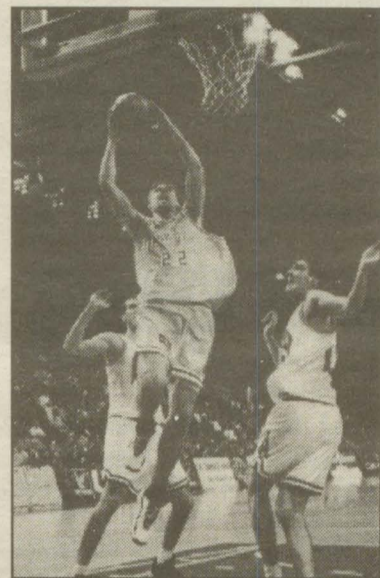
the end of the season and is currently playing for the AHL's St. John Flames. As well as Alexander and Naylor, Dal will also be losing Tim Hill, Luke Naylor, Pat Russell, Richard Ujvary and Marc Warner to graduation.

**Men's soccer** finished second behind St.FX in the Eastern Division with an 8-3-2 record. The team swept competition at AUAs, including a 2-0 shutout of Western Division winners UPEI, who failed to show any class in semi-final action as they resorted to shouting racist remarks which prompted a brawl. Dal kept their respective tempers in check and went on to beat St.FX in double overtime to bring the Championship banner home and *earn* their place at CIAUs. Co-captains Marc Rainford and Paul English were named to the All-Star team while Tomas Ernst took Rookie of the Year honours. English was also named the AUSA Tournament MVP.

Dal hosted CIAUs at Wickwire Field and bombed nationally second-ranked Western 4-0 in their opener. The Tigers fell 1-0 to UBC to wind up in the bronze medal game and beat York 2-0 for third place. Rainford, English and newcomer Stuart Cochran were

named to the CIAU Tournament All-Star team. English was the Tournament MVP and was named a First Team All-Canadian.

Next season, the team will be without Rainford, Cochran, Dave MacFarlane, Richie Tobin and Tim Maloney.



Despite a young team that included a new coach (Dara Moore), ten rookies and started off with a loss, **women's soccer** pulled together to go undefeated in their last seven games, finishing first in their division with a 10-2-1 record. The team went undefeated in AUSA Championship play, beating Memorial 4-1 to be crowned AUSA Champions. Freshman Mary-Beth Bowie's incredible scoring touch earned her Rookie of the Year honours as she scored 10 of the Tigers' 30 season goals, while Amy Harding and captain Andrea Gillespie were named to the All-Star team.

At the CIAU tournament, the Tigers fell 3-1 to Ottawa and tied hosts Laval at 1-1 to finish out of medal contention. Bowie was named the CIAU Rookie of the Year, a Tournament All-Star and a First Team All-Canadian.

The Tigers are losing Harding, Carolyn Campbell, Sue Hunter and Tara MacNeil to graduation.

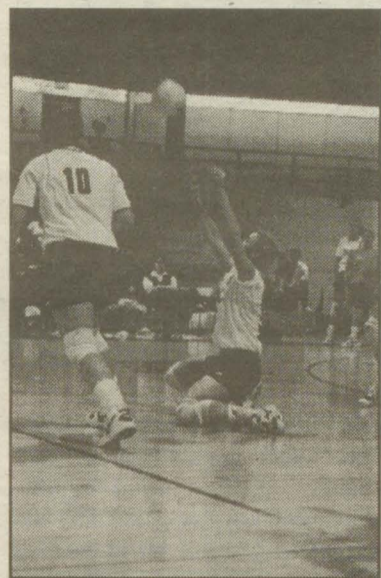
The **men's swimming** team combined a solid core of veterans with a handful of promising rookies to have a strong showing at the AUAs after a good season. 54 of the team's 62 individual swims were personal and/or lifetime bests. Chris Stewart was the AUSA's Rookie of the Year and was named to the All-Star team with teammates Stuart Kemp, Mike Ritcey and Steve Indig. All four swimmers qualified for CIAUs. Long-time head coach Nigel Kemp was honoured with the CIAU Swim Coaches Association's Distinguished Coaching Award.

At the CIAUs, Stewart led the Tigers to a 15th-place finish, including a new AUSA record for the 50m breaststroke (29.87).

The **women's swimming** team had another strong season, showing well at all meets. At the AUSA Championships, 54 of Dal's 70 individual swims were season and/or lifetime bests. The team finished second overall with seven individual titles and one relay (800m freestyle) title. Sarah Woodworth was the AUSA's Female Swimmer of the Year and was named to the All-Star team along with teammates Lindsay Eller, Megan Hannam, Angela MacAlpine, Gail Seipp and Amy

Woodworth. All qualified for the CIAU Championships. Nigel Kemp was the AUSA Women's Coach of the Year.

At CIAUs, Sarah Woodworth once again led the Tigers to an overall 11th-place finish. Most notably, Woodworth combined



with sister Amy, MacAlpine and Eller to set new AUSA records in the 400m and 800m freestyle relays (3:58.69 and 8:35.14, respectively).

After an incredible performance at AUAs where the team finished first in 11 of 15 events, the **men's track and field** team had a good showing at the CIAU Championships. The 4x800m relay team of sophomores Scott Fowler, Matt Richardson, Jamie Blanchard and Richard Menzies granted Dal its first ever national relay medal. Sprinter Mike Manuel was the AUAs Rookie of the Year.

The young **women's track and field** Tigers faced little competition from AUSA rivals SMU and Moncton. Veteran Terri Baker contributed an extraordinary 30 points in both track and field events to be named the AUSA's Tournament MVP.

The Tigers lost Baker and Jessica Fraser at the end of the season.

The **men's volleyball** team remained relatively intact for the '97-'98 season, and started off strong with a couple of exhibition wins including a first-place finish at the Sherbrooke Tournoi Vert et Or. Despite a couple of season upsets by UNB, Dal went on to win their 17th consecutive AUSA title. Team captain John Hobin, Terry Martin, Jason Trepanier and rookie Chris Wolfenden were named to the All-Star team. Hobin was the Tournament MVP and the AUSA TSN Award nominee, while Martin shared AUSA MVP honours with UNB's Darcy Harris.

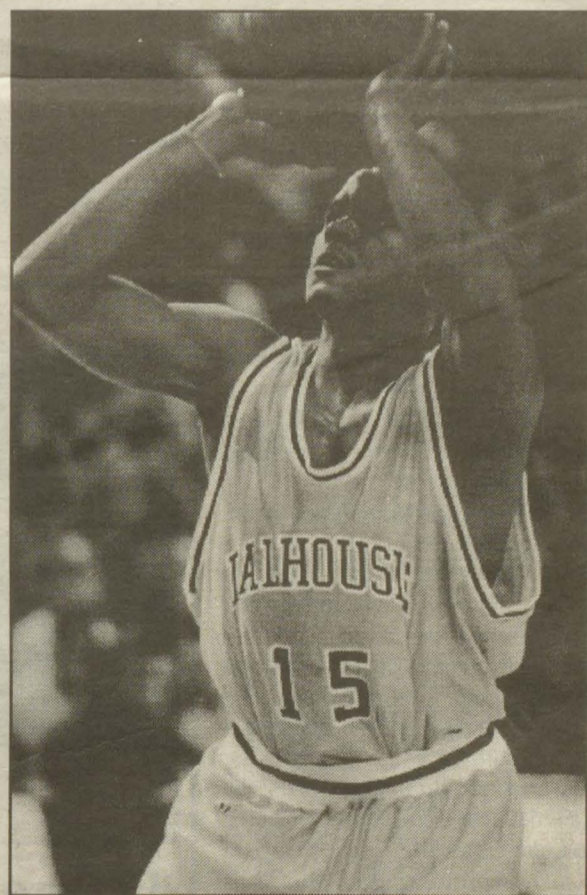
At the CIAU Championships,

Dal fell to Saskatchewan in the first round and lost all chances of advancing to the gold medal final. The team swept Sherbrooke and Western to win the consolation final for fifth place. Martin was named to the Tournament All-Star team and was selected a First



Team All-Canadian for the second consecutive year. Trepanier received an All-Canadian Honourable Mention.

The **women's volleyball** team combined a solid core of returning starters with a promising group of rookies — including head coach Lori Welsh-Hawley — to finish at the top of their league with a 17-1 (52-6) record. Dal then went on to win the AUSA Championship banner, despite losing team captain Jen



Parkes early in the final.

AUSA All-Stars for the Tigers were Michelle Aucoin (First Team) and Cara MacKenzie (Second Team). MacKenzie was the AUSA Playoff MVP and was the AUSA's TSN Award nominee. Parkes was the AUVC's MVP.

The team had a poor showing at the CIAU Championships, where they were swept in all their matches to finish eighth, a result which was not indicative of the team's capabilities.

The Tigers are losing their entire starting line-up of Parkes, MacKenzie, Aucoin, Denise Chapman, Melanie Hopper and Alicia MacFarlane.



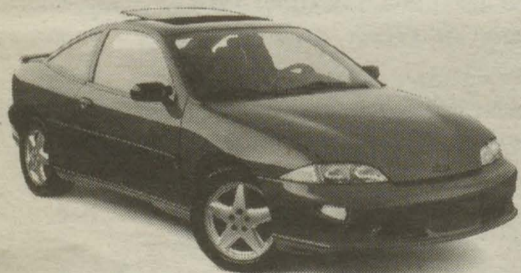
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