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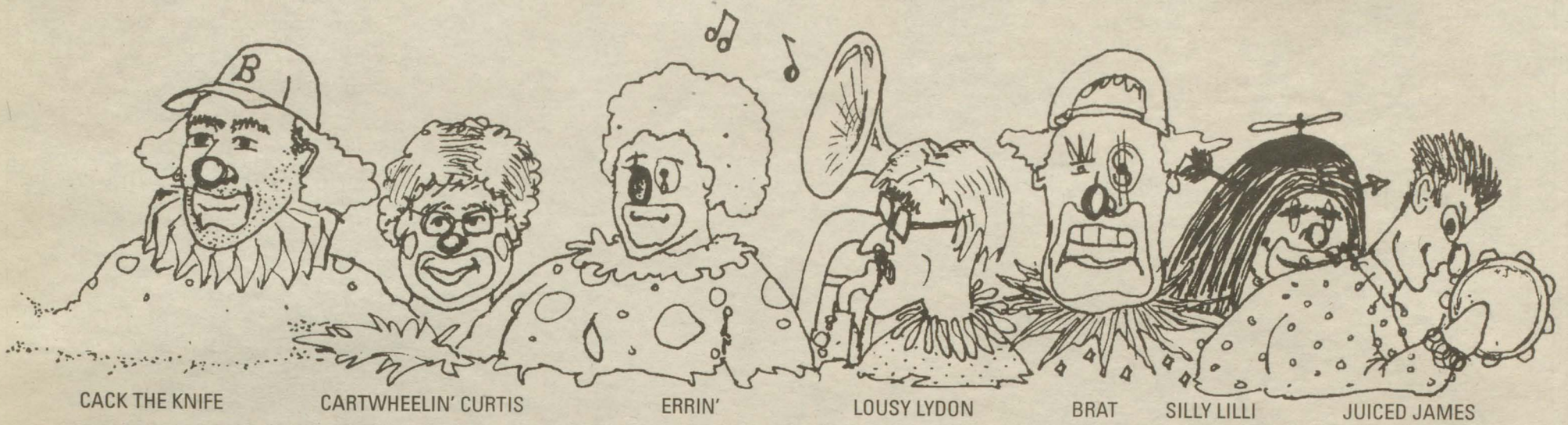
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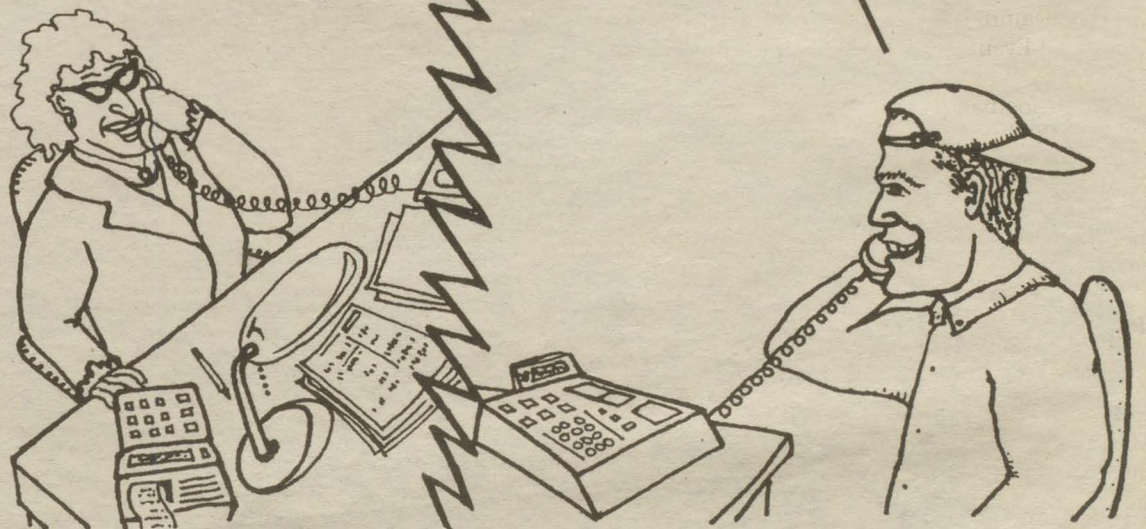
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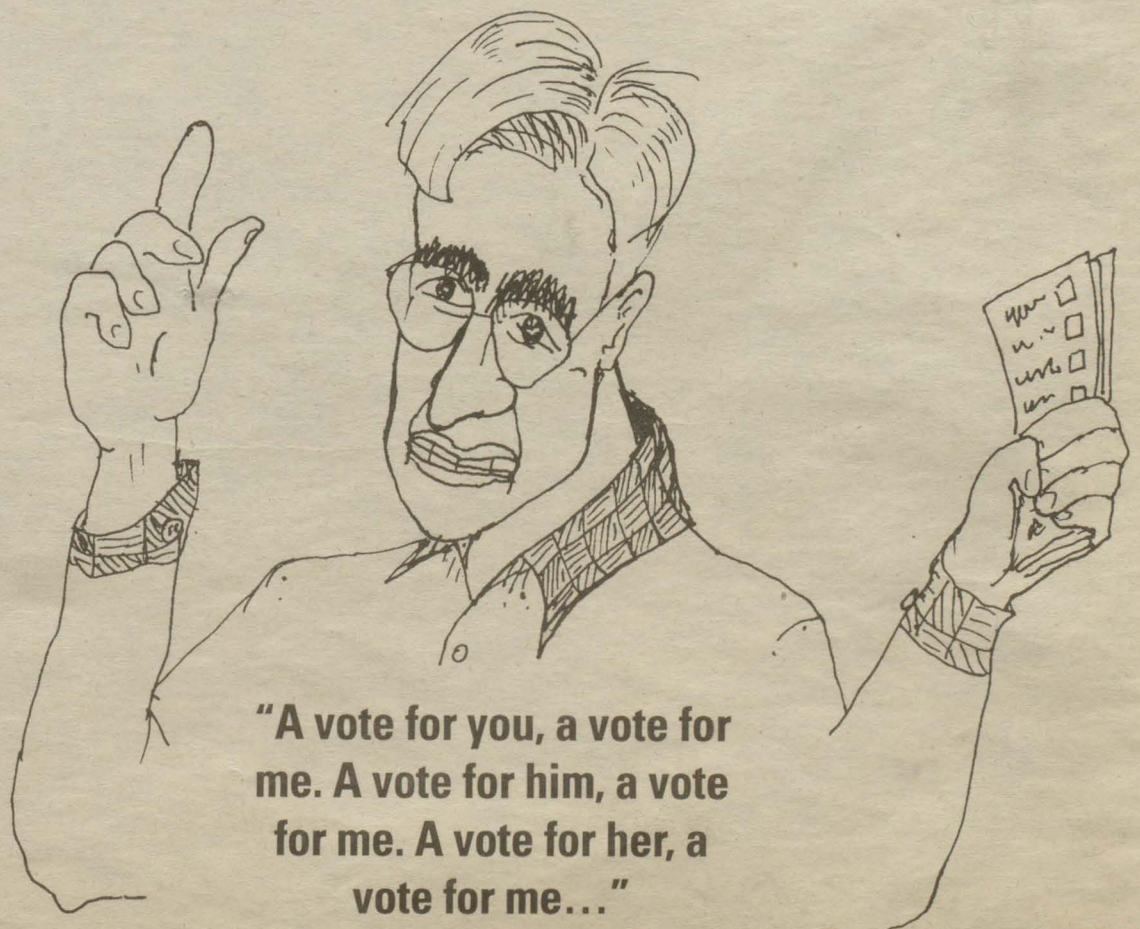
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Lilli Ju
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David Cox
- **People not to invite to your dinner party at the same time:**
David Cox and Joe Tratnik
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Incoming Prez Brad MacKay and VP Katherine Hannah
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VP AC/EX Chris Lydon
- **Most likely to be mobbed by adoring mini-pop fans:**
VP Community Affairs Carmen Barteaux
- **Worst career move:**
The New General Manager...I mean E.A. of the DSU.
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Any Sub Staffer
- **Most likely to remain friends with their mother:**
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Well, Mr. Leech, your figures were off but we cleaned things up for you.

Thanks, Mom.



Your "sly" vp at the polls...



"A vote for you, a vote for me. A vote for him, a vote for me. A vote for her, a vote for me..."

Student Union vote to be unfair employers

BY LOIS GINGER

In an effort to decrease productivity and eradicate continuity, the student council has voted to implement new hiring and firing policies for Student Union employees.

The new policy, which advocates firing individuals when they begin to exhibit signs of knowledge and productivity in their work, was

passed unanimously at the council meeting this past Sunday. It will affect those individuals who hold both full and part-time positions in the Student Union.

Before the meeting went in-camera, the councillors were enthusiastic about the proposal.

"More people will be hired this way," said Student Union President Divad Xoc, "...it doesn't re-

ally matter that they'll only be employed for a week or so before we fire them."

With the implementation of the policy, the union expects to save money. By not having to maintain a staff on regular payroll and by having fewer students employed at any given time, the student council will not have to expend as much of its resources

on salary increases or pay increases related to work performance.

"This is simply a cost-saving measure — it really is not a performance issue," said Treasurer Bratty Leech.

When questioned about how the student union expects to work around labour codes with respect to fair hiring and firing practices,

Xoc said, "Oh, well, we've done it before...firing people based on performance reviews is pretty easy, really — council just listens to whatever the executive tells them. In fact, this past year when there was a threat to the union by a disgruntled employee about a law suit, we just got our lawyer to talk to that person's lawyer, and it ended. It's just not a big deal."

Union employees are not surprised.

"They've never really been that fair anyway," said one current employee who asked not to be identified. "I hate working in this hell-hole. I've been looking for another way to pay my tuition ever since I was hired here in September."

The new policy has prompted a rash of resignations by staff. In one resignation letter leaked to *The Goats*, an employee explained what he considered to be the general sentiment around the Student Union Building.

"You [Executive of the Student Union] don't have families to feed, or have to worry about how you're going to pay tuition, but fine, fire us," it read. "You see how much fun it is to run this building all by yourselves. If I was a student getting paid \$18,000 a year, I'd have to be that kind of a superhero too."

This past year, students in general have shown a marked disinterest in the goings-on of the student union, and the few who were aware of the outcome of Sunday's policy discussions were lackadaisical.

"Oh well," said one student who was rushing from the library to her class. "I recognize that they are pretty much idiots who are running the student union, but with all of the patronage going on, there isn't a heck of a lot the average student can do to change things."

It is expected that the student union will go to hell in a hand-basket within the next couple of months.

If you build it, will they come?

BY OJ

And for the 20th straight year, people stayed away in droves.

Alumni, students, faculty, parents, and friends all found other ways to pass the time last Saturday afternoon as, once again, Dal's football team did not take the field during Homecoming '96.

Men's soccer was featured instead.

"We have a successful and popular sports program at Dal," explained Bony Tartan, Director of Athletics and Recreation Services. "And let's face it — no one wants to watch a game where the ball isn't even round."

Jamie Damn, the DSU's VP In-Charge-Of-Events-Starting-With-H, agreed.

"Those football players hit each other really hard," he said.

Hoping to lure fans to the soccer match by other means, Damn organized a beer and entertainment tent, as well as a makeshift crack house.

"The beer tent was a bit of a flop," conceded Damn. "People just didn't have the patience for waiters to go back to the Graywad to pick up their orders. And the Milli Vanilli acappella cover band didn't seem as popular as I would have thought."

"On the other hand, the crack house was tremendously success-

ful," said Damn. "The kids just loved it. We're thinking of keeping it open year round — it generates a lot of revenue, and no one really gets hurt."

The actual number of people attending the soccer game, however, was minimal. A disoriented older man was the only fan for the first half. He apparently thought he was in the waiting room of the Victoria General Hospital.

"Chest pains, I'm having terrible chest pains," he gasped periodically.

The soccer team responded to his lamentations with enthusiastic and aggressive play.

Later, four drunk Saint Mary's students arrived and began vigorously booing the Tigers.

Dal security attempted to remove them, but the four students, using the dazed, elderly man as a hostage, eluded security and ducked into the crack house.

The man was released after a two-hour standoff, apparently unharmed except for mysteriously blackened lips and the inability to stand or communicate.

"Now this is what I call a successful afternoon," said Tartan in an address to the "crowd" after the game. "It's events like these that really bring the university together. Ah, what the hell. For the next fifteen minutes, crack is on the house."



GOATS PHOTO BY DANIELLE BOUDEAU

There was ample seating available for the Homecoming soccer game.

Senate replaces Frosh week with Cheese Day

BY DANIEL CLARK

Senate representatives announced yesterday that the former Freshman Orientation Week will be replaced by International Cheese Day starting this September.

"University is about learning," said Dr. Tim Travis, University President. "Cheese Day will offer students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the world's most diverse culinary delight."

This year, International Cheese Day falls on Wednesday, September 4, 1996. The grassy area in front of the Arts and Administration building will be filled with tables offering samples and information about various cheeses.

The day will finish with a performance by Jumpin' Dave's Country Line Dancing Band, who will play, among others, their international hit, "If it's cheese and you know it, clap your hands."

"Frosh week never taught anybody anything important," said Travis. "I've worked here for a year and never needed to know where the Arts and Administration building was. But information about Gouda is really useful. People complain that we don't offer an education that's applicable to the real world, but now we will."

"I think this is a wonderful idea! I've already placed an order for 4,000 pounds of limburger and 10,000 nose plugs," said David Jenkins, president of The Cheez Wheel in Toronto — Canada's largest cheese distributor and the importer for this event. "I've even put 5,000 pounds of Brie in my basement so that I can cultivate extra mould."

"I predict that this is going to be a very good year!" said a spokesman for Balderson Cheddar, Canada's internationally renowned cheddar producer.

New student union president Bad McCay disagreed with the Senate's decision.

"We've been sold out!" he said. "We will protest! We want Frosh week back! This is war; the arts society is organizing a march, the science society is doing whatever science people do, and the law society is making up signs that say: 'Be It Resolved That Hell No, We Won't Go!'"

Despite his opposition to the planned change, McCay admitted that the student union ordered, on his authority, 100,000 boxes of crackers and 400 cases of white wine.

"What's a cheese party without a little wine?" he asked rhetorically.

Where last year's Frosh Week slogan was 'Rockin' the Boat,' this year's International Cheese Day slogan will be 'Vini, Vidi, Vicheezy,' meaning 'We came, We saw, We ate some cheese.'

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Culture saving cultures

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

Another wave of budget cuts is sweeping Dalhousie, and it is a programme in the Biology Department that's on the chopping block.

But this time, concerned people are fighting back.

When biology students and professors spread the word that funding for The Dalhousie Escheridia Coli Bacteria Research Centre (DECBCRC) had been cut, the public response was enormous.

The centre is located in the upper half of a fridge on the third floor of the Life Sciences building and is home to about 40 million bacteria. They live in an assortment of partially decomposed donuts and are the five millionth generation to be raised at the centre in its 10 years of operation.

"The little buggers are worse than rabbits, the way they multi-

ply," said bacteria caretaker and part-time janitor, Ryon Jeremy.

The DECBCRC was informed in early March that its funding would be cut as of April 1, 1996. The administration had been under the impression that the funds were being used to purchase coffee and donuts for the janitorial staff, said Associate Vice President for Research, Dr. Bob Dormier.

"We really had no idea that this important research was going on," he said. "It's too bad that we can no longer reinstate the funding — if only we'd known how important those coffee and donuts were to the staff, we would never have cut them."

Dr. Jack Phentress, the DECBCRC Academic Advisor and head of the Janitorial Sciences, believes the administration knew about the research and claimed ignorance only after the heightened media attention to the matter.

"They are just trying to cover their ass, but don't worry, I've

been talking to TV stations and newspapers, and I'm coming after that ass with a mighty big paddle," he said.

The DECBCRC has formed a board of governors to co-ordinate a fund-raising drive and draft a financial plan that will keep the fridge plugged in and keep the slightly-less-than fresh donuts coming.

One of the board of governors members is Rock Vancewell — a local musician — who volunteered his time to the DECBCRC when he heard about the plight of the bacteria on CBC radio's Info Morning.

Over the phone and in between puffs on a crack-pipe, Vancewell had much to say about being infected by the bacteria bug.

"The...bacteria?" he said. "Oh yeah, those little guys, yeah. Yeah, their story was real sad so I got, ah, y'know, involved...these little guys are everywhere...all over...me...OH MY GOD, THEY'RE ALL OVER ME...THEY'RE EVERYWHERE...THEY'RE TRYING TO GET ME...GET 'EM AWAY...get 'em..."

Vancewell later admitted that he has no recollection of any events between 1989 and the present, and that he was lying when he said he heard about the bacteria on Info Morning.

Phentress said that despite Vancewell's efforts, public support has been growing for the bacteria.

"I think that the idea of helping save something really special has captured people's hearts and imaginations," said Phentress.

While he is pleased with the public outpouring of support, he takes the hard-line when discussing the welfare of the bacteria.

"There is no way these bacteria are going to be moved or separated. They are very social for single-cell organisms and are too domesticated to survive in just any fridge," he said.

This past weekend, there was a fund-raising concert at a local bar which, by most accounts, was a huge success.

"They wouldn't let me play," said Vancewell. "The bastards said nobody would pay to see me play...the bastards...they said I wasn't good enough...the bloody bastards...well, I showed those bastards. I got up there and pissed all over the bloody stage...the bastards..."

lief. Nervously hauling on a cigarette, he said, "I can't believe this, I am shocked...my favourite lighter exploded."

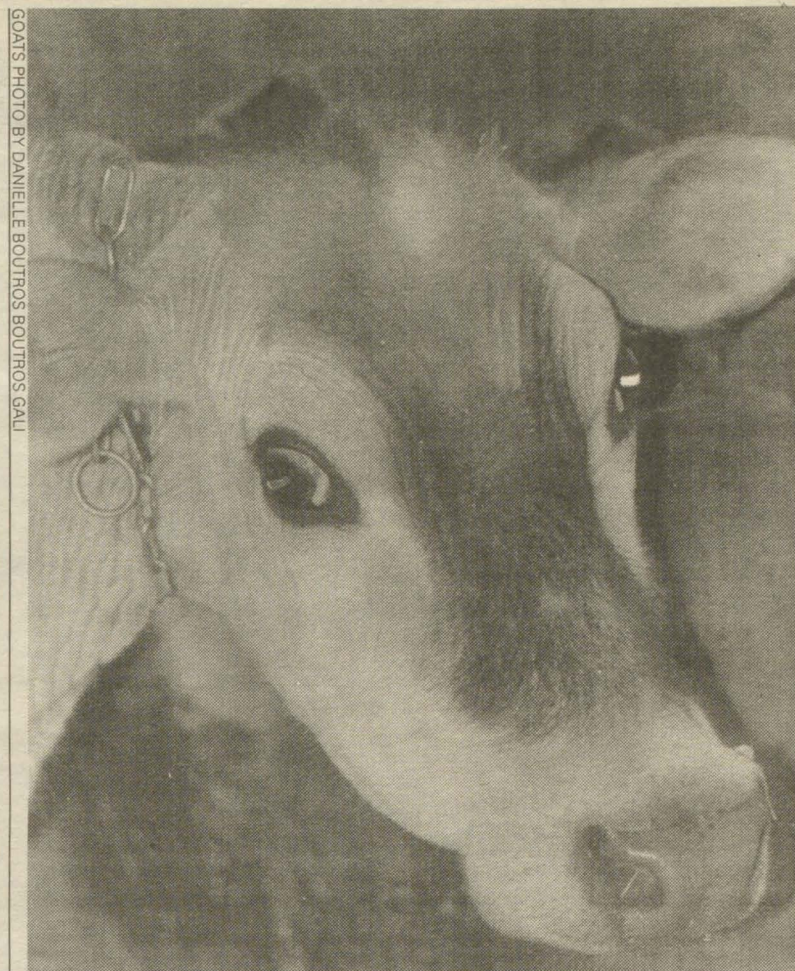
Fire trucks arrived within minutes but were unable to control the blaze.

Although no one suffered severe injuries, several student union officials, who had barricaded their office doors against students asking for information, suffered from minor smoke inhalation.

Officials estimate that it will take at least a decade for students to lose their apathy and care enough about the wreckage caused by the fire to spring for a new building.

Until then, no one is certain whether there will be a student union at this university.

"I don't really see much of a point to it," said former Student Union President Dor DoeLcam, "since without a building to manage, there isn't much that student politicians can do on this campus."



Meet Bessy, the deadliest beast this side of the Ural mountains.

Smoke-in causes fire

BY LOIS GINGER

Student smokers protesting the outcome of the recent smoking referendum were the cause of a fire which gutted the Student Union Building (SUB), said the Super-city fire marshal.

Last Monday, several hundred smokers crammed into the cafeteria of the SUB to demonstrate their displeasure that smoking had been banned from the building. Assorted media and onlookers gathered to witness the demonstration.

The student organizers belong to the Smoking Society that recently received \$50 from the new Grants Committee — headed by Student Union Treasurer Divad Xoc — to stage this demonstration.

The leader of the society spoke pointedly into his megaphone, demanding that smokers' rights be considered. Then he began counting.

Those smokers in attendance were to simultaneously light their cigarettes on the count of three; however, the rush of butane caused by the unprecedented number of lighters being lit in close proximity to each other created a huge fire ball, which immediately set the building's fire alarms ringing.

A mass panic ensued, with many of the smokers dropping their lighters and cigarettes amidst the alarms and smoke. Lighters and matches burst into flames, resulting in several small explosions.

One student who stood outside the building shortly after the incident expressed shock and disbe-



Butane bubble bags blaze brigade.

Mad Cow disease ravages campus

BY DANIEL CLARK

Dalhousie University has become the next victim of Mad Cow disease.

The disease, which overwhelmed the British beef industry two weeks ago, first appeared on the Dalhousie campus in the Grawood, and has since spread to the Union Market, the Grad House, and the cafeteria in the Tupper building.

"The disease apparently arrived on campus through a crate of discount veal chops we ordered," explained Wine Crossed, the Grawood's manager. "Everything seemed normal. The meat even arrived in its usual 'Property of US army' packaging crate."

Several victims were whisked to the hospital after they ate the infamous Tigrrr Burger.

Next, some students collapsed in the Union Market. Beever Foods employees, who run the market, were perplexed.

"I don't understand it," said one staff member. "No one got

sick from the Chernobyl beef."

Further investigation has revealed that the mother of the ship captain who transported the beef once knew someone who was British.

"Mad Cow disease?" exclaimed one student. "Who cares! This is the best damn quiche I've ever had!"

Tragically, that student was rushed to the Victoria General Hospital the next day. He died.

"It was the scariest thing I have ever witnessed," said Dr. Morsexus Proctor, the student's doctor. "He was convulsing when they brought him in, and when we tried to stabilize him, he jumped up on the table and started singing 'Like A Virgin.' We gave him 200 cc's of Mylanta and that seemed to calm him down a little."

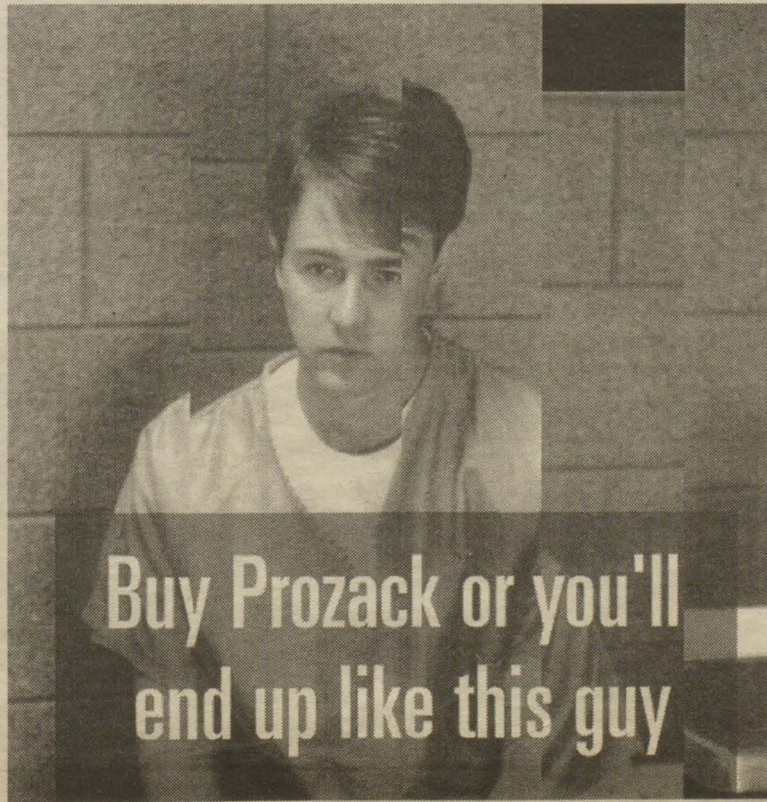
Dr. Proctor continued, "The Mylanta only had a temporary effect. His heart eventually gave out after seven hours of doing the lambada while singing Garth Brook's 'The Thunder Rolls.' We tried to resuscitate him for 25 minutes, but failed because the defibrillator didn't work. We tried putting him in a bathtub and dropping a toaster in, but we couldn't find an extension cord long enough."

The Dalhousie health services centre has been overwhelmed with cases of Mad Cow victims.

"I haven't slept in days," said Administrator Terry MacDoncorleone. "We have seen over 4,000 students in the last three days alone. It's so bad that we have asked some of the medical students to assist us."

"Its great practical experience," said first year med student Davey Sung. "I have never stitched up anything before...until now. I haven't had this much fun since I robbed the safe in...I've just never had this much fun."

The disease is relentlessly making its way across campus. Experts say if something isn't done soon, it may cross Coburg Street.



Buy Prozac or you'll end up like this guy

Primary Colours II

Republicans elect MacKay/
Hannah ticket to battle Clinton

BY RICHARD LIM

The 1996 season of Republican primaries is lumbering to an ignominious close.

The original front-runner, Brad MacKay, will be the nominee challenging incumbent Bill Clinton for the presidency of the DSU this fall despite a lacklustre campaign — a typical conclusion to a MacKay stump speech: "Who am I? Why am I here?"

His vice presidential choice, Katherine Hannah, appears to lack the political visibility required to attract additional support to the ticket, a GOP concern which heightened after some national newspapers identified her as, "that chick from the Tom Hanks mermaid movie."

The Iowa and New Hampshire primaries created some early drama when the longshot flat-tuition crusaders, John Killam and Tanis Knowles, finished a strong

third in both states. However, support dropped after attack advertisements from other teams suggested that Killam had been claiming ownership of Dalhousie's main library by virtue of his surname, and raising campaign funds by renting out its study carrels as love shacks. (\$50 for a three-hour stay.)

Killam and Knowles will continue to pursue the party's nomination despite their failure to carry a single Super Tuesday state. Political commentators view this as a ploy to attract more customers to Killam's carrel rental business. A document leaked by a campaign organizer revealing the campaign's new slogan appears to support this allegation. ("100 bonus Air Miles with each visit!")

The Republican party also experienced an internal struggle due to the emergence of the ultra-right Beddington/Tratnik team as

another early favourite among primary voters. Beddington and Tratnik have gained notoriety for their emotional speeches, which have fanned the flames of intolerance among predominantly Caucasian blue-collar audiences.

Furthermore, *The Goats* has discovered a taped interview with Tratnik from the 1980s, in which he repeatedly used the "I-word" that he had previously told F. Lee Bailey he hadn't uttered in ten years: "I hate those left-wing crazies," he said.

The ticket of Milton Howe and Danielle Boudreau was plagued by rumours that they were closet sovereignists willing to use force to keep Dalhousie distinct from other metro area universities. Rumours of separatist leanings peaked after Howe failed to pronounce the "h" in his surname several times during an all-candidates debate held before the Association for the Preservation of English in Canada (APEC). The head of the APEckers, Jeb Rudnecki, was incensed. "If he ain't gonna speak English proper, then we ain't votin' for him."

Another team, Lee McKinnon Pederson and Dana Munroe, initially drew large crowds to their

campaign appearances in the various primary states. However, their promise to bring the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow to Dalhousie turned into an electoral liability when they brought Mr. Lifo and the Human Regurgitator to the podium to provide examples of the kind of entertainment Dalhousie would enjoy in the future.

Gallup polls reveal that just 36 percent of those present at the demonstrations felt healthy enough to reach the ballot boxes the next day, and by Super Tuesday, poor supporter turnout had forced Pederson/Munroe out of the race.

The sixth pair competing for the Republican nomination, Aaron Poirier and Mark Farrant, met a similar fate after an appearance at a spelling bee in North Carolina, where Farrant urged a student to spell the word "potato" incorrectly. (The vice presidential candidate's spelling: "death to capitalist pig-dogs.")

Finally, the campaign of John Cullen and Andrew Simpson was dealt its fatal blow when it failed to secure the right to vote for King's College students. Explained Cullen, "Their votes were the key to our strategy. We've got huge,

huge, huge pockets of support in that shithouse sanctuary for upper-class Upper Canadians who hate their parents. Huge."

Spokespersons for King's College declined comment, restricting their response to a series of farts which sounded, to this reporter, like, "The Battle Hymn of Republic." (Mansbridge and Gartner insist that it was Beethoven's "Ode to Joy.")

Despite the aforementioned problems dogging the Republican ticket of MacKay/Hannah, Clinton's bid for re-election as DSU president is far from assured. His popularity in Halifax has flagged after he erroneously identified Dalhousie as, "a kind of crustacean" during an interview on CKDU's "Harry King Live."

For the MacKay/Hannah ticket to win the U.S. presidential election this September, they must capitalize on such blunders. Their campaign workers are already busy following a paper trail expected to lead to John Killam's library carrel/love shack rental operation.

Clinton has denied that his 13 million Air Miles were accumulated in such a sordid fashion, but has been unable to produce the IGA receipts to prove otherwise.

Year-long trip

BY A. SID

Editor's note: This is our best attempt at a year in review. Only Sid kept notes on what transpired over the past 12 months, and his take on things is unique, to say the least. However, we are pretty sure that some of his scrawlings have a basis in truth. The following are excerpts from somewhere in his brain.

SUMMER '95

•Boy, was it hot. I don't mean regular hot, but underwear-up-the-crack-of-your-ass hot. Which got really embarrassing when I ran out of pants in July.

•The American President, John F. Kennedy, was up for a week with a bunch of other suits. They talked about sports and stuff. Incidentally, he's not nearly as good looking as everybody says. And his wife...soo-eee! soo-eee!...no wonder he's fooling around with Marilyn.

•Jerry died. Had to smoke three pounds of pot to relax. Oh well, at least I saw God again.

SEPTEMBER

•Frosh Week. Was hungover seven days straight. I wish every day was Frosh Week.

OCTOBER

•Québec wanted to go somewhere, but we wouldn't let them. Or they wouldn't let themselves... I'm not sure. All I know is that it was one hell of a party in Montréal! Très crazy!

•Slept through all my midterms. Stupid mid-afternoon classes...

NOVEMBER

•ATV cut a lesbian kiss scene. Boy, those lesbians can kiss on my TV any time they want! Imagine...women kissing each other. You know, it's a lot more fun being liberated.

•Missed last day to drop out of classes, which means I'll have to buy some books and write some exams. DAMN! I've got to start thinking ahead!

DECEMBER

•Slept through all my exams. Had to kill roomie to salvage GPA. Blamed incident on bad crack...juries are suckers for that

kind of thing.

•Got what I wanted for Christmas — enough booze to get through the holidays.

JANUARY

•Came out of post-New Year's Eve coma on Jan. 4. Better than last year.

•Grawood manager fired. I started freakin' out when I heard this, but calmed down when I was assured that the bar would still be open.

•I heard that Frosh Week is getting cut. Figures. The one good thing about university, and The Man wants to get rid of it.

•Heard an ugly rumour about reducing where you can smoke in the SUB. Don't like the sound of this. It will definitely make my bong more noticeable.

FEBRUARY

•February was 29 days long this year. Freaky.

•Some more SUB people got fired. Who's in charge here, Stalin?

•Those guys that beat up that other guy that I partied with once got sent to jail. Man, last time I got beat up, my dad shook the girl's hand.

•Reading Week came just in time...I was starting to get really burned out. I wish every day was Reading Week.

MARCH

•Slept through all my midterms. My Religious Studies prof called me an asshole. Well, the joke's on him. I'm not gonna sell him any more dope.

•We're getting a football team. Now I have a reason to stick around for six more years.

•A bunch of people bought me drinks at the 'Wood and then took me downtown and gave me pizza. I wish DSU elections were everyday.

APRIL

•Mushroom season! Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!

•Shit. Slept through all my exams. Religious Studies prof damned me to hell.

•Will be graduating in three weeks with Ph.D. Then I'll be Doctor A. Sid. Fourteen years of university will have finally paid off!

The equal-yet-diverse march

BY DANIEL CLARK

The Dalhousie society of Equal-opportunity-education-organization-for-the-coalition-of-vertically-challenged-fermented-sugar-dependant-unwilling-residents-of-Howe-hall-residing-there-due-to-financial-restraints (EOEOFTCOVCFSDUROHHRTDTR) held an event yesterday which was attended by a considerable number of equal-yet-diverse-individuals-travelling-in-unison.

Equal numbers of womyn and men attended the event, where individuals were travelling in unison to protest the discrimination of EOEOFTCOVCFSDUROHHRTDTR in Halifax, and around this one planet of ten.

Gerard Male-Sibling-of-Jack, a temporally challenged sanitary engineer, said, "As an EOEOFTCOVCFSDUROHHRTDTR, I feel great unity from within my equal-yet-diverse social group and being with my fellow humans. Not only are the EOEOFTCOVCFSDUROHHRTDTR here, but calorically challenged, pigmentally challenged, optically challenged,

and many other equal-yet-diverse social groups have attended our unity walk as well."

The democratically elected representative from the democratically elected organization council, Gloria Capital-of-the-United-States, said, "We are expecting as many as 500 equal-yet-diverse individuals to join us in free will from every equal-yet-diverse ethnic and racial group. I've already seen Asian-Americans, Bosnian-Americans, South African-Americans, and South American-Americans."

Capital-of-the-United-States continued, "Everybody is welcome to travel in unison with us. I have an acquaintance who is a domestic engineer by her own choice, who is intellectually challenged, nasally challenged via excessive endowment, and emotionally excessively energetically endowed. This womyn is travelling in unison with us, and we are like one substantial unit dominated by either a triumvirate of a womyn and a man — or singly a womyn or man or perhaps an alternative relationship."

Capital-of-the-United-States is hailing the event as an unparalleled success. Plans for another event in the following year, though, are on hold because the cost of printing the travel-in-unison literature in 312 dialects was deemed too monetarily challenging.

A democratically elected representative for the Dalhousie society of equal opportunity education said, "We feel a great affinity for the freely paying subjects of education and their plights. They have done an excellent job of coordinating this travelling in unison, and with great certainty we pledge to financially augment this event in the future."

Members of the democratically elected organization cooperative who organized the travelling in unison were so ecstatic upon hearing this news that they organized a social gathering to celebrate. The gathering featured edible items from every ethnic and religious subgroup, and music that was non-representative of any particular culture performed by Yanni and Stomp.

The man with the yellow hat and Curious George say:

"Don't let one night of lovin' lead to a lifetime of regret. Protect your partner and yourself."

"Ooh, ooh, ooh."

YOU'RE SAFE WITH BEASTY CONDOMS

Ottawa to offer Québec same ol' garbage

Poutine, basket-weaving to make Québec distinct

BY MARCUS LOPES
Québec City Bureau Chief

As a leaderless movement with no vision and assuming the usual middle-of-the-road stance, the NO forces won't have to do much to convince Quebecers to vote YES in the next sovereignty referendum.

"The NO forces are an integral part of our referendum strategy," the strategist for the Parti Québécois (PQ) referendum told reporters. "With Captain Ottawa claiming to be the leader one day and Captain Québec professing to be leader the next, they keep pushing the soft federalists closer to the YES camp."

The NO Forces are already gearing up for the next referendum, estimating that they'll need at least five years to come up with a new way to offer Quebecers the same old garbage from a forgotten era.

A reliable federal government source told reporters that Cabinet is considering a proposal to offer Québec a watered down version of the Charlottetown Accord. Distinct society would be limited to poutine, Québec would have jurisdiction over basket-weaving and cake decorating, and any changes to the Supreme Court would require the support of all provinces except Québec.

"The NO Campaign has only one strategy," the NO Forces spokesperson told supporters at a NO rally in Montréal — depend-

ing on federalist or sovereigntist estimates, between 65 and 1,000,000 people were in attendance. "Our strategy is to show Quebecers that just as B.C. and Manitoba are distinct, and just as Alberta and Newfoundland are distinct, Québec is no less distinct in this distinctless country."

The federalists also have an emergency plan in place in case opinion polls indicate rising support for sovereignty in Québec.

The same reliable government source told reporters that Ottawa is prepared to send the Armed Forces into Québec in the event of a YES vote. The army's mandate would be to broker the Canadian version of the Dayton Peace Accord that places Montréal under Ottawa's control. The rest of Québec can do whatever the hell it wants with its Québec dollar, Québec Armed Forces, and its distinct poutine.

"We've got to show Québec that it is an integral part of the Canadian federation," Captain Ottawa told members of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Edmonton last night. "Quebecers will want to stay in Canada if they know that Ottawa will continue to infringe upon provincial jurisdictions, that English Canada will never accommodate Québec's needs, and that we'll do our best to maintain the honourable status quo."

Sources from Québec have told the Canadian University Press

that Captain Québec responded favourably to Captain Ottawa's remarks.

"We federalists in Québec have always pushed for a stronger role for Québec within Canada," said Captain Québec. "There's no denying that the Parti libéral du Québec (PLQ) is a nationalist party. We just wanted to show Quebecers that we can have our cake and eat it too. And if not, we'll support sovereignty."

Captain Québec told supporters that voting NO means supporting the provinces as political punching bags for English Canada.

"We must show the world that



a dysfunctional, divided country like Canada that is indifferent to change can, in fact, continue to be divided and dysfunctional in a happy go lucky sort of way," said Captain Québec.

The NO Forces made it clear that after a YES vote, the PLQ will

change its name. Two parties will sit in Québec's National Assembly: The PQ and the Bloc canadien (BC). The BC will be dedicated to the separation of all anglophone districts from Québec with the goal of reuniting with whatever is left of Canada.

Missiles key to Québec independence

Canada to become the United Provinces of Québec

BY MARCUS LOPES
Ottawa Bureau Chief

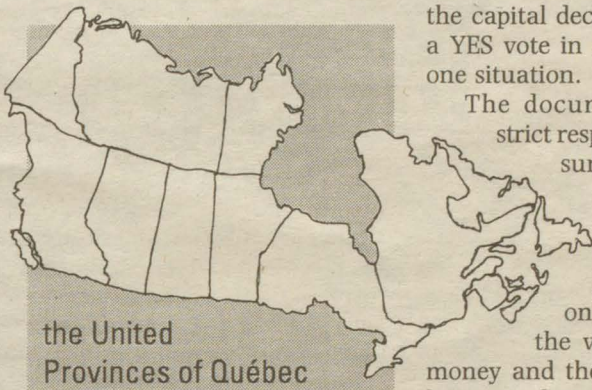
Sovereignty will remain top priority for the Parti québécois. That's what the Québec premier told the youth wing of the PQ at their convention this past weekend in Souverainetéville.

"We all know that the sovereignty of Québec is the raison d'être of the Parti québécois," said the premier. "We will continue to work to this end, because we have no other long-term goals, and let's face it, we don't know much about governing anyway. That's why we blame everything on the federal government."

The PQ government has focused its attention on job creation and cutting the deficit, and political leaders across the nation have embraced this new attitude as a sign that sovereignty is on the back burner. Most Canadians want to avoid another referendum where people are split fifty-fifty over the question of separation.

But to the Rest of Canada's (RoC) dismay, the sovereignty issue is far from finished.

In a government document leaked to the Canadian University Press (CUP), it was revealed that



the capital decides not to accept a YES vote in a 50 percent plus one situation.

The document indicates a strict response if Ottawa assumes such an attitude: "...Ottawa, in claiming victory in the last referendum with only 50.6 percent of the vote, supported by

money and the ethnic vote, will have no choice but to respect a similar outcome, supported by francophones and those allophones who will receive nice patronage positions in the new state. Should the will of the people be disregarded by Ottawa, we will blow you out of the water."

Members of the government have also been ordered to say "no comment" when asked sovereignty-related questions by journalists.

The Québec premier also indicated the date of the next referendum. "We will use the tactics so employed by our adversaries — manipulation. We will go to the polls two days after the next federal budget statement. Quebecers will be sure to vote YES then."

But obtaining sovereignty alone is no longer the PQ's only objective. It plans to reassert Québec's role as a dominant force in North America.

"The Conquest of 1760 took away all hopes of a sovereign, French-speaking state in North America," the premier told supporters. "The Conquest of 1996 will restore that hope and assimilate the English to our way of life."

In an unexpected move, the Québec premier announced the wording of the referendum question to be presented to Quebecers: "Do you agree that Québec should become sovereign after launching a full-scale missile attack against English Canada, and whereas such an attack is successful, extend the borders of Québec from sea to sea to sea to create the United Provinces of Québec, and whereas such an entity would come into existence on June 24 of the following year, do you agree that all the current federal institutions be maintained? — OUI...NON...PEUT-ETRE...JE NE SAIS PAS...SI VOUS VOULEZ...JE M'EN FICHE."

The Québec premier told supporters that such a move would be legal because Canada is not a real country. And this time, Quebecers know well in advance that only OUI votes will be accepted.

the PQ government has adopted a three point strategy leading up to the next referendum. Despite the fact that two referendums cannot be held within the same mandate, another is expected to be held within the next six months. Politics à la Parti Québécois.

The CUP has learned that the PQ government's obsession with deficit reduction and job creation is a facade to convince the RoC that Canada is "just one big happy family." Members of the government, as well as party members, have been ordered to remain "hush-hush" about the fact that the government of Québec has bought skid missiles from France in order to bomb Ottawa in case

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SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking will fuck your shit all the way up

Dis-U to make SUB smoke-friendly

BY IAN HALE

In response to dissatisfaction over recent referenda questions, outgoing DSU president Divad Xoc has passed a new smoking law for the Student Union Building (SUB). The new plan was passed in a secret meeting last Sunday night

so none of the student body could complain. The regulations include changing the entire SUB into a smoke-friendly environment. Smoking will be allowed everywhere in the building, including stairwells and offices. There will be one designated nonsmoking section outside the

Corner Pocket in the janitor's utility room.

These recent developments are a result of growing support for a new lobby group on campus. The Dalhousie Independent Smoking Union (commonly known as DIS-U) has been petitioning outside the building for some time.

"You see, the Surgeon General is on the payroll of the Lung Association," said Rick Shagg, the group's leader. "What does that say to you? I think it's just a big conspiracy to suppress the rising amount of young smokers out there. All that 'Smoking will kill you' shit hasn't been proven, and complaints about second-hand smoke were created by bored people with nothing else to rag about."

Another facet of the regulations which may spark some controversy deals with the growing reality that many people smoke plants other than tobacco.

"We were originally going to call it a 'toking' section, but that is too cliché, so we have decided on 'Alternative Cigarette Section,' ACS for short," said Xoc. "In no way is this new name supposed to discourage the use of bongos and pipes — it's just that we didn't want to make the name too long. Long names are a drag. Want a hit?"

The ACS will be open only on sunny days and will be closed during the exam period.

"This is a service for the students," said Xoc. "We don't want it to be abused. Abuse is a drag. Want a hit?"

The new section will be located on the roof of the SUB which will allow for proper ventilation and lighting. There are tentative plans to buy a fleet of Laz-EE-Boy recliners and wide screen TV's to make the atmosphere more user-friendly.

When asked about reactions from the anti-smoking contingent

of the student population and possible conflict between the ACS and the Halifax Police Department, Xoc turned irate, showing his true colours.

"I used to be able to smoke in my office, and those bitching losers took that away from me," he raged. "Well, I plan to reeducate those opposed to my new plan. Once a week, we will have a reeducation session in the Green Room. We will round up all the complaining nonsmokers, chain them to the wall, and flick lit cigarettes at them until they embrace smoking as a habit. As for the police, I have no worries about the ACS. You see, I have systematically made the DSU completely autonomous from the rest of society. We are our own little state within Nova Scotia. The police mean nothing to me. There is no way they can put a stop to my plan because I have used all of the DSU operating budget to bribe them. Besides, cops are a drag. Want a hit?"

Rumour has it that Bad MacCay, DSU president-elect, has been missing for some time.

"Oh, he's not missing, he's just away for a while so I can teach him the proper way to run a student government," Xoc explained. "I want him to understand the importance of these new smoking laws because, as I said before, NO ONE will stand in my way. People standing in my way are a drag. Want a hit?"

Having been already approved by the Senate, the ACS is waiting for final approval from the Board of Governors.

CEO's protest presence of International Socialists

BY QUIRKY MCNOSE

Halifax CEO's are taking action against the city's Internationalist Socialists (IS).

A year's worth of protests by the Internationalist Socialists have, in turn, prompted protest by Halifax CEO's.

Yesterday, the CEO's were found picketing outside the Halifax Metropolitan unemployment centre, where Cunard S&Co Ltd. CEO revealed to reporters, "...we knew we would find the buggers here."

They were protesting the IS's lack of focus, their unfailing appearances at all protests around the city, and their mannerless approach to solicitation.

"They are a bunch of sixties left-overs, these socialists. When they come banging on my door, I tell them to shit or get off the pot. All they are doing is creating a burden on the unemployment and welfare systems. And they are doing absolutely nothing to further this economy. I am confident that half of them don't have two pennies to rub together, and being consistently jobless without looking for work, it's like they are up the creek without a paddle. Frankly, I don't want my kids being exposed to these people," said Lonnie Cashcraizee.

The IS — which has a perfect track record of attending every single protest this year in the Halifax region, including the closing of the north end employment centre, cutbacks to secondary education, cutbacks to health, and cutbacks to provincial monetary transfers — is under attack from the business district's CEO's.

Stan Munneeguy, CEO for Toronto Dominion in Halifax, expressed the exasperation felt by the business managers in the city.

"From what I know of these socialists types, which isn't a heckuva' lot, I can tell you, they are really out in left field. I mean, they blow my mind every time I see them on the news or around the city. Speaking on behalf of my colleagues, they are truly out in left field. We're talkin' left of left field, if you know what I mean!" he said.

The IS in Halifax do not have an office number or a representative contact; however, they can usually be found protesting outside of city hall, the provincial legislature buildings, and occasionally on the steps of federal government offices downtown.

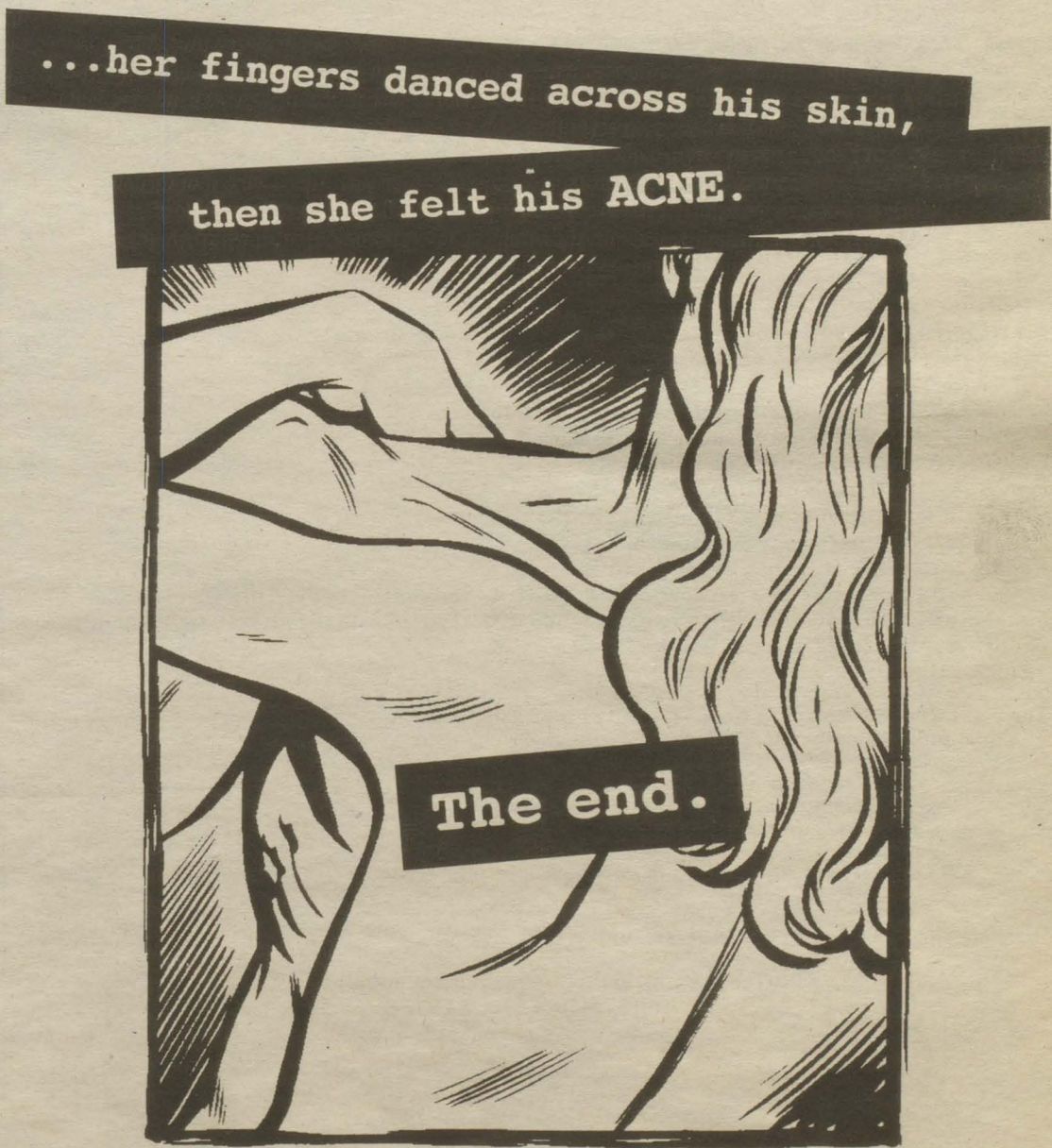
One member, Emerald Flyetee, who was questioned on her coffee break in the midst of protesting what she termed "the invasion of American navy jerks" in Hali-

fax this week, said she is horrified at the reaction of the CEO's.

"I am very upset about all this," she said, "None of us really know what to do. The main thing we do is protest willy-nilly, you know, things we think are unfair, you know, unfair things — things that hurt humankind, and ...what was I saying? Oh yeah, about the CEO's. I mean, what the heck are they worried about? They've got jobs, nice cars, big homes. Like, we're not like a huge threat or anything."

On Tuesday, Flyetee said she and her boyfriend, Marty Spaicee, walked out of the teepee where they are squatting temporarily, to find plastic pink flamingos on the lawn with a banner saying "Stop your whining or else."

The CEO's have been targeting the more outspoken members of the IS and are scheduled for another protest around the time of tax returns.



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Angst-ridden Axl axes Axemen

BY ANDY DREIFELDS

What do you get when you cross the Pope with Guns 'n Roses, ten thousand Polish nuns with Metallica, a bunch of angry Axemen with the armed forces, throw in some concerned citizens, a town council, some cops, and the Red Cross?

You have yourself a crisis of mammoth proportions.

Last Saturday night, this reporter went to Wolfville to see the Guns 'n Roses/Metallica show at Acadia University. It was an attempt to give Dal students a review of the extravaganza before it was to hit Dalhousie this weekend.

Acadia was the second-last stop on the bands' maritime campus tour. In a weird twist, Wolfville was also hosting Pope John Paul II last weekend. The Pope was kicking off the Canadian leg of his Vatican World Tour, complete with an entourage of ten thousand Polish nuns that John Paul had brought from his homeland.

Apparently these nuns are huge Metallica fans, so the Pope gave them permission to attend the concert. There I am in the Acadia Arena with these nuns and an equal amount of Acadia students and Wolfville kids. The concert started without any problems and the crowd was having a great time. Metallica began to play 'Enter Sandman' when something went wrong.

Sparks began to fly and then came the thundering explosion.

Everyone cheered and when the smoke cleared the band had been completely disintegrated. I had seen this before in Montreal so I ran for cover.

The announcement came that the concert was cancelled and that's when the shit hit the fan. People rushed the stage and then poured out onto the streets. I had to get the story, so I followed along. Within a matter of minutes, the town of Wolfville was a bloody pulp. People were looting, beating each other up, and trampling over the bodies of the wounded and dead. I had never seen such anarchy, especially from a bunch of nuns.

I attempted to interview the nuns who were foaming at the mouth with rage. I knew I had made a mistake. They rushed me, so I dropped back into a defensive stance. I managed to take out ten of them before one of the monsters cracked my skull open with a wine bottle. They left me there to die, but fortunately, a quick flash of my *Goats* press pass got me immediate medical attention.

After a night in the hospital and twenty seven stitches, I went out to get some interviews. By morning, the Red Cross and the armed forces had taken over the town. The bulk of the rioting had stopped but little flare ups still occurred.

It was hard to find out true facts. A city council member told me that, "It was just a little donnybrook, no one was hurt." When I showed him my head, he said that he had to leave.

Rumours had the body count up to six hundred dead. The police would not confirm this.

"It just goes to show you that those kids love their rock 'n roll," said Sgt. Fry of the Wolfville Police Force.

A concerned citizen who wished to remain nameless blamed the situation on illegal narcotics.

"They must have been high on reefer...you know... maryjane... pot," he said.

I just couldn't picture a bunch of nuns smoking a big fatty. They did almost kill me, but smoking pot? Come on, some things are sacred.

When Abe Fradiano, the concert promoter, was asked about the situation, he said, "Are these people ignorant? The whole band exploded and they still want a concert. Where's the compassion?"

A Red Cross spokesperson said, "Seven more helicopters, my kingdom for seven more helicopters."

While a member of the armed forces gave me this little gem, "The airborne would have shown those nuns who was boss."

I came back to Halifax only knowing a few things. Firstly, the nuns are still on tour with the Pope. He hid in his Pope-Mobile throughout the entire episode and has washed his hands of it. Secondly, the Dal concert has been cancelled.

When Halifax police were contacted about possible trouble in this city, Sgt. Rind of the Regional Police Force responded, saying,

"Those nuns cross that bridge and they're in for a world of hurt."

Axl Rose, GNR lead vocalist, said it best in a telephone interview, "What do you expect from a bunch of fucking Axemen?"

Those who had free passes to the show courtesy of *The Goats*

will not be able to use them. Those who tried to get a free pass but were too late, stop bitchin', the concert is over.

On one hand, I should have stayed home with a twelve and got drunk, but then again, at least I didn't have to watch it on TV.

Action reaction

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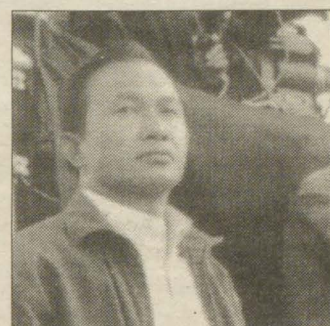
Cold as dinner

Directed by Won Joo

There's this guy and he is on this bus and then he's having some food and then this guy behind him tries to strangle him with this rope and then he throws the guy out the window and then the bus goes off a cliff and explodes and then he jumps out and he has a parachute but the bad guy ripped it and so he uses his bungee cord but he attaches it to a passing jet and then he goes and flies to the ocean and then he dives in and this shark tries to kill him but he kills the shark first and then he swims to his secret hideout and then he gets captured and then the bad guys take him to the bad guys' place and then he talks to the big bad guy and then he almost gets killed but he kills them instead and then he rescues the hostages and then he goes after the real bad guy and then he finds him and puts the death grip on him and then he lets him go and then the bad guy goes to kill him again but the guy goes just in time and then the ship explodes and then the guy goes home with the girl and then the movie ends.

There's the guy who plays you know in that TV show and then the different guy who was in the other movie but was still really cool and then there's the part where the guy does that cool move and then he says "Ree ree-ree ree raaahh" and this was some of his best stuff and if you get a chance then you should go see *Cold as dinner* because you'll be talking about it with all your friends for weeks to come.

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Oscar's fortnight

BY SENATOR CLARK

The longest edition of the Academy Awards ended last night after 10 days, 3 hours, and 14,000 awards.

The big winner of the fortnight was *Heartbreaker*. The movie about Mel Gibson walking around in a kilt won over 12,000 Oscars. Included were Best Male Legs, Best Man in a Dress (a close race between Mel and Patrick Swayze), Best Period Piece, Best Accent, and Best Movie.

The big loser of the night was *Nixon*. Oliver Stone's story of the former president garnered 1,500 nominations, but only won one oscar in the category of Best One Liner. "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore!" Academy Awards pundits are speculating that the award may be taken away if the Academy (popularly known as The Idiots Who Nominated The Pig!) ever realizes that Nixon actually said that line.

The host of the Academy Award show was Whoopi Goldberg. Over the ten days, she told 186,453 Bob Dole jokes, and referred to Mel Gibson's legs 2,439,784 times.

The best moment was when Jan del Mar, who played Girl #3 in *Clueless*, came out to present the last award and said, "I'm clueless!" The audience laughed for over ten minutes. In retrospect, it wasn't that funny, but after ten days, the audience would probably have laughed at *Platoon*.

The final award presented this year was for Best Catering in a

Dramatic Production. The award went to Joe's Eats — 5467 Melrose Ave; delicious corned beef sandwiches for only \$1.99.

Previous to this year's, the longest Oscars was in 1995 when *Forrest Gump* won over 10,000 Oscars. Tom Hanks was so exhausted at the end of the week that he had to be carried on stage by Gary Sinise. That show only lasted eight days.

The longer ceremony this year was attributed to the addition of over 2,000 awards, and more than 30 hours of extra commercials. The worldwide broadcast of the Oscars was watched by over three billion people, a number possible only because the Chinese government made watching the

program mandatory, and in India it was the only thing on.

The evenings were marred only when the show was picketed, not by Jesse Jackson, but by the Pork Producers of America. The PPA argued that since Babe had been nominated, pork sales had fallen to almost nothing.

Not everybody is complaining, though. The Oscar's biggest supporter is alleged to be the Scottish Kilt-Wearing League who have reported record sales since *Heartbreaker* was nominated.

Next year's show will have an additional 500 awards, including Best Title Sequence in a Short Film and Best Bare Male Ass. Rumoured hosts include Ernest Borgnine and Jackie Chan.

arts letter...

Art lover threatens bomb

Editor,

It comes upon me at this time to write to you about certain issues. My main concern is the content of your paper, mainly the arts and entertainment section. Has this department been over-run by morons? I open to these pages, and am accosted by senseless reviews of "alternative" and "punk" music, no doubt written up by some granola crunching, MEC-clothing-wearing, unkempt freak. Whatever happened to arts? Since the beginning of the year, there has not been one classical or adult

contemporary album even touched upon by this section. You are ignoring a distinct section of the campus with your weekly ravings, along with many fine musicians such as Yanni and Kenny G. I have planted a large explosive device somewhere in the Killam Library. If the content of the arts and entertainment section does not change this week, I will detonate it at 12:00 p.m. Thursday. It's time you took a look at us *normal* people on campus. Or maybe you should read *the Coast*, they do a fine job there.

Sincerely (missing the old Sun FM),

Mel O'Gold

Whiny Bitter Slutty
Alanis Morissette
Maverick Records

A year ago, Alanis Morissette was bitching about being ditched in "You Oughta Know," the smash single off her Maverick Records debut *Jagged Little Pill*. Now she's back with *Whiny Bitter Slutty*, her debut as a country artist.

"I've grown a lot over the last year and this album reflects the real me," said Morissette in a recent interview. "It was written from a very pure place."

Morissette went on to say, "The fact that country is the fastest growing and biggest-selling music form has nothing to do with the transition. I have evolved as an artist. Besides, there are a lot more award shows for country music."

Whiny...opens with "Easy Like Madonna," a track she claims has nothing to do with her boss and Maverick CEO, Madonna.

"The song is very symbolic, phallic almost," she said.

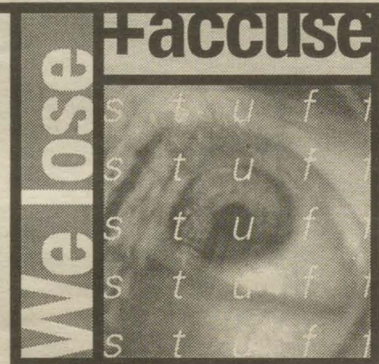
The square-dance jamboree, "Too Hat" is, in fact, a remake of an old dance tune of hers.

"This song was very special to me, very real," she revealed. "I figured I could repack it and make some more money off of it."

The first release off the disc is the lushy ballad "Sell Out," a duet with @, the artist formally known as Vanilla Ice.

"It's a very pure song," said Morissette. "When we first heard it, we cried and then had sex."

"To The Top" tells the story of a young girl determined to make it, no matter what it takes. "You may have talent and I may suck/ But what I do will take me to the



top," it teases.

"This song is about this friend of mine, really," claimed Morissette.

Through steel guitars and toe-stomping fiddles, this collection of country tunes is bound to be an instant hit.

"Country music is all about storytelling and real life," Morissette continued. "I've done enough storytelling about my real life, so I think I've got what it takes."

If not, Morissette always has alternative methods of making it to the top.

JODY GURHOLT

Straight Outta Haltown
South End Cartel
Detention Records

After mysteriously being let go by MurderingRecords, the South End Cartel (SEC) has managed to sign on with newly formed Detention Records. SEC's new record — *Straight Outta Haltown* — promises to bless metro with their own juvenile view of the rough streets of Halifax.

Evil E, Kneebone, Ice Tray, and Nineball — who all attend nearby Gorsebrook Junior High (on the

corner of Robie and South) — have exposed the gangsta scene that's only been previously touched upon by Spryfield's Local Dre. Finally able to concentrate on rapping about how they're hustling, instead of worrying about messy contract stuff, SEC has managed to come out with some bonafide quality tales on their album, mostly concerning the guns, drugs, and willing women with which they have managed to surround themselves.

As soon as the first line of the title track drops, you become instantly aware of who's the baddest: "Straight outta Haltown/a crazy motherfucker named Ice Tray/Mess with the SEC and you will pay."

The second and third songs deal with SEC's much publicized beef with local hip hop group Hipp Clubb Grover: "No Vaseline, Part 2" and "It's On (187 Chekluv)," the former song containing explicit lyrics describing rape and torture scenes.

The next song on the album, "Gorsebrook Paradise" (presumably the school, not the bar) is the lead-off single. Containing a violin-laden track and male vocals on the chorus, the song promises to be a big hit. "The Gifted Get Lifted" and "LA, LA," a song that praises the mecca of contemporary gangsta rap, are other notable songs.

Produced by NWA's DJ Yella (in a last ditch attempt to save his career), *Straight Outta Haltown* lacks lyrical ingenuity and technical skill. But the SEC are so hard everyone has to pick up this album.

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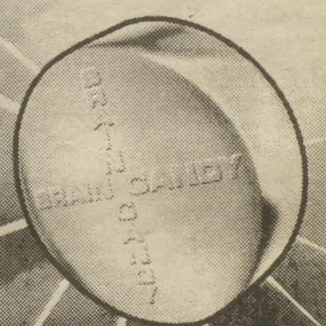
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BY GOATS STAFF

A recent discovery at *The Goats* has led to the suspension of two editors.

Kaveri Gupta and Shelley Robinson, co-editors for the small — but totally popular — Focus on Dal (F.O.D.) section were hauled up on charges of journalistic fraud (sec. 1135), willful misconduct (sec. 9682), deliberate negligees (sec. 6666), and indecent exposure (sec. 6969).

The pair were allegedly behind the creation of staff member John Cullen, the section's only writer.

Unwilling to take the heat for the controversial opinion pieces Cullen was known for, the duo allegedly fabricated him as a means of printing contentious articles and not having to worry about the backlash. However, the jig was up when managing editor Jen Horsey demanded "...to actually meet this John guy." Despite Gupta and Robinson's attempt to throw their voices — claiming Cullen was in a locked bathroom — the two were revealed when the bathroom proved to be empty.

Cullen was known for such pieces as *Fleece Covered and Money Soaked*, an inside look at the University of King's College, which generated much heat on the small but mouthy campus; and, *No More "Stump the Zealot,"* a piece on door-to-door salesmanship and religion.

Academic liaison Cheryl Noble, on why the charges were so severe, said, "It was so much more than an elaborate pseudonym...the articles were completely unresearched," she said. "Fiction does not good journalism make, and you can quote me on that."

The myth of John Cullen was an extensive undertaking, which included not only articles every week, but a face to attach to the name — taken from an outpatient at the Nova Scotia Mental Hospital, one R.T. Loop.

"Cullen" also obtained a student directory, a listing in the Student Directory, an e-mail account and address, and perhaps most impressively, a requisite number of people asserted that they actually knew him.

Playing on the bad memories and free beers of *The Goats* staff meetings, many writers concurred with Arts Editor Tim Covert, who said, "He was a good guy; it's too bad he never existed."

A civil suit has been filed by a University of King's College student, who is also named John Cullen.

"It has ruined my life!" he cried "I love King's! I really do like Shakespeare and The Wardroom! I love private schools and old money! I am not a complete penis!"

Charges are also pending from the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) based on the candidacy of Cullen in this year's presidential elections. Running mate Andrew Simpson could not be reached for comment, and it remains unclear if he actually knew that his partner was fictional.

The pair didn't attend a single forum, but placed fifth overall in the polls. The President-elect, Bad McCay, said, "It made a mockery of the democratic process. Where

would the salaries go if they had won? Thank God we beat them. Hey, that thing isn't still on, is it?"

Reaction at *The Goats* was mollified only by the girls' dismissals.

Copy editor Sam McCaig felt the issue "...made us look like some sort of really dumb place, where like, only stupid people would go...y'know what I mean?"

Typesetter Zack Taylor replied, grinning cryptically, "Perception is reality."

The pair were removed forcibly from campus on Monday, April 1, by Halifax Police Officer B. Acon. As they were dragged off, they could be heard screaming, "You need us! You need John Cullen! You need a beer-drinking, Kings-hating, bongo-disdaining, infiltrating son of a bitch! I am John Cullen! You are John Cullen! We are John Cullen! Face up to yourselves, face up to the truth!"

Due to the dismissal of the Focus on Dal Editors, this week's Focus On Dal section was edited by John Cullen.

DULL gets a lift

BY KAVERI GUPTA

DULL, the Dalhousie University Leftist League, has recently made a breakthrough in their movement.

In a meeting on Sunday with Dalhousie officials, DULL President Brandon McCay made an emotional and moving presentation as to the future of their organization and the importance of recognizing the impact of left-handed people on Canadian culture.

"It doesn't matter what it takes," McCay said. "We'll resort to anything to make people see our way and recognize us for who we really are. Left-handed people are special. We use a whole other side of our brains! We deserve to be recognized as a distinct society."

The group, whose latest fundraising scheme is the sale of Lefties Unite! paraphanelia, have plans for a major demonstration in the near future.

"I bet you didn't know Tom Traves is a leftie. Lefties are just left out of the loop," he concluded bitterly.

DULL's major breakthrough on Sunday was receiving extra funding for more left-handed desks in campus classrooms.

"We are made to feel like we just don't belong," said DULL Vice President, Katherine Walsh.

DULL has been in operation for about 10 years, and so it's members are constantly surprised when people admit to never having heard about them.

"They'll know who the hell we are now," McCay growled.

DULL's next goal is to push for the sale of left-handed pens in the Dalhousie Campus Bookstore and possible left-handed entrances to buildings on campus.

Student Bus Tour

The Royal Commonwealth Society is sponsoring a bus tour for Foreign Students from Commonwealth Countries

Where? We will visit the beautiful South Shore - Peggy's Cove, Chester, and Lunenburg

When? Saturday, April 27
The bus will depart from the Dal S.U.B. (University Ave.) at 9:00 am. Return between 5 and 6 pm.

COST: Five dollars (\$5.00) per person. Lunch will be provided. We will eat at the historic Boscawen Inn in Lunenburg.

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DSU Meeting Sunday, April 7, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. In-Camera session (ie. behind closed doors) begins at 2:10 p.m. and will continue until all guests get bored of waiting and go home. Every Dal student has the right and is welcome to attend these meetings, excluding those who care.

Enthusiastic Students? That's right, we're talking to you! If you have an interest in the welfare of your school (that's Dalhousie), attend the next meeting of The Few and Far Between Club. YOU can help make a difference. The Club meets each Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the telephone booth outside the SUB. See you there!

Rigor Mortis is back in! The Dalhousie Medical School is running short of cadavers. We need you! Make big bucks AND give your life to Science! Call Grimmer Eaper.

A Rally of Disgruntled Students will be held in protest against the Dalhousie Securities Office for lack of parking space. Tired of having to come to Dalhousie two hours before your class begins, in the hope of finding a parking space? Exasperated after having to pay \$215 worth of parking tickets? Then meet in front of Dal Security on South St. Public transportation recommended.

For More Information call 494-5555. Have a question about anything at all? Always looking for more info? Contact us during regular business hours, weekdays, and ask for Anyone Atall.

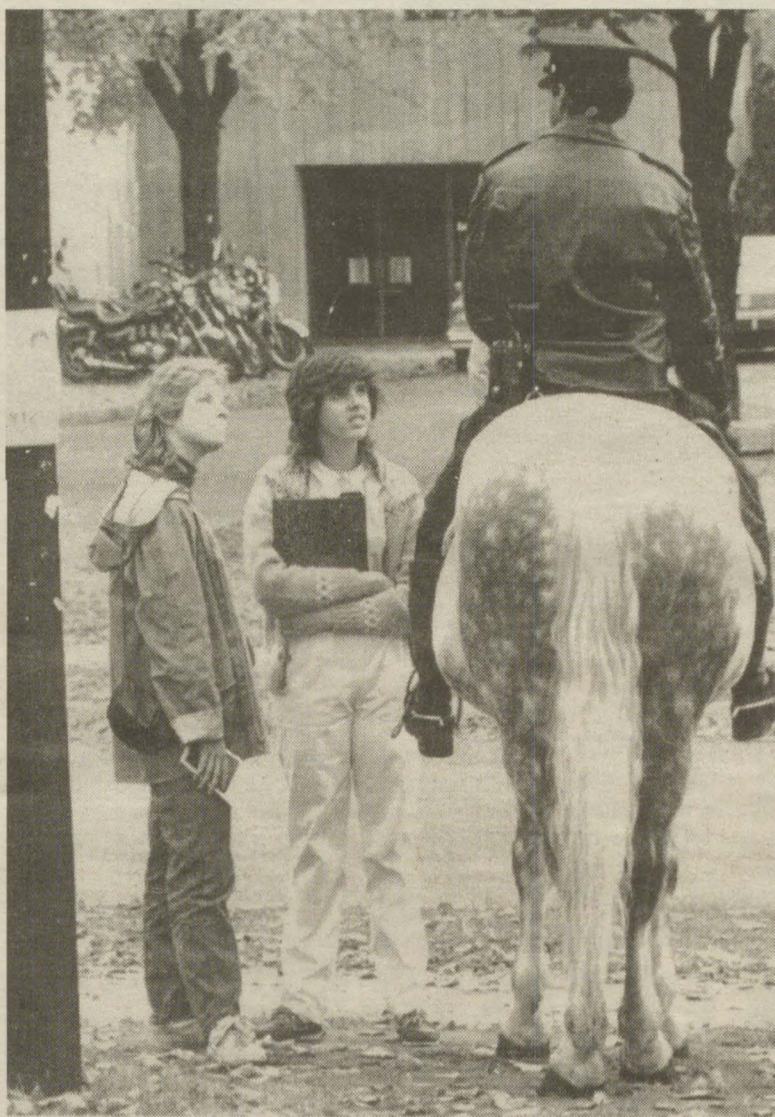
The Saint Mary's Reading Club presents Walt Witless, Saturday evening at 11:06 p.m. His works include "The Philistine Prophecy," "Bridges to Dartmouth," its sequel "Bridges to Antigonish," and "90210 Reasons Not To Watch Malibou Shores." Admission is free, but donations to the Robie Street High Fund are gratefully accepted.

Angst-ridden? Tired of your man staying out all hours of the night? Is he cheating on you? Come to the SUB, Room 316, on Mondays for meetings of the Dal PI Society. We'll teach you to track him down, take pictures, and shoot (when necessary). We're discreet. Call 494-2507.

Cum 1, Cum All To an old fashioned spelling be. Important figures from around the Halifax area will be in attendance to judge the proceedings. Admishun \$6 per pursin. If you're interested in percipitating, please call the For More Informashon number listed above.

The Dalhousie Fart Gallery presents a panel discussion on the art of blowing wind. Guests include Va Gina Rectum, Scrotum Ovaries, and Uterus Thumper. Admission is free, but donations of excrement are welcome.

The Psychology Depart-



The good, the bad, and the Horsey.

ment offers the chance for students to participate in studies of shock therapy. All students will receive the chance to work closely with the researchers and equipment, as well as becoming familiar with the experimental procedures (up until consciousness is lost). Proof of heavy medical insurance is required.

Attention All Email Users! Due to cuts in funding, Dalhousie University will be charging a nominal fee of \$5 per log in (or for computer science majors, a reduced rate of \$4,075 per school year) beginning in Sept. 1996.

The Kill'em Off Library wishes to announce that it will be replacing the poor air-ventilation systems with a high speed fan on each floor in response to the growing number of students passing out. In addition, there will be an oxygen bar in the basement.

This Week's Meeting of the International Socialists will be held in the quad on Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m. and will feature a panel discussion between The United Tea-Cozy Suppliers and The Doily Association for Better Crocheting. This should be a dramatic and energetic debate, all are welcome to join the frenzy.

Next Week's Meeting of the International Socialists will feature a conference on modern economic theory with keynote speaker Stephen Forbes.

NOSUBR — The National Organization of Student Union Building Rats, local chapter 123, will meet every day in the SUB from early morning till late at night. Come to these meetings as we denounce our well-informed nature regarding all the news that the Student Council doesn't want

YOU to know. We hate ourselves! We love ourselves! Beat us! Kiss us! But if you're ill-informed, talk to the hand.

Internet Anonymous will gather this evening as far away from the computer labs as possible, probably at The Second Cup on Spring Garden Road. This group has established itself on the 10 step program (no, not a computer program!), and coupled with the support of other ex-tech-junkies allows the interholic to gradually wean him or herself from the addictive force of the Net. For more info call, the For More Information number listed above.

Feeling Left Out of The Crowd? Unloved? Need a friend? Then why not drop by the Sattern Car Company Showroom? We promise you'll leave with a feeling of hope, new friendships, and a lighter wallet. Don't delay, buy understanding today!

The Counselling and Psychological Services Centre offers a variety of lectures and workshops to help students help themselves. The next seminar will be on organization and pre-planning skills. Fee is yet to be determined. Place and time unknown. Pre-register by calling the For More Information Number.

DORC — The Dalhousie Organization for Recovering Country line dancers will be meeting in the SUB this Friday. In a nurturing environment, members can share and learn from the fashion and music mistakes of their past.

Please recycle your elected student executives. They need the job and a way to feel important.

Pool Tournament Tonight! Entrance fee \$10, everyone welcome. Pools will be judged on cleanliness, design, and safety. Size doesn't matter, enter your pool today!

Students Against Tuition And Nutrition (SATAN) invite all those who are broke and hate broccoli to join them in Greasefest '96, to be held Thursday, April 11 at the Graywad. BYOT (Bring Your Own TUMS).

April is Alcohol Awareness month. The Graywad invites all students that wish to know more about this engaging substance to come on down and try it out! Experienced users will be on hand to demonstrate its effects.

Dealing With Rejection: A seminar for unemployed students is being offered by Dr. Tubad on April 14 to help those suffering from RLS (Rejection Letter Syndrome). Must apply soon as seats are limited. Interviews to be held next week. Experience an asset, three languages a must.

The Dalendar Editor would like to remind all groups or persons wishing to submit a Public Service Announcement that the deadline of Monday at 4 p.m. means nothing, and that they have the right to expect her to type up announcements at the last possible minute. If you are unhappy with the service you have been receiving due to your own negligence, do not hesitate to come after her with a large club, or for faster gratification, call the For More Information Number.

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Wanted: To buy or rent — A Life. Will pay any price. Please contact any officer of the Dalhousie Student Union at 494-1106.

Need to find someone to share a summer sublet? If you share my love of small rodents, late night Italian movies, and Neoclassical English punk rock, call John at 425-2963.

Wanted: Quiet, unassuming, and timid student to act as the Board of Governors representative so the board can railroad its decisions through and not have to worry about students' opinions.

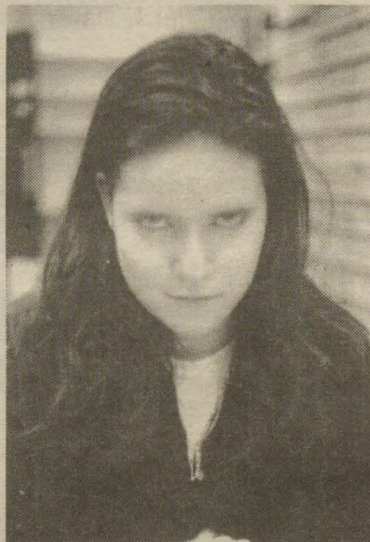
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Looking for a female roommate to share furnished apartment. Rent is free but lucky lady is expected to cook meals, clean the apartment, do all the laundry, and other "domestic" duties. Ignorance a plus. Only quiet and submissive lady with good references need apply.

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Help Wanted. Full-time (wink, wink) SUB positions available, including Assistant Ass-Kisser, Cover-up Manager, and a Yes-Man. Don't quit your day job.

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YOGIC FLYING *A Natural High*

BY JOHN CULLEN

Over the past few months, I have realized one thing about politics. No matter what ideas political parties think of, they are all theoretical and can never be realistically enforced.

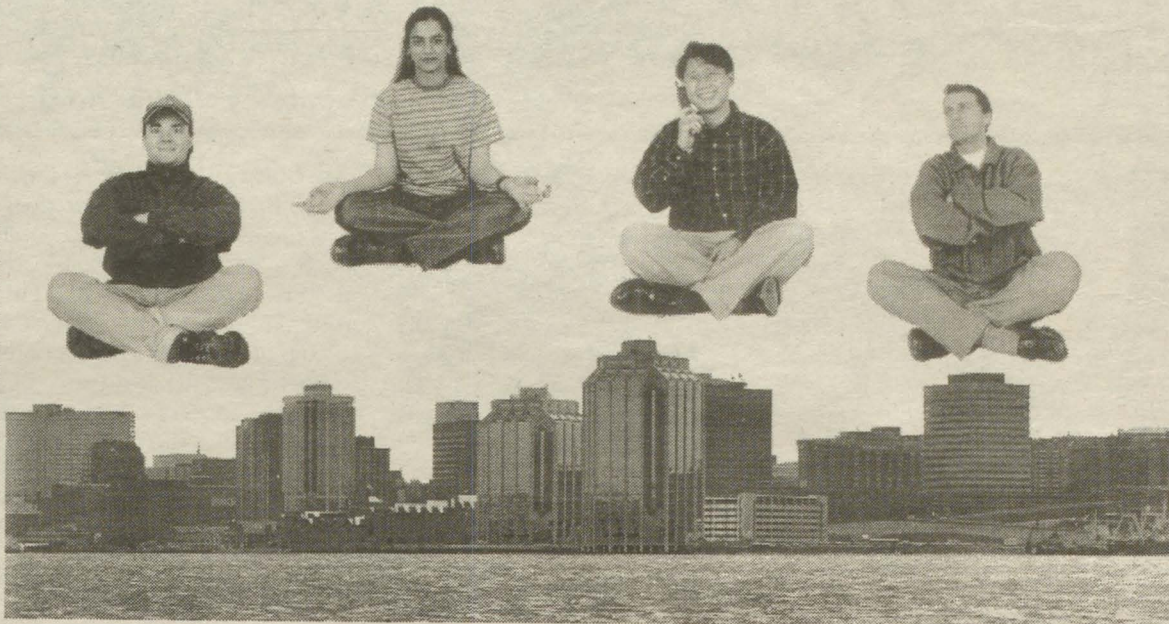
Except for one party — those yogic flying Natural Law Party types. When was the last time a party had something new to say? Never. Forget the fact that they are just trying to beef up their membership roster to their religion through the auspices of a Real Political Party, that doesn't matter. Where the torso lies is in the fact that Transcendental Meditation (TM) is new and more interesting than harmonizing the GST and PST. Have you ever flown? (Let's not forget they don't really fly, but bounce). Scratch that, have you ever bounced without trying? Then let's give it a chance until it we can actually prove that it can't handle all national problems.

Take, for instance, the latest developments with the tuition hikes for university students. If we were to practice TM, the school could save buckets o' money. How? Well, first of all, we would all be sitting on mats outside listening to peaceful compositions by Yanni. Therefore, the buildings would not need to be open. The electricity bill would plummet, and all those people at the registrar's office could be sent on their way to discover the beauty of daytime TV. While we vibrated with the power of inner peace, we would have no time to litter or make a mess in the cafeteria; hence, no need for Beaver Foods personnel. And what about those uppity pig-fucking professors? They could shove their tenures in the closest orifice because we wouldn't be attending class.

Ah, but university is just a small facet of life (for some people). Let us look on a broader scale. Namely, the nation of Canada. Problems with that embarrassing province beside the almighty Ontario? Not if we meditate. All those separatists (and I refuse to capitalize) would be sitting on their mats and only resting to take a hit from the bong. Oh, I forgot, the NLP does not condone the use of any drugs or alcohol. But anyway, those brief rest periods between meditations would not be long enough to create a serious movement for separation from Canada.

Problems with fish stocks on both coasts of this mighty nation? We could put ourselves in such a trance that we would no longer like fish. Now that is a simple way

PHOTOS AND MONTAGE BY DANIELLE BOURDEAU



to get rid of a problem. But what about all those unemployed fisherpersons? Well, they have more time to meditate — maybe even enough to become an elite force of yogic flyers that can have seminars across the country.

There is a catch somewhere, but I can't find it. What about the age-old class struggle? With TM, the poor will be able to say, "I may

not have eight billion dollars, but I can meditate the balls off of Bill Gates". How could anything be more soothing than that?

Oh yes, the catch. I just remembered. The NLP is not for free; you have to pay over \$1,000 for four hours of instruction. That's more money per hour than a good corporate lawyer makes. So I guess that pretty much blows

my whole idea out of the water. If everyone had a grand to chuck around for frivolous religious groups, Jimmy Swaggart would be prez of the US instead of rotting behind the bars of a minimum security prison in some godforsaken state like Ohio.

I guess the NLP isn't the best way solve our problems, but it was worth a shot.

Gal Profile BY TIM RICHARD



Prudence Sparky

Luscious

Age: 22

Studying Theatre

Where were you born?

Pennsylvania. I started off my life as a member of the Pennsylvania Dutch Amish Community.

Do you remember your first kiss?

I do. It's one of my few memories from the Amish country. It

was with a sheep, my sheep. We were in love, his name was Ichabod.

Are there any ambitions that you've given up already?

I don't think that I'll ever make it as a nun. Either one of two things would happen: the whole black and white thing would remind me of my Amish years and I'd just break down or I'd just spontaneously rip off my clothes and wrap myself in toilet paper.

What two things are always in your fridge?

There's always a roll of toilet

paper in my fridge. And although it may sound odd, I like the felling of slightly chilled toilet paper against my skin. And Mexican zesty cheese whiz for reasons I won't go into.

If you were reincarnated, what would you come back as in the next life?

Toilet paper.

If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you most like to have?

Jello. Thigh Master. Toilet paper.

What ticks you off?

Animal abuse. Gypsies. Lack of toilet paper. People who dis the Amish.

Tell us something no one knows about you.

It's a little embarrassing, but I've saved every piece of gum I've ever chewed.

Any mottos you live your life by?

Love many, trust few, always paddle your own canoe.

If you could be famous for anything, what would it be?

Well, I'd have to say I'd like to be famous for being the person who brings toilet paper to the level of respect and admiration that it really deserves.

ShadowBoxing

Hanna and her Sisters

by some anonymous residence girl who felt ignored by Kat and is attempting to exact some form of revenge

Shadowboxing was an irregular column intended to serve as Dalhousie's "anti-apathy pill." Unfortunately, as when ministering to lepers, it caught the very disease it was working to eradicate. In the interest of continuity however, an end of year edition has been written. Despite a pool of willing writers ranging from small-minded to petty, an appropriate candidate has been selected — someone who embodied all the ennui, angst, and Clearasil that is Dal.

For those of you who don't live on campus, a party is in the works to celebrate Kat Hanna's victory as next year's Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) Executive Vice President. Apparently, the booze will flow freely from Kat's personal supply, rumoured to be valued at \$20,000. (but then, the Grawood always did overcharge). Although no boys are invited, it is expected some of the bad (read: painfully cute) ones will try to crash the soiree. Rest assured, however, that this does not include some of the more notorious Howe Hall boys. On a related note, Johann Killen has been reported as asking people, "Say I hypothetically went to a party in drag, just to get in. Do you think that would hurt my chances of picking up?"

The first 979 people who show up and claim to have voted for Bad MacCay and Hanna will be well received, although if you didn't vote for them, don't expect to get in. The polling station attendants will be at the door, kicking out any people they clearly remember as voting for other teams. After all, secret ballots are only for the suspicious, and are unnecessary when everybody trusts everybody else. If you didn't vote for MacCay/Hanna, but truly repent your decision, and remember, they can tell when you're fibbing, bring a note of your intent to officially switch sides, and hope for the mercy of next year's executive.

According to Hanna, a good rule of thumb is "if you're ugly, fat, not from Ontario, don't live in res, weren't a cool girl in high school, or any combination of the above, well, then it's not like you can't come, I'm just concerned about how good a time you'd have."

Dress is to be casual, so anything you wore to a wedding or your prom is a safe bet, with PJ's, popcorn, and romantic comedies a must.

"It'll be like some huge sleepover," gushed one giddy first year, "except none of us will remember it in the morning."

Hey, no memories, no regrets.

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