

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE DEALS WITH NOISE

by Ron Cameron

On Tuesday December 8th, the Senate Library Committee met to discuss several issues. Prof. John Smith was elected as the new chairman of the committee. The major issue that was dealt with was the problem of noise in the library proper. In order to provide a quieter environment for the students the committee has made the glassed in area at the top of the stairs a super quiet area. This should be in effect within the next couple of days if not already so. This also affects the reserved carrels in that area. In order to keep noise to a minimum, these carrels are no longer reserved. There will also be signs installed to remind people that is a library and to keep noise to a minimum. If people want to get together and have a social session then they can go to the lounge, so as not to disturb others that want to study.

The library is now a non-smoking area for the whole building with the exception of the lounge and the breeze-



## Student ordered to seek psychiatric help

HALIFAX (CUP) - A student was ordered to seek psychiatric treatment after a cat was thrown from a 12-storey residence window at St. Mary's University last month.

Stephen Stokes, 18, and the 17-year-old student who can't be named have been charged with cruelty to animals. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Stokes withdrew from classes October 30 and has returned to his home in Newfoundland.

way. This is to conform with the Senate and the Board of Governors program to provide more smoke free spaces.

Another issue that was dealt with was the rising cost of journals. Due to rapid in-

crease in prices and the limited budget that is available for journals there will have to be some cut backs. At the present, a study is being done to determine what journals are receiving the most use and what journals should

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structures than male - a position which does not impose research mandates. Instructors tend to run labs and help students. Dalhousie's Darvesh says the scientific community is trying to determine the reasons behind the few women in graduate studies. Some factors may be a lack of day care, time constraints on women, and society's attitudes towards working women, the researcher says. The chemist says women walk into their science classes and wonder why they have no female professors. She blames the media too, saying that scientists are

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The younger student has been expelled from residence but will not be suspended from the university. A disciplinary committee ordered he seek psychiatric treatment and report to the university's counselling centre once a week.

"We are concerned about the tragic incident but we are more concerned about the rehabilitation of this young man," said committee chair Dr. Don Davies.

## Women still avoiding science

HALIFAX (CUP) - Women still are not considering the option of a career in science, according to a researcher at Dalhousie University.

"There are no barriers to a female student going for a Ph.D. - there will be a job offer. The students are simply not choosing to," said Chemist Dr. Katherine Darvesh.

Darvesh is concerned that women need more role models in order to become involved in chemistry, physics and biology. She said the biggest problem is attitudes. Forty per cent of those studying undergraduate chemistry in Canada are women. But the number drops to 25 per cent at the Ph.D. level, according to Anne Alper, the executive director of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

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