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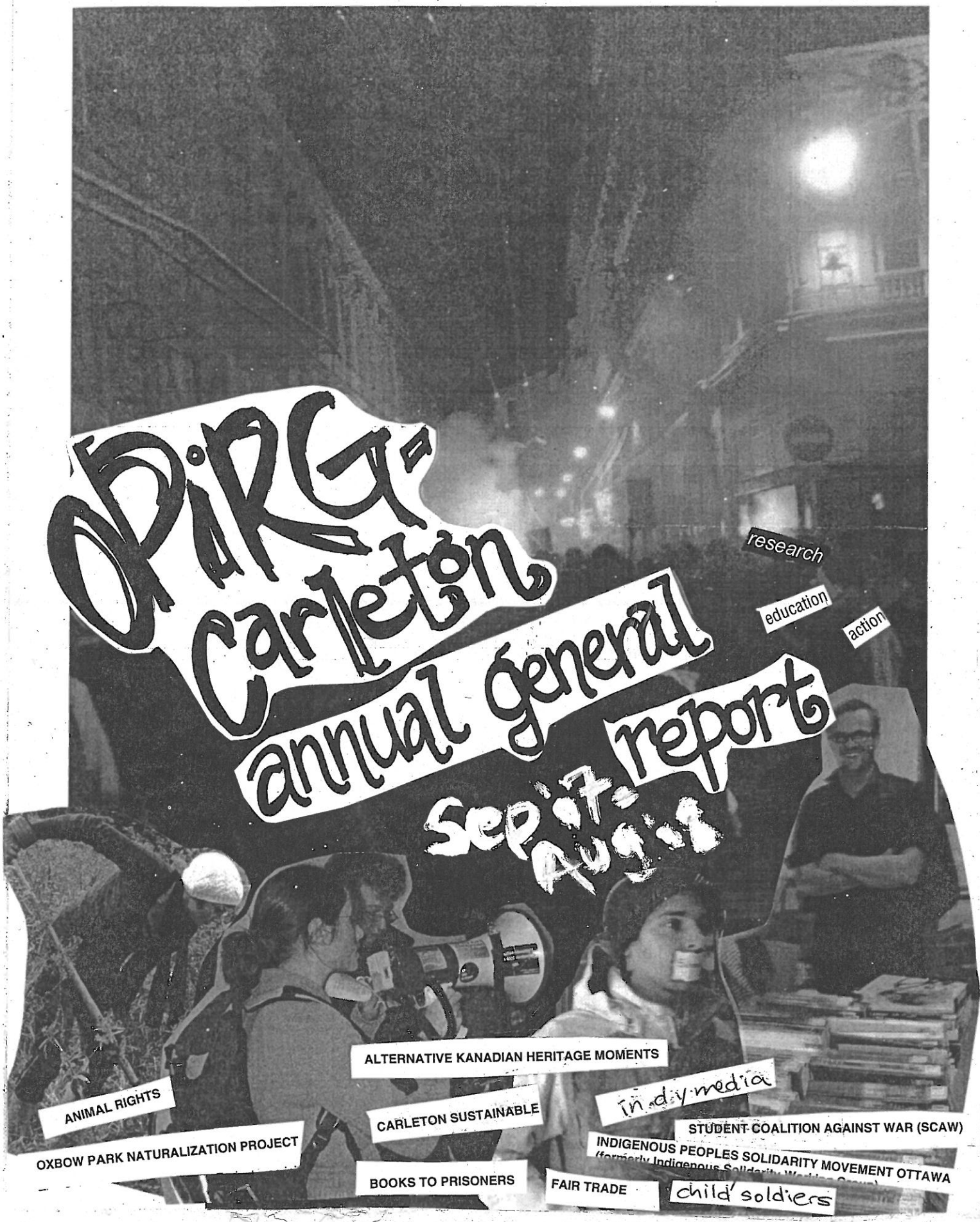
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WORKING GROUPS

ALTERNATIVE KANADIAN HERITAGE MOMENTS

Alternative Heritage Moments is a working group of OPIRG-Carleton that is working to raise awareness and get people asking questions about Canada's history. We are aiming to make a space for stories to be remembered, recounted and represented. Particularly stories dealing with the tradition of oppression and the dissent.

Alternative Heritage Moments worked throughout the Spring and summer to write and produce more heritage moments including 5 audio ones which are now available through heritagemoments.ca and the radio4all.net archive. The audio moments dealt with various subjects including Deskaheh: Speaker of the 6 Nations, the forced displacement of Halifax's Africville, some labour history and more.



ANIMAL RIGHTS

The OPIRG-Carleton Animal Rights Working Group encourages a cruelty-free, animal-friendly lifestyle. We believe animals have the right to live free of pain and



suffering, and do not exist for exploitation or consumption. In the pursuit to end animal cruelty, we encourage ethically responsible choices and alternative education. We focus on raising awareness about animal rights, as well as the effects of material and dietary consumption on animals.

In the past, we have participated in anti-fur demonstrations, petitioned

for harsher anti-cruelty legislation, hosted movie nights, information tables on products not tested on animals, the evils of factory farming, and made regular trips to delicious, local vegetarian/vegan restaurants.

BOOKS TO PRISONERS

The *Books to Prisoners Project* was initiated by OPIRG-Carleton members who were inspired by the prison activism of other PIRGs, especially those in Montreal. Our aim was to utilize the resources of the Ottawa community - namely, books - and deliver the donations to prisoners who have requested reading materials.



This project ties together research regarding prison regulations, programming, and accessibility; education of the public about these conditions; and action, in the form of getting books to the prisoners. It is a great way to get involved in Ottawa's activism community.

OXBOW PARK NATURALIZATION PROJECT

The Oxbow Park Naturalization Project was initiated because the daycare centre at Carleton University grew concerned over the health risks associated with the use of the pesticide 2,4-D on Oxbow grounds in order to maintain the grassy landscape. In March of 1992, the Task

Force recommended that there be a moratorium on spraying pesticides. There was a recommendation of the implementation of organic lawn care over the next two years which the administration approved.

In 1993 OPIRG-Carleton suggested a larger project one that would reduce the need for a lawn care program as well as provide habitat to wildlife on Campus. They secured this parcel of land through a lease agreement with University Administration. OPIRG-Carleton's Naturalization Group was formed to begin naturalizing the site. They set out a list of goals and objectives for the site which are still being followed today and began determining how they would design the green space and what they would like to plant. In 1994, OPIRG-Carleton had its first planting event in the spring. They planted native species of trees, shrubs and wildflowers throughout Oxbow Park.

Since 1993, Carleton University and OPIRG have received much recognition for the Oxbow Park Naturalization Project. In 1996, OPIRG-Carleton was given the Ottawa Capital Ward's 1995 Whitton Award from Jim Watson for their "tremendous contribution to the community in the area of Environment." Throughout the years the Oxbow Park Naturalization project has been granted funding from numerous organization including Mountain Equipment Co-op

Stewardship Grant, Environmental Youth Corps (EYC), and the Canadian Millennium Partnership Program. This project also received two grants from Canada Trust Friends of the Environment. Funding was received by a Human Resources Development Program (HRDC) to hire Carleton students in 1998.

CARLETON SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS NETWORK (CSCN)

The Carleton Sustainable Campus Network is a group of students, faculty, staff, and administrators committed to sustainable development at Carleton University. Through interdisciplinary and inter-departmental collaboration we are striving to engage our campus as a living laboratory and learning tool in creating a sustainable society.

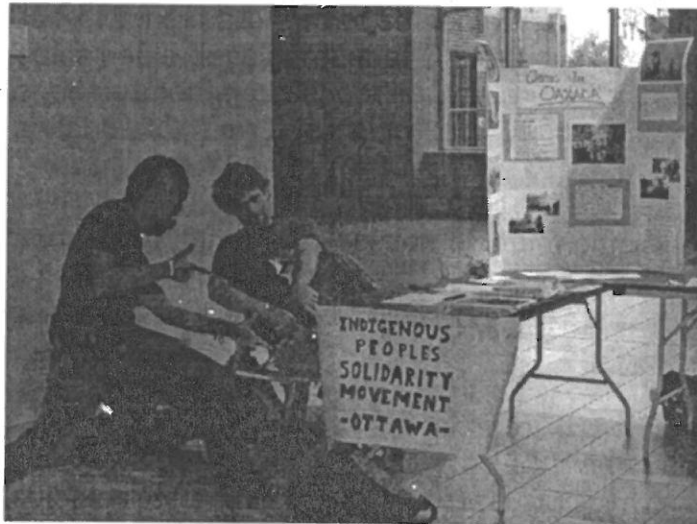
OPIRG Carleton has contributed to network through allocation of staff hours and recruiting of volunteers.

FAIR TRADE

Fair-trade Carleton is a (mostly) student group based that works to further the cause of Fair-trade in Carleton and in the greater Ottawa area. It organizes fun fair-trade promotional events, distributes information, contact local businesses, arranges seminars and speakers, and created an alternative consumption guide. The group is organized into four areas: Alternative Consumption, Lobbying & Awareness, Event Squad, and Impact Art.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT OTTAWA

Indigenous Solidarity was a group of Carleton students and community members trying to raise awareness of Indigenous issues in the community. The group had shown movies, raised donations for Six Nations, hosted speakers, planned a Native Issues conference and more.



The Indigenous Solidarity group changed their name to IPSMO in May 2007 and adopted a clear definition of the group. IPSMO is a working group of OPIRG-Carleton that strives to support indigenous peoples' struggles for justice. We do this by supporting Indigenous groups directly and by working within settler communities to undo prevailing mythologies that have come to dominate popular opinion within Canadian society. We expose the

continuation of colonial policy -policies of genocide - by the Canadian state (as well as other corporate and dominant interests, because is their really a difference?) while advocating support for indigenous struggles and sovereignty.

We see Canada - as well as the Americas at large - as occupied territories where policies of settlement and colonization have deliberately targeted Indigenous Peoples' communities, through diverse forms of violence and systematic oppression (i.e. violence!), in order to expropriate and exploit North American resources in the name of progress and development.

Our work is in recognition of a continent/ worldwide decolonization movement. We are committed to supporting and building support for Indigenous sovereignty. We have helped to organize demonstrations in support of the Six Nations Kanohnstaton reclamation, as well as drop off spots for supplies to be sent to the Kanohnstaton camp. We have also initiated community awareness and education events regarding the Kanohnstaton reclamation. IPSMO is a member of the No-2010 Olympics committee and involved in the No 2010 Olympics on Stolen Land campaign. We have also engaged in providing legal research support for sovereignty/justice struggles in Tynedinaga. Currently IPSMO is supporting the Ardoch Algonquin First Nations and Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nations in their blockade to prevent uranium exploration and mining on a site on Hwy #509.



MONDAY MORNING RISE UP

The Monday Morning Rise-Up is OPIRG Carleton's weekly programme on CKCU radio. Hosted by Bones, the Rise-Up is an hour of news, politics, and propaganda. Each week the Rise-Up reports news that has been uncovered, under-covered, or misrepresented in/by the corporate media. The programme focuses on local and international issues, generally highlighting particular struggles against the waning and increasingly belligerent, dangerous, and militaristic global empire.

STUDENT COALITION AGAINST WAR (SCAW)

SCAW is a coalition of student groups focused on using creative non-violent direct actions in opposition to war. SCAW organized educational events, demonstrations, info tables and more. The group has worked a great deal on the anniversary date of the invasion of Iraq.

STOP THE WAR AGAINST CHILDREN (SWAC)

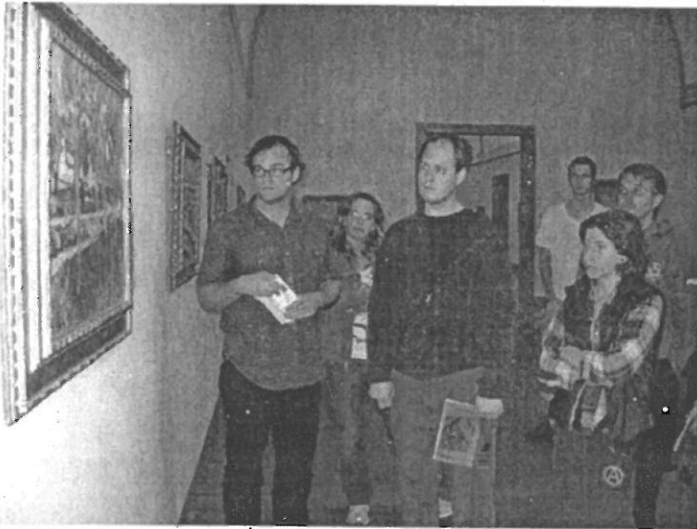
SWAC opposes the use of child soldiers and was formed to address the use of child soldiers in conflicts throughout the world. SWAC focused on raising awareness about this phenomenon through hosting film & discussion nights, tabling events and creating petitions. SWAC was also concerned with the minimum age requirement to join the Canadian military and tried to oppose this through petitioning the government to raised the minimum requirement.



EVENTS, SPEAKERS and PROGRAMMING

SEPTEMBER 2007

Radical Frosh is a first year orientation program for students looking to change the world from the bottom up. It provides an intro to the OPIRG alternative! Complete with speakers, workshops, film screenings, live music & art, and useful info for new comers to the city and/or campus. The September 2007 Radical Frosh was coordinated by the Board of Directors and many volunteers helped



ensure the orientation happened! OPIRG cancelled some on-campus events in solidarity with the striking workers of **CUPE 2424**, but the week was nevertheless jammed packed with events.

RadFrosh is a pro-diversity orientation program. We welcome and encourage the participation of students of all genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, cultures, ages, abilities and classes.

We encourage participation especially from members of marginalized and historically oppressed social positions.

RadFrosh's Walking Tour of the City of Ottawa! On the tour folks were given info about how to get around Ottawa and survive in the new city as well as how it came to be the way it is and the great work being done around the city to promote social, economic and ecological alternatives. Beneath the veneer of an orderly Capital, lies Ottawa's history as a colonial outpost, Bytown. We followed its development, and analyzed it in terms of the class and ethnic divides that have organized the city since its founding. The tour also featured some great places to get what you need on a budget while supporting communities here and away. The tour stopped for lunch at some of Ottawa's great vegetarian friendly restaurants and provided an introduction to the transit system.

The **Radical Frosh Campus Subversion Tour** helped folks find their classes and uncover the story behind Carleton U. Ever wonder why Carleton has a building with the same name as a chain of grocery stores? Or why there are military recruiters on campus so often? How about what students have done to make Carleton a better place? This tour got beneath the PR jargon to examine the university's role in the world: where money comes from, where it goes, what research goes on and for whom, and the contested spaces and places where

positive changes are developing thanks to the hard work of students, staff and faculty.

Also during September, OPIRG Carleton closed its on-campus operations and walked the picket lines with the **striking members of CUPE 2424**. The union represents support staff at the Carleton campus and workers walked off the job for more than 2 weeks.

Books To Prisoners organized a **benefit show at Irene's Pub**. The show featured local rock band Mile Over Mecca, BC outlaw country artist Joey Only, and, as headliner, slam poet Oni the Haitian Sensation. It raised funds was a benefit for Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC). SHAC activists use legal tactics to draw attention to the unethical practices of Huntingdon Life Services (HLS) and affiliated companies. HLS conducts vivisection and cruel forms of animal testing. Several members of SHAC Montreal had charges laid against them in November of 2006. SHAC members are facing jail terms. A benefit for legal support, the event will be an opportunity for people to learn more about the SHAC cause.

OPIRG Carleton participated in the **Canoe Protest and Rally** on Ottawa's Victoria Island and Parliament Hill. The event aimed to draw attention to outstanding Algonquin land claims in the area, in particular the ongoing battle over a uranium mine proposed due west of the city.

The Algonquin Alliance undertook a ceremonial descending of the headwaters of the Mississippi watershed to Parliament Hill. The First Nations delivered water from their starting point and poured it onto the steps of Parliament Hill, to send the message that the waters of the Mississippi are close at hand. A proclamation demanding a moratorium on uranium mining will be delivered to the Government of Canada. Grandfather William Commanda performed a pipe ceremony before several leaders of the First Nations left for Ottawa followed by about 20 canoes filled with supporters.

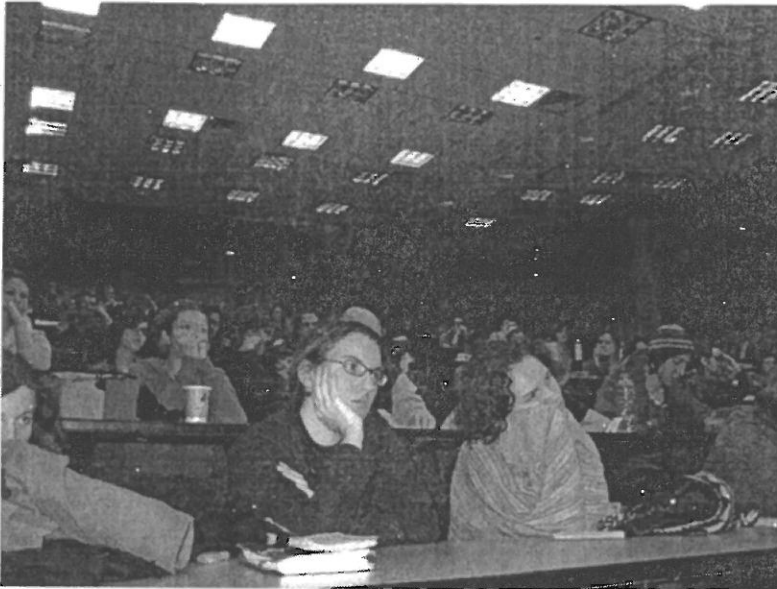
OCTOBER 2007

Presented by OPIRG Carleton on October 26th and 27th, our Fall Session of **Tools for Change**, gave students a unique experience in working cooperatively and practicing consensus decision making to affect social change and environmental awareness. These "Tools for Change" workshops provide skills to broaden the activist experience. Workshops included:

Consensus Decision-Making and Process: Sick of meetings being dominated by a few individuals? Tired of not being heard? This workshop will discuss the techniques for sharing power with your fellow activists. It will provide tools to equalize participation among your group of volunteers. This is a mandatory workshop for all OPIRG volunteers and working group members.

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Know Your Rights: Want to fight the law? You should know the law! Come to a Know your Rights workshop to find out some basics about police searches; your rights when stopped by police, the law and demonstrations and what to do if you get arrested.

OPIRG also hosted **OPIRG In The Atrium**, which featured tables by each of our working groups and projects, information on how to get involved in OPIRG, and the services and programming we provide.

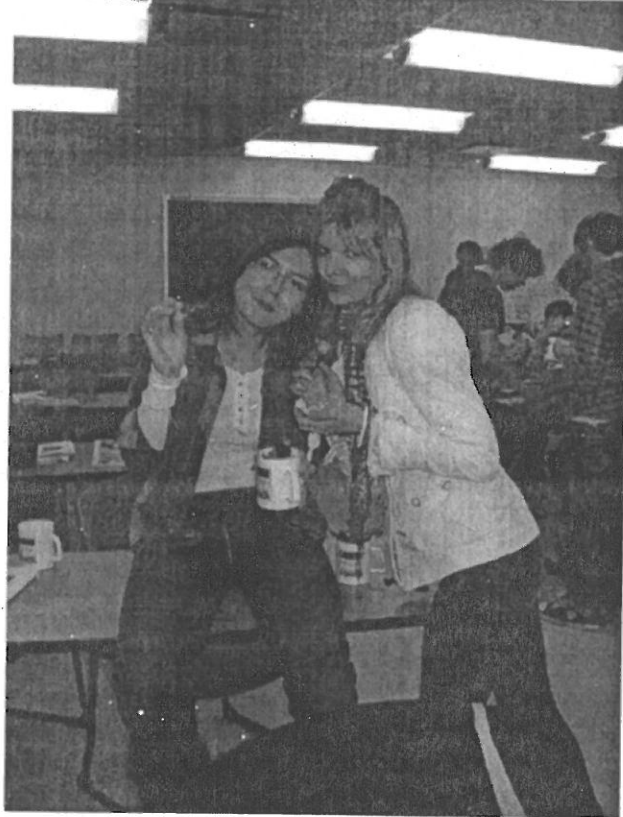
Also in October, the Oxbow Park Naturalization Project organized an **interpretive walk of the Oxbow Park**, led by Carleton University's Professor Runtz. The walk looked at the flora and fauna of Carleton's hidden park.

Later that month, the Project also held a **Weeding Blitz** to combat the invasive purple loostrife that was encroaching on the Park.

Books To Prisoners held their twice-annual **Pay-What-You-Can Book Sale** to raise funds for their ongoing work in support of their ongoing work.

Our Fall Colloquium saw OPIRG Carleton, in association with OPIRG Ottawa and Exile Infoshop, host a talk by Keetowah Cherokee scholar and activist **Prof. Ward Churchill**. His talk was entitled *Holocaust Denial As Academic Orthodoxy*.

Ward Churchill (Keetoowah Band Cherokee) is one of the most outspoken of Native American activists and scholars in North America and a leading analyst of indigenous issues. He was, until recently, a Professor of Ethnic Studies and Coordinator of American Indian Studies at the University of Colorado. Churchill served as Associate Director of the Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race in America at the institution. He is also co-director of the Colorado chapter of the American Indian Movement and vice chair of the American Indian Anti-Defamation Council.



Churchill's many books include *Pacifism as Pathology*, *Marxism and Native Americans*, *Fantasies of the Master Race*, *Struggle for the Land*, *On the Justice of Roosting Chickens*, *From A Native Son*, *Critical Issues in Native North America*, *The COINTELPRO Papers*, *Indians R Us?*, *Agents of Repression*, *Since Predator Came*, and *A Little Matter of Genocide: Holocaust and Denial in the Americas*.

In his lectures and numerous published works, Churchill explores the themes of genocide in the Americas, racism, historical and legal (re)interpretation of conquest and colonization, environmental destruction of Indian lands, government repression of political movements, literary and cinematic criticism, and indigenist alternatives to the status quo.

Churchill is also a past national spokesperson for the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, has served as a delegate to the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations (as a Justice/Rapporteur for the for the 1993 International People's Tribunal on the Rights of Indigenous Hawaiians), and as an advocate/prosecutor of the First Nations International Tribunal for the Chiefs

of Ontario.

NOVEMBER 2007

Books To Prisoners, in partnership with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa, presented an evening of film and discussion. The event featured **Life Inside Out**, a vérité-style documentary that takes us inside the walls of Grand Valley Institution — one of five federal prisons for women in Canada. Here, most residents live in small houses they share with ten or more roommates, in an environment that is supposed to be more female-friendly than the notorious Kingston Prison for Women, now shuttered.

The first documentary to go behind the walls of this new breed of prison, *Life Inside Out* features three unforgettable women over age 50, doing time in a system that can seem designed to frustrate and baffle. It's a world where arbitrary decisions, bureaucratic ineptitude and a Kafkaesque parallel justice system control every last detail of inmates' lives.

OPIRG Carleton supported **Stupid to the Last Drop: How Alberta is Bringing Environmental Armageddon to Canada**, an event organized by The Polaris Institute and the Dominion Grassroots Newspaper. This was a free event on the impact of Canada's Tar Sands oil project, and featured a number of speakers, including; Stephen Hazell, Director of the Sierra Club of Canada, Clayton Thomas-Muller with the Indigenous Environmental Network, Trevor Haché of the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition and Jessie Kalman, Tar Sands Campaigner for the Polaris Institute. The main speaker was **investigative Journalist William Marsden**, author of "Stupid to the Last Drop: How Alberta is Bringing Environmental Armageddon to Canada (and Doesn't Seem to Care)"

DECEMBER 2007

OPIRG Carleton supported the **Kyoto Now! Rally, March and Ecofair**, which aimed to defend the planet and build the movement to stop climate chaos. Vigils were directed at Stephen Harper to get him to do everything in his power to Stop Climate Chaos. Taking place during the UN climate conference in Bali, so these vigils focused on specific climate-related themes each day played an important role in making sure the climate negotiations were covered by Canadian media.

JANUARAY 2008

In January, we held our twice annual **OPIRG in the Atrium Info Fair**, this year featuring OPIRG's Alternative Resource Centre, the Alternative Heritage Moments Working Group, Animal Rights Working Group, Books to Prisoners, Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement Ottawa, In.D.Media, No More Child Soldiers, Oxbow Park Naturalization Site, and OPIRG's Free Store.

Also in January, the Animal Rights Working Group screened the film **Behind the Mask** by Director Shannon Keith, an animal rights lawyer. The film goes "behind the mask" and captures the hearts and souls of men and women who unveil their individual struggles for animal liberation.

OPIRG helped to promote and organize a tour by **Jim Harding** on the topic **Uranium: Anything but Clean and Green**. Harding is the author of *Canada's Deadly Secret: Saskatchewan Uranium and the Global Nuclear System*.

Harding is a retired professor of justice studies at the University of Regina. He is a founding member of the Regina Group for a Non- Nuclear Society and was director of research for Prairie Justice Research at the University of Regina, where he headed up the Uranium Inquiries Project. Jim also acted as consultant to the NFB award-winning film: Uranium.

Our Winter Colloquium speaker was **Derrick Jensen**, who gave a talk entitled **What will it take to stop killing the Planet?** Activist, small farmer, teacher, and philosopher Derrick Jensen seamlessly weaves together the threads that connect different forms of oppression and domination, from racial and class domination, to technology and surveillance, to domestic violence and abuse, to ecological devastation and global climate change, to form a cohesive narrative about the inherent destructiveness of the cultural forms we know as "civilization." Therein, Jensen sees the roots of the current global ecological crisis, and the possibilities for determined and effective resistance to it.



In Jensen's book *Endgame* he asks: "Do you believe that this culture will undergo a voluntary transformation to a sane and sustainable way of living?" Nearly everyone he talks to says no. His next question is: "How would this understanding — that this culture will not voluntarily stop destroying the natural world, eliminating indigenous cultures, exploiting the poor, and killing those who resist —

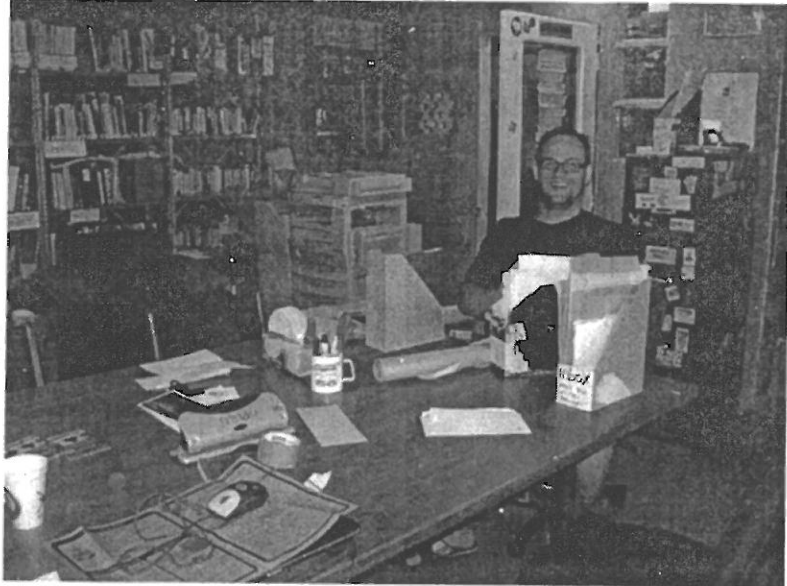
shift our strategy and tactics? The answer? Nobody knows, because we never talk about it: we're too busy pretending the culture will undergo a magical transformation." *Endgame*, he says, is "about that shift in strategy, and in tactics. And this talk will also focus on that, and the possibilities for the birth and rebirth of different ways of perceiving and being in the world.

FEBUARY 2008

The **Books To Prisoners** Working Group organized **Reclamation**, a showing and discussion of three short films by Tom Keefer on the Indigenous struggle for the land at Six Nations.

In *The Black Panther Party, the Six Nations Struggle, and The Fight to Free all Political Prisoners*

Robert Seth Hayes, a former member of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army who has been imprisoned for the past 33 years, speaks about the Panthers, the struggle of the Six Nations people and sends a message of solidarity to Trevor Miller, a Six Nations political prisoner.



The second film, entitled *Free Trevor Miller: Six Nations Political Prisoner*, covers the December 9, 2006 protest outside the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre to free Six Nations Political Prisoner Trevor Miller.

Tom Keefer is an editor of the anti-capitalist journal "Upping the Anti" and a graduate student in political science at York University. Keefer is a Toronto-based anti-capitalist activist who has been involved in supporting the struggle of the people at Six Nations of the Grand River for the past two years.

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The facilitator was Shannon Willmott, who works with the AIDS Committee of

Ottawa to create services that are anti-racist and anti-oppressive. This is an ongoing project involving personal and agency self-examination, education/awareness for staff and participants, as well as policy and procedure overhaul. She has also worked with Ottawa Block of the People's Global Action, most recently in mobilizing for against the SPP talks at Montebello.

Tools for Change also featured *The Politics of Solidarity*, a workshop on how non-native anti-capitalist activists relate to indigenous struggles. It examined questions such as: What are some of the tensions and problems that can occur in the way that non-natives support indigenous struggles? What kinds of different roles and responsibilities should white people and people of color settlers have in terms of how they relate to indigenous struggles and the non-native communities that often oppose first nations land rights? The workshop addressed these questions within the context of non-native solidarity organizing with the people of Six Nations

OPIRG Carleton and the Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement Ottawa Working Group, along with groups across the country, helped organize **Take Back the Land or Die Trying: Anti 2010 Olympics Speaking Tour of the Great Lakes and East Coast**. This tour featured Kanahus Pelkey of the Native Youth Movement Warriors Society, and Dustin Johnson of the Ts'mksi'yen Nation. It focused on the upcoming 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games and, in the words of Kanahus Pelkey: "Although the Vancouver-Whistler 2010 winter Olympics are planned to take place in only the st'at'imc and squamish territories, the negative effects of these games will carry out onto other indigenous territories of the area and the aftermath of this will create an invasion, not seen since the gold rush."

MARCH 2008

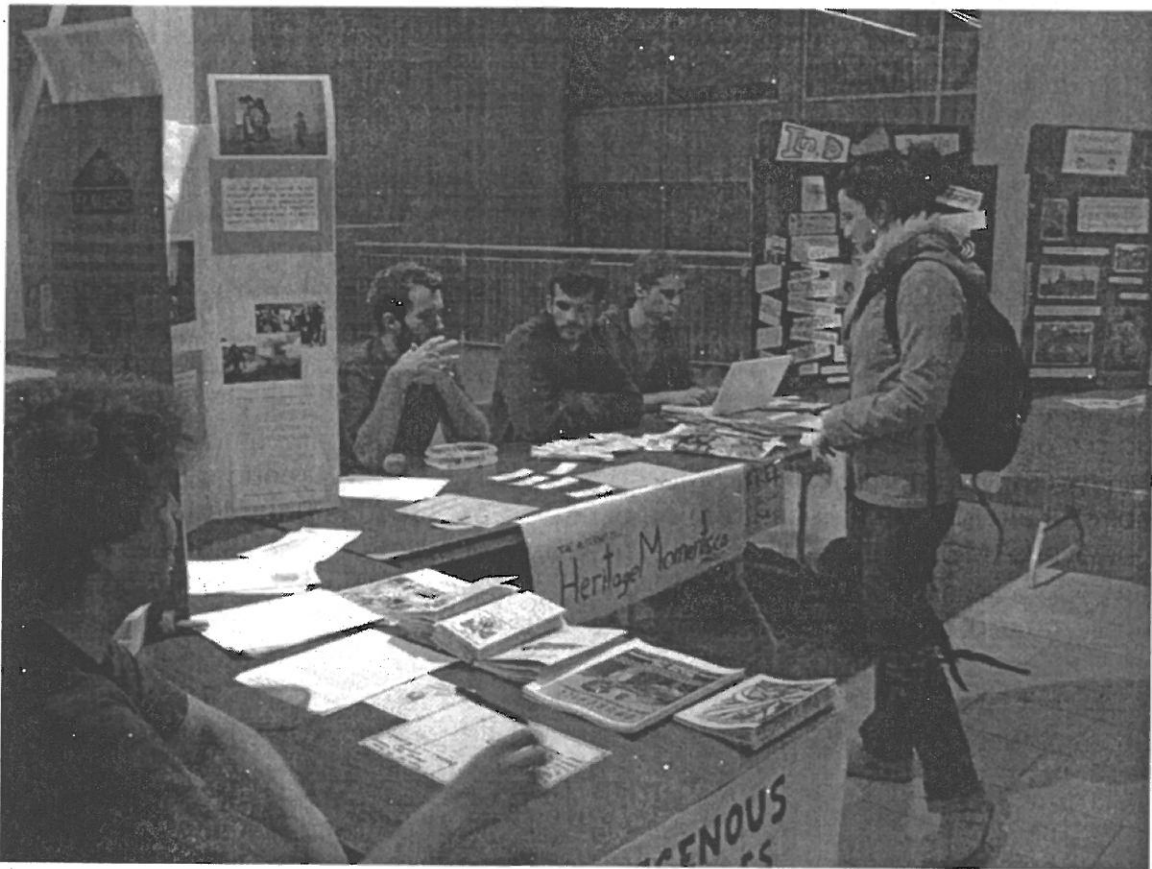
OPIRG helped to organize a **Building a Grassroots News Cooperative**, a discussion about alternative news sources. Corporate-owned media serves its own interests by reporting stories that benefit its owners, shareholders and advertisers. If media is to serve the people – to report stories that are important to our lives – it needs to be controlled by the people.

APRIL 2008

In April, OPIRG Carleton held its **Annual General Meeting**. The theme of the evening was **Making Your Research Count** and was describe thus:

"Education either functions as an instrument which is used to facilitate the integration of generations into the logic of the present system and bring about conformity to it, or it becomes the 'practice of freedom', the means by which men and women deal critically with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of their world (Freire, 1985)."

Aproximately 35 people attended this annual general meeting. The evening included board elections as well as highlights of the work done between September 2006 and August 2007. The **Terry Cottam Research Bursary** was publicly awarded to Madalena Santos and Sheila Grantham. Professor of pysicsology, Connie Kristiansen, shed light on the important research she did on recovered memories. She highlighted some of the politics around the recovered memories debate and encouraged people to do the research that counts. Wanda Seguin, two-spirit coordinator at Minwaashin lodge spoke at the AGM; conveying the importance of taking responsibility in doing research. Throughout her discussion of colonisation she urged non-indigenous researchers to stop doing research on or about indigenous people.



TRAINING and WORKSHOPS

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OPIRG donated \$50.00 to **Upping the Anti**, a radical grassroots political periodical produced in Ontario.

OPIRG-Carleton was pleased to support the **2008 Dyke March** by providing photocopying and postering. This march brought hundreds of kick-ass queer women and allies together for an amazing march, free picnic and concert. This year is gearing to to be even better! Musical Acts featured; Rae Spoon, Lisa Bozиковic, LAL and DJ CPI.



MEMBERSHIPS

Ontario Health Coalition (OHC): Work to honour and strengthen the principles of the Canada Health Act by empowering the members of its constituent organizations to become actively engaged in the making of public policy on matters related to health care and healthy communities.

Ontario Environment Network (OEN): A non-profit, non-governmental network serving Ontario's environmental non-profit, non-governmental community. The OEN seeks to increase awareness of these organizations and encourage discussions about means to protect the environment. OEN is a non-advocacy network and therefore does not take positions on issues.

OPIRG Provincial: The Provincial organization of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group provides an opportunity for the members of individual PIRGs and OPIRG Organizing Committees to meet, exchange ideas, educate themselves and work together.

Canadian Peace Alliance (CPA): The largest umbrella peace organization in Canada; organizes cross-Canada campaigns and actions; arranges political lobbying sessions between member groups and key political leaders on Parliament Hill; facilitates the development of strategies for the Canadian peace movement; and produces and distributes education and action materials.

Volunteer Ottawa: A bilingual agency committed to building the capacity of our community through strong leadership and quality services.

Campus United: A group comprised of representatives from groups that make up the university, from workers, to students, to organizations and unions. This group meets as needed to address campus wide issues such as contract negotiations, tuitions fees, campus safety, and Carleton Administration.

Coalition of Concerned Citizens (CCC): In existence since the early 90s this coalition is comprised of individuals and representatives of various organizations. The purpose of this group is to provide citizen/settler support for the Algonquin "land claim" in the Ottawa Valley. The negotiations between the Algonquins and Ontario and Canada were on hold (approximately 2002-2005) but now those negotiations are under way again.

