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Annual Housing Crisis Hits Metro

Throughout the year Halifax has a serious housing problem. Each September it reaches crisis proportions as incoming students face the prospect of living in Dartmouth or Sackville or paying exorbitant prices for the few available dives within the Dalhousie area.

This year rents have climbed 10-15% beyond last year's prices. A one-bedroom unfurnished apartment rents from \$180/mo. to \$285/mo.; a single unfurnished room without kitchen privileges can fetch as much as \$130/mo. While this situation exists, Dalhousie University has adopted a very irresponsible attitude. During the past

average (because Halifax is all rock and because of excessively strict city building regulations). For example, in Halifax since January, there have been only 12 housing starts. It is interesting to note that during the same period 90 demolition permits have been issued by the city.

Dalhousie University, itself, is able to accommodate approximately 30% of its full-time student body. This is about par with other Canadian Universities but is well below par with other Universities in Nova Scotia and Halifax. Both St. Mary's and Mount St. Vincent are able to provide on-campus accommodation for all those students who want to live on-campus. In fact, there exists the ludicrous situation where St. Mary's is accommodating student enrolled at Dalhousie. Dalhousie has attempted to increase its on-campus accommodation capacity by purchasing Studley Apartments on LeMarchant Street and International House on South Street. Also Dalhousie has increased the housing capacity of Howe Hall by

Dalhousie Housing Office



crowding three people in tiny two man rooms and by crowding two people in tinier one-man rooms.

A study by the Residence Planning Committee in 1974 revealed

that the inability of the University to meet students housing demands had a direct effect on enrollment. Nearly 33% of non-metro first year

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summer, the Administration of the University has pursued a policy of turning students out of Dalhousie-owned houses and converting the space into faculty offices.

Why are rents so high and why is the vacancy rate in Halifax only .5%? (The vacancy rate must reach 5% before there is any sort of consumer choice.) The principal reason is that tight money and high mortgage rates have seriously retarded construction of new housing. Although this is a cross-Canada phenomenon, it is particularly serious in Halifax, where construction costs are well above

Funding late

Students who have not yet received notice from the Student Aid office on this year's grant should not panic says Gerald Knickle, Director of Student Aid. Because of the late changes made in this year's program early applications for aid have had to be reassessed more than once. Late applications are being processed now but are behind schedule.

Mr. Knickle said the delay on processing applications will last for about six weeks but officials are doing all they can to speed up the operation. Extra staff has been hired to help clear the backlog and work is progressing as fast as possible.

Students should keep their inquiries to the Student Aid Office to a minimum if they wish to receive their loans as soon as possible. Large numbers of inquiries and students visiting the office on Fenwick St. are contributing to the slowdown in processing applications.

The problems at the Student Aid office will be straightened out within the next six weeks assures the Student Aid Director so students should have a little patience.

STUDENT AID

Living Allowance Cut

by Roger Metcalfe

Shortly after the last academic year ended the Nova Scotia Student Aid Program for the year 1975-76 was announced. There was little fanfare about it so many, if not most, students are probably unaware that changes have been made which might drastically affect their future as students. The Aid program was cut back to the point where many students dependent on government financial assistance to complete their education might be forced to leave school this year.

Under the old program students living off campus were allowed a living allowance of \$40 per week for 35 weeks, the length of the academic year. The new program cut the allowance period from 35 to 32 weeks. The government's rationale was that this was a more accurate assessment of the time students spent in school. This is true if one subtracts both the Christmas and spring breaks from the academic year, but for purposes of rent and food students still have costs to meet during those periods.

Students' summer savings contributions were raised by 20% despite the fact summer jobs were harder to come by this year than in previous years. Parents who received cost-of-living wage increases over the past year were also put in a position where they would be expected to contribute more to their dependent children's education. Parental contributions are based on income brackets, number of dependents, etc. but little or no regard is given to the effect of inflation on the average family's income. A family who might have received a 2% increase in wages over the past year could find itself in a higher income bracket for Student Aid purposes and thus expected to contribute substantially more to their child's education this year, even though they have no more buying power

than they had last year.

Until the new program was devised there existed a Student Aid Appeals Board which handled all appeals from students or parents on a student's grant. The Appeals Board was abolished as a austerity measure and appeals must now be made to the Director of Student Aid who makes the original decision on the amount a student receives.

The changes in the Student Aid Program were based on a report done on Student Aid for the N.S. Government by a Toronto Consulting Firm, Peter Bernard & Associates. The report, more commonly known as the Yuill Report, was neither made public nor available to Student Aid officials.

Among the changes which were not made were: a more realistic assessment of living allowances for students not in residence, book allowances accurately reflecting true costs and a higher miscellaneous allowance.

Shortly after the new program was approved an ad hoc committee was formed at the Dalhousie Student Union. This committee was composed mainly of Dalhousie Students but representatives of the other Student Unions in the Province were invited to join. The committee was formed to examine the Student Aid Program in depth and to pressure the government for changes. The committee members were concerned that students would be forced to quit school half way through this academic year because of extremely low student loans.

Using available statistics on last year's program and taking this year's changes into account the committee found that students in Nova Scotia would get on the average \$200 or \$300 less this year than last year. Considering that tuition, books, student fees, residence rates and food prices have all

risen sharply over the past year the committee felt its worst fears would be confirmed by Christmas.

An intensive campaign was waged in the local press to get the government to make some changes before the fall term began. \$6.1 million had been allotted by the Legislature in the spring to Student Aid but the government actually only intended to spend about \$4 million. The committee contended since the money was there it should be spent on students. An aid program which forced students to quit school and lose all academic accreditation was worse than no program at all.

It was pointed out that Welfare recipients actually are allowed more for food and rent than students. Further, the amount students were being allowed for food was lower than what the Canada Food Guide states is needed to feed a single adult. Not only was the government of Nova Scotia denying students bursary funding but the assessment methods denied most students access to the \$400 increase in Canada Student Loans passed last March by the Federal Government.

In late August the government announced it had reassessed the Student Aid Program and would make certain changes. Parental contributions were lowered and the miscellaneous allowance was increased from \$11.50 a week to \$13.50. The basic complaints of the committee regarding the unrealistic amount allowed for food and rent and the cut in the assessment period from 35 weeks to 32 weeks were ignored by the government. Dependent students, however, will fare slightly better under the changed program. Independent and married students still face a critical financial situation this year, as will many dependent students forced to pay exorbitantly high rents.

Another Year, Another Look

by M.P. MacKenzie

The Dalhousie Gazette has undergone a massive facelift since its final issue last year. The Gazette staff hopes the new format will make the paper more readable and enjoyable as well as visually more aesthetically pleasing.

Those students who were not here last year or those who have forgotten what the old Gazette looked like will notice a remarkable change in the look of this year's front page from that of the front page we have pictured here. Where the inside of the paper used to have 5 columns there are now four. This was done to make the paper more easily readable with less strain on the already overstrained eyes of students.

The entertainment supplement and T.V. Guide were faded out last year and have not returned. There will continue to be feature stories, and hopefully more of them, and they will continue to be used as a centre spread.

The changes in the paper are meant to improve the quality of the Gazette and are the result of much hard work on the part of Bill Westheuser, a design student at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. Last spring the Communication Design class at N.S.C.A.D. submitted several proposals to Gazette for a possible new layout. Bill Westheuser's design was chosen by staff members and over the summer months he put in long hours adapting his design to the peculiar problems Gazette faces.



Old Gazette cover

The old front and back covers are gone and the "news" on the front page is now plainly visible to all. Having fewer columns will hopefully shorten layout time for the overworked and underpaid Gazette staff, and getting rid of the old boxed pages should make our advertising more attractive both to

you, our readers, and to prospective advertisers.

With a new visual look to the paper it is more important than ever that Gazette attract new and enthusiastic staff members to fill the pages with copy. As usual Gazette needs staff and we are making our annual plea to the student body to come forward and help out. This is your paper, you pay for it, you read it (at least we hope you do) and we'd like you to contribute some of your ideas and energies to it.

Copy is always in short supply so any students interested in journalism or even in just improving their writing ability should drop into the office and talk to the staff. Reporters are always needed to cover any one of the numerous events that are going on in the university community and the community as a whole. It is amazing how much faster one can turn out a term paper when one has churned out stories for the Gazette on a regular basis, ask any staff member.

For those of you who are not interested in journalism, or feel uneasy in front of a blank sheet of copy paper there are numerous other jobs to be done getting a paper out once a week. Business oriented people are needed to solicit advertising and help run the financial end of the operation. Artists are needed to help with graphics and cartoons for the paper, as well as with the actual layout of the Gazette. Anyone who can brush glue to a piece of paper and measure straight lines with a ruler is needed to help with the awesome job of pasting down copy and ads. The office needs to be staffed during the week to take messages and welcome new and interested students and the editors' class schedules often leave them without time to sit around the office to answer the phones, etc. People who can read are needed to go through the numerous papers that come in the mail every day and find new and interesting story ideas for future Gazettes.

Publishing a weekly paper is often an awesome task and the staff of Gazette are full-time students as well as hopeful journalists or whatever. With more staff members we will have a better paper as well as having less harried and cranky editors. Please drop in to the Gazette office and see what we're up to. If it seems a little insane at first don't worry - it's always like that!

We welcome new staff, and hope that all our readers will enjoy the new design of the Gazette.

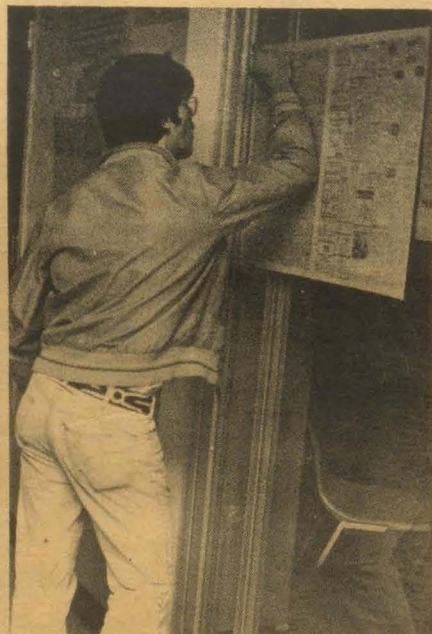
Housing Crisis

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students polled said that they would attend another University if Dalhousie was unable to provide housing.

Last year, plans were drawn and funding obtained for the construction of a residence high-rise, between Howe Hall and the Dunn Building. For unclear reasons, this project has been temporarily scrapped.

What solutions are there to the housing problem? Clearly, construction of new on-campus accommodation is essential. The University should realize that it has a responsibility not to enrol a person in Dalhousie unless it can provide suitable accommodation or can be assured that suitable accommodation will be found.



Housing Office, 3rd floor, SUB

Here we go again:

New council meets

On Sunday March 9 the recently elected Students' Council held their first meeting. Many of the old council members were present on the sidelines, contributing advice and humour to the proceedings. Lorne Richardson presented the Vice-President's report for the past year. He outlined several of the accomplishments of the Task Force established by the past executive, including separate convocations for the health professions. Mr. Richardson recommended that the Lower Campus Task Force be continued and possibly be expanded to include the Grad Students. The report was not discussed at great length but was accepted by Council.

The reports of the Communications and Academic Affairs Secretaries were also accepted.

Council privileges were again discussed by Council. At the last Council meeting before the election the outgoing Council voted to limit Council privileges to a monetary limit of \$100. per year, per Councilor. The new Council voted to set up a committee to examine the practicalities of the new limitation and set up some kind of ticket arrangement that will effectively control any possible abuses. Richard Coughlin was appointed to the Committee, which also includes the Vice-President Ann Smiley, and the Interim Treasurer, Barry Ward.

Touche Ross and Company were appointed as auditor for the Student Union for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1975. Barry Ward was approved by Council to act as Interim Treasurer until a successor is appointed.

It was approved in principle that Council

would rotate its meetings throughout the campus in the upcoming year. Some discussion was generated by this motion as apparently the past Council had tried this last year without much success. Bruce Russell explained that the Council would not move to different locations unless invited by some segment of the campus. Ann Smiley further explained that Council would probably only be invited to other areas when something of interest to that area was listed on the agenda (e.g. Howe Hall would be encouraged to invite the Council to hold its regular meeting at Howe Hall when an issue of interest to Howe Hall was scheduled for that meeting).

Council was asked to appoint members to three committees — Recruitment, Grants and Constitution. Past Council members who sat on these committees gave the new members brief descriptions of the committees before they made their appointments. Peter Greene (Grad Studies), a council member several years ago, described both the Recruitment Committee and the Grants Committee as "the most important committee" of Council. Mr. Greene was later appointed Chairperson of Grants (in doubt Grants has now taken precedence over Recruitment). Alan Turnbull and Peter Clarke were appointed to the Recruitment Committee, which is chaired by the vice president, Ann Smiley.

Glen Robertson, Peter Greene, Lynn Fitzgerald and Russ Stewart were nominated for the Grants Committee. Mr. Greene withdrew his nomination when it was pointed out by Bruce Russell that he would be ineligible for the Executive appointment as Chairperson if elected as a member. Russ Stewart and Lynn Fitzgerald were elected to

the committee.

Paula Kinley, Derek McKearney and Steve Campbell were appointed to the Constitution Committee. This committee is responsible for helping all Societies, etc. establish constitutions and for maintaining contacts between the society executives and the Council.

Nominations were put forward for the two Council Executive positions. There was some discussion as to whether or not ex officio members of Council could be appointed to the Executive and it was decided that although this has not been the practice in the past it was feasible. Valerie Dyer (Senate, and thus an ex officio member), Helen Spinelli (Senate also), Peter Greene (Grad Studies) and John Hamilton (Medicine) were nominated for the positions. A second ballot was called for and Peter Greene and John Hamilton were elected. Greene was appointed Chairperson of Grants and Hamilton was appointed Chairperson of the Employment Committee.

Mike Bowser a member of the Entertainment Committee, presented Council with copies of a survey he is presently carrying out for Entertainment and asked Council to assist him in getting some student feedback. Copies of the survey questionnaires are available at the Council offices, the SUB Inquiry Desk and from Council members.

Various announcements were made by Bruce Russell at the end of the meeting and the new Council members were encouraged to ask questions about Council either then or to drop in to Bruce's or Ann's offices later in the week. It was announced that there would be a regular meeting next Sunday to appoint the new Executive and Council adjourned.

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Ward 1 Residents' Association

by Roger Metcalf

Ward One residents are concerned about preserving the residential nature of their community.

That was one clear message from the March 5 public meeting organized by the Ward 1 Residents' Association.

Much of the meeting was devoted to presentations on traffic and land use, two areas where the Association has been concentrating its efforts. Both presentations centred on means of changing policies and procedures in a way that fostered preservation.

The Residents' Association has other interests, of course. It was flooded out of public concern with recreation and open space issues. The Municipal Development Plan, Graham Report, citizen involvement, crime and pollution are also concerns of the association.

However, the most emotional issue is traffic, especially the Northwest Arm Bridge aspect of the traffic problem. A director of the association, Peter Robson, explained current traffic

patterns, and the impact of the Dunbrack Street extension which will be finished within two and a half years.

The Dunbrack extension would be a four-lane limited access highway running from Kearney Lake Road in the Wedgewood subdivision area to the Old Sambro Road in Spryfield. Construction is about to begin.

Mr. Robson then illustrated how a further extension, which the provincial government calls Northwest Arm Drive, is proposed to extend from Old Sambro Road in a curve to the Arm. Every planner's map seen by Mr. Robson included an Arm crossing, and a link between that crossing and the downtown area.

As would be expected, the Ward One residents are not very excited about a bridge coming over their heads, carrying cars that will overload the south end streets. Peter Robson's analysis of the proposed Municipal Development Plan policies found them favouring a different approach, although he proposed some changes to

strengthen the concept of protecting neighbourhoods from new roads.

The meeting gave approval to the association directors' approach of opposing the Arm bridge, trying to strengthen neighbourhood protection and bridge abolition in the development policies, lobbying for investigation of alternatives to the Arm bridge as the solution for

maintain traffic problems. Among the uninvestigated alternatives are concentration of industrial development on the mainland, rail transit, much more efficient bus transit, only a rail bridge over the Arm, staggered work hours in downtown Halifax, an upgraded ferry system.

It is clear that the Ward 1 Residents' main aim is to turn the Arm bridge from a foregone conclusion into one of many traffic alternatives.

During the traffic discussion Ward One Alderman Dennis Connolly was called upon to explain how he could both support the City's pro-transit policy and vote to reduce by \$50,000

the City's support of Halifax Transit. Connolly's first reply was that the reduced support would not force a reduction in transit operations, and that \$50,000 was not taken anyway. When pressed about whether his positions were consistent, his explanation was "Sure."

Land use proposals were explained by Association head Rob Smith. The proposals, although general, advocate a wide range of methods to encourage preservation of the residential communities in Ward One.

These methods would include a different type of zoning, to stop encouraging high-rise buildings, and start encouraging low-rise "in-fill" construction. Preservation of historic buildings, encouragement of rehabilitation and restoration, rigid containment of industry to the waterfront area, strong and regular building inspection to prevent deterioration — all of which were suggested at the meeting.

Feeling was not as high as it had been for the traffic debate, but it was obvious

that land use carries the potential for conflict within the Residents' Association.

This is because restoration of the old south end, if not done carefully, would drive out the present residents and bring in the kind of middle-class white paint crowd that is plaguing downtown Toronto.

The large number of people at the March 5 meeting is a good omen for the future of the Ward 1 Residents' Association. March 5 was the first day that people could become paid members, at \$2.00 each, and over 40 joined on the spot. The next Board of Directors will be elected at the annual meeting on April 2 in the Morris St. Annex of Tower Road School.

A further indication of the Association's importance might be the presence, in addition to Alderman Connolly, of Alderman Will Moore, Ben McCrea of the Municipal Development Plan Committee, Dr. John Graham of the Commission, Hon. George Mitchell, the

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Secret Paper Leaked

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The Council of Ministers of Education (CME) will meet September 9-10 in closed session in Regina, and one of the items on the agenda at the annual conference of the provincial education ministers will be the report of the federal-provincial working group on student aid.

The National Union of Students attempted unsuccessfully last year to include students in the discussions and preparation of the report, arguing that students should have some input into student aid policy-making.

But to no avail. The federal government and all but a few of the provinces listened with deaf ears, and resisted a move by Alberta to open up the talks to more than the official representatives of the federal and provincial student aid bureaucracies.

The working group remained closed, released no record of its discussions or any materials for public debate. The secrecy of the group was violated only once, when an unknown party leaked minutes and other items to the student press and student organizations last November.

Now it is learned that the report of the group to be tabled at the CME meeting in September may never be publicly released.

A CME spokesperson expressed doubt that it will be, and said that if any agreement is reached between the provinces on the recommendations in the report, the CME will

probably release a statement, but not the report itself.

Meanwhile, there appears to be some attempt being made to downgrade the significance of the report and its recommendations. Last winter federal officials tried to dissuade NUS in its efforts at securing student representation on the group by saying the talks weren't all that important anyway.

Now, John Bonner, who represented Ontario in the talks, says the significance of the group isn't in the recommendations it has made, but that it ever met in the first place.

"The working group was actually the first occasion all the provinces and all of the departments at the federal level involved in student aid could meet officially and all in the same room," he said.

Bonner also indicated that the recommendations of the working group are very general, citing the need for greater federal flexibility in dealing with the provinces as an example of the type of recommendations made.

Whether this is true, or whether the group was unable to reach consensus on the major issues facing it and has reduced the scope of its recommendations, is not known at this time.

And whether anyone other than the handful of bureaucrats and politicians who will get the report will ever know the answer is to be decided at the September CME meeting.

ONE MORE TIME

Parking Problems Worse

For years the Dalhousie Gazette used to carry in the first publication an article, not inappropriately titled, "Parking Still a Problem at Dalhousie." It was one of those yearly jokes that one could come to expect of the Gazette, a reminder that the editors were still short on story ideas for the first edition (not to mention staff).

Well, parking is still a problem, and it's not getting better. On September 1st, City Hall hoisted parking fines to \$15 for all parking violations, save those incurred at the one-arm bandits. Meter violations still remain at \$2. The problem, of course, is that Dalhousie also issues parking tickets, and anyone without a parking sticker who is caught on Dal property is also fined \$15. (It might be made known that Dal supposedly does not get any kickback from the city coffers. It is also a fact that Dal seldom prosecutes violators if you



want to fight the ticket in court - but the judge might add on court costs if they do and you are subsequently convicted.

The problem is compounded by Dalhousie's antiquated method of issuing parking permits. Although Dal states that they do not issue more parking permits that there are spaces to park cars, because of the nature of undergraduate classes, most of the parking spaces on the upper campus are overfull, while those in other areas are less than full. The university never turns anyone down for a parking space, so if there are payees showing up at the upper campus, they also get in, further aggravating the problem.

Halifax City Police also discriminate against the Dal student, although HPD will never publicly admit this. During the summer months there were few police motorcycle engines to mar the silence of University Avenue. One could park all day in the one hour time zones, and seldom be given a ticket. Now, however, with the school year about to begin, the motorcycles are making their hourly runs, marking tires and generally making a nuisance of themselves. What, then, is a student to do if, a) he cannot get a university parking space within reasonable walking distance of his classes, or, b) if he finds himself out on the street with a two hour class, and parked in the one hour zones?

Several courses are open to the student. By far the most pragmatic is for students needing cars to get to classes to offer rides to others, and work out some arrangement to share expenses. Car pools are in

this year - thanks to John Turner and his \$.15 gasoline tax. If you have a ride to offer, or need a drive to classes, use the "Ride Board" in the Student Union Building.

Another alternative is to use public transit. For those living in Spryfield or Fairview, this might pose some difficulty, given Halifax's 19th Century transit system. It might be advantageous for the Student Union to present a brief to Halifax Transit, asking for special bus routes; that, however, seems a distant, if not improbable course of action, since whatever action the Union takes would require months of intense lobbying by Council. Hopefully, however, this is something that Council might pursue during the year.

Finally, if you have to park on the street, remember this rule. Police usually mark the back tires with chalk, so that a line goes from tire to pavement. Rub the marks off your tires if you have them. Rounds are usually made by police officers once every hour and ten minutes, so try to check your car during that period for markings.

Finally, if you do get a ticket, it usually pays to go to court and plead "Not Guilty." The problems with this approach are numerous. Although the officer may not show up (or, if he does show up, you can always tell the judge that your simply "forgot" to pay the fine, or you lost the ticket, etc.), chances are reasonable that the fine will not exceed the \$15. But \$15 is only the minimum fine that the judge can levy; he (or she) can also add on court costs, etc. The chance you take, therefore, is strictly your own.

Read Before Eating

by Alan McHughen

For those of you entering the cafeteria for the first time, be warned that this is among the most dubious of introductions to our Student Union. The subject of food, or lack thereof, commonly fills the conversation here, as it is something everybody has a similar opinion of. However, we have to remember that food (?) prepared for thousands will be insipid compared to food prepared for a few. In light of this, the food people for the cafeteria (Saga Foods) is aiming at improving service rather than Quality (although they promise better quality food as well.)

Returning students will notice certain changes in the format of the cafeteria itself. Instead of one long line going through, picking up a meal, standing in line waiting for it to get cold before reaching the cashier; we now have three long lines, to pick up a meal, stand in line and wait for it to get cold before reaching the cashier.

For those of you confused by the sudden lack of disorganization, here is a guided tour through the food lines.

HOT FOOD: Go in through the turnstile, at the former main entrance, pick up food on your right, continue along, make sure you have cutlery, etc. At the barricade, make two quick left turns, and

follow the line to the cashier. Caution: Don't put your tray down, as there are no rails yet.

GRILL ITEMS: Find the rat hole door in the glass partition and join the line. Realize why we no longer call this "fast food". After picking up your Greaseburger, join the cooling line on your left. Don't forget condiments, cutlery, Bromo etc. while you wait for the cashier to decide what she's going to charge you today.

DELI BAR: This should be set up on the west wall of the cafeteria by the time classes start again, where the cutlery tray used to be. Simply go up to the bar, and decide what you want. If they don't have it, ASK. They sometimes get lazy and don't keep the supply up. There should be a cashier right there, so don't go back to one of the other lines. Condiments also should be at hand.

As an alternative, the Grawood offers beer and drinks with their sandwiches. And for new students who wouldn't know better, the mass confusion in the cafeteria generally clears up by the end of September, as people get fed up (literally) and find somewhere else to eat.

Any comments or queries concerning food or the cafeteria can be directed to me personally, through my Council mail box, or through the suggestion box located in the middle of the cafeteria.

Petition to be circulated

at Registration

by M. Mitchell

A committee to oppose the latest tuition fee increase has been formed by a group of both graduate and undergraduate students, was formed in early July with co-operation from both the Student Union and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, but is not affiliated with either of these groups.

Since July the group has been active in publicizing the tuition increase issue around campus and

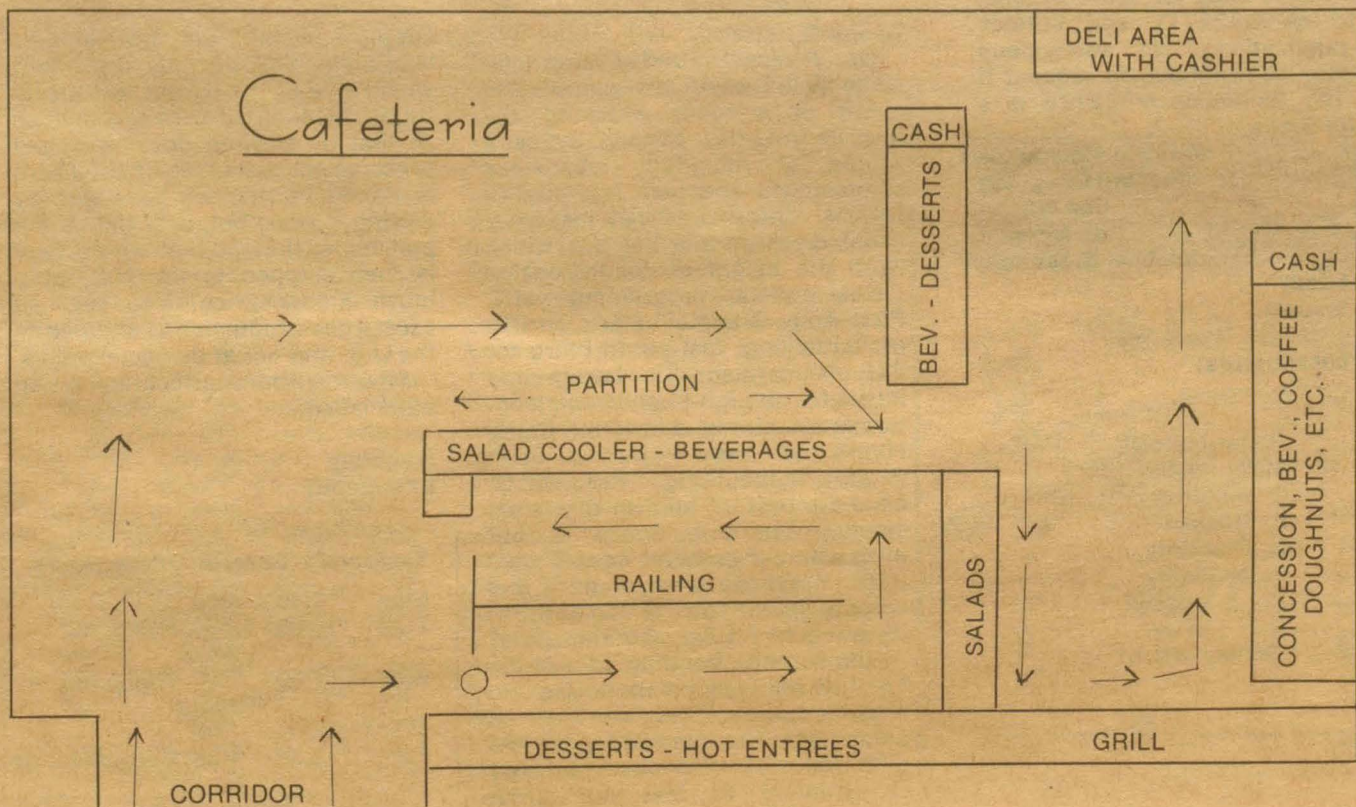
attempting to determine student response to the issue through a mailed questionnaire.

As opponents of the tuition increase the committee has proposed that: 1) the latest fee be revoked; 2) a more acceptable procedure be established with the administration for matters affecting students' finances; 3) the Student Union investigate university spending and draft a public report suggesting ways in which the university can generate revenue without affecting the quality of education or increasing student fees; 4) there be a 5 year freeze on tuition fee increases.

With adequate student support the committee plans to convey these proposals to President Hicks and Premier Regan through petitions and a possible campus demonstration.

The Committee to Oppose the Tuition Fee Increase will be circulating a petition requesting student support during registration. The petition will be forwarded by the committee to Henry Hicks, President of Dalhousie. Those students who have already registered and wish to sign (i.e. Law students, Health Professions, students, etc.) can find copies of the petition below the Committee posters in various areas of campus or at the SUB Inquiry Desk. All students are encouraged to sign.

Students concerned with this issue who want to assist the committee can contact Paul Evans at 424-3894 or in Room 312 of the A & A Building.



editorial

Students Ripped - off

Those of you who are fortunate enough to depend on Student Aid to finance your education need not read the following treatise. However, since most students hardly qualify as "idle rich" it is interesting to note that the government Student Aid Program this year is more likely to deprive students of an education than to assist them in the pursuit of one.

The Nova Scotia Government in all its wisdom has decided that students can live on less money than anyone else in the country and has adjusted its Student Aid Program accordingly. Last year students living out of residence received \$1400 for food and rent but this year they will receive only \$1280 to cover these same expenses for an equal time period. Apparently inflation, which has sent prices skyrocketing for the general populace, is not supposed to influence students' costs at all.

The lower living allowance is not the only change in the Aid Program. Some of you may have forgotten how much you were expected to save last summer but if you thought this year's contribution seemed higher you weren't wrong. Students are expected to contribute 20% more to their education this year than in the past. Of course jobs were no easier to come by this summer, if anything they were much scarcer, and the average student summer wage has not been increased by 20%, but somehow the government figured that students could find extra money somewhere.

The new program was actually worse at the beginning of the summer than it is at present. The cutbacks in Student Aid were noticed by many student leaders early in June. At that time they started a campaign to have some changes made. It was discovered by government officials (interestingly enough shortly after the student campaign began) that through an "oversight" on someone's part students were not being granted a lunch allowance. This "oversight" was corrected and students living out of residence were granted an extra \$160 for a year's lunches.

In late August the government announced it was putting another \$3 million into the Student Aid Program. Now, before you start to accuse us of being malcontents or some such thing, for thinking the government less than generous or even less than honest about the extra \$3 million, we'll explain a few facts about all that lovely money.

To begin with \$1 million is federal money loan, not Nova Scotia bursary money, and the Provincial government merely distributes it. Last March the Federal government decided to increase all Canada Student Loans by \$400 to compensate for inflation. However, because of the N.S. Student Aid assessment methods few, if any, Nova Scotians would ever be able to prove enough need to get the extra federal money. One of the August changes in the program was to lower parental contributions so it will now be possible for some Nova Scotian students to obtain a higher federal loan.

The other \$2 million is Provincial money but it is money that was originally allocated by the Nova Scotia Legislature to Student Aid. The Legislature passed a \$6.1 million budget for Student Aid last year. The government then decided it would cut back on aid to students and Cabinet intended to reallocate \$2 of the \$6 million. One of the things students campaigned for this summer was for the government to spend the full \$6.1 million allocated by the Legislature to Student Aid. The government is now going to keep the Student Aid budget at \$6.1 million after much weighty deliberation and "reassessment" of the program.

The program changes made in August will be helpful to those students classified as "dependent" for Student Aid purposes but independent students will still be in a critical financial situation. Students fortunate enough to get into a university residence will also be comparatively well off as the program allows them the full cost of residence - approximately \$1400.

When one considers that tuition, food, rent, and book costs have all increased in the past year while the N.S. Student Aid Program decreased its grants to students we, as students, are inclined to get more than slightly angry. Forcing students to leave school because of inadequate funding is hardly the sign of an enlightened society. The Provincial government should wise up before it's too late. If next year's program is not radically changed the government may find itself bombarded by thousands of extremely angry, unemployed, ex-students.

letters



To the Gazette:

On a recent Sunday afternoon while holed up in my damp little closet of a room watching my favorite mid-day cartoon series a couple of incredibly obnoxious commercials snapped my blissful reverie. These were not just your usual tasteless ads but ads which were the height of condescension (on a cartoon programme yet!). First Andy Granatelli starts on this gravel-talking, fast-paced blurb for STP oil treatment. The background music to his high-pitched commentary is something akin to the Battle Hymn of the Republic with Granatelli mouthing "Yes, we do have the best oil here in this great country of ours . . .", and "... but even with our great oil we still need STP..." Whose great country and whose great oil is Granatelli cheering for? Why, it's Canada's!

The second offending ad was the Shell oil ad. Much more subtle and a touch more refined, the Shell ad amounts to the same thing as the STP ad. It preaches energy conservation to that our great

supplies of oil will last longer. While the STP ad only lies about which side of the border it is really from, the Shell ad tries to convince us that by slowing down we shall preserve our resources - hah! There is no doubt that we save gas by driving slower, but, and this is the punchline, the gas that we do save is then shipped to the U.S. at a much higher price. You see, all excess gas production is shipped to the U.S. and not at domestic prices.

Save me from passionate plays on nationalism.

Sincerely
Eric Smith

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How to appeal your loan

by R. Metcalfe

The Canada Student Loan Program, and the complementary Nova Scotia Bursary Program are administered by the Nova Scotia Student Aid Office. The criteria by which loans and bursaries are dispensed permit an appeal by the recipient of their initial award. Appeal forms are available at the N.S. Student Aid Office at present and permit consideration of the student's particular financial difficulty on an individual basis.

Should a student appeal his summer saving requirement he/she must submit an appeal with third party documentation showing that he/she was unable to find employment, or did not find employment until late in the summer, or, alternatively, that the student incurred some exceptional expense(s) requiring his/her funds.

Should a student appeal his/her saving requirement after having been employed during the preceding year, he/she is required to submit a budget for the preceding 8 months. This budget should

account for all the student's funds with the exception of savings declared. Exceptional expenses such as the cost of trips to the parental home, dental work, bank payments, etc., should be included in the appeal.

If a student wishes to appeal his/her initial award, and has no additional financial claims other than that submitted in his CSL application, additional consideration might be gained for the student's case if the student can gain support from the offices on campus such as the Awards Office, the Chaplain's Office, etc., for his weak financial base. This support might only be useful if the original award leaves the student with a large monetary shortfall.

The important element to note in relation to appeals is that an appeal has a greater likelihood for a successful resolution if the student can submit third-party documentation for his expense claims/budget, or third-party support for his needy status. The dean of the student's faculty is usually dis-

posed to submit a letter of support for the student should his/her weak financial status be directly affecting the student's academic performance.

Finally it is worthwhile noting that the Awards Officers on campus are readily available to aid any student in preparing his/her appeal. It is advisable to make good use of these resource personnel as they maintain close liaison with the N.S. Student Aid Office.

If the student has their appeal refused, or permitted to an extent inadequate to the student, the student may re-appeal the decision. Should this be required it is advisable to deliver this re-appeal directly to the office of the Minister of Education for the Province. This technique should be used to insure that the person (people) determining the original application and the appeal are not called upon to assess the re-appeal.

Active Summer for NUS

by Roger Metcalfe

There are signs that in the next twelve months the National Union of Students (NUS) will clearly show its value to Canadian students.

NUS now has far more resources and support from student leaders than at any time since it was founded in November, 1972. If this support continues, and is used wisely, not only will 1975-76 show the value of NUS but by 1976-77 Canada will have a strong and vital national students' organization for the first time in nine years.

The national conference held in May at Glendon College endorsed a fund-raising programme to provide the capital funds that NUS had done without for over two years. To the surprise of some observers, the programme succeeded. Over \$30,000 was pledged within a month. So far about 90% of the money pledged has been paid.

Perhaps more important, over half of the contributors were unions that had shown little interest in NUS. Much of this new interest was attributed to the impact of last year's student aid campaign, and better communications.

With day-to-day financial problems eliminated, NUS turned to further work on student issues. It had by far the most active summer in its history. This activity included visits to all major campuses in the Atlantic and Western provinces, plus most of those in Ontario.

NUS was able to prepare a brief on foreign students for the joint committee studying the immigration green paper. The committee found the brief important enough to invite NUS attendance at the Ottawa hearings. A supplementary brief may be submitted, based upon the comments of student unions. It would also answer some of the questions raised by the parliamentary committee.

A presentation of student activity and concerns was made to external examiners of Canadian education. This examination was part of a review conducted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, a group of 24 developed countries (including Canada). The NUS presentation climaxed several weeks spent encouraging participation in the review by

people outside government. Despite the reluctance of Canadian officials to open up the hearings, NUS was able to alert the National Indian Brotherhood and to allow students in some provinces time to prepare for the examiners.

Work has continued on student aid, which has the highest priority for the national organization. Much of this has been the collection of comparative statistics from the provinces and territories, and assistance to the local groups that were active during the summer. Plans have been made to accelerate the student aid campaign this fall, so that students can make it clear to the federal and provincial governments that they are dissatisfied with the current system.

Detailed work on the housing problem has begun. The focus of this effort will be to encourage students to join with the other groups fighting for decent housing. The policies established by the national conference acknowledge that in view of the general housing situation students cannot try to go it alone in fighting for better accommodation.

Much of NUS's resources will be tied up in referenda during 1975-76. About 15 of its members will be voting to raise the membership fee from 30 cents to a dollar per student. In addition, at least ten student unions will be voting to join NUS. The total membership could be doubled this time next year.

The October 1975 national conference is being held at U.N.B. in Fredericton. The theme of the conference is "Post-secondary Education - Who Will Pay?" This is a pressing matter since within two years the governments will be deciding that question.

Due to its location the conference will provide an opportunity for many more Atlantic student unions to observe NUS in operation. The Atlantic Federation of Students is encouraging a large Atlantic attendance at the conference.

Dalhousie Student Union has been a NUS member since April 1973. It is regarded as one of the student unions whose faith and support created the base from which NUS is now able to move.

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Changes at the Killam

by Bonnie Boyd

During the course of the summer, several major service areas in the Killam Library were relocated. Motivated by the need for more centralized Information Services, the relocation provides a more central information area which can service, from one location, those areas which were previously dispersed over two floors. The move was further motivated by the need for expanded stack capacity and for increased study space.

Most dramatically affected by the relocation were Current Serials, the Reserve Collection, the Documents Collection, Special Collections, and the Z Collection.

Previously located in the Periodicals Rooms, centre-right off the Lobby, **Current Serials** are now shelved at the back of the Information Area. The Serials Kardex is housed in Technical Services, through the door to the far right; Serials now circulate from the main Circulation Desk. Newspapers continue to be located in their old quarters.

The **Reserve** operation now functions from the area formerly occupied by Current Serials and the Serials Workroom. Weekdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Reserve material is circulated from this location. During nights and weekends, Reserve material will be circulated from the main Circulation Desk.

The **Documents Area**, formerly on the second floor, is now located on the ground floor. Canadian and United Nations documents are in the Tunnel at the rear of the Information Area; United States and other foreign documents are in Technical Services, through the door to the far right at the end of the Information Area. Bibliographic access to the collection is through the Documents Catalogue and Shelf List located beside the Subject

Catalogue in the main Information Area. Indexes and guides to the publications of governmental and non-governmental agencies are shelved on the desk immediately behind the Public Catalogue. Document material circulates from the main Circulation Desk. Staff on the Information Desk can help you use the catalogues and locate the material you need.

Special Collections, but not Archives, has moved from the fifth floor to the second floor area vacated by Documents and Reserve. **Archives** remains on the fifth floor. Circulating material from Special Collections may be borrowed through the main Circulation Desk.

That part of the **Z Collection** which circulates has been moved from the ground floor to the third floor following the natural sequence; the remainder of the collection remains on the ground floor, having been shifted to the right of its former position. The Reference Shelf list, located to the right of the Documents Catalogues indicates whether Z material circulates (third floor) or not (ground floor).

More minor relocations involve the University Calendars, Telephone Directories, and Current Interest Books. **University Calendars** occupy the free-standing stack, front-left of the Information Desk. **Telephone Directories** are shelved on the back of the counter behind the Information Desk and **Current Interest Books** are now located on the end stack in the Lobby.

Orientation Tours of the building are being conducted to familiarize students with the physical layout of the Library and with its facilities. Tours will run on the hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Sept. 15 to 19. All are welcome.

Are you a Volunteer ?

by John Dow

What is a volunteer? - a volunteer is a person who performs a service and does not receive money or other tangible rewards for doing so.

For most people the typical image of a volunteer is a person who donates time and energy to a hospital or a charitable organization, i.e. a candy striper, a canvasser or a Red Cross worker.

True, these people are volunteers, but, there are many other ways of being a volunteer that are not considered when the term "volunteer" is used.

Some of these volunteers are Boy Scout and Girl Guide leaders; minor sport officials such as coaches, umpires, and referees; men and women who sit on Boards of Directors; mothers, fathers,

brothers and sisters who drive neighbourhood children to an outing like a hockey game at six o'clock on Saturday morning; and many, many more things which cannot be done for pay. These people supply our community with a special ingredient - CARE.

These people tend to work behind the scenes, they don't want or expect the limelight.

Since these people are not often in the public eye we tend to forget about them, take their services for granted, and don't thank them.

Volunteer Week '75 is a method of saying THANK YOU to all these people who are contributing a large part of themselves to the community. Volunteer Week has been designed to introduce the concept of voluntarism to the public as a way of life - our community wouldn't be the same without it.

The two events planned for Saturday September 27th are open to the public as well as volunteers. They are fun events with no charge. One of these is a Kite Flying Contest, with prizes, on Citadel Hill. The second is a social event at Privateer's Wharf with entertainment, refreshments, and an exhibition of voluntary services in the Metro area.

Everyone is welcome to come and possibly meet some of your friends, you may be surprised to find volunteers amongst them. For further information call The Volunteer Bureau at 422-2048.

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STUDENTS RESPOND

No. 1 PENNY HOOVER

Gazette: What do you think of, the Housing Office - is it helpful and do you think it should be expanded?

Hoover: I think that they're doing the best they can. I mean what can you do when there are people around town that have such high rents, even though outside it's lower, I mean they really can't do more than they are doing now.



No. 2 MIKE DONALDSON

Gazette: Do you think the Housing Office will help you find a place to live?

Donaldson: Well, I hope so, that's all I can say.

Gazette: Do you think it should be expanded?

Donaldson: No, I think it's quite large enough the way it is now. It's not too crowded and I think that they're doing a pretty good job at finding places, at least so far from what I've seen.

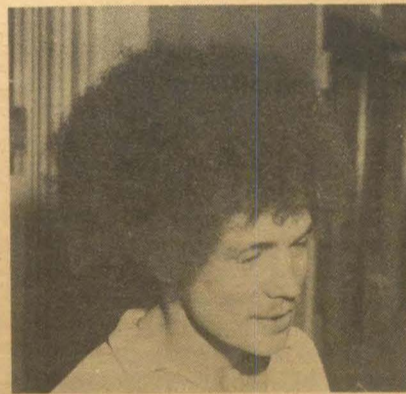
No. 3 SHANE BAXTER

Gazette: Do you think the Housing Office is a useful thing?

Baxter: Yes.

Gazette: Do you think it should be expanded or is it the right size now?

Baxter: I haven't really had any contact with it so I don't know right now. If I find a house I'll be satisfied.



No. 4 ANDY IONSON

Gazette: Do you think the Housing Office is a useful idea? Do you think it should be expanded?

Ionson: It's a great idea. One of the problems is that if you're from out of town it doesn't give you something until you find something. Do you see what I mean? We just got in from Calgary and we're looking for a place and we just need a place so we can throw a bedroll or whatever until we find a place and that's difficult.

No. 5 ERIN MUELLER

Gazette: Do you think the Housing Office is a useful idea?

Mueller: Yes.

Gazette: Do you think it should be expanded?

Mueller: I haven't really seen the size of it yet.

Gazette: Do you think you'll find a place to live through here?

Mueller: I sure hope so.



Helpline Interview

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we also, if we define a need in the community that is not being met by another agency, make sure that social planning or the Provincial government know about that need.

Gazette: Is Helpline a full-time organization year round or do you have any period of time when you're closed? Also, what is the busiest time of the year?

Wilcox: We are open 365 days of the year, 24 hours a day. There was a time when we weren't but that was just in the beginning stages. The busiest time of the year for calls

would probably be Christmas. People are supposed to be happy and with friends and family and if they're not, they get depressed. Also there is an awful lot of alcohol around so that just adds to the problem. You also get a lot of people calling to ask where they can get a toy for their child. Last year we handled the Christmas relief program but right now there's no one handling it.

Gazette: What's the phone number for Helpline?

Wilcox: 422-7444.

Women Meet In Mexico

by C. Neilsen

This summer saw the opening of the United Nations conference for International Women's Year held in Mexico from June 10 - July 2. The conference was attended by delegates from more than 130 countries as well as representatives from national liberation groups. Also in attendance were non-governmental agencies who were given facilities to hold a parallel conference known as the Tribune.

The Tribune was supposed to

allow "ordinary" women a chance to discuss the purposes and goals of the conference. Dominated by so-called "feminists" however, the Tribune was used to promote the idea that women's problems can be solved without a fundamental change in the economic and political structure. New York's Lieutenant Governor said, "If we can move beyond the point of being mouth-pieces for our countries' political points of view and start discussing the problems of women that face us

as women, then maybe we can salvage this thing." (Time June 30, 1975) American feminists immediately made an issue of the fact that some of the delegates to the conference were wives of political leaders, (according to Time, "about a dozen" out of 100 countries which sent delegates). Another issue they brought up was the fact that a man was elected president of the conference.

In the Main conference, the United States stated that they were violently opposed to any "politicization of the conference" and that the problems of women were political (Peking Review No. 27 July 4, 1975). Both the official and unofficial delegations from the United States showed themselves throughout the conference to be opposed not to "politicization" as such but opposed to any politicization which did not go along with their line that the problems of women are unconnected to the problems of other sections of people.

Coline Campbell, MP for South-west Western Nova, expressed the same view when she complained that the conference was used as a forum for furthering unrelated political ends during the last few days, with Chilean, Panamanian, and Zionist issues unrelated to Women's Year being raised and diverting the time of the delegates. She reported that Canada abstained from voting on the "Declaration of Mexico", which contained a number of unacceptable political overtones.

The Declaration of Mexico was the official outcome of the International Women's Year conference and was supported by the majority of the nations attending. It said, "women as well as men together

should eliminate colonialism, neo-colonialism, imperialism, foreign occupation and domination, Zionism, apartheid, racial discrimination, the acquisition of land by force, and the recognition of such acquisition since such practices inflict incalculable suffering on women, men and children." The Declaration was passed 89-2 with 19 abstentions. The United States and Israel were the only ones voting no.

Meanwhile at the Tribune, Betty Friedan, well known American feminist was advocating a position of support for disarmament, prostitution, lesbian rights and the peaceful road to the solution of problems.

Li Suwen of the delegation from the People's Republic of China said in her presentation that, "the emancipation of women is a common cause of the entire people. Its success requires the joint effort and struggle of the entire people." At the same time, women's emancipation is of interest primarily to women themselves and must be won through their own struggle. She said, "women make up half the population and no great social change can be completed without their participation."

The delegates of the Third World warmly welcomed her statements. They expressed their understanding of the fact that women can only be liberated in the course of wiping out exploitative world relations such as racism, apartheid, imperialism, and colonialism by drafting the Declaration of Mexico which won overwhelming support from the delegations present at the conference. The International Women's Year conference marks a step forward in the advance of women and people along the road to freedom from all exploitation.

People Power

By Shelley Wilcox

The Volunteer Bureau can be thought of as a Manpower for volunteers. It places people with about one hundred and forty agencies in the Halifax - Dartmouth area. The main thrust is recruitment, as volunteers are desperately needed by most agencies. It also encourages agencies to plan and implement comprehensive volunteer programs that include both initial and in-service training. Another function is to promote the recognition of the impact of volunteer work on the community through Volunteer Week and on an ongoing basis.

Who volunteers? everybody - students, High School and University, professionals, labourers, clerks, the retired and senior citizens. The disabled, sororities and fraternities, social service clubs, church groups, the Scouts and Guides volunteer in groups.

What do they do? They work with and for children, seniors, the handicapped, the underprivileged

and the arts doing counselling, arts and crafts, clerical work, canvassing, carpentry, transportation and much, much more.

Why do people volunteer? They do it to be involved in their community. They do it to help. They find it adds a new dimension to their own lives and they learn new skills that may possibly be related to employment.

How does the Bureau get new volunteers? There is a main office in Halifax and a branch office in Dartmouth. Publicity goes out to all the media, advertising the need for volunteers, and those who are interested phone and make an appointment for an interview. Once the interview is completed, the appropriate agency is contacted and the new volunteer is placed. After a period of time, a follow-up call is made to see if everyone is satisfied with the arrangement. So far this year over 500 people have been placed.

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Two Years Later

by Peggy Matthews

The 11th of September marks the second anniversary of the coup d'etat in Chile which overthrew Allende's constitutionally elected government in favour of a military regime, under the self-declared presidency of General Augusto Pinochet Ugarte.

September is an important month in Chile. September 18th is Independence Day, and the principal national holiday, and September 19th is Army day, traditionally marked by parades. This year's display will be one of the most spectacular in Chile's history. They have added very considerably to their weaponry and manpower in the last two years.

For the man in the street these have been years of great hardship. Purchasing power has been reduced by 60%, and unemployment is currently estimated at between 25-30%; in the shantytown districts around Santiago as high as 70%. Many families are starving. It is particularly hard for the families of political prisoners. Many children have lost both parents. Some are in prison, other have disappeared, presumed dead.

Today there are believed to be between 5,000 to 7,000 political prisoners, few of whom have been brought to trial. Although some have been released over the past nine months, new arrests have meant that the total number of prisoners has not declined. It has been estimated that 95,000 Chilean citizens have been arrested, one in every hundred of the population. Nobody knows how many have been killed. The figure could run as high as 40,000.

Amnesty International now has the names of over 1,000 Chilean

citizens who have disappeared since the coup. The relatives of many of these people were witnesses to their arrest by Chilean intelligence services (D.I.N.A.) but enquiries as to their whereabouts, after arrest, met with little or no response.

Torture has become common practice. Most people who have been arrested for political reasons are subjected to torture, either to elicit information or simply as a punishment. The most common method of torture is the application of electric currents to sensitive parts of the body. Others being

made to stand blindfold for very long periods (up to several days), severe beatings, sleep deprivation and isolation. Amnesty has been told of torture being inflicted on a person in front of other members of his/her family, including very young children.

The Committee for Peace (Comite de Cooperacion para La Paz en Chile) an ecumenical body, was established after the coup to assist families of political prisoners and also, through its legal department, to provide defence lawyers and legal aid for prisoners who could not afford the fees. The Committee

has also established workshops in the poor areas of Santiago and other towns for the unemployed, and for families of political prisoners. Released political detainees find it extremely difficult to find employment because of their arrest.

For most long term political prisoners the only way to obtain release from prison is to get a visa and a work contract abroad. Amnesty Groups with adopted Chilean prisoners have had to go along with the arbitrary expulsion of their adoptees. Up to the present hundreds of Chileans have been expelled from their country, many of whom has no charge brought against them. The Halifax group adopted such a prisoner. Arrested in September 1973 this 26 year old Chilean was imprisoned in Arica prison, in northern Chile, without charges. Last July 19 he and ten other prisoners appeared before the Military Tribunal. The Tribunal had before them the letters written on his behalf, including an enquiry from the Canadian government and a work contract. He was released. Today he is safely re-united with his wife in England. She herself was arrested and tortured before finding asylum in the British embassy.

People continue to "disappear" in Chile today. Amnesty has received countless testimonies from families or friends of these persons relating in detail the circumstances of the arrest. Frequent reports are received from released prisoners that they have seen these disappeared people in torture and detention centers. People who "disappear" for a few weeks are not included in A.I. list of missing persons. It is known that people have been found by their relatives after very long periods of disappearance in detention centres. In recent months there have been several cases of leftwing Chilean refugees in Argentina being arrested and returned to Chile where they have been immediately imprisoned or have "disappeared".

General Pinochet has claimed that "Marxists" are kidnapping their own comrades, and taking them to Argentina to train as guerrillas - all this without the knowledge and consent of their families.

World concern resulted in the United Nations Human Rights Commission being requested to investigate allegations of torture and other violations of human rights in Chile. The Military Junta refused them entry to the country.

There are approximately 20,000 Chilean refugees in Argentina today, many of whom live in appalling conditions and have no work. A large number of them have crossed into Argentina illegally to escape political persecution in Chile. They now find themselves in a hopeless situation and are desperately seeking the help of international organizations such as the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and the I.C.E.M. to help them find asylum in another country.



Helpline goes legal

Do legal rights go unexercised because people are not aware they have them? Is the Canadian Legal system subject to unwarranted criticism because it is uninformed criticism? The answer to both questions is most certainly yes. What we know is that so long as people are uninformed or misinformed about laws and legal procedure in this country our potential for achieving the 'just society' will be thereby diminished. What we do not know is the extent to which the public is ignorant of their legal rights or of the unsuccessful efforts made to correct this state of ignorance.

Government departments, both provincial and federal, and private agencies right across Canada are engaging in a wide variety of programs designed to bring information about the legal system and its operations to ordinary people. These programmes may involve the preparation and distribution of pamphlets and materials about laws: housing laws, welfare laws, income tax laws, laws in any number of specific areas; public lectures, television and radio shows, are also used.

Increasingly we are paying attention to preventive law, which is designed to avoid legal problems by providing legal information before, rather than after, the problem arises. Preventive law is being encouraged not just for the wealthy or corporate citizens but for everybody, and particularly for the poor

who face a morass of legislation, regulation, and bureaucracy in their day to day lives.

As part of this movement toward preventive law, HELPLINE has now added to its services a 24-hour source of legal information. Callers to the HELPLINE number, 422-7444 will be able to obtain from the HELPLINE operators basic information about the legal system. The HELPLINE operators, all volunteers, have for some time been available around the clock to provide information, counselling and a referral service for drug, alcohol, crisis or personal problems. They are now also equipped to either give callers basic legal information or to guide the caller to the appropriate source, be it the court, the police, legal aid, a private lawyer or otherwise.

The operators have completed a training course given by two third year law students from Dalhousie Law School, John McLean and Dave Fredricksen. A legal information manual was prepared for use by the operators during the training sessions and throughout the duration of the programme. The HELPLINE operators have been instructed about court locations and jurisdiction, family law remedies and procedures and have been familiarized with the law relating to social assistance, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and labour problems.

The operators are also able to contact Misters McLean and Fred-

ricksen twenty four hours a day if a caller desires information which they are not capable of giving. The law students, associated with Dal Legal Aid, will then dispense the appropriate information either to the caller directly or through the operator.

Surveys have shown that a substantial number of calls received by police departments are simply requests for legal information in civil as well as criminal matters. With this in mind, Dalhousie Legal Aid Services approached HELPLINE with the intention of establishing a legal information programme, using HELPLINE's well established around the clock, telephone service. Many people who need simple legal information will utilize the phone to obtain it, whereas they are unlikely to attend lectures or read pamphlets. Therefore this programme should provide greater access to the legal information they seek.

The new programme is part of a series of telephone information projects being conducted across the country under the auspices and with the financial support of the Federal Department of Justice. It is an experimental programme and it is hoped that not only will it achieve the result of assisting people to exercise their rights but that it will also go some way to improving the fabric of justice in our society.

If you need the assistance of HELPLINE for legal information, a referral, or for personal advice call, 422-7444.

NOTICE

Gilberto Oyandela, member of the Central Union of Workers in Chile will speak in Halifax on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 8:00, Room 2805 Life Sciences Bldg.

Have You Tried Helpline ?

Gazette: What exactly is the Helpline and how does it work?

Wilcox: Helpline basically is a 24 hour phone-in counselling, information, referral and crisis intervention service. What that means is that anybody who has a phone can call the Helpline and find out what time it is or if the pills they just took are a lethal dosage and what they should do about that. It runs the whole gamut - you think of any problems you might run up against in a day. A lady phoning up to find out if it's serious that the ammonia lines in her fridge are broken and the fridge is smelling. That may not sound like an important problem but the fact of the matter is that when the food is exposed to the ammonia the food is poisoned.

Gazette: You say it works 24 hours. How many people work on the night shift and is that your busiest time?

Wilcox: On a night shift we have one or two people; it is and it isn't our busiest time. There are usually fewer calls coming in on the graveyard shift - that's the early morning hours - but when you do get a call it'll often turn out to be an hour and a half counselling call. It's a really gruelling routine.

Gazette: Who works at the Helpline and why? Are they volunteers or are they mostly paid staff?

Wilcox: They're all volunteers - we have a 100% volunteer staff line. People that work there run the gamut from psychiatrists, psychologists - which you might expect - to dockworkers, cleaning ladies, housewives, students and semi-professional people. There really isn't a common denominator. Our youngest has just turned 18 and our oldest, I think, is 74.

Gazette: Is it a city organization?

Wilcox: It's a city wide organization, we're United Appeal funded, and we're completely autonomous.

Gazette: What do you do when you get a really serious call? Do you merely counsel or is it often a case where the person has to be referred to a hospital or a doctor?

Wilcox: If it's a very serious call, say a massive overdose taken two hours ago and the person's ready to pass out, if we can get their address we'll send out one of our own crisis interveners. This is only on very serious calls, we will not go out and pick up cigarettes for people. We'll get them into the hospital. If there's any violence threatened to our crisis interveners, who are also volunteers, we have to send the police. Now if the caller says not to send the police we're in a bit of a bind because we won't go against a caller's wishes.

Gazette: Are all the calls treated with total discretion, names never revealed, or what is the procedure on some of the calls?

Wilcox: On all the calls there is complete, absolute confidentiality. We have a training session for everyone who wants to work at the Helpline, no matter what their background is in counselling skills. The psychiatrists get trained along with the housekeepers.

Gazette: How many volunteers do you have?

Wilcox: We have at any one time between 130 and 150 volunteers. The time commitment for each volunteer is not that heavy because as you can understand working the line is a real drain. You couldn't work a 40 hour week on the line.

Gazette: Who calls the Helpline?

Wilcox: People who call the Helpline usually just have a problem that they don't have access in their own circle of friends, relations or their own personal knowledge to handle. So you get a lot of say people on Welfare with certain kinds of problems. They don't have

a lawyer living next door so if they need legal information they can phone us, and we'll either give them the information or get them in touch with someone who can. On the other hand if you're an executive earning \$60,000 a year and you have a sexual problem with your wife you're not going to talk to your neighbor about it. They're in just as much of a bind as the person on Welfare, so they phone. It's really totally cross cultural.

Gazette: What is your relationship with other agencies? Are you funded by more than United Appeal grants?

Wilcox: Well, on funding, half our budget comes from the United Appeal and the other half from the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and that again is cost shared with the Provincial and Federal governments.

Our relationship with other agencies is basically fantastic, everyone from Birthright to the police. I think we have something like 220 agencies on our list that one way or another we refer people to.

Gazette: Do you get many calls from students?

Wilcox: Yes, lots of calls - three times a year. The rest of the year they're pretty much like any other group but 3 times a year we get calls; in August when they're looking for housing, at Christmas for exams and in April for exams. At Christmas and in April we really have a lot of kids who are feeling the pressure and just don't know if they can handle it.

Gazette: What types of ways would you recommend a student handle the types of stress he/she is under and what do the students themselves seem to be doing to deal with stress or do they succumb to it?

Wilcox: In many cases students have a tendency to succumb to the stress they are under. It's a pressure of excelling or in some cases just passing, making a name for yourself, getting the marks. There's peer group pressure, parental pressure, job pressure, Education is an important part of their life and they don't really have a sense of perspective about it. In the late teens and early 20's they are already going through a lot of other changes just finding out who they are. There is tremendous pressure and it's hard, but not impossible to deal with.

Gazette: Do you find that exams bring out a lot of other problems in late adolescence? If so, which do you treat - the stress of exams or the more basic stress that's a problem of that age group?

Wilcox: Well, as soon as you start saying to somebody "you're just young, you'll get over it" they hang up. As soon as you minimize someone's problems they won't listen to you and they won't tell you what's really bugging them. Sometimes it helps a person to just state what their problem is and once they can quantify it by speaking their fears it seems to fade.

Gazette: How many calls do you get in an average day at Helpline?

Wilcox: In a really average day we get 49.6 calls. It runs generally between 35 and 60 calls in a day and the calls are of varying length. So you might get a 60 call day but it seemed like a quiet shift because everybody was asking things like "what's the phone number for the police dept." You can have a heavy day with only 20 calls but they're all an hour and a quarter depressed drunks.

Gazette: What do you do with a depressed drunk or with somebody who's extremely freaked out on drugs?

Wilcox: Keep talking, keep asking questions. You find out if they're depressed, what's depressing them. If someone's on speed you just keep them talking. If they're freaking out you bring them back to things that are very tangible around them like the phone. If it's really a bad freak out or you suspect there's something else in the drug that's dangerous you'll try to get somebody to them and get them into the hospital.

Gazette: Is there any way you can try to guarantee that someone in this predicament who's crying out for help really does get some long term help?

Wilcox: We can't do that with a phone service. We rely on other agencies that have the funds and the facilities. Though we let other agencies take care of these things

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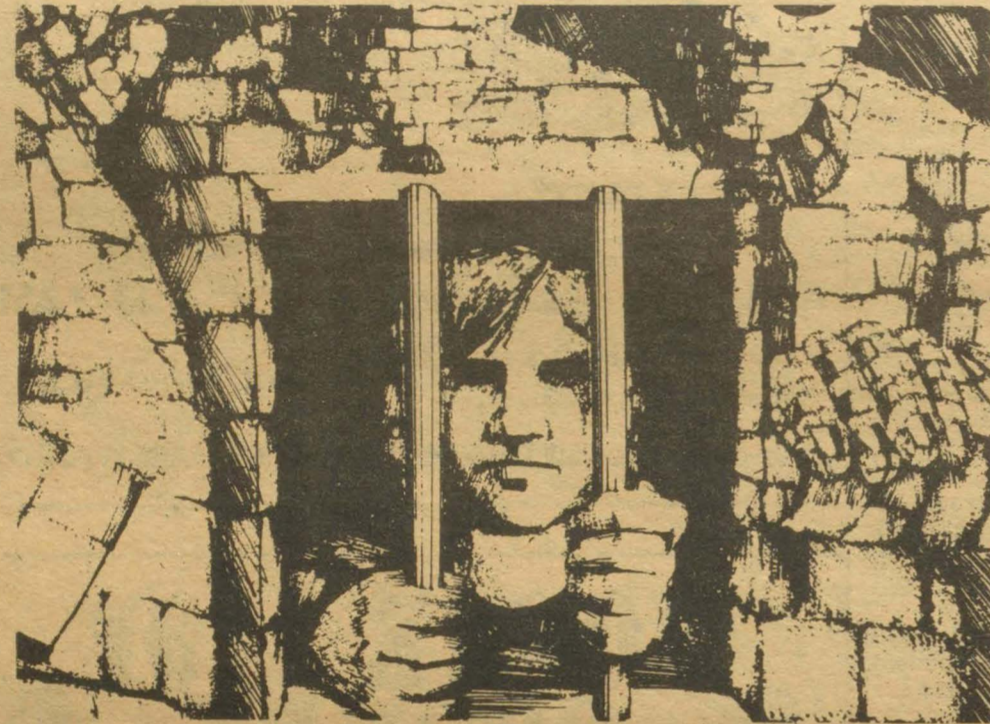
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Prison Society

By P. Edwards

(The author is one of several law students who taught a course in Springhill Penitentiary this summer).



Many visitors to Springhill Medium Security Institution remark on the prison's similarity to a university residence. They mean this comparison as a compliment to the modern and unoppressive appearance of the prison more than as a sneering criticism of places like Howe Hall.

There is no question that the outward appearance of Springhill Institution warrants such favourable comments. Holding up to 400 inmates, it consists of a series of low, concrete buildings sitting in the middle of a site of about 100 acres, overlooking a rather pretty valley. Around the so-called "living units" are: a building housing a number of well-equipped training schools; a library, a chapel, and a hospital (all quite small); two gyms — a little, old one and a big, unfinished one; a kitchen and two dining halls; a ballfield and a track, and a school with a few classrooms.

Surrounding the area are two high fences topped with coils of barbed wire. They look pretty formidable, but the inmates will assure you it is possible to get over them with some dexterity and a coat. For this reason there are a number of guard towers on the outside.

There used to be only one fence, but it blew over one night in a storm. Both fences are now girded with supports.

Springhill may look not unlike a university, but the way of life inside is that of a prison. The inmates sleep in cells in one of four "living units". The cells are locked at 11 p.m. and re-opened at 7 a.m.

Eight o'clock is the time to be at work and a man who is supposed to be elsewhere, if found in the unit after that hour, is liable to a conviction in the Unit Court for "sleeping in" or "being late for work". Punishment will range from a warning to two weeks' "cell time" — i.e. being locked up in one's cell for fourteen straight evenings.

As many as 100 inmates may be taking training courses at any one time, while another few score will be occupied in the school, in correspondence courses, in such sundry places as

the Solicitor-General's department has been pursuing a comparatively enlightened policy toward the treatment of its wards, though it is always held back to some extent by unenlightened public opinion. In the last few years numbers, shaved heads, and a number of other unnecessary rules for the cowering and regimentation of inmates have been abolished. Administrators are qualified with some sort of education.

Perhaps the most important aspect of prison reform is the gradual institution of the living unit concept, which includes having some of the staff, "un-uniformed", sharing the units with the inmates. The purpose, very briefly, is to eliminate the tense and unnatural atmosphere of continual confrontation between guards and inmates, as well as to give the inmates some human contact with people other than other inmates.

The living unit is in operation at Springhill and seems to have worked very well. It is one reason the air about Springhill is so much healthier than the creepy one at Dorchester, where both guards and inmates swagger about "playing the role", feeling and showing nothing but dislike for one another.

Springhill is certainly a far cry from the inhumane and vile prisons of the earlier part of this century, when men were made to work on chain gangs and

the kitchen and the chapel, and driving trucks or tractors around. This leaves about half or more of the inmate population who are employed in menial and fairly useless occupations such as cleaning and gardening. The "sleeping in" laws do not seem to be enforced against these men; there is little enough for them to do anyway.

The inmates get paid about 10c an hour to pay for such things as toilet articles, which they have to supply themselves, and cigarettes. They buy these things at a canteen in their unit.

There is a recreational period in the evening, when the little gym is in full use, and sometimes there are movies to watch. Each unit has a T.V., set in its common room; a few men have them in their cells.

Springhill represents just one type in a wide spectrum of jails in Canada. It is one of the federal-run Penitentiaries, which take all people serving two years or more. These range from Half-Way Houses, situated in cities, where inmates are free to leave during the day, to the maximum-security institutions, such as the one at Dorchester, N.B.

Inmates serving less than two years and juvenile offenders go to one of a number of provincial institutions, which bear such euphemistic and hopeful names as "Industrial School", "Refuge for Girls", and "Correctional Centre".

Springhill is a medium-security Penitentiary. It was built in 1967 to eventually replace the one at Dorchester, which is now 98 years old. The difficulty with plans like these is that the inmate population keeps growing faster than expected, perhaps partly because judges are tempted to gear their sentences to the space available. Dorchester is as full as ever.

A federal Pen. is run by a chain of command going from the Solicitor-General to the Commissioner of Penitentiaries to the Director (Warden) of the Institution. In recent years

- Home Sweet Home

the notorious "silent rule" was enforced all day. As far as prisons go, Springhill is o.k. And yet the question has at least to be posed whether any prison, by its nature, can accomplish the substantial part of the task delegated to it by the legal system.

People are sent to prison partly in order to discourage other people from breaking the law. But a prison sentence is also given as a treatment for the offender himself — to make him less likely to continue to take part in criminal activity. One belief is that prison will show the person that crime doesn't pay. Another is that the rehabilitative programme at the institution will direct him, when released, onto happier trails.

But it is well known that a person who goes to prison once is more than likely to go back again. Most of the inmates in the Pen. have a history of convictions and prison sentences, often going back to childhood. Far from deterring people from crime, prisons seem to ferment it. Why is this?

For one thing, the prison brings the first offender into contact with the experts in his field. The place abounds with stories about heists of one sort or another, and each man is given much constructive criticism of his prior methodology. It is not inappropriate that the Penitentiary used to be called the "school".



More important than the actual instruction are the values and friendships that each fellow is bound to acquire after a period in the joint. He meets all sorts of other birds who he finds have a lot in common with him. When he gets out after two years or so, these may be the best, or even the only, friends he has.

The prison community is of necessity close-knit and is filled with all kinds of fellowship and personal loyalty that are no longer easy to find in our vast, impersonal society on the outside. Like any society, the inmates need bugbears and high on the list are the law and any kind of authority, with which everybody has had bad experiences. The inmate sub-culture is also cynical, poetic, and entirely unrealistic.

It is this interesting but dangerous inmate sub-culture which the living unit concept and various measures taken by the administration to increase contact with the outside are aimed at infiltrating and subverting. But to a certain extent it is impossible to manipulate and will retain certain features as long as the prison is a prison.

One final reason why the prison fails to discourage inmates from breaking laws is that it institutionalizes them. Inside, everything is done for you — you don't have to make your own meals or buy your own furniture, work for your living, look after your family, or fill out your tax forms. There are no important decisions you have to make.

You spend a lot of your time just rapping with other inmates or figuring out how you're going to present your case to (pull one over on?) the Parole Board. There is nothing for you to be responsible about.

Accordingly, when you get out — quite aside from the difficulties you will have as an ex-con, getting a job and so on — you may have difficulty coping with the most ordinary things. One parole officer told us of a man he took out of Dorchester after a long spell. For some time this fellow was unable to do things as simple as going into a store and ordering a package of cigarettes.

This is a rather extreme case, but is a good illustration of a common phenomenon that is difficult to understand for those who are unacquainted with it. It may help explain why many ex-cons subconsciously, even consciously, want back in.

No one would ever admit this, but in some cases it is very obvious. One man, drunk, will break a window of the police station and just stand there, waiting to be taken in. Another will commit a series of burglaries, scratching his initials somewhere before leaving.

These people want to go back home to the prison — not because the prison is a particularly nice place to stay or because, objectively, it is the best place for them, but because they conceive, in their frustrations, that there is no other place for them. This is what prison has done for them.

Few people seem to question the need for the ever-increasing number of prisons. Most of the people in them are not violent by nature or physically dangerous, but are in for offences involving property. Most of them clearly need sentences which are geared not to punishment, or even to temporary removal, but to rehabilitation. The prison does not do much to rehabilitate, but probably only encourages more criminal activity.



We need to be looking at alternatives to prison such as have been instituted in certain European countries. One idea which has apparently worked effectively in Holland is to bring property-offenders face-to-face with the owners of the property violated and to have both parties negotiate a remedy. This policy not only offers victims of crime some compensation which they do not get from our present criminal procedures, but will save the convict and the state the great expense of a prison term. (It costs some \$18,000 a year to keep one man locked up in Penitentiary.) Furthermore, this practice would encourage the offender to look at his position in a more responsible manner than he is now wont to do.

The above is just one of a number of possible suggestions which deserve attention. Solicitor-General Allmand has made some remarks to the effect that he is looking for alternatives to prison. No doubt a Royal Commission to study the possibilities would be welcomed.



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7 30 p.m.

MOVIES -DAL S.U.B.

▷ BEST OF W. C. FIELDS

▷ THE MARX BROTHERS - ROOM SERVICE

SEPT 17

8 p.m.

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SEPT 19

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DANCE featuring MOLLY OLIVER BAND

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GENERAL NOTICES

Looking for someplace to call home? It might be a very good idea to drop into the housing office on the third floor of the SUB and take a look at their listings. They provide free maps of the city, free phones and much needed moral support in your struggle.

For information about student events, on and off campus, phone the SUB Enquiry desk at 424-2140. In addition, they have campus and metro maps, student Handbooks and Anti-Calendar, and checking facilities for your belongings.

Writing Workshop classes for all interested will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7 - 9 p.m. in the Language Centre, Killam B257. There is no charge. Registration takes place Tuesday, September 16th, 7 p.m. at the above mentioned location.

Television Services is offering a ten week course on Television Production for those who are interested but without previous experience. Through hands on experience the students learn to handle the equipment involved in television work from the camera to the audio board, learn the uses of makeup, the basics of production, scripting techniques and other basic skills required in television production. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 starting Tuesday, September 16. The fee for the course is \$75.00. For further information please call or see Kate Carmichael, 2860 Life Sciences Bldg. 424-6578.

Also offered for those with previous television experience is Television Production 11.

So you want to expose somebody? Do it on CKDU, Dalhousie's Student Radio Station. They need help, badly, and are willing to train anyone to do anything connected with radio. Anyone interested in music, news, sports, or electronics should give this place a try. Drop into the station for a tour, it's on the fourth floor of the SUB, or call them at 424-2410 and tell them you're interested. It will be appreciated.

ART / EXHIBITS

The Art Gallery of Saint Mary's University will open a show of paintings by Werner Ackerman and Six Cologne Artists on September 1. This show will run through to September 21.

From September 5 to September 28, a show entitled **Images of Women in Sacred Art** will be at Mount Saint Vincent Gallery in recognition of the canonization of Blessed Mother Elizabeth Seton in Rome on September 14. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 9-5, and Saturday and Sunday 12-5. Tuesdays the gallery is open from 9-9 p.m.

At the **Centennial Art Gallery**, opening on September 4, is a display of paintings by Patrick Cowley-Brown.

At **Eye Level Gallery** will be a show entitled "Just a Little Print and Drawing Show", running from September 5-26. Eye Level is located at 5785 West St., off Agricola, just north of the Commons.

Upstairs in **Zwickers Gallery** at 5415 Doyle St. is an exhibition of seascapes and landscapes of the Atlantic Provinces by artists of this region. In the downstairs gallery you will find a selection of Canadian Classic paintings by artists such as Miller Brittain, Charles Comfort, T.R. MacDonald, Arthur Lismer and Fred Varley.

The **Brent Homans Gallery** at Hubbards, N.S. on highway No. 3 is showing displays of marine paintings including recent works of Newfoundland artists. Open seven days a week.

Gallery 1667, at 1246 Hollis Street, presents a display of marine paintings and Nova Scotia scenes by gallery artists. New works by

Canadian native artists. Rear Gallery: Bartlett Maritime scenes, Currier and Ives, old ship prints. Gallery hours for the summer, Monday to Friday from 10-6 p.m. Call 423-8624.

An exhibition of **art and crafts** from the collection of the Nova Scotia Art Bank opens at the Nova Scotia Museum of Fine Arts' main gallery at 6152 Coburg Road on August 23 and continues until October 6. Gallery hours are Monday to Saturday 10-5:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Ross MacCulloch, a young Nova Scotia artist, will have an exhibition of his work at Gallery 1667, 1246 Hollis St., beginning September 18.

MUSIC / CONCERTS / DANCE

The **Dance Co-op** will hold advance fall term registration for members on Saturday, September 6, 10-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. Open registration will be held Monday, September 8 through to Friday, September 12, 12-2:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The Dance Co-op is at 6152 Coburg Road (at LeMarchant), the Nova Scotia College of Art.

FILM / THEATRE

Neptune Theatre will hold auditions at 1593 Argyle St., on September 8. Be prepared with one classical and one contemporary piece to total five minutes. Also, bring one song to sing if required. For more information call 429-7300.

entertainment

From Bach to Bartok

From Bach to Bartok, from Renaissance through Rococo to Ravel, this year the Dalhousie Department of Music in co-operation with Dalhousie Cultural Activities presents a year long feast for your musical appetite. Beginning, Thursday, September 11 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, the series offers thirteen distinctive and exciting concerts by members of the faculty of music, all of whom have international reputations in solo, chamber and orchestral repertoire. Included in the faculty are three principal wind players of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Jeanne Baxtresser, flute, Peter Bowman, oboe, David Carroll, bassoon. Other faculty members taking part in the series are: William Valleau, former principal cellist of the McGill Chamber Orchestra, Philippe Djokic, violinist and former concert master of the Julliard Chamber Orchestra, Lynn Stodola, piano, Julliard School of Music and Jeff Morris, internationally acclaimed tenor. Rounding off this highly accredited group of artists will be many of the faculty well known to the Halifax audience including Peter Fletcher, Gary Karr, Harmon Lewis, Philip May,

and Elvira Gonnella. Faculty member William Tritt, who was enthusiastically received in his Halifax's appearances last season will perform with the piano trio and Larry Combs of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will again be a guest artist, this time in a special concert featuring the music of Messiaen.

The first of these concerts, Thursday, September 11, will

Once is enough

by D. Moulton

Jacqueline Susann, author of Valley of the Dolls and The Love Machine, has had another of her novels revised for the screen. "Once is Not Enough" is the typical melodramatic story of loves lost, that of father-daughter love and daughter-boyfriend love.

Kirk Douglas portrays the overly-devoted father who, as the ultimate sacrifice, marries for money so his daughter can continue to live in luxury. Meanwhile his daughter (Alexis Smith) turns against him by living with a drinking writer (Richard Colt), the general idea being that Colt (David Jansen) is

feature the Dalhousie Chamber Soloists. During the 1975/76 season, the group will perform works from the Renaissance to the present day including works by Canadian, American and South American composers. This initial concert, an evening of Renaissance, Baroque, and Rococo chamber music includes the works of Monteverdi, Handel, Telemann, Vivaldi, Lotte and Couperin.

only a replacement for her father - the man she truly loves - and on it goes - and on it goes, often moving, often forceful, sometimes even interesting. However, more often than not, it appears to be the sequel to "Another World". Alexis Smith, as January (how original!), was just too sweet, too innocent; Kirk Douglas seemed to search through the whole film for the personality he was enacting and David Jansen could have been a drinking writer had he only had more screen time with which to develop the character.

Perhaps the highlight was Linda Riggs - the modernization of the nostalgic "dumb blond". Altered to

The first concert given by the Dalhousie Piano Trio, with Philippe Djokic, violin, William Valleau, cello, and William Tritt, piano, will be in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on October 16 with works by Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Schubert in a program entitled Great Romantic Composers. The Dalhousie Chorale, conducted by Peter Fletcher will present four concerts this year starting on Monday, November 17th with Haydn's Mass in Time of War.

The price for individual concerts for the series performed in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at the Dalhousie Arts Centre will be \$3.00 and \$2.00 and there is a special student price of \$1.00. Season tickets for all the concerts in this entertaining, exciting and educational series will be \$30.00, \$20.00 and \$10.00 for students.

fit today's society, she became the fairly pretty, over-sexed, over-energetic woman who "...." her way into the job of editor.

The film was not a total loss - it had its moments, moments when the actors became the characters and gave the plot some life. If one likes soap operas of Jacqueline Susann (am I being redundant?), "Once is Not Enough" is worth \$3.00 and two hours in the Scotia Square Cinema.

New Head for Entertainment

The Dalhousie Student Union is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Fiona Perina to the position of Programming Trainee. This position entails administering a complete programme of cultural, social and recreational activities for the students of Dalhousie University.

From a field of highly qualified applicants, Ms. Perina was selected for her extensive experience in the performing arts and communications. Ms. Perina comes to Halifax with a background in the fine arts, having studied at both Sir George Williams University in Montreal and at the Banff School of Fine Arts in Alberta as a scholarship student. As well, Ms. Perina has a good understanding of the music scene of North America, gained through her practical experience as a purchaser for a major record distributor in



Fiona Perina

Halifax.

Ms. Perina hopes to assist in making the world of arts and entertainment more accessible to Dalhousie students because she believes that "the arts in general are too often ignored as an integral part of the educational process. It is our culture which is reflected in the arts, and it is essential that young people be exposed to the great diversity of culture both in this country and internationally. No 'education' should be considered complete without the inclusion of this vital area."

We are confident that, with Ms. Perina's qualifications and enthusiasm, she will have every success in bringing Dalhousie students closer to the world of entertainment and, in doing so, improve the cultural scene of all of metro.

'Know your artist series' begins

John Will and Marvin Jones:
September 4 - 28, 1975

An exhibition of two contemporary print-makers' work - one from Calgary and one from Kansas City. Both are experimental in their use of techniques and both use satiric images.

Michael Fernandes:
September 4 - 28, 1975

As part of Dalhousie's "Know Your Artist" series, Michael Fernandes will exhibit recent collages and prints.

Frank Nulf:
October 2 - November 1, 1975

The artist has interpreted a strange archeological phenomenon dis-

covered recently in Denmark where-by the bodies of an ancient people have remained preserved in bogland conditions for hundreds of years. A series of drawings in graphite illustrate Nulf's fascination with these "Bog People".

Eric Fischel:
October 2 - November 1, 1975

This is an exhibition of abstract paintings by a young Halifax artist. His work exhibits an interest in a direct approach to painting on canvasses of unorthodox shape.

Graham Dubé:
October 8 - October 29, 1975

Recent work in the Sculpture Court by a young Nova Scotia artist.

Nicholas Poussin:
October 10 - November 2, 1975

From the National Gallery of Canada come two oil paintings by the 17th Century French artist, Nicholas Poussin: **Martyrdom of Saint Erasmus** and **Landscape With Woman Bathing her Feet**. These will be accompanied by several drawings and engravings by Poussin's contemporaries, as well as a slide presentation on Poussin and the Baroque.

The Canadian Canvas:
November 6 - December 4, 1975

A major survey of painting in Canada today. The show was organized by Time-Life Limited and is cooperatively being shown at the

new Art Gallery of Nova Scotia on Coburg Road. Five curators from each region of Canada chose the works to be exhibited. This is a circulating exhibition which has had tremendous response across the nation.

Mira Schor:
December 9 - December 28, 1975
This exhibition of small watercolour paintings exists in several series of related themes all very autobiographical. The artist teaches painting at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

Mary Pratt:
December 9 - December 28, 1975
From Newfoundland, and the Memorial University Art Gallery, comes an exhibition of very sensitive and subtle works involving everyday and domestic images in oil on canvas.

Suburbia: Bill Owens:
December 9 - December 28, 1975
This is an exhibition of photos by a California artist. The photos are a summation of the people and landscapes of a typical Los Angeles suburb.

Drop in on some of the famous names at Chateau Halifax:



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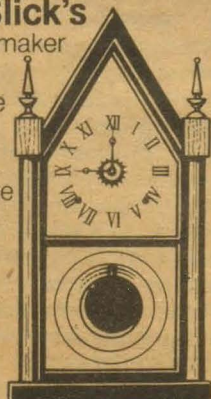
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Coffee House

by D. Moulton

Throughout the summer months the Dal Student Union held "Retreat" Coffee House on Wednesday nights for interested musicians and listeners. It started at 8:00 and by 9:15 the Green Room was usually packed. The success of "Retreat" during the summer has encouraged the Student Union to continue it throughout the academic year.

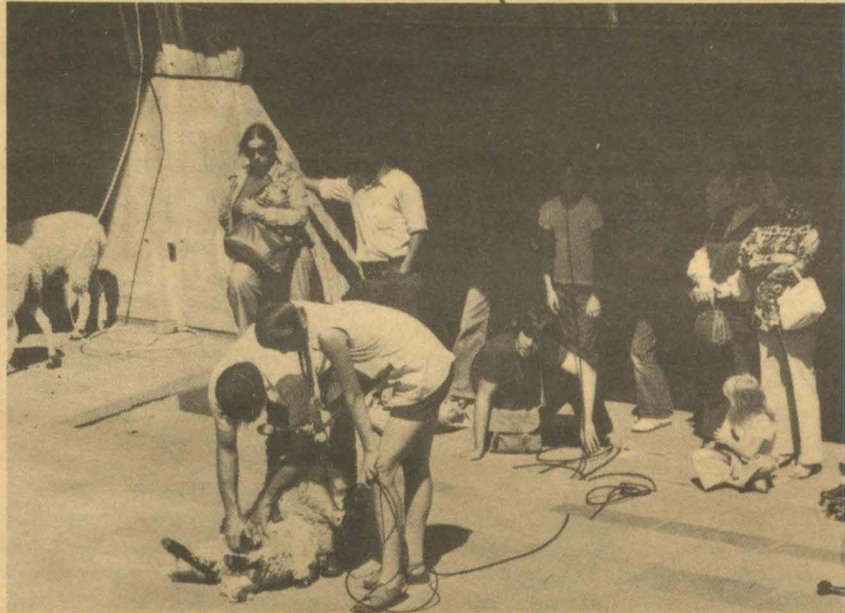
Most of the musicians were contacted by the Student Union Administrators when "the Crypt" (a now defunct Coffee House) records were forwarded to the Student Union. Of course word of mouth also played a part in determining which musicians would play at "Retreat". In any given evening there were usually 5 - 7 performers and the music ranged from jazz to instrumentals to sing-alongs.

The coffee and donuts are free after you pay your 75c cover charge and the setting is most informal. The performers play for free and change every week. Be sure to drop in on Wednesday nights for a pleasant evening of music and relaxation.

Festival Had Sheep Troubles

On Sunday August 25th a strange sight was available University Avenue eight sheep were peacefully grazing in a small pen in front of the Weldon Law Building. An even stranger sight was available later when the sheep escaped and ran the normally quiet streets of Halifax.

The sheep were part of an exhibition for this year's Nova Scotia Festival of the Arts, held in Halifax and Dartmouth from August 24-31. For 10 days artists, craftsmen and performers displayed, sold and explained their work to the general public. The Festival of the Arts has been held in Halifax for only the past 4 years but has actually been going on for over 20 years. Before it moved to Halifax it was held in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia and was really only a small gathering of craftsmen with little or no public participation and observation involved.

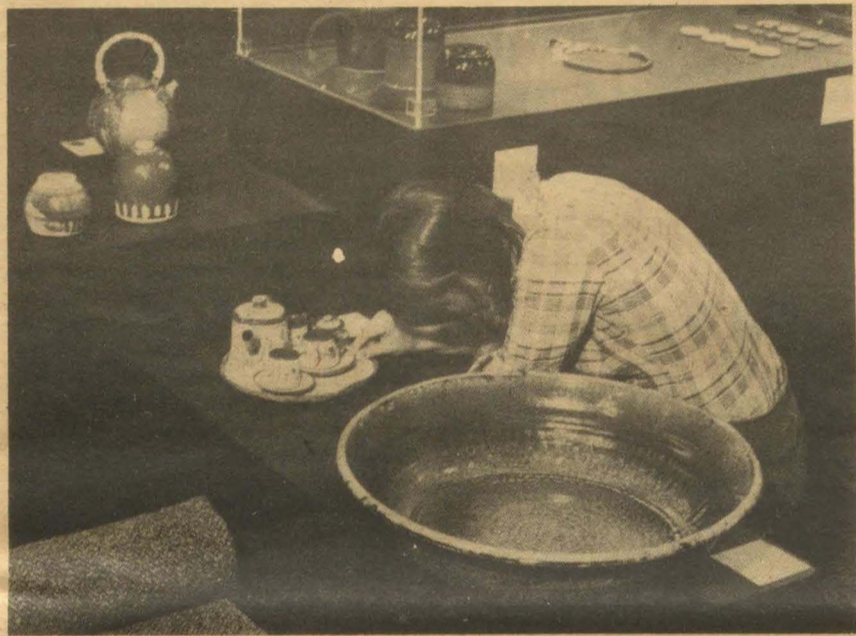


Sheep shearing in front of Arts Centre

craft demonstrations and workshops scattered throughout the Metro area.

Though many of the scheduled outdoor events had to be moved because of rain the weather did not seem to dampen enthusiasms. A more serious problem than the weather seemed to be that the Festival was just too spread out - both time wise and geographically. Also, the majority of the events were scheduled in and around the Dalhousie Campus where eating facilities are poor at best. Though the weather cannot be guaranteed in advance it is to be hoped that future Festival organizers will benefit from criticisms of this year's Festival.

The Festival of the Arts was for the most part a great success and provided a good way for the citizens of Metro to finish off the summer and perhaps do a little early Christmas shopping.



A pottery workshop

welcome and certainly unexpected publicity. Hopefully the publicity encouraged many who would not have otherwise gone to walk around and see many of the fascinating Festival exhibits.

It is estimated that about 150,000 people, both tourists and natives, participated in the over 200 scheduled events. Many more were undoubtedly disappointed not to get tickets for the performances by John Allan Cameron, Dizzy Gillespie and others which sold out long before the Festival started.

Among the highlights of the Festival were a Jazz Band on the Halifax - Dartmouth ferry, a Juried craft show in the Sculpture Court of the Dalhousie Arts Centre, a flea market - also at the Arts Centre, a massive craft show and sale at the Dalhousie Rink, films for all ages and mostly free, and numerous



Leather work, Juried Craft Exhibit

The aforementioned sheep were supposed to be herded from the Law School to the Arts Center by a dog, to be sheared by their owner Dr. Nettleton of Truro, when they made good their escape. Apparently a car got through the barricade on University Avenue and blocked the dog's view of the sheep. He went running down University Ave. towards the Children's Hospital while the 8 sheep ran up Edward St. Six of the eight were picked up by Dr. Nettleton and duly sheared but 2 remained missing for the next 36 hours.

The R.C.M.P. and the Halifax Police searched Halifax and the outlying areas but to no avail. Late Monday night a person or persons unknown returned the missing sheep to their locked pen in Truro, where Dr. Nettleton discovered them early Tuesday morning.

The drama of the missing sheep provided the Festival organizers with a great deal of somewhat



A Blacksmith at work

Dalhousie University Department of Music Fall Concerts

September 11	An Evening of Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo Chamber Music includes Monteverdi, Handel, Telemann, Lotte, Vivaldi, Couperin, Schutz. Dalhousie Chamber Soloists Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
September 25	Violin and Piano Recital by Philippe Djokic, Lynn Stodola. Sir James Dunn Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Free Recital
October 16	Great Romantic Composers includes Brahms, Mendelssohn, Schubert. Dalhousie Piano Trio Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
October 30	Flute, Oboe and Bassoon Recital by Jeanne Baxtresser, Peter Bowman, David Carroll. Sir James Dunn Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Free Recital
November 9	Cello and Piano Recital by William Valteau, William Tritt. Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 3:00 p.m. Free Recital
November 17	Mass in Time of War includes Haydn: Sinfonia Concertante, Griffiths Poem. Dalhousie Chorale Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
November 20	An Evening of 20th Century Chamber Music includes Ravel, Damasse, Haieff, Carter, Poulenc, Vaughn Williams. Dalhousie Chamber Soloists Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
December 4	Hommage to Ravel — Centennial Year includes violin sonata, violin and cello duo, trio. Dalhousie Piano Trio Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
December 8	Christmas Concert includes Schutz Christmas Oratorio, J. S. Bach Magnificat, and Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols". Dalhousie Chorale Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
December 14	Piano Recital by William Tritt Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 3:00 p.m. Free Recital
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The Flea Market

Beethoven opens ASO 75-76 season

Maestro Mizerit has revealed the details of the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra 1975-76 season, which he feels to be the Symphony's most ambitious series of international starts and world music classics.

At the opening STAR*BURST Concerts in Halifax (September 29 and 30) Klaro M. Mizerit mounts the podium to conduct the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and very special guest pianist Hans Richter-Haaser in an all-Beethoven festival, leading with premiere performances of the overture to Coriolan and the Eroica Symphony No. 3. Richter-Haaser, the acknowledged master of Beethoven, will perform the awesome Piano concerto No. 5.

The majestic achievements of Berlioz, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, and Mendelssohn inspired by the immortal dramatist William Shakespeare premiere together in Halifax when Maestro Mizerit conducts the A.S.O. and combined voices of the Atlantic Women's Choir "In Praise of the Bard", October 27-28. The Shakespeare showcase includes Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream and Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet, as well as Romeo and

Juliet studies by Prokofiev and Berlioz.

Following repeated return command performances at every major European music festival, Italy's profound violin virtuoso Franco Gulli makes his A.S.O. debut December 1 and 2 in Halifax with the demanding Brahms Concerto for Violin and Orchestra. By special arrangement, the man who single-handedly built Prague's newest symphony orchestra, Czechoslovakia's young Maestro Bystrik Rezucha will conduct the A.S.O. in a programme of Dvorak's Symphony No. 7 and Debussy's Afternoon of a Faun.

The Young Canadian Artists Concerts return this year to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, December 22-23 under the direction of Maestro Mizerit, and spot-light both the outstanding talents of Miss Wendy Lang performing Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3 and the widely acclaimed New Brunswick Youth Orchestra. Atlantic audiences last year proved once again that the A.S.O. Young Canadian Artists Concerts are the season's number one favourite.

The fifth pair of STAR*BURST Concerts (January 12-13, 1976) debut the provocative conductor-composer William Rutledge whose wealth of creative strength and precision have made his English National Orchestra one of the most innovative in Britain today. To the Maestro's Atlantic Symphony debut concerts have been added the violin, viola and cello mastery of the highly polished New Brunswick String Quartet. Programme highlights include three A.S.O. premieres: Sheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov, Mozart's Symphony No. 36 and Fantasia on a theme by Tallis, Vaughan Williams.

With nerve, gusto and undeniable maturity, Lawrence Foster is quickly building a name for himself across the continent as "An Authentic Genius" (Leonard Bernstein, the New York Philharmonic). Halifax audiences will have the chance to hear this amazing cello prodigy when Maestro Klaro M. Mizerit presents the A.S.O. premiere of the Haydn Cello Concerto, February 9 and 10. The Symphony performs the overture to Euryanthe by Weber and Schumann's Symphony No. 2.

In tribute to International Women's Year, the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra has engaged two the world's best-loved performers for the seventh pair of concerts in the series. Together for the first time, Dr. Antonia Brico, the subject of Judy Collins' Academy Award nominated documentary "Antonia: A Portrait of the Woman" (playing August 10 at the Dalhousie Regional Film Theatre), whose musical compassion and conducting genius moved Sibelius himself to declare her a Maestro of masterful inspiration, will lead the A.S.O. and Miss Lois Marshall, whose splendid mezzo-soprano has won her an international following, in Mahler's tragic Kindertotenlieder. Sibelius is, of course, represented on the programme. His Symphony No. 3, along with the Canadian work Symphony No. 3 by Jacques Hétu round out the performances of these two first ladies of grand music, March 1 and 2, 1976.

In case those fortunate enough to have seen last year's sellout performances with Zoria Shimurzayeva still feel that Russia produces only great violinists, the A.S.O. this season presents Halifax audiences with a first-time appearance of the Soviet pianist Nicolai Petrov, March 29 and 30. Invariably compared with the great Moisevitich, Horowitz, and Rubinstein, this colourful artist is the perfect example of the new generation of Russian musicians and performs the Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2 under the direction of Maestro Klaro M. Mizerit. Symphony selections include Serenade No. 2 by Brahms and Three pieces by Schoenberg.

The ninth and final concert of the new season will be an extravaganza presentation by Maestro Mizerit featuring the entire Toronto Symphony under the direction of their new young firebrand conductor, Andrew Davis. The musical event of the season takes place May 31 and June 1 in Halifax with the co-operation of the Touring Office of the Canada Council. Prince Igor, Symphonie Fantastique, Mozart's Bassoon Concerto and more will be performed by the 100 musicians of the T.S.O.

For further information or season tickets to the A.S.O.'s 1975 / 76 STAR*BURST Season, phone or visit the A.S.O. Box Office in the Dalhousie Arts Centre, 424-3895. The Box Office is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays, and is now processing orders for next year. Student subscribers will again this year enjoy a further 10% off their subscription discount tickets.

A Week of Dublin

Dalhousie Student Union will present The Dublin Corporation for an exclusive Halifax-Dartmouth engagement in the McInnes Room of the Student Union Building, from September 22 to September 27 inclusive.

This dynamic group has a past record of 37 sell-out performances at Dal. As a tribute to their fine

talents, they have been made honorary life members in the Dalhousie Student Body, and in 1974 were awarded honorary graduate certificates from the University.

The Dublin Corporation is not only popular with the students. These lads are well-known throughout the University community for

their ability to transcend the generation gap and generate enthusiasm from every age group with a repertoire which includes everything from "Danny Boy" to "Listen to What the Man said".

This is one of the few groups that students urge their elders to experience, simply because they present "today's scene" without turning the older generation off.

Special performance nights have been arranged by the Student Union in order to accommodate various segments of the University community. Student admission and bar prices will be extended to members of the University organizations who attend on the night set aside for them, upon presentation of the appropriate identification.

Sept 22 - Freshman night

Sept 23 - Alumni night

Sept 24 - Faculty Association

Sept 25 - Staff Association

On Sept. 26 and 27, the price of admission will include record hops in the S.U.B. Cafeteria.

Since capacity is limited, we urge you to get your tickets during advance sales which begin on September 15 at the S.U.B. Enquiry desk.



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R/V Westward visits Halifax

A Tall Ship from the United States visited Halifax this past Labor Day weekend. Aboard the oceanographic research and training schooner R/V **Westward** were a group of university students and scientists who have spent the last month studying whales and other marine mammals along the coast of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

Westward serves an academic program called Sea Semester. Twenty-one young men and women from all parts of the United States (including several from abroad) join a new cruise every two months. They serve as apprentice seamen and research assistants aboard the 240-ton staysail schooner.

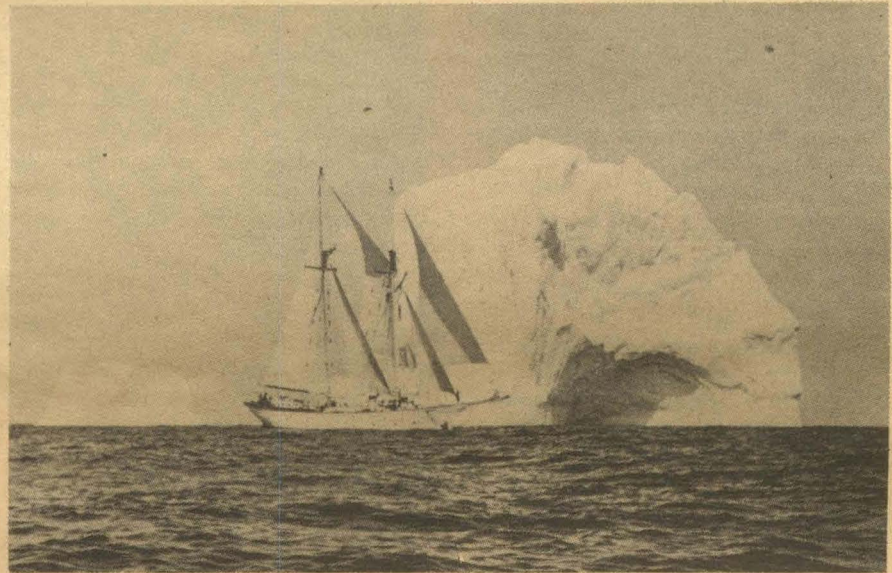
They begin their semester, which

is accredited by Boston University and Cornell University, with six weeks of intensive classroom studies ashore in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. There, they take preparatory courses in marine science, nautical science, and maritime policy. Students then turn to apprenticeship - learning by doing - as they actively (and strenuously!) participate in the mission of a working ship.

Westward's mission in Canadian waters - for the third summer in a row - was to collect behavioral and acoustic information about whales. Numerous observations, films, and recordings have been made of several different marine mammal species. Under sail, **Westward's** silent characteristics have been used to scientific advantages in the Lower Bay of Fundy, Sable Island Bank, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the northeast coast of Newfoundland.

Scientists from the U.S. were joined by Dr. Peter Beamish of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Twenty-one apprentices are supervised by a veteran staff of seamen and scientists, including the Captain, three watch officers, steward, engineer, staff scientist, and up to three visiting scientists. In command is Captain John Metcalfe. No stranger to Canada, Captain Metcalfe was aboard **Westward** a year ago during a previous cruise in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.



Energy Conference

Organizers have announced the completion of the programme for an Energy and People Conference to be held in Halifax at Saint Mary's University the weekend of September 19, 20 and 21.

The conference, planned by a number of interested Maritime individuals and citizens' groups and supported by various public and private agencies, is designed to provide concerned individuals, groups and policy-makers an opportunity to share information and ideas on issues concerning renewable and nonrenewable energy resources.

Dal begins shelf fishing study

The Institute of Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University will undertake a study for the federal government on the requirements for managing the eastern continental shelf fishing resources.

The Institute co-ordinates university resources in scientific, social and legal fields to deal with specific environmental problems while simultaneously providing students and faculty with an understanding of aspects of the man-environment system.

Professor Rowland Harrison, the new director of the Institute says that up till now regulations governing international fishing have been based on biological theory alone. This study will be concerned with the interdisciplinary nature of the problem including economic and social theories.

Those working in advisory positions on the project include Dr. L. Dickie, Prof. N. Morse (Economics), Dr. E.C. Pielou (Biology), and Prof. C. Steinberg (Economics). On the operational side will be Dr. Bill Silvert (Physics), and Dr. Chris Ploughwright. With the exception

While provision for general-public participation is limited, two Addresses, entitled "The Global Energy Situation" and "Status Report on Renewable Energy Resources", will be open to the public. It is hoped that discussion among the two-hundred invited delegates, representing Government, Business and the Media, will generate constructive policy suggestions for decision-makers and increase public understanding of energy-environment issues.

National energy policy, alternative energy sources and the social implications of energy policy change are among the topics to be discussed by delegates.

Registration for the Conference will begin in the Reading Room, Main Building, Saint Mary's University, at 3:00 p.m. Friday September 19th, with the first public session at 8:00 p.m. the same evening. Sessions will conclude at 3:00 p.m. the following Sunday, 21 September.

of the latter, all are on staff at Dalhousie. Dr. Ploughwright is on sabbatical from the University of Toronto.

The fisheries study is the second project the Institute has undertaken. They have just completed a major study for the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council concerning Nova Scotia beaches. Dr. Tony Bowan and Prof. Paul Emond are in charge of that study.

The Institute is also drawing up a schedule of academic courses under the guidance of associate director Dr. F.R. Hayes. It is expected that by September, 1976, Dalhousie will be able to offer a program of study leading to the degree of Master of Environmental Science. There is no such graduate offering in the Maritimes at the present, and only three other similar programs in Canada.

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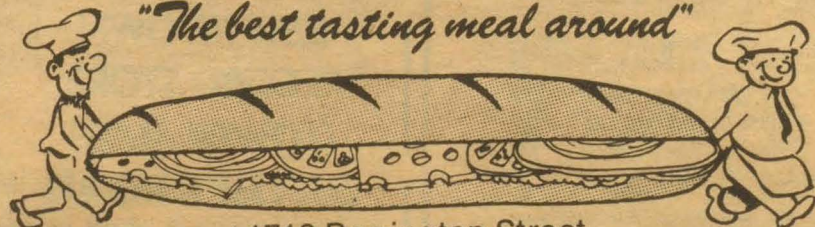
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Smoke-glazed windows,
Falls back, once more, defeated
and despairing.
If rays of sun can fail to break the
mists that
hem this place,
How then can I,
I am pressed in by pretty girls and
cheerful men,
Yet unknowing, I cannot speak,
nor act.
They turn their backs once more,
Once more, indifference sets in,
And I am left, cold and lonely as a
winter bird.
- Out of place.

P.D. Ridley



"THE POET" (1966)

The problem always lies
For poets
To communicate.
How to tell,
The ordinary man,
In ordinary words,
What he himself,
The ordinary man, has felt,
And would say,
If he could
But find the words
Thus to express
This something
Which is greater than himself.
The ordinary sights and sounds,
Smells,
The everyday things,
The trite expression,
Must be said
In a different way.
The poet must cope
With that gnawing ache
Of knowing,
Knowing that he can only fail,
To be but barely half
Of expectations.
Unrealistic and unrealised,
He finds brief solace,
In spasms,
Like a woman giving birth,
He lives -
In hope.

P.D. Ridley.

**THE CAGE OR FOR PAUL ROSE
(1972)**

The awful theatre of the mind
Screams its repressed whisper
To the closed doors
The locked windows
Of the metal brain
The plastic substance
Of our impotence
Alone sustains imagination.

We are not able to imagine.
They very image of our selves,
Emasculate us,
Negate us.
But are we rapists,
Liars, thieves?
No, No
I tell you
These thoughts
Tear at the very roots
Of our "civilisation"
Our excreted society.

We are dead men
With only the stalks
Of stinking lilies
Breaking through our eyes.
They clutch the foetus
Strangled at our birth
We suffocate,
In sterility.
There are no innocents
We are all Roses.

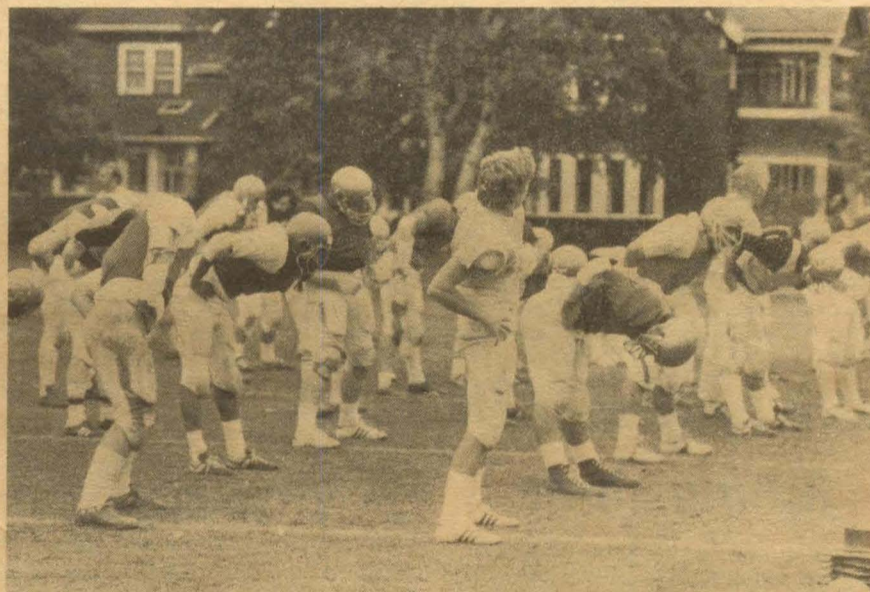
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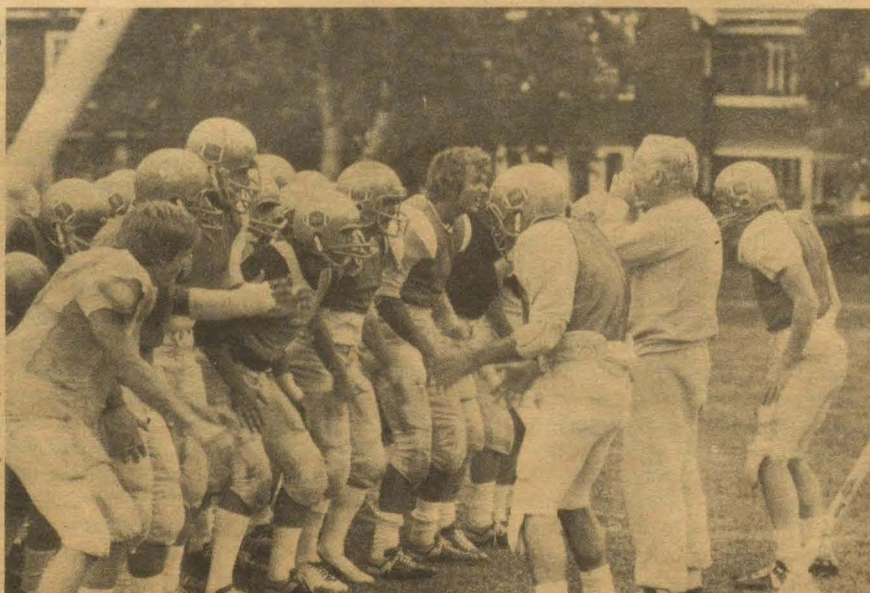
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Intramural sports opens 75 season

The Intramural and Recreation Council welcomes you to a year of active participation and enjoyment in our various sports activities.

This year more time than ever has been made available in our facilities. This includes keeping the facilities open until 2:00 a.m., in order to provide more opportunities to participate.

Those who are new on campus and all returning students are invited to stop in at the information trailer or the Intramural Office in the Gymnasium and inquire about the program of activities and sign up for those of your choice.

The Intramural Activities are divided into four divisions: Men's Inter-faculty, Residence Halls, Co-ed and Women's. In the Inter-fac league, participants must participate for the faculty team in which they are registered i.e. Arts, Science, Law, Engineering, etc. In the Residence Halls you play for the Hall you reside in. An individual is allowed to participate in only one division, either Inter-fac or Residence Halls, in any particular sport.

The Co-ed leagues are not restricted to faculties. Teams can be selected from men and women

from various faculties or residence halls. The co-ed leagues are fast becoming the most popular division because of the fun and socialization. Women's teams again are not restricted to faculties or residence halls.

In the individual tournament sports or special events i.e. golf, tennis, canoe races, cycle races, cross country races and swim meet you may enter individually and they are open to both men and women. Faculty and Staff are also invited to

join in the participation. An award is presented to the winners of each of these events in both men and women's divisions.

Entry forms are available from your sport representative or at the Intramural Office and must be submitted on the date required before 5:00 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted.

After the leagues or tournament draws have been determined the schedules will be posted in the S.U.B. and the Gymnasium. Each

week's activity schedules will also be taped and you can receive up dated information by simply phoning 424-3374 at any time.

Your participation and enjoyment is our concern. We are endeavoring to meet your needs. If you have suggestions for improvement of our activities please feel free to attend our regular Intramural Council Meetings where your ideas and suggestions will be heard and discussed, or drop into the Intramural Office.

Women join up!

This is Women's year - so ladies let's see you out performing.

In the years past a seeming lack of interest has caused us to relinquish the time, scheduled for women, to other programs.

This year we have a variety of activities programmed for women and we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to participate for fun and recreational enjoyment. You need not be an athletic pro to enjoy the fun of participating.

This year we are offering you opportunities to play golf, swim, play tennis, and a chance to canoe Lake Banook. These activities will run on the same day as the Men's events, but you are not competing with them.

Other activities for women to join up with a partner or team

are: Bowling, Badminton, Volleyball, Broomball, Basketball etc.

Aside from these offerings of strictly Women's activities there is additional fun recreation and socialization to be had by participating in the host of Co-ed activities.

Don't hesitate to get your date and sign up for some fun times together.

Please check the posted schedules decide now to join in the action.

Entries are available at the Intramural Office or through sport representatives assigned to the various departments and residence halls.

For further information call 424-3374 for schedule times and places.

Tennis at Commons

There will be an Intramural Tennis Tournament September 27th at the Halifax Commons Courts.

We won't promise competition or crowd pleasers like Billy Jean King out a day of fun and recreation is in store for all faculties that wish to participate.

Participants should provide their own tennis rackets, however, a limited amount are available from the E.C.C. (Equipment Control Center).

All, (we repeat) all entries are due September 24th and the tournament will be held Saturday, September 27th. Dial-A-Rec 424-3374 for further information.

Rec Hotline

Dial-A-Rec is the new Intramural Recreation information hot-line for immediate up-to-date information on activities offered and game dates and times.

This service has been added to better accommodate students in obtaining information concerning game times and dates. Gone are the days of not knowing when you had a scheduled game to play, or arriving at the rink or gym to discover that the schedule had been changed. Now you merely have to step to the nearest phone and dial 424-3374 to verify your game time.

Many time changes in activity schedules are inevitable, but this information service will be up-dated daily and will be the most accurate means of obtaining the required information.

If for some reason this service is not working satisfactorily, please be sure to inform the Intramural Office.

Golf Anyone ?

The 1975 / 76 Intramural Program will tee-off this year with the ever popular Annual Golf Tournament.

Saturday, September 20th is the day of the big event with tee-off time being 3:00 p.m. at the Hartlen Point Golf Course in Eastern Passage.

The tournament is the first Intramural event of the year and all faculty and students, men and women, are encouraged to participate. The deadline for entries is September 15th; entry forms are available from the Intramural Office and from your Intramural Council Representative.

Green fees will cost each participant one-half of the normal green fee cost. Each participant must sign for a tee-off time at the Intramural Office. Transportation, if necessary, may also be arranged for at the Intramural Office.

Feild Hockey returns

Last year's delay of getting into the ice rink -initiated a new sport to be added to our Intramural program, so once again we are offering a Ground Hockey league.

Team entries are by faculty teams and are due Thursday, September 18th. League play will begin on September 27th.

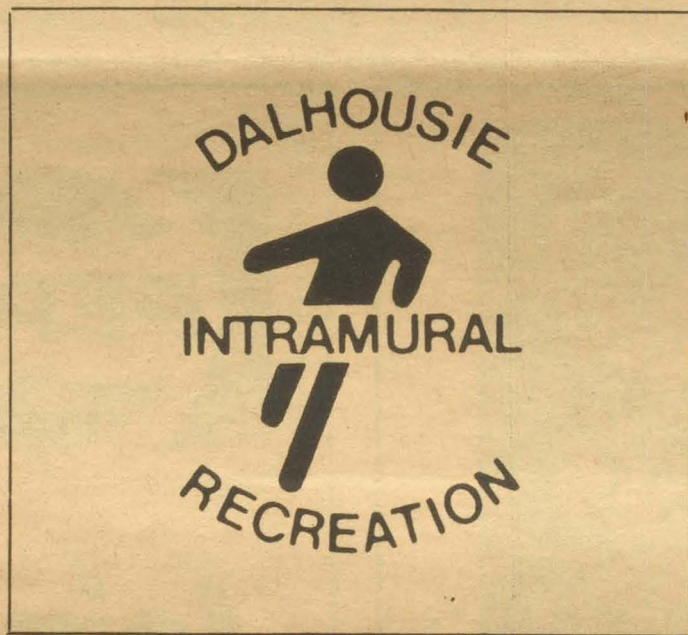
Games will be played on local school grounds and the schedules will be posted each week. Games dates and times can also be obtained by phoning 424-3374 at any time.

Inter-fac Men's Softball has also been added by popular demand to this years' program of activities.

Entries are due September 24th before 5:00 p.m. and league play begins on September 27th.

Games will be played on local diamonds and players must provide their own gloves.

Please check with your sport representative or sign up at the Intramural Office.



Men's Inter-fac Activities

Activity	Entries Due	Starting Date	Activity	Entries Due	Starting Date
1st Term			2nd Term		
Golf	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Volleyball	Oct. 30	Nov. 2
Flag Football	Sept. 18	Sept. 22	Paddleball	Nov. 6	Nov. 10
Soccer	Sept. 18	Sept. 22	Basketball	Nov. 27	Jan. 5
Ground Hockey	Sept. 18	Sept. 17	Bowling	Dec. 4	Jan. 8
Softball	Sept. 24	Sept. 27	Badminton	Jan. 8	Jan. 11
Tennis	Sept. 24	Sept. 27	Swim Meet	Jan. 15	Jan. 17
Canoe Races	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Floor Hockey	Feb. 12	Feb. 15
Ice Hockey	Oct. 2	Oct. 6			
Cross Country	Oct. 8	Oct. 9			

CO-ED ACTIVITIES

1st Term			2nd Term		
Softball	Sept. 18	Sept. 21	Bowling	Dec. 4	Jan. 8
Volleyball	Oct. 16	Oct. 19	Broomball	Nov. 27	Jan. 6
Badminton	Nov. 6	Nov. 9	Basketball	Feb. 5	Feb. 15

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Golf	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Bowling	Feb. 5	Feb. 9
Tennis	Sept. 24	Sept. 27	Basketball	Jan. 15	Jan. 19
Volleyball	Sept. 25	Sept. 29	Swim Meet	Jan. 15	Jan. 17
Canoe Races	Oct. 2	Oct. 5			
Broomball	Oct. 25	Oct. 28			
Badminton	Nov. 6	Nov. 9			

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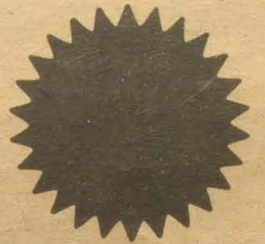
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I have been aware of a certain problem in past orientations: That horrible suggestion that most freshmen are not old enough to drink, according to our noble liquor laws. This left a lot of people out of past programs. As best I could, I have put a program together, a schedule of dry fun, a chance to meet fellow-freshmen. For those of you with the years and inclination to drink the demon booze, some will be available.

Our program starts out with a free buffet - a chance to meet the faculty, fellow frosh, even the president. Following that there is a coffee house where you can take in some fine semi-pro musical talent.

On Thursday we hold our shirerama. This is entirely voluntary, we hope you will go - all the proceeds go to cystic fibrosis. There is a barbecue waiting for you on the football field when you come back. In the evening, the Dal Tigers football squad will give an exhibition game, and then the physical education people will line up a games night for the energetic. For the musically inclined, **Murphy's Law**, one of the finest avant-garde jazz groups in Cahada, has kindly agreed to round off the evening with a free concert.

Friday is a day to take it easy, because we have none other than **John Lee Hooker**, King of the Boogie Blues, in concert in the Cohn Auditorium that night.

Saturday nite is sub nite, when the whole student union turns into a party. Three bands will be there, with loads of space to sit, dance, talk, or pass out, and Sunday, we wind you down with 2½ hours of nostalgic comedy with W.C. Fields and the Marx Brothers.

And the best of luck in the confusion soon to follow.

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8:00 p.m.	
SUNDAY 9:00 p.m.	W.C. Fields, Marx Brothers Movies, \$1.00

Just ask questions

by Bruce Russell,
Student Union President

As Jacqueline Suzanne maintains, "Once is Not Enough", and so again, welcome, new and returning members, to the Dalhousie Student Union. It trust this welcome will be demonstrated in this and coming weeks by the accessibility and assistance to all students, of your Union's executive and staff. It is an unfortunate truism that these people are seldom as visible as they or other Student Union members might like, but if all else fails they generally may be ferreted out of the Student Union Building's second floor offices.

There are many topics I could mention here--describe our recently revised Student Aid programme, or the serious Dalhousie student housing shortage or launch yet another attempt to capsulize the Union and its activities into several brief paragraphs. However one important item in this Orientation week that I should like especially to mention is the office and function of the Dalhousie community's Ombudsman (a neutral Swedish term by the way, with no gender connotation.)

The Office itself was devised several years ago, largely through Student Union representation to the University Senate and Board of Governors. As one would expect, this office is intended to inform, mediate and recommend, of, between/among and regarding the different offices and interests of the Dalhousie community. This purpose often is translated less glamorously into "cutting through the red tape and bureaucracy" that prevades in exponential dimension, any large and growing institution. There remain several University officials that look askance at the Office but by and large it has the moral and financial support of both the Union and the University. The office of the Ombudsman recently gained in credibility, when in August, through joint motions of the

Student Union Summer Council and the Senate Council, the office was made a regular institution, no longer dependent upon year-by-year approval of operation.

Although to date used mostly by students, the Ombudsman and Assistant Ombudsman are available to assist all members of the Dalhousie Community, including administration, faculty and staff personnel. It is important to stress that it is not solely a Student Union office and it represents questions or issues as raised, rather than any specific population of Dalhousie.

The upshoot of this short account is to inform students particu-

larly of this service, that is available, willing and able to deal with the procedural questions and issues that inevitably arise at Dalhousie. Whether the problem is simply a matter of naming the appropriate person to consult in a given situation, or alternatively, a matter of appraising a professor's marking scheme, the office has proven effective in the past and should continue to do so in the future.

The Ombudsman's Office is on the third floor of the Student Union Building, staffed by students and open at regular times throughout the week and year.

Faculty Hello

The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) takes this opportunity to welcome all students to the 1975-76 academic year. The members of this association are looking forward to your co-operation, and on their part they will try individually, or as an organization, to help you with relevant academic problems.

Universities, at present, are passing through a critical time. The inflationary economy has already lead or will be leading to wide-spread cutbacks in financial allocations for university education throughout Canada. At the same time, all aspects of university education have also become more expensive. With salary increases varying from about 8% to 14% this year, Dalhousie faculty members have barely kept up with the annual rate of inflation, and many senior faculty members are already trailing behind. Inflation has also imposed limitations on the academic activities of faculty members, e.g. scarcity of research funds has

curtailed research and supplies for graduate students (who in many departments help with the undergraduate teaching programme), restriction of library budgets has made access to teaching materials more difficult and restrictions in the hiring of new faculty in many universities will increase the teaching load of existing faculty. All these are likely to make the work of your teacher that much harder.

However, we are confident that with mutual understanding and help we shall have an academically stimulating and productive year. The calibre and individuality of a university are moulded mainly by its students and faculty and we are sure to make Dalhousie an excellent and exciting place in 1975-76.

The DFA hopes to have a new office soon. In the meantime, if you need our help please call Tasun Ghose (President, DFA, 424-2722), Alan MacDonald (Chairman, Social Relations Committee, DFA) or Dave Mullen (Secretary, DFA).

Student Fees

Every year students at most universities ask themselves "Where does my Student Union Fee go?" Whereas this fee has been raised to \$50 for the 1975-76 year, it is hoped that a brief summary of where the money goes will answer most questions. The Student Union operates like any governmental structure in that it taxes all people to help provide common goods and services while charging extra for goods and services which provide personal enjoyment only. The Dalhousie GAZETTE is a publication for all students and our student fees help pay for it. Bar Services on the other hand gives a direct pleasure only to that individual drinking and therefore is not subsidized. Unlike popular belief, the Student Union is not making a large profit off this operation. The profit on a beer is about 1c-2c.

So--where does the \$50 go?
 \$14.25 goes into the actual day-to-day operational costs of the Student Union Building.
 \$10.00 goes to the University to repay the students share in the original capital cost of the Student Union Building.
 \$ 5.48 goes into replacement of existing and purchase of new furniture and fixtures. This appears high but furniture is depreciating faster than it is being replaced. Some students misuse furniture and it is expensive to replace.
 \$ 5.00 goes to pay for the prescription drug plan operated through the Student Union.
 \$ 2.30 goes toward the cost of producing PHAROS, the year-book which is distributed to all graduating students.

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Find your own pace, says Hicks

By Mary Pat MacKenzie

Dalhousie's President, Henry Hicks, has one strong piece of advice for incoming freshmen - work hard from the very first day of classes and forget social activities for the early part of the term. Too often new students wait till almost Christmas to apply themselves to their academics and by then it may be too late to catch up. Dr. Hicks suggests they apply themselves immediately to their studies "until they find their necessary pace" and then branch out in other areas of extra-curricular activities.

In an interview with the Gazette Dr. Hicks commented on several of the issues which will be facing Dalhousie in the next few months. He also discussed the problems freshmen encounter when they arrive at University. Many freshmen are away from home for the first time and are ill-equipped to deal with their increased freedom.

Dr. Hicks suggested they pour most of their energies into their academics for the first term and they will save themselves from a lot of emotional stress when exams and papers fall due at Christmas. Social and extra-curricular activities are a necessary part of University life but first year University students often put too much emphasis on them at the expense of their studies.

Housing is still a critical problem at Dalhousie but little or nothing can be done this year to ease the situation said Dr. Hicks. There are more University accommodations available this year with the purchase of the International House on South St. and Studley Apts. on LeMarchant St. but the waiting lists for student housing on campus are still excessively long. Dr. Hicks sees Dalhousie's lack of housing as a threat to future enrollment.

The continuing committee on housing is still active and is concerned mainly with long term solutions to the housing problem. The type of housing students want has changed over the past several years and this is a difficulty the committee must surmount in



determining future accommodations for the University. Several years ago students wanted apartment type housing like Fenwick Towers whereas now they seem to want traditional type residences like Sherriff Hall and Howe Hall.

The President hopes that a decision can be made this year on construction of a residence tower adjacent to Howe Hall. The decision to build there depends on what plans are made for the use of the land west of Howe Hall where there

is now a parking lot. Dr. Hicks stressed the serious implications of the Housing shortage on the University community as a whole and is hopeful that some kind of long term solution to the problem will be determined this year.

The expansion of Dalhousie Law School is an issue that has been tossed around by the local media over the past several months. Dr. Hicks pointed out that though expansion is primarily of concern to the Law Faculty any decision made will have an effect on the whole University community. The Law Faculty is presently preparing a report on expansion which may be ready early in September. The report will probably include a list of what would be needed if the decision is made to expand.

Dr. Hicks explained that there is no possibility of expansion with the present facilities. The Law School now has an enrollment of 450 but the building was designed to hold only 375. At the time the school was built the Law Faculty consisted of more than 90% men whereas now approximately one third of the enrollment is made of women. The facilities for the female students are already inadequate and expansion of enrollment without building expansion would make the present problems worse.

The long awaited and much fought over Sports Complex may become a reality in the not too distant future if the Supreme Court sees things the President's way. Dr. Hicks was disappointed the Supreme Court did not have a chance to examine the case before the summer recess but he is hopeful that they will reach a decision on it early in the fall session. If the decision is favorable to Dalhousie it is possible that construction will begin next spring, if the decision is not favorable an alternate solution will have to be worked out.

When questioned about the lack of esprit de corps that exists at Dalhousie Dr. Hicks pointed out that Dalhousie's alumni are more generous than most in terms of financial endowments. He said that though we lack a "rah, rah" spirit Dalhousie students and alumni do seem to feel some loyalty to the university. He pointed out that most large urban universities suffer from the same lack of school spirit simply because of their nature. They are large, diversified and spread out over a fairly broad area. He said he would like to see a little more "rah, rah" spirit here but not if it meant buying a football team!

The President said he welcomed the return of the student body for the fall term and again stressed his advice to the incoming freshmen that if they work hard till Christmas they would enjoy the second term and still do well in their courses.



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 \$ 1.24 goes for the publication of the Student Handbook and the Student Directory. Our share of the off-campus housing office's expenses and research into student concerns, i.e. Student Aid, are also paid by this allocation.
 \$ 1.00 goes to the National Union of Students who from an Ottawa based office, attempt to represent students nationally.
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 \$.64 goes toward the office of the Academic Affairs Secretary. This office oversees the publication of the Anti-Calendar and deals with student problems along the

academic lines.
 \$.55 goes into what is properly defined as a Reserve for Contingencies. With an operation the size of our Student Union, some margin must be set aside for "the unexpected." With prices and wages increasing unpredictably, this 4 / 10 of 1% of the cash flow is a minimum acceptable reserve.
 \$.53 goes toward helping in the costs of Orientation, Fall Festival, Winter Carnival and Graduation.
 \$.46 goes into the office of the Communications Secretary. This office is responsible for coordinating the activities of the various media forms on campus.
 \$.36 goes toward the operation of an office dealing with community oriented projects.
 \$.23 goes to the Atlantic Federation of Students and to travel and conference costs for both AFS and NUS.
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Your Executive in Action

by M.P. MacKenzie

Interview with Bruce Russell,
President of the Student Union

Gazette: What has the Executive worked on over the summer?

Russell: The executive has not met very regularly because some of the members of the executive have been out of the city and out of the country. One big general field of endeavour that the Student Union has been involved in has been the Student Aid Campaign, which, as you know, culminated in late August with the additional granting of \$3 million to the Provincial Student Loan Program.

In addition to that we've been negotiating with the University Administration to restructure the tuition fee increase considerations in future years. That is, proscribe a procedure whereby the Student Union is informed and is given an opportunity to represent itself in the consideration of fee increases at the Board of Governors.

Other than these, numerous miscellaneous items such as gearing up the individual departments for the coming year have been worked on. We've also been generally orienting ourselves to the processes of the Student Union.

Gazette: Has the Union done anything to ease the Housing problem at Dalhousie? What is the Union's long term policy on the Housing shortage?

Russell: We're not happy with what's been done so far with housing. We are running a housing office on the 3rd floor of the SUB, staffed jointly by the Student Union and the University Administration personnel. The housing office has been quite successful this summer in locating houses. We intend to keep this Housing Office open all year round. This is the first year this will be done and we're hoping that this will help ease the situation but it does not meet the full demand.

In particular, as far as a policy goes, we strongly advocate the construction of the Howe Hall addition that has been on the planning boards for the past year or so. This need is certainly heightened by the doubling and tripling of rooms in Howe Hall.

Dalhousie University has purchased several houses in the area and has purchased Studley Apartments. So actually there is more housing available than the University owns this year than in previous years, but still it is not meeting the full demands of students.

Gazette: Do you think the housing problem at Dalhousie could eventually threaten future enrollment increases?

Russell: This is the approach that we're taking with the University and basically the problem is that the University would rather build academic buildings than University residences. Of course it is a threat, but the main point is to represent this adequately to the administration.

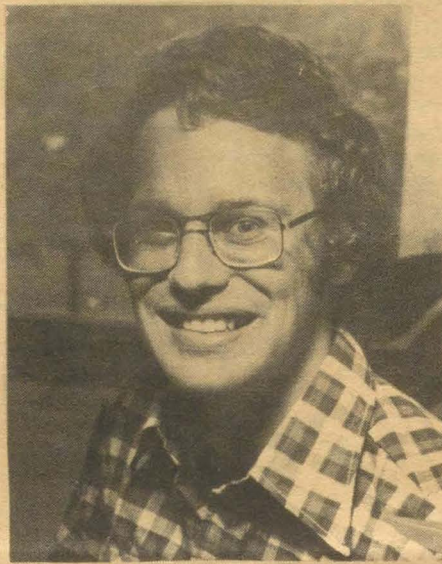
Gazette: If the Law School were to expand would the Student Union make a greater effort to get Law students involved in Student Union Activities? Exactly what stand will the Union take on Law School Expansion?

Russell: The Student Union has not taken an official stand on Law School expansion yet, although personally I feel that it is a misguided priority. That is, if there is enough money to expand all professional schools to meet enrollment demands our Law School should certainly be expanded. But as long as there is the serious shortage of doctors and dentists

that presently exists in the Maritime the money should go into a dentistry or medical school before a law school.

I think it's inevitable, as it has been in past years, that societies will question the function of the Student Union and I think it's a healthy thing. This fall we are doing a comprehensive survey, which we hope to have completed by the middle or end of November, of just what the Student Union does offer to societies and what the societies offer to their members, and what the Student Union should offer to societies and societies to their members. Hopefully an evaluation of this type will result in a more equitable arrangement of say fiscal finances and just plain benefits to the student.

There's been an argument that decentralization is needed and this is an example of what we will be looking at in the early fall.



Gazette: Will the Carleton Campus task force be operating again this year?

Russell: The Carleton Campus Task Force will be operating in a slightly modified form because it is no longer a fact finding mission. It's more of a committee to build the Carleton Campus facility or to make recommendations on it. That is, almost a board of directors of the future facility. Warren Meek is the chairperson of the Task Force and I'm confident that he is sincerely motivated to getting something comprehensive accomplished on this facility.

Gazette: Do you have any particular advice for incoming freshmen?

Russell: One point that was made to me when I started

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University was not to be afraid to ask questions if you have questions to ask. I would say simply do not let the University overwhelm you. It's a big university but students should remember that they are paying for a lot of it. They certainly have a right to know from the faculty just what is available to them and if they are having problems just what is the best way to handle these problems. Lack of this sort of thing is possibly the main cause for students at Dalhousie getting off on the wrong foot and either being forced to leave the University at Christmas or just not enjoying their stay at university.

Of course the Student Union is also available to meet any problems of this nature. I hope students will feel free to call on myself, any other member of the executive, council or our staff members here to discuss any problems they might have, or any ideas or suggestions they might have regarding the Student Union or the University.

Gazette: What changes have been made in the Orientation format from previous years?

Russell: We're trying to make Orientation this year a little less geared to entertainment and put more priority on orientation itself, that is, getting to know the campus and the faculty. To this end we have planned a faculty reception in the middle of Orientation Week for undergraduate students in the Student Union Building to meet with invited faculty members and this is jointly sponsored by the University. We are also providing

student advisors to sit with the faculty advisors at the various faculty desks during actual registration. These students will be able to answer questions such as the demands of specific courses and the demands of specific members of faculty that perhaps faculty members could not as easily, or as objectively, answer. As well, we are providing students to lead tours of the campus, which of course this has been done in previous years, to point out the various facilities that are available for students.

We are also involved in putting up club displays and society displays in the SUB to let people know, to as obvious an extent as possible, what the extra-curricular activities of the Student Union entail.

Gazette: What big political issues do you think will come up next year? Will the Carleton Campus problem surface again or do you foresee any groups other than the lower campus threatening secession from the Union?

Russell: That's a loaded question! We're progressing, unfortunately slowly, on the Carleton Campus issue. We are finding it hard to find available space to build a facility but we are assured that this is what is wanted by Carleton Campus and we have preliminary plans to that end. We do have a specific site in mind but actually the onus is on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission to come across with the funds to renovate this particular building.

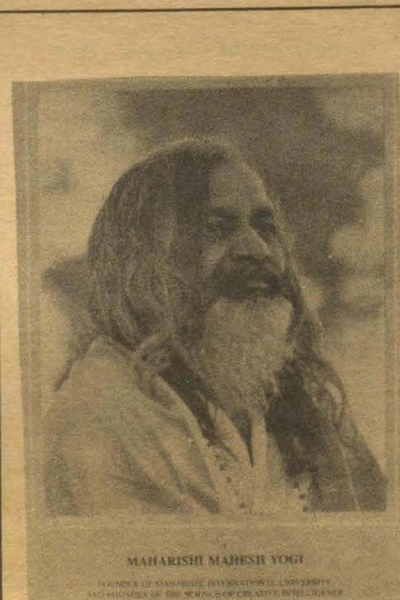
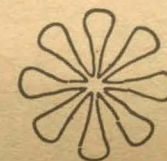
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Liberal Arts Outdated ?

by Berton Robinson

Memorandum to a college undergraduate in a liberal arts program: If you expect your liberal arts degree to be of any use in getting a job after you graduate, you had better plan your program with the thought of getting a job in mind.

A liberal arts degree is of itself no credential to lead to employment. The idea that it ever was such a thing is a myth.

Fifty years ago, a stock joke concerned a father who took his son to a friend to help the son get a job. When the friend asked "What can he do?" the father replied "Do? He can't do anything. He just graduated from college."

Which does not speak well for the liberal arts degree as qualification for employment a half-century ago.

Traditionally, of course, the liberal arts degree program has concerned itself with what was known as "educating the whole person" and "education for living."

But what we have tended to overlook is that a great part of living consists in earning the wherewithal with which to live, and that even a liberal arts education should include the opportunity to acquire, if not a marketable skill, then at least a foundation on which to build a marketable skill.

According to a survey by the

Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education, a large fraction of employers are unwilling to hire graduates with a general liberal arts education. They are, however, ready to hire liberal arts graduates with business-related courses or co-operative work experience.

The College Placement Council lists some courses as desirable. These include verbal or written communications, principles of management, business economics, principles of accounting, introduction to data processing, human relations, and theory of organization.

More specific courses noted by the council include marketing concepts, retailing, finance, sales management, fundamentals of risk and insurance, and statistical analysis.

The Western College Placement Association says in a recent report that only a single course in accounting or administration is a plus for the liberal arts graduate looking for a job in business or industry or government.

This attitude of employers toward the liberal arts graduate presents a great many students with a serious problem.

Often students enter university

without any clear decision about what they want to do. Without such objectives, they flounder around and eventually graduate with a liberal arts degree that does not even indicate an interest in any marketable skill.

Better and earlier career planning, with at least some kind of demonstrated interest by the end of the first year, appears to be necessary for students.

Nearly all of the numerous reports that have recently appeared on employment of liberal arts graduates have stressed the value of work programs. Hitherto, such programs have been largely limited to technical and professional studies.

A great many educators believe that business and industry, which turn to our educational institutions for employees, do not bear their full share of the responsibility for education. Generous as business and industry are with donations, they should also co-operate with universities in work experience programs to help students make choices and find out what options are open to them.

Business and industry have little to lose in such co-operation and stand ultimately to gain a great deal.

The liberal arts program has changed a good deal in the past half-century. It has become much more liberal, so liberal, many think, as to have ever-decreasing practical or even liberal value. Yet it is still by a wide margin the program chosen by most undergraduate students.

Some choose it, of course, as preparatory to professional or technical training. But many others choose it because they have no defined goals.

Perhaps the liberal arts program is due for yet another change. Perhaps universities should recognize that educating the whole man includes helping him to choose a career and giving him at least the foundation on which he can build a marketable skill in a society dominated, whether we like it or not, by business, industry and government.

The universities themselves have made the changes of the past half-century in the liberal arts program.

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Societies

by Ann Smiley

As Internal Affairs is one of the priorities of the Vice-President, I will be trying to improve communication with the many clubs and societies on the Dalhousie campus. Through its recently established committee to examine support services offered to major societies in particular, the Student Union is searching for the optimal way to use Student Union facilities and funds.

In order to use the facilities and name of Dalhousie, a student group must be recognized by the Student Union. A constitution and list of officers must be submitted annually before March 15 to maintain recognition. This not only allows the Student Union to keep track of groups for room use and grants, but also makes it much easier for interested students to locate these groups. Campus clubs include departmental associations, recreational clubs, international organizations, religious groups, political clubs and cultural groups.

University clubs and societies have access to Student Union facilities and services for arranging functions. Rooms can be booked through the Operations Office, and food, liquor, and technical services and advertising services are available. Groups should make use of C.K.D.U. and the Dalhousie Gazette as well as the poster service to publicize events and activities. Some funding is available to student organizations through the Grants budget. Applications should be directed to the Grants Committee.

Last fall, a special event was held to provide a forum and information session for societies. If there is sufficient interest, another such day-long conference will be arranged. Any suggestions for topics of interest for this year's event should be forwarded to my office.

I would be pleased to meet with any clubs and societies, and will attempt to improve communication both between the Student Union and campus groups, and among the groups themselves.