

Beware of College Shop stake-out

The College Shop (the bookstore in the basement of the SUB) has been staked out for the past two weeks in an attempt to cut down on shoplifting. Several other means of control were attempted, with little or no success, before the present system was adopted.

To keep the stake-out effective, specifics on it are not available. It is known that the persons involved are experienced in this particular "line of work." They replaced

another, less successful secret means of watching the store.

There are no definite figures to indicate the extent of the thefts, since so much of the stock is cards, books, records and magazines. These are the most easily stolen items, yet their absence is not noticeable. A large loss was noticed in goods such as games and sunglasses which are either few in number or easily kept track of.

The improved stake-out has

had a certain success, in that charges have been laid in one case. The accused is a Dalhousie student, and a plea of "Not Guilty" has been entered. The trial is scheduled to take place in about three weeks.

There are reliable rumours to the effect that the charges were laid by the Campus Security Force. They were relying on preliminary instructions given them by the Administrator of the university's bookstores when theft-prevention

measures were started. It appears that the operation has been under the general supervision of Campus Security, although the persons employed have not necessarily been campus police.

The Student Union made attempts to have the charges dropped because pressing them would benefit no one, yet give the student a criminal record. However, some of those in charge of Dal's security and discipline arrangements seem to feel that the legal penalty

should follow every infraction of the law, regardless of extenuating circumstances. In this case at least, they have prevailed over those not anxious to see a student brought into court on a criminal charge because of on-campus activity.

It is believed that this incident will lead to renewed Student Union interest in the establishment of new procedures for handling disciplinary problems of a non-academic nature. An ad hoc committee will be formed shortly.

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Don Luce speaks at Dal

Saigon gov't. commits atrocities

by Tom Clahane

March 13 Don Luce was at the Dal Green Room to speak on the political prisoners of the Saigon government. There are between 200,000 and 300,000 political prisoners in South Vietnam at the present moment, including men, women, children, Roman Catholic priests, Buddhist priests and nuns, in fact anyone who has been brave enough to speak up against the corrupt regime of President Thieu, or against the inhumane treatment of other prisoners. Even the relatives of those who have spoken out have been imprisoned.

Don Luce went to Vietnam as a volunteer agriculturist with International Voluntary Services, of which he

became South Vietnam director until his resignation in 1967. He returned in 1968 for the World Council of Churches and made world headlines when he discovered the notorious tiger cages in a large S. Vietnam prison. A tiger cage, which is a prison for three men, is 5 x 10. The atrocities committed in these pits include, besides the regular beatings and tortures, such innovations as water torture in which the captive's stomach is filled with soapy and filthy water, which is then forced up and then the process is started again.

After exposure of the tiger pits the Saigon Gov't said they would be eliminated. However, since that time prisoners

have been forced to build their own pits. The United States has since been contracted to build more pits, only these are to be 2 ft. smaller than those used before.

The people languishing in these jails have committed for the most part no crimes. They are known for speaking out against injustice, taking part in peace demonstrations or being student leaders. In addition there are people there solely because they could not pay the bribes demanded by the corrupt police and government.

The best example of the prisoners of bribery are the "shoeshine boys". These are children who have been arrested for shining shoes of soldiers to make money. If the children have enough money to bribe the police, they are set free. If not, they are sent to these tiger pits.

Mr. Luce also spoke for awhile on the problems he has encountered in exposing these things. When he began making these things known the U.S. Embassy made a security check on him, then took his press pass. When this failed to stop him a plan was made by the Saigon government to assassinate him, which he discovered and publicized. Consequently, he was forced to leave Vietnam.

The cease fire is supposed to insure the



(Martin Felsky/Dal photo)

Don Luce, in the Green Room, March 13, spoke on the measures taken by the Saigon gov't towards political prisoners.

democratic rights of the people and also to insure the release of all political prisoners. Accordingly, the supposedly free Saigon government is hastily changing the nature of the charges from political crimes to murders and rapes, etc.

Mr. Luce also pointed out that the time Canada agreed to spend in Vietnam was just long enough to insure the release of the American P.O.W.'s, with no concern for the other political prisoners.

What action can Dal take? You can write to: The International Committee to free South Vietnamese political prisoners from detention, torture and death, 52 Elgin Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Ask for the names of known political prisoners and then write your M.P., Michael Gauvin (Canadian Com-

missioner, International Control Commission, Saigon) by Air Mail, President of the Senate, (Republic of Vietnam, Saigon, Air Mail), Kurt Waldheim (Secretary General, United Nations, New York) and ask about these prisoners, if they're still alive.

Your letters will help. "Immediate Intervention is necessary and effective for at least those prisoners whose names we have. This has been verified by Jean Pierre Debris and Andre Menras, the two Frenchmen who have just been released from CHI HOA prison in Saigon, who have witnessed the change in treatment of prisoners who have had intervention in their behalf."

If you can find time in your busy schedule to write a few letters you could save a life!

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Student Senators select council reps

by Dan O'Connor

The new student Senators attended their first regular Senate meeting on Monday, March 12.

The first order of business at the meeting was elections of two academic Senators to the Senate Council. A secret vote was held. Those elected were Dr. R. E. George of the Business Administration and Commerce departments and Dr. R. H. March, the Chairman of the Physics department.

Only Debbie Henderson and Dan O'Connor were nominated for the student positions on the Senate Council, and Senate approved their election. They were chosen at a meeting of the six student Senators on March 11. Previously, Student Council had voted that Debbie Henderson and Mike Donovan should be recommended for Senate Council. However, Senators Vernon Johnson and Dan Whyte were not informed about that meeting, and Vernon Johnson was interested in serving on the Senate Council. He protested strongly the fact that the decision had been made

in his absence, and wished to have some further consideration given to the choice.

The student Senators decided that the Student Council should have a role in deciding which student Senators would be nominated for the Senate Council positions. However, they also felt that if the student Senators could agree on which two should do the extra work, then none of the others would agree to have their name placed before the Student Council.

The six Senators then decided to poll themselves on the condition that if two of them, after two votes, received three or more votes, that those two would not be opposed by the other student Senators in Senate or the Student Council. A poll was taken, and both Henderson and O'Connor exceeded the three-vote requirement while no one else equalled it.

At the Student Council meeting these events were explained, and the student Senators undertook to present some proposal for enactment as a guide for this process in the future, to avoid confusion



Newly elected Student Senators attended their first meeting March 12.

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The Senate was informed before the meeting that tentative suggestions for the convocations would be as follows:

- Wednesday, 16 May 8:00 p.m. Dental
- Wednesday, 16 May 2:00 p.m. King's
- Thursday, 17 May 2:00 p.m. General Convocation
- Friday, 18 May a.m. Law
- Friday, 18 May p.m. General Convocation
- Friday, 1 June p.m. Medicine

The student Senators would welcome any comment on these

arrangements if any students have strong objections.

The Senate agreed to change the name of the Master of Physical Education degree to Master of Science. Students presently in the program may receive either an M.P.E. or M.Sc., at their option.

The 21-credit course leading to the B. Sc. (Engineering Physics) was accorded Honours Status. The course fulfills all the requirements of an Honours degree in the Physics department, and it was felt that its lack of Honours status was an oversight. The new status will qualify students taking the degree for the Governor-General's Award, among other

things.

A motion was passed to enable advantageous distribution of the increased revenue from the funds for the Sarah M. Lawson Prize in Botany.

On March 26 Senate Council is holding a special meeting to discuss the Tenure and Academic Appointment regulations, and the Transition Year Programme. On April 2 the Senate Council hopes to deal with the Reorganization of Graduate Studies. However, they will not discuss it until there has been a recommendation from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and other interested Faculties.

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Shades of Liberal solidarity:

Senator Forsey at Law School

by Dan O'Connor

Senator Eugene Forsey was the speaker at last week's Law Hour, sponsored by the Law Students' Society. He is a Newfoundland-born and Ottawa-centered member of the federal Liberal caucus. He came to the Liberal party after being a trade union official, university professor and C.C.F. candidate. In the early 1960's he left the newly-formed N.D.P. over its adoption of the two-nations theory of federalism. After voting Conservative for a while he left them when the two-nations theory grew popular in P.C. circles in 1967-68. Today he remains a Liberal because of his commitment to their stand on the question of national unity.

The Senator was not such a good Liberal that he avoided any criticism of his leader. When he joined the Liberal caucus he had indications that the Prime Minister and several Cabinet ministers were not pleased with the decision. Paul Martin, the Government leader in the Senate, dropped a few hints. In answering a question he mentioned the Trudeau Lewis personality clash, and stated that the P.M. is not tolerant of some others' opinions and that he is not good at concealing his lack of respect. He also shows it when he is not impressed by something he hears.

Forsey also mentioned an incident when he wrote Justice Minister Trudeau an enthusiastic note of support following a speech on French English relations. There was only silence in response. Senator Forsey feels that this was a "supreme sacrifice" for Trudeau.

Eugene Forsey is best known as one of the leading authorities on the constitutional aspects of parliamentary government. He explained some of the implications of minority government and went over the alternatives facing the government upon defeat in the House of Commons.

Minority governments have been far from rare in the Commonwealth, and formerly in the Empire. Some strong, long-lived English governments were formed by a minority party with support in the opposition. In Australia governments were once usually in a

minority situation.

In Canada, minority government has been rare until recently, when on the federal level we have had it for 6 1/2 of the last 16 years. Senator Forsey thinks that it is unsafe to assume that minority governments are a temporary aberration. We may have them for quite a while. He feels that it is unsafe to assume that the splinter parties will disappear in the next few elections, especially judging by their persistence for over 50 years.

It was pointed out that minority governments are not necessarily weak or indecisive, and that they are often more sensitive to public opinion and to the House. Many salutary measures were passed by the Diefenbaker and Pearson minority governments. Of course, minority governments may also throw aside all principles as they strive to follow the prevailing winds.

Forsey criticized the "spanking" theory of the Liberal party. It holds that if no party gains a majority in an election, the people have gotten their addition wrong, and they will be spanked by elections until they get the correct sum. The example given is when dissolution of the minorities parliament of 1925 led to a Liberal majority in 1926. However, Pearson spanked the electorate to no avail.

The Liberal Senator thinks that people may very well come to resent elections in such a situation. They will insist that the politicians accept indecisive results rather than attempt to relieve their tensions in an election. The same goes for governments which last only for

a short while, such as happened to the Third and Fourth Republics in France.

All the parties are going to have to accept the necessity of making deals to make the Parliament and government work. Wheeling and dealing, whether secret or public, is necessary. Personal considerations pop up here. David Lewis probably thinks that Trudeau would have been great for the N.D.P. and since Trudeau skipped out there is an odium theologium about him.

The great, momentous decisions must be multi-partisan. There is a danger in this, since it depends on the calibre of the men in the House. However, Canada is lucky now to have in the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition men of unusual ability who are scholars and gentlemen. They can produce a multi-party consensus on the major policy issues. It would not be ideal, but no such decision ever is. A tolerable answer can be found from the exercise by all the parties of common sense.

A specific example of a major decision is the one about Canadian involvement in Vietnam. Forsey said that the Conservative stand was foolish and the N.D.P. line silly. The Conservative amendment to the resolution introduced following the sending of troops would have required parliamentary approval for sending more. However, although the House has the right to proffer advice on foreign affairs the government has the prerogative to set the direction of our foreign affairs and it must be trusted. Decisions can only be dealt with

after the fact.

Senator Forsey passed on an Ottawa rumour to the effect that the P.C. amendment was made as a compromise to satisfy the wild men from the West. It did not allow decisions to be made when Parliament was not in session. The decision that Claude Wagner would not go to Southeast Asia meant only that he couldn't check up on Sharp and make sure no facts were stretched later in Parliament.

The N.D.P. amendment was to prevent removal of the troops without Parliament's approval. The audience was asked to picture the men being told that they had to stay and be massacred until Parliament debated the matter of withdrawal and made a decision.

When questioned on the constitutionality of Smallwood's last few months as Premier of Newfoundland, Forsey hastened to point out that he considered and considers Joey as the devil incarnate. He went on to say that it was quite proper and perhaps even wise for Smallwood to stay in office until the final results of the election were certain. It would

have been foolish if he quickly resigned, then won and had to be called back into office. Of course, during the uncertainty there were understood restrictions on the government's freedom of action.

Senator Forsey also stressed the power of the Government-General to make his own mind up on whether there should be a dissolution of Parliament or a new government in the existing Parliament, should the government lose the confidence of the house. This need only be put in his hands when there is a defeat on a motion that specifically shows lack of confidence, when the government resigns or when it asks for dissolution.

The Governor-General would probably do a straw poll of the party leaders to see if a P.C. government could survive for any length of time. If it could not he would have no choice but to dissolve Parliament. However, if it was possible, he would have every right to save the country from the expense of an election and try to keep the present Parliament going as long as possible.

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Halifax dailies voice support

Nixon's proposals ineffective, archaic

Usually the content of Halifax's daily newspapers doesn't require comment. It isn't worth the trouble. The Chronicle Herald and Mail Star constantly avoid controversial issues and when they do cover something important it is done in an obscure manner.

The editorial policy is extremely bland as a matter of course. But for once, they have swerved away from this middle-of-the-road course and taken an abrupt turn to the right.

In a recent editorial, Wednesday, March 14, these papers voiced whole-hearted support for President Nixon's anti-crime measures.

Nixon has proposed that the death penalty be reinstated for murder cases under the federal government's jurisdiction, and for treason and other war related crimes.

Nixon also proposed much stiffer penalties for drug offences, a minimum sentence of five years for anyone convicted of selling heroin, a minimum of 10 years to life for major traffickers and life imprisonment without parole for offenders with a previous drug conviction as well as continuing to enforce the present laws against possession, sale or use of marijuana.

These are a few of the methods Nixon proposes in his efforts to combat crimes.

The weaknesses of these are not difficult to see. Nixon is not hitting at crime where it really exists. He is trying to rid the country of small time killers, thieves and pushers. Perhaps hard-hitting tactics will make a few people think twice before putting a bullet into someone. But that's as far as it goes. Nixon's proposals do not suggest any way of eliminating the crime that is really effecting the United States — organized crime. Perhaps that would be hitting too close to home. The corruption that exists in the government and police

forces of the U.S. is increasing constantly.

This crime is what is really threatening the United States as well as Canada. Yet Nixon has no suggestions as to how to rid the country of this type of crime.

There is still much controversy over whether the absence of the death penalty has led to an increase in the murder rate. Sending people to prison for life without parole for drug offences is certainly a primitive measure.

Nixon is taking a very simple and backward look at the country's problems. It is very simple to execute or lock up for life anyone who causes problems, and take no more responsibility for them.

Nixon's proposals seem totally archaic. He simply dismisses all the research that has gone into determining why a person commits a crime and the different factors of society and background that may cause his actions. In fact he goes so far as to take a stand against those who feel society should bear some of the blame for the actions of a criminal.

He also makes no mention of prison reform. These archaic methods cannot have any effect but to put the country back uncountable years.

By taking these outrageously simplistic views of crime and the solutions to it, Nixon has ignored the real problems — the solution to organized crime for one, as well as failing to propose a realistic solution to crime in the streets.

However, the fact that our daily newspapers came out in complete support of these proposals is almost as deplorable. The editorial which appeared in the papers took an overly simplified view of Nixon's proposals and then gave him their approval.

The editorial says: "President Nixon's words, his proposals are tough. No one will deny that. Yet they

should be widely applauded and supported, not because they represent the best of two or more choices available to him but rather because it was really the only course offering any real hope in the fight to contain and eliminate crime and he had the courage to recommend that course to his people" To believe this is to be incredibly naive.

The editorial concludes by stating: "His call for restoration of the death penalty and for severe, meaningless penalties for other major crimes is in reality a call for a return to the kind of law and order good citizens deserve and have every right to expect in a democratic country. It's the kind of law and order in which the rights of the victims take precedence over the rights of the convicted criminal."

No one could deny that citizens deserve to be protected and free from the actions of criminals. However, these proposals will certainly not ensure such freedom.

This editorial is representative of a current backstepping movement to the right, that is taking place in society. It is a dangerous movement. This may seem like a small matter on the surface but it can lead to far more repressive and anti-democratic measures to be taken by governments and police forces.

It is sad to see a newspaper which is supposed to fight for the freedom of people, to condone so vehemently Nixon's proposals without criticism of any sort. A naive and simplistic approach to issues is often taken by these papers. This is a regrettable thing.

Surely a newspaper should take some responsibility in looking at the measures of government in a realistic and critical manner. Halifax's daily newspapers are sadly lacking in this respect.

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Dalhousie Student Movement presents forums

"Three categories of sociologists" — Fredericks

by Ken MacDougall

On Wednesday, March 14, Professor Larry Fredericks of Acadia University's Department of Sociology addressed a small group of students in Room 316 of the SUB. His topic of discussion was "The Left in Sociology."

Fredericks catalogued the varying degrees of sociologists in North America, and then fielded questions from those in attendance.

Fredericks divided North American sociologists into three categories: the bourgeois professional sociologist, the sociologist of the New Left vogue and the true sociologist, who analyses society in terms of class struggle. Fredericks places himself in this final group.

The bourgeois professional sociologist denies the colonial aspects of Canadian identity, Fredericks maintains. Their work not only masks the presence of American imperialism in Canada, but in fact contributes to the further Americanization of our country.

The second group are the followers of the doctrines of Marcuse and Trotsky. Their contribution to the revolutionary cause has been to conclude that there can be no revolution in North America, because the working class has been bought off. These sociologists have either joined the ranks of the unions or have become card-carrying members of the NDP or the Parti Québécois. Fredericks labels these two political parties as fascist in policy and procedure. The third group, he states, not only recognizes the existence of class struggle, but is busily supporting the working classes of this country in their revolutionary endeavours.

Fredericks came under some criticism for his labelling of the NDP and the PQ as fascist. He stated that both these parties promote the racist views of two nations and two classes.

With regard to the Parti Québécois, Fredericks maintains that all this group wishes to do is trade off the English middlemen for French. He criticised their running of a recent convention as undemocratic and repressive. The convention had traffic lights, which told speakers at the convention when they could start speaking and when they must stop.

The NDP only wishes to increase the bureaucratic control of our lives, and implement "bandaid" welfare programmes that do little more than further oppress the working classes. Fredericks maintains that the NDP is primarily funded by unions, which are chiefly American run and American funded. As such, the NDP is furthering the cause of American imperialism in Canada. He cited a recent trip to Washington by B.C. Premier Barrett to plead for the building of a pipeline through B.C. as an example.

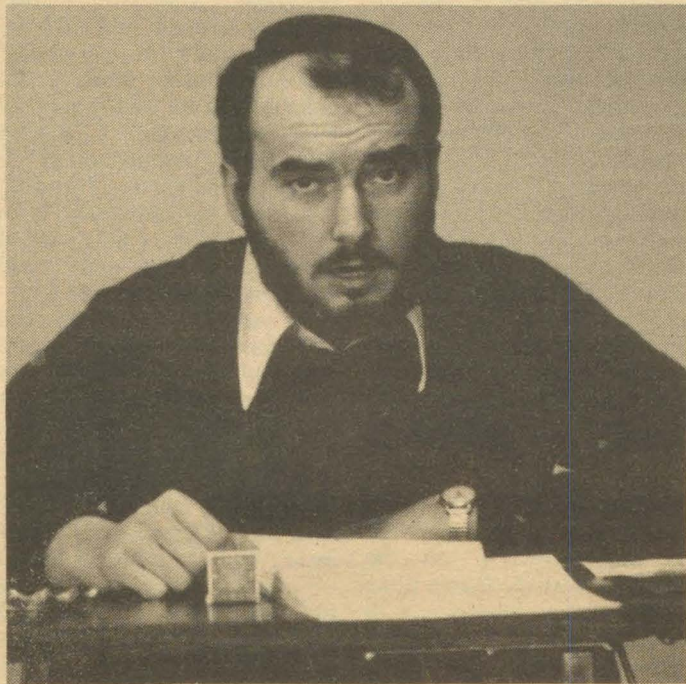
Barrett isn't interested in ecology or seagulls, Fredericks believes. Barrett is only interested in the royalties that a pipeline could bring to that province. Barrett has also

suggested that the B.C. railroad could ship the oil to its American destination. Economists don't think Canada, much less the B.C. railroad, have sufficient numbers of oil tank cars to handle the quantities of oil that a pipeline could ship.

Fredericks also attacked the pushers, Jesus freaks, and return-to-nature people. He maintains that these cults, which do little to help further the cause of revolution in this country, are aided and encouraged by imperialists.

Behavioural psychologists and biologists also received scathing condemnation from him.

The lecture and discussion period, which lasted for more than an hour and a half, is part of a continuing group of forums being presented by the Dalhousie Student Movement.



Prof. Larry Fredericks addressed Dal students concerning "The Left in Sociology" on March 14.

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WORDS FROM THE WISE ...

To the GAZETTE:

Without unduly prolonging our disagreement regarding the irresponsibility of the new GAZETTE, I make the following points:

(1) Supplemental exams will take place in the Faculty of Arts and Science in August, 1973, as outlined in the 1972/1973 Calendar of the Faculty.

(2) The new regulations regarding supplemental exams which were passed in January by the Senate will take effect in academic year 1973/1974.

(3) The GAZETTE's assertion regarding the implementation of rules is wrong. "Changes of (Faculty) regulations become effective when designated by Senate; usually this will be upon publication in the Calendar of the Faculty of Arts and Science." (pg. 7, 1972/1973 Calendar)

(4) Discussion in the January Senate meeting made it clear that the changes — whether or not amended — were to be introduced in the usual manner, i.e. effective in September of the following academic year.

Yours truly,
Paul B. Huber,
Secretary of Faculty
Ed. note: What puzzles us is not the interpretation placed on the regulation by Professor Huber, but his contention that the general

feeling of the meeting was that the regulation would not take effect this year. All of the student senators were of the impression that the regulation was to take effect immediately. So, for that matter, was Professor Bingham, Secretary of Senate, whose duties, among others, includes interpreting Senate regulations.

We will also draw attention to the fact that there have been several students complain to us that some members of the Faculty of Arts and Science did not even bother to offer supplementals to their classes LAST year, when there was no question as to the interpretation of the ruling. We are currently investigating these complaints.

However, without prolonging the argument, we will attempt to strike up some sort of agreement with Professor Huber, who just happens to be President of the Faculty Association: if Professor Huber can guarantee to us that ALL professors in the faculty are prepared to agree with his interpretation of the ruling, and that Senate will bring before its Discipline Committee any member of the Faculty who violates this ruling, then we will be prepared to correct our misinterpretation of this particular ruling. Is that fair, Professor Huber?

Student financial aid said discriminatory

To the GAZETTE:

It seems that when a female student gets married at Dalhousie University, she immediately loses her independent status, at least her financial independent status. Since September, 1972, I have been applying for financial assistance, first from Nova Scotia Student Aid, then, when that fell through, from Dalhousie Student Aid. In both cases I was refused aid on the grounds that 'my spouse should be contributing a certain amount of his salary towards my educational expenses. Furthermore, when I asked if I could apply as an independent student, I was promptly informed that I could not, no reasons given.

I had never felt more humiliated in my life as I did last week when I left the Dalhousie Bursary Office after an exasperating interview with the loans officer. During the length of the interview, I was accused of everything from being a poor wife or not too bright to being greedy because I did not want my spouse to underwrite all my bills.

It was calmly suggested that if my husband refused to foot my bills then I should use gentle coercion by not giving him supper that night. Oh wow: One meal in return for two or three hundred dollars. That is an insult to my husband's intelligence.

When I argued that my husband is not legally responsible for any debts that I had accrued before our marriage, I was told that, firstly, my husband had married me "for better or for worse" and secondly that "the university is not here to pay my husband's expenses." Meaning that since he married me he has to pay for the luxury of keeping me. What the university is in fact suggesting is that I am a kept woman now and I had damn well better accept it.

To add strength to the judgement handed down to me I was told that "the university does not go along with this women's liberation stuff that a woman should be financially independent of her husband." Oh no: I was enlightened to the fact that if my husband was aware of my intentions of attending university when we got married that he should automatically assume responsibility for my debts. Otherwise, I should not be in university.

The final and most demoralizing reason for the refusal to grant me funds was that old faithful and nearly worn ragged excuse, the last and utmost plea to human rationality: "As a taxpayer, I'd hate to think that I was paying money into a university fund just to supplement the income of, say for example, a doctor's wife, when her husband could

well afford to send her to university." I am afraid with that pompous remark I was ingraciously shown the door. Case shut! They are probably still patting themselves on the back for that one.

But I do find it rather unfortunate that the people doling out the money to students in this province are living with their heads in the sand. Never once during the months I spent trying to wade through the heaps of bureaucratic excrement was I asked about my credit rating. In all that time, I waited on pins and needles to see if I would be turned down as a "poor risk." Nothing! To the contrary, I was told by a naive secretary that my chances for receiving aid were excellent because I was married. But in the end I was turned down and flatly told that my hubby was a welch.

For two years now, I have stolidly refused to ask my husband to pay my pre-marital debts or my education expenses. Now, I am told that I have been little more than a fool. I am being forced against my will to accept hand outs from my spouse, to be a coniving woman, forced to deny the man I love his supper because I need his pocket book.

Do you know what the irony of all this is? My husband can cook! I taught him how.

Beth Burke
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"We beg to differ"

To the GAZETTE:

I did not say anything at all concerning the teaching loads of Professors Nicholas W. Poushinsky and Rolf E. Schliewen to Mr. MacDougall, who asked me several questions about these matters. As far as I

am aware, both faculty members have carried their share of the teaching load.

Donald H. Clairmont

Editor's note:

Perhaps Professor Clairmont did not mention Poushinsky and

Schliewen as professors carrying slack course loads. If this is the impression created in the Department, then we apologize for this misconception.

The question that we asked Professor Clairmont was "why are professors being let go from the Department?" He replied that enrollment was down in the Department and that certain courses were carrying below normal numbers of students in them.

Professor Clairmont proceeded to mention the two courses that Professor Schliewen taught as examples of courses that are under-enrolled. We then assumed that the circumstances also applied to Professors Poushinsky's and Grady's classes.

You will have to admit that, considering what Professor Clairmont said, this could be a reasonably valid assumption to make.

Dr. J. C. Arnell, former member of the Defence Research Board and now a special assistant in the Department of National Defence, will lead an open seminar at Dalhousie University next week. The seminar, on policy-making in Ottawa, will deal with the policy review process as an aid to high-level decision-making. Sponsored by the Political Science Dept., the seminar will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, in the Political Science lounge in the Arts and Administration Building. Until recently, Dr. Arnell was Assistant Deputy Minister of National Defence (finance) and was chairman of the Maritime Review Group which was set up to consider the future requirement of maritime forces. He is at present serving as the special assistant to the deputy minister of national defence, and has been presiding over a team studying the problems of North American air defence as they affect Canada. He is retiring from government service in April.



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Problems of collective choice

Committee concept inadequate

by Mike Gardner

"He heapeth up riches and knoweth not shall gather them." — Psalm 39:6

Devout readers of the GAZETTE have probably realized that several appointments to various secretariats were made by Council last week. A careful perusal would have made it abundantly clear that a few problems arose. But problems are bound to arise when students having limited knowledge and experience are compelled to make a choice from an extensive list of applicants.

The point here is to explain briefly the basic inadequacies and problems of any process of collective choice, and show how the whole Applications Committee procedure is, by definition and design, fundamentally inadequate as it is presently conceived.

The costs of any collective decision in terms of time, efficiency, and objectivity will be a function of both the number of people who have to make the decision and the process by which the decision is made, i.e. the voting rule adopted.

Thus, while the numbers increase arithmetically and the voting rule approaches unanimity the costs in terms of time and efficiency would rise at a geometric rate. This is the whole rationale of an Applications Committee — a group small enough to arrive at a decision quickly, and yet large enough to be objective. Having one person make the decisions would mean possibly gains in time, but undoubtedly at the expense of objectivity. Having a group of twenty-five make the decision would on the other hand, mean a possible gain in objectivity but most certainly at the expense of efficiency. This is the basic trade-off, objectivity versus efficiency (in terms both of time and quality of choice).

The question is: what combination of number and voting rule is optimal to satisfy these criteria? Fortunately, this question has an objective answer in so far as the constitution dictates that the committees shall have three members. The voting rule is left up to them; simple majority or unanimity. "We took sweet counsel together" — Psalm 55:14

The very term committee implies discussion, controversy, resolution and decision (hopefully). In this particular case one individual had to be selected for each available position. In classic game theory parlance we have a three person, constant game (the thing which is to be decided is objectively defined as a unit, and will not be function of more or less strenuous bargaining on the part of any member of the committee.)

The decision of whether unanimity or simple majority would be required for selection is important. If a number of separate decisions have to be made (as was the case here) the possibility of bargaining is obvious. One member may feel strongly about one particular person for one position and

indifferent in all other cases. For such a person the unanimity rule would be most advantageous, since any decision would require his or her consent.

One could always hold out the threat of a veto on any one decision in exchange for compliance on a future decision (this procedure is technically known as logrolling).

formed during the first Council meeting.

By way of hard work, long hours, heated debate, and of course a statutory deadline, the requisite decisions were made, subject to the ratification of Council. Council met, as the GAZETTE pointedly pointed out, on March 12 to discuss these appointments.

Although on the one hand the

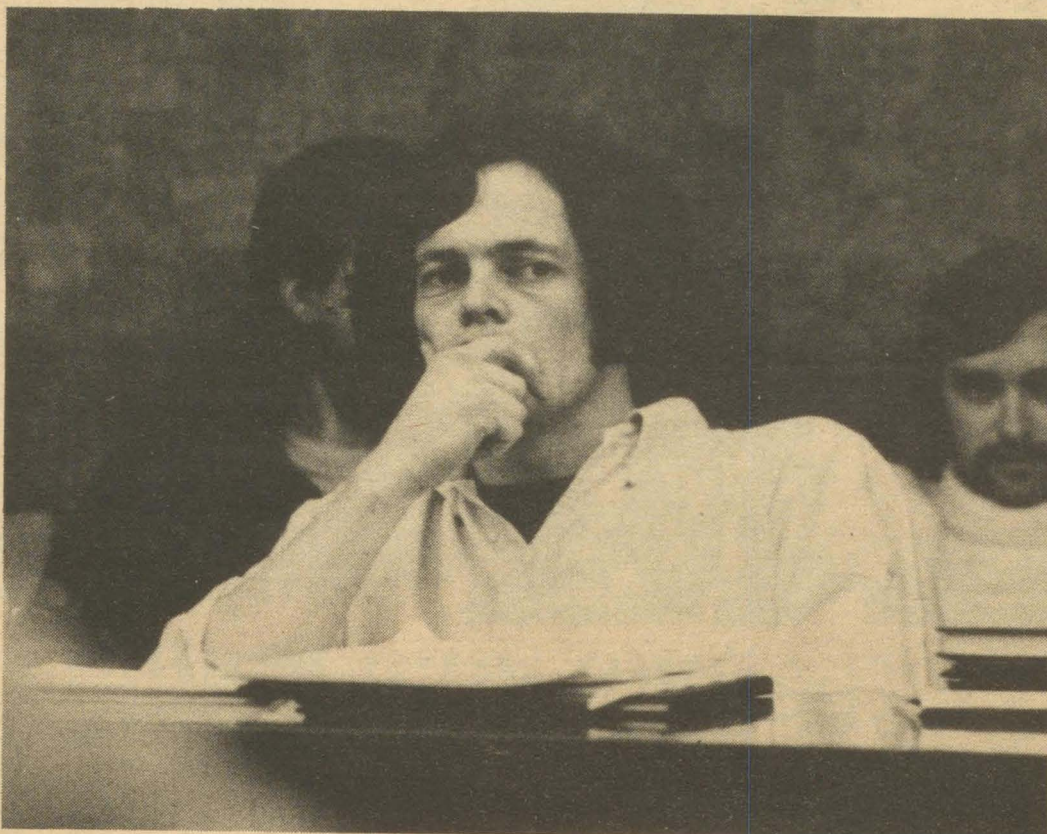
decisions would more profitably take place before the very individuals whose immediate futures were "at stake." But so as not to give any advantage to those applicants present (at the expense of those absent) and in order to expedite a reasonably rapid execution of the proceedings, we thought it best to limit the right of discussion to Council members, with the

would effectively prevent a reopening of applications.

In retrospect, it is quite clear that something went wrong. Some of those not chosen were quite understandably put out (figuratively) and felt compelled to restate their respective cases. It seems quite clear that we made a procedural mistake at the meeting, and do apologize to those concerned. The situation will be rectified.

If it is possible to speak in terms of fault, where does the fault lie? Basically, if choice must be democratic, some form of collective decision must be made. Having Council as a whole screen and interview all applicants would be ideal, perhaps, but for the reasons outlined above, it is essentially unworkable, if for no other reason than time constraints. Having the President make the decision would be efficient, but objectivity might be found wanting. A small representative committee is optimal, it seems. But this committee must have some procedural guidelines. At present such guidelines, if they exist at all, are of absolutely no use, much to the dissatisfaction of all, including the committee itself. Such procedural and substantive guidelines will be forthcoming in the near future.

The present committee is not omniscient. Personally, I think no defence is needed, nor offered, for some allegations which have been raised concerning their performance. As with the rest of us, experience only is sometimes deficient.



Mike Gardner, President of Dalhousie Student Union

(peter clarke/dal photo)

If, however, a simple majority only is necessary, the intensity of preference for any one individual by a member does not play as big a role since one person can always be overruled. So where the possibilities of bargaining exist (as they do in any collective decision), the majority rule is quite advantageous and increasingly so as numbers increase.

"Behold how good and sweet it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." — Psalm 133:1

How did the new Council approach the situation? Procedurally the choice as to precise method of selection is precluded to some extent by the Constitution. Section 4(3) reads: "Within 10 days of taking office the president shall nominate for each position (i.e. SUB Affairs Secretary and Communications Secretary, as well as Entertainment Secretary, pending constitutional amendment.) A member of the Student Union (a nominee) may be a member of Council". Nominations to these positions require the examination and ratification of council.

In terms of speed and efficiency the unilateral, dictatorial approach is much the simplest way of dealing with nominations of any kind. But eschewing any possible inference of moral turpitude, nepotism or patronage, and bowing to the dictums of objectivity, honesty and fair play, I thought it wiser to defer the business of appointments to the Applications Committee directly. This Committee was

GAZETTE reporter should be congratulated for his staying power — the deliberations lasted four and a half hours — the other hand should have its knuckles rapped. I take exception to his headline (The GAZETTE's), "Controversy mars Council meeting". Controversy may mar a garden party (or even a newspaper), but certainly not a body whose "raison d'être" is predicated upon its very existence. The choice of words and implication demonstrates a limited appreciation of the English language, as well as a basic misconception of the nature and function of a Council.

Semantics (and sophistry) aside, I feel that a Council meeting should not be considered as a unity itself; the unity lies rather in the context of the whole series of meetings over a year, each inextricably bound to the last and next both in content and direction.

So, controversy could not mar a meeting, since the meeting is not over until the controversy is resolved. Controversy is healthy; it at least implies participation and an active exchange of ideas. Would the GAZETTE condemn this? I think not.

At any rate, judging from the tone and content of the paper's editorial, the headline might better have read "Contumely mars Council meeting."

"He that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." Eccles. 1:18

The actual Council meeting was not held "in camera". We felt that any questioning of Applications Committee

provision that others present would speak only when questioned directly by a Council member. This, it was hoped,

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Federal housing policy blasted



The site of the Master Plan — beautiful downtown Halifax.

by Dan O'Connor
Susan Fish is co-author of the report of the Task Force on Low-Income Housing. She is a consultant on housing and urban affairs who has worked for the United Nations and the Bureau of Municipal Research, as well as teaching at York University and writing numerous articles. On March 12, she spoke here about housing in Canada, especially the planning and governmental aspects.

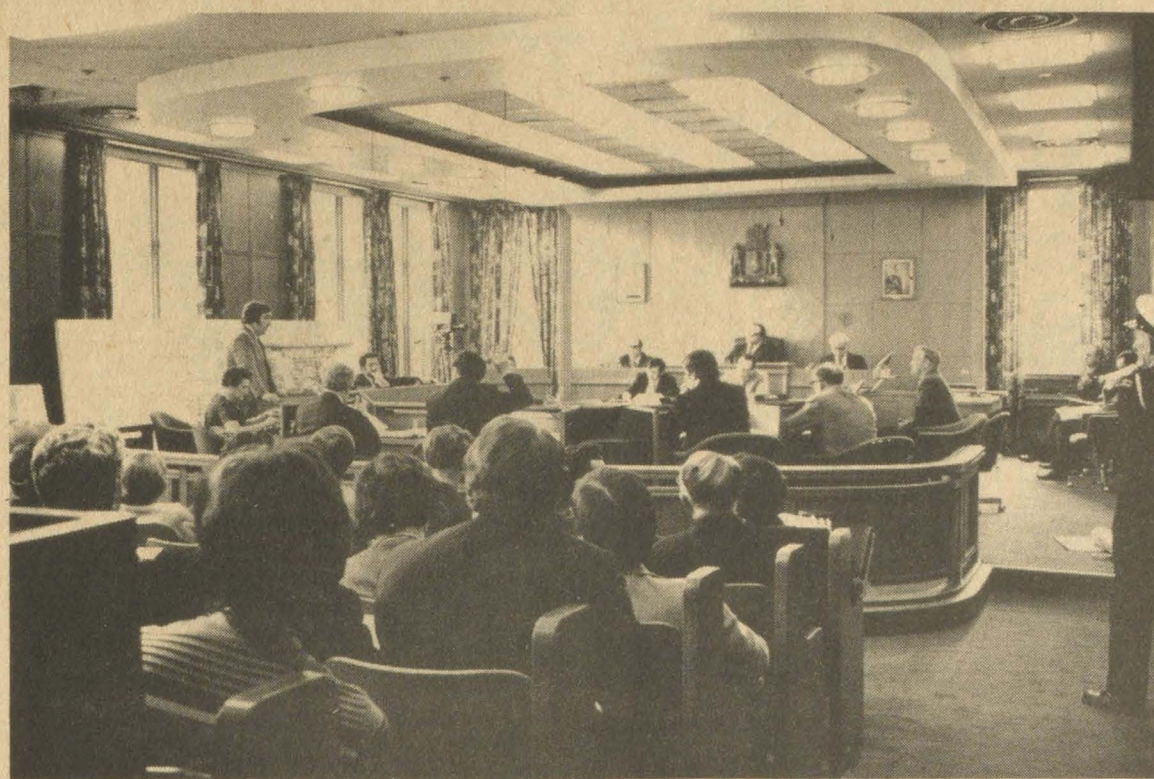
Ms. Fish was especially critical of recent federal housing policy. She described it as concerned only with gaining maximum publicity for the least cost. It insists that its programmes have uniformity, a highly visible federal presence and an identifiable profile. It has been accustomed to playing a dominant role while disclaiming any responsibility for housing.

Federal programmes have always insisted that the initial approach be made by the provinces and the municipalities. There was a traditional lack of provincial activity and interest in housing. The result was a surplus of unused federal money every year, with the onus for the failure on the provinces. However, this situation was created by the federal guidelines in setting up the agreements.

The central government deserves credit for taking the lead twenty years ago in starting to plan housing policy for Canada. However, they should now get out of the detailed and trivial aspects. The feds have never felt it incumbent upon them to engage in direct lending to create social housing. They have done it through C.M.H.C. for homeowners and developers.

The direct lending has caused great stress and change at the municipal level. Most of the money was directed into subdivisions. There was more of this type of building than the normal market demands warranted. The result was a segregation of certain age and class groups outside the city. The federal government never asked the municipalities about the stress this would create on basic services and what it would do to integrated housing policy. Farming, recreation, schools, sewers, etc. were affected.

It is only in the area of public assistance (social housing) that Ottawa takes a hands-off policy regarding direct involvement. However, they give money with extremely detailed strings attached, sometimes even specifying the kind of doorknobs a



Halifax City Council, where housing policy is decided?

public housing complex will have.

This federal attitude in the social as opposed to the marketing side of housing policy, can also be seen in the treatment of the Task Force report and the recently proposed amendments to the National Housing Act. The Task Force was the first full-scale, public examination of what has been done in Canada regarding low-income housing. It was commissioned by C.M.H.C.

However, neither C.M.H.C. or the provincial governments co-operated in any way. After the report was finished C.H.M.C. printed 3,000 copies, then recalled them and refused access even to C.M.H.C. researchers. This may have partly been because election talk was in the air.

It may also be that the federal government did not want the only full-scale evaluation of housing policy ever done in the hands of the provinces so that their criticisms of the federal role wouldn't be as sharp and relevant as possible.

The amendments maintain the federal insistence on basing urban renewal on neighbourhood units,

even though these do not necessarily exist in most Canadian cities, especially on the Prairies. No attention must be paid to the urban municipalities felt needs and concerns. Agreements with the provinces are still the means of effecting the policy.

There is a five-year term for the amendments, after which they are to be reviewed. These are not five effective years because the provinces must first help determine the criteria for selection of the areas that are to be improved. Once this is done, negotiations are carried out between the federal and provincial governments. Then the cities help choose the actual areas, and the planning for those areas is done. It has been estimated that in Toronto it will take 18 months from the signing of the federal provincial agreement to actual activity to implement the plans.

These are just a few of the criticisms pointed out by Ms. Fish. Regrettably, there is no room to cover her suggestions for future ways of formulating housing policy.

Dal Radio sets P.R. policy

Dal Radio's policy towards its members' activity outside the station became semi-public last week. Basically, the policy seems to be that every member of Radio should try to be a public relations man for Radio all the time that he is with other people. The operations committee of Radio and the members of the station try to keep track of the P.R. work through the feedback about members from around the campus.

When this feedback seems particularly bad, the operations committee attempts to work things out with the member in question. In one case, the operations committee and general membership felt

that the feedback about one person continued to be sufficiently bad and to be so connected with Radio that the person was suspended for two months.

Many outside of Dal Radio may feel that this organization should have no control over its members' activity outside the station. However, almost every member of Radio appears to agree with Dal Radio's policy. They take their work at the station and its public image very seriously. Anything affecting the image is of deep concern to them. Even the suspended member appears to agree with this general attitude and policy.

Gazette gets justice

Council completes appointments

by Don Reison and Stephen R. Mills

The Dalhousie Student Council met last Sunday evening in council chambers. After five hours of democracy in action, eight appointments were made, two new committees formed, the constitution changed, two conferences financed, and steps taken toward a SUB policy on Campus Police.

The meeting opened with President Mike Gørdner chairing. Applications, held over from last week, were dealt with first. Gardner turned the chair over to Larry Steinberg, who, in turn, yielded it to John Stobie. Stobie had been recommended as chairman last week but had not been present. He was ratified this week.

The Entertainment secretary was also appointed. The Applications Committee recommended Peter Greene but, because this was contested by several members, all candidates were given an opportunity to present their proposed programs. A preferential vote was then taken and Greene was ratified.

Mike Lynk was approved as member-at-large. A motion to table, because last week's recommendation, Glenn Wanamaker, was absent at the moment, was defeated.

Following this, Arts Rep. Les Grieve and Law Rep., Arch Kaiser, were named to the executive council. Grieve was also picked as chairman of the Grants Committee, the other members being Lynanne Sharpe and Mike Lynk.

Appointments concluded, the council moved on to consider the Campus Police policy in the SUB. President Mike Gardner moved that student representatives on the Board of Management of Campus Security be increased to two. Confused and prolonged debate followed, involving all council members, and several spectators, including SUB Night Managers, Don Grant and Stu Barry. The vote was finally taken and passed unanimously. More to the point, a committee was later established to study Campus Police Policy. Arch Kaiser was named chairman and about eight council members volunteered for the committee.

Gardner next moved that council recommend charges laid against a student caught shoplifting in the SUB bookshop be dropped and dealt with internally. Gardner seemed confused about the exact details, but it seemed the culprit would have a



Did you ever have the feeling nobody likes what you're doing — Applications Committee: Bob Pottle, Wilma Broeren, Laurie Murchison.

criminal record if convicted. This would be particularly harmful as he was a law student and this would effectively ban him from the Bar. However, he was also known to have made a habit of pilfering records. The motion passed, but it indicated more of a desire for a clear policy on SUB discipline for all students rather than a concern for a particular student.

The proposed constitutional changes enabling the staff of the GAZETTE to elect its own editor was passed with a few minor amendments. Also, the present Advertising and Business Manager, Frank Baker, was formally approved.

Finally, Dal Radio was granted money to attend two conferences in Washington, D.C., and a motion directing Office Services to advertise the selling of Kinsmen Bingo cards was passed.

The next Council meeting is set for Sunday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Constitutional changes

The following is the main body of the constitutional amendments passed at Sunday's council meeting concerning the GAZETTE.

Section 5:(1) The Editor shall be appointed before January 15 of each year and shall take office on February 1.

(2) The Applications Committee shall open nominations for the Editorship to all members of the Student Union within the first week of January. Each Applicant may nominate two persons who, in the view of the applicant, are willing to serve with the applicant as Business and Advertising Managers. Each applicant shall then meet with the staff of the paper to outline the course that the paper shall follow under his editorship.

(3) "Staff" in subsection (2) means persons who have contributed to at least three issues of the Gazette in the current academic year, as certified by the Editor.

(4) The Applications Committee shall then supervise an election for Editor in which the staff, all applicants and their nominees are eligible to vote. The winner of this election shall take office as Editor.

(5) The Editor may only be dismissed for demonstrated incompetence by a specific motion to that effect agreed to by a two-thirds majority of Council.

The motion to accept these amendments was passed by the Council with only one member opposing.



Dalhousie new Student Council in action.

M.S.S.W. isolated

by Marg Bezanson

Few students at Dalhousie are aware of the activities of the Maritime School of Social Work or even of the fact that it is affiliated with Dal. A certain lack of awareness and interest exist on both sides.

An example of the isolation of the School of Social Work is the recent Student Union elections. Few students at MSSW were aware that they were taking place. Only one presidential candidate canvassed the school and there were no posters or any other notice of the upcoming elections at the school. This resulted in less than 5 percent of the MSSW students voting.

The MSSW is a member of the Graduate Student Association. Two members of the Association, Shirley Shannon and Mary Anne Scriven, were recently elected by acclamation.

A newsletter "The Listener" is now being published by-weekly by the student council of the MSSW. The editor is Grant Fair.

Fair feels that some of the reasons for the isolation of the School include the physical isolation (the school is situated on the corner of Coburg and Oxford just off the campus); the fact that most of

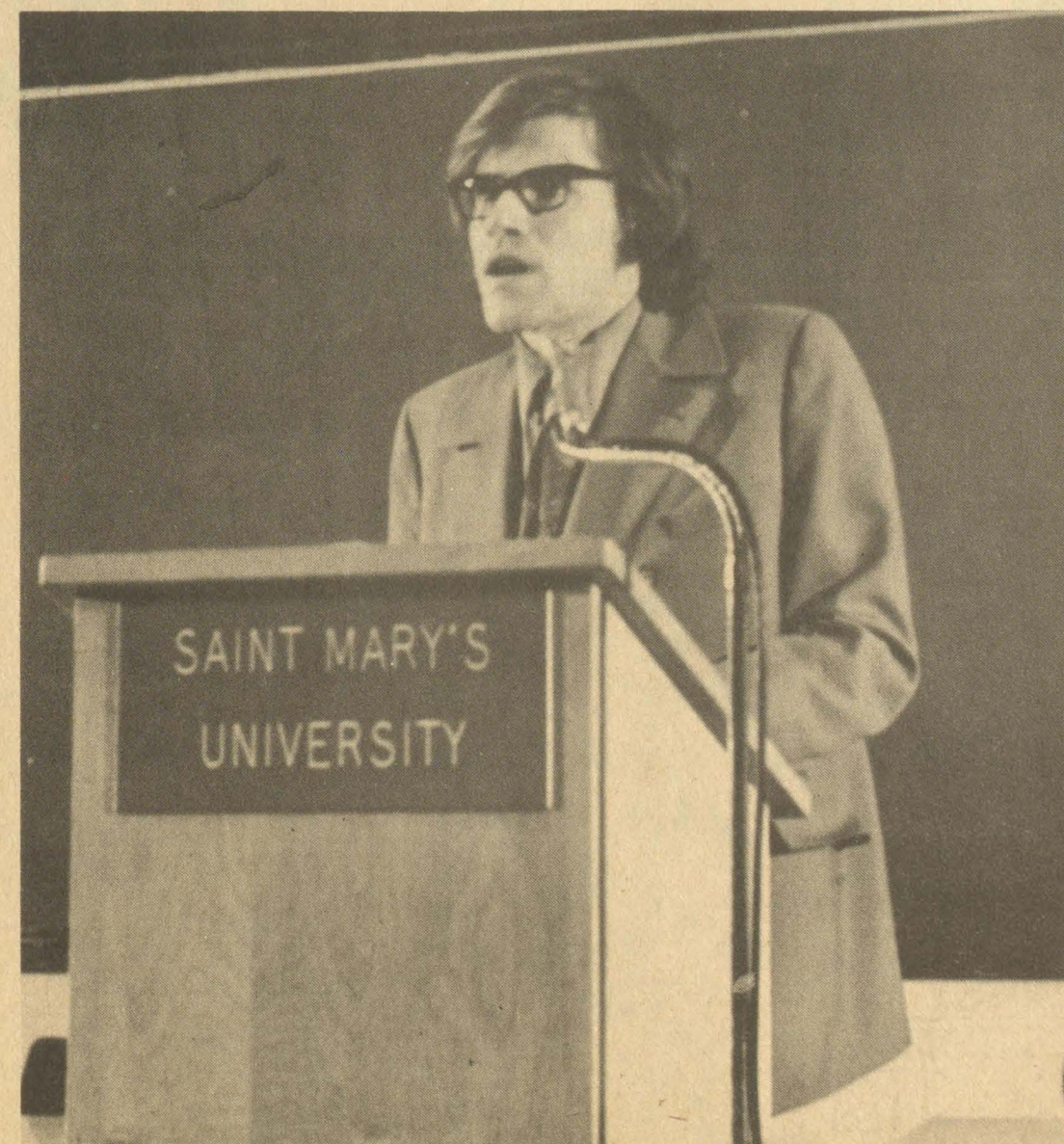
the students are very busy with their work; and that the School joined Dal a relatively short time ago (four years).

There is an enrollment of approximately 85 students at the MSSW. The course involves a two-year training program. First year students take a general program while second year students do more concentrated work and half their time is spent field working.

An effort is being made to move away from the stereotyped image of the social worker — a well-meaning middle-aged woman who actually does little good. Social workers are now encouraged to be agents of social change. The School is also trying to attract students from disadvantaged, minority groups as part of this effort to get away from the image of the charitable middle-class worker.

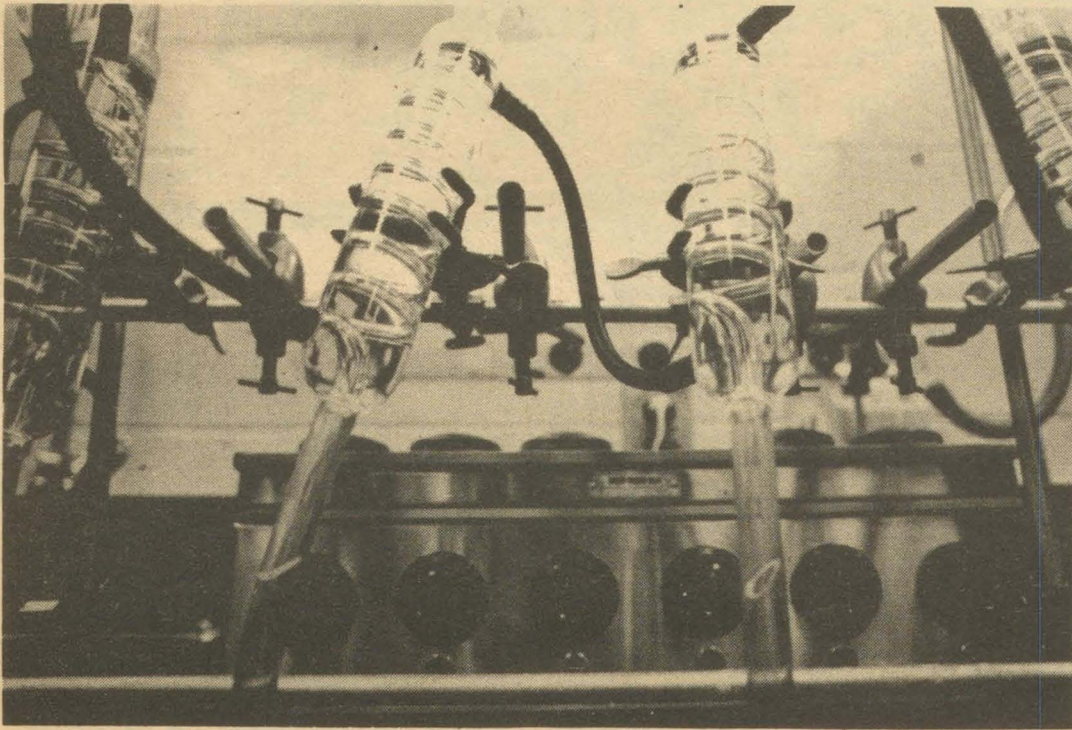
There are a number of interesting articles in "The Listener." It is presently being circulated only in the MSSW and other Schools of Social Work. However, it there is demand it can be circulated on the Dal campus. This would be useful in breaking down barriers and encouraging communication between the School and the rest of Dal.

Bruce Kidd visits Halifax



Bruce Kidd, former track star, addressed a gathering at Saint Mary's University, Thursday, March 15, concerning sports in Canada.

Moosehead brewery



The lab uses small stills to analyze samples of beer.

Members of Dal Gazette and Dal Photo recently toured Dartmouth's Moosehead brewing plant. The tour takes you from the room where the original barley water is made then brewed with the hops and fermented to the storage and power rooms, the labs, the bottling room, the shipping and recycling areas and the hospitality room. Persons on the tour are able to sit and relax over a beer or two before they head home.

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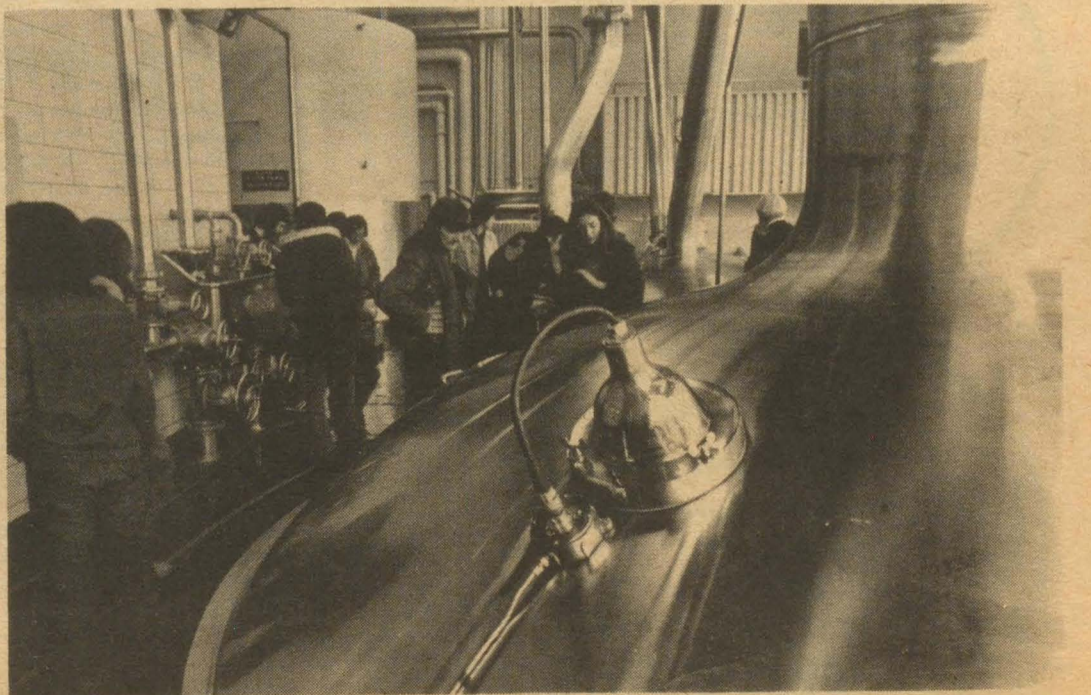
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The company symbol is neither gone nor forgotten in Dartmouth.

There is little or no waste involved in the beer business, and Moosehead wishes there was less. They would save \$100,000.00 a year if all bottles sent out were returned. Each bottle can be used 22 times. The cardboard cartons that bottles are returned in are baled by Moosehead for recycling. The various end products of the process such as the used barley and brewers' yeast are used in agriculture, often for feeding animals. Every effort is made to keep draft beer constantly cold from the time it is made to the moment it is drawn in a tavern. Bottled beer is made to have the longest possible shelf life.

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The brew kettle is probably the most important piece of equipment in a brewery.

Atlantic Symphony noteworthy

by John Gray

Despite my skepticism, The Atlantic Symphony Orchestra pulled off one heck of a good concert on the night of Monday, March 12. The first work presented on the program was the three pieces from "Sacrae Symphoniae" for wind instruments, by Gabrieli. The composer was the music master at St. Mark's Cathedral, in Venice, and was one of the (if not THE) greatest of renaissance composers. The

composition is written for two separate groups of players, much in the fashion of the later Baroque concerto grosso. We assume that the sections played from separate galleries, a feat possible with the tremendous acoustics of St. Marks.

The actual work, as I heard it, was a bit disappointing to my musically bigoted ears. I felt that the musicians, though they worked hard, just weren't quite together, and I must place the criticism on the conductor,

particularly in a piece for double ensemble such as this one.

The second item on the program was the Four Last Songs by Richard Strauss (the one who wrote the original 'Also Sprach Zarathustra, used in 2001, he's no relation to the waltzing Stausses of Vienna). This was well done, and in the performance I can neither damn nor laud the orchestra. It was, in fact, enlarged with quite a few extra players, including Dal's own Leslie Allt and Ken Bingham contributing some of their professional talent.

The guest soloist, Veronica Tyler, won over the approval of all with her confident, well sung performance. This woman has a great voice, as well as an excellent sense for her music. This, coupled with the experiential training of extensive tours to world centres, all points to the fact that she has nowhere

to go but up. I wish her the best of luck.

On the final segment of the concert, they decided to tackle Mahler's 4th Symphony in G. Of all Mahler's Symphonies, the fourth is his lightest and least serious, but in comparison to the usual Halifax symphony program, this baby is a super-heavy.

I started listening unenthusiastically, because Mahler is my favourite composer, and I assumed the ASO would bungle such a vast undertaking. Not having heard any of the rehearsals, I was caught unprepared. They must have been rehearsing that thing for months, because it came off beautifully.

It was obvious that it was too much for the audience, who have been too long lulled by Tchaikovsky, Haydn, Brahms, Opera Buffa, and other such

schmalz. I may say that during the tutti in the 1st movement, most of the admission-paying socialities were knocked over like so many bowling pins.

Miss Tyler sang the soprano solo in the last movement, taken from the poem Des Knaben Wunderhorn. She sang even better with Mahler than with her Strauss performance earlier in the evening.

I enjoyed the orchestra's fine rendering, though it was not without error. Nonetheless a good concert.

I came late for the Sunday afternoon performance of the Czech Nonet, and I subsequently fell asleep during Beethoven's Septet, op. 20. The applause woke me up in time to hear the encore, a piece by Dvorak. It was well done, but not particularly impressive. Fine group of musicians.

That's all for this issue.

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Animal crackers

If rumours have anything to do with anything, it would appear that the Halifax Housing Authority has little to do with its time other than rob senior citizens of their goldfish, budgies and such other minor companions.

Apparently the guardians of public housing had considered passing an ordinance that would

have prohibited citizens in the high-rises of public housing dwellings in Halifax from having pets in their partments.

Senior citizens, whose only companions at times are their household pets, became very upset at the proposal. One elderly woman apparently picked up her French poodle and headed for Montreal with it, rather than leaving the dog with friends and risking having it kid (pup?) -napped in her absence.

A recent monthly meeting held by the Authority to deal with the problems of the tenants found itself in hot water with would-be pet lovers, instead of the normal dull crowd protesting such mundane problems as clogged sinks, dirty premises and forced evictions. The Authority

promised that no such ordinance would ever be put into operation.

Apparently, the regulation was to have applied to everything from bear cubs to freshwater salmon and goldfish.

One tenant told us that, although she wasn't considering buying a pet of her own, a group of people in one high-rise were considering purchasing a giraffe, in defiance of the order. The giraffe was to be used as a fire escape. Tenants have been complaining that the high-rises are not particularly well fire-guarded, and have been asking the Authority to install sprinkler systems in the apartments. As yet, the Housing Authority has not acted on that request.

"Look Back in Anger" starts at Pier 1

John Osborne's *Look Back In Anger* opened at Pier 1 Theatre on Wednesday, March 21st, directed by Michael Ardenne, Drama Advisor with the Provincial Continuing Education Program.

Now something of a modern classic, the initial production of *Look Back In Anger*, in 1956, was incendiary. Sharply and unyieldingly, *Look Back In Anger* reflected the "rebel without a cause" dilemma of the 50's. Jimmy Porter, the protagonist, is the original "angry young man." His brand of dissatisfaction with the 'Establishment' became fashionable in the 60's and 70's yet although today's rebels have found many a cause, there still abides Jimmy Porter's essential fear that life is passing us by — "our youth is slipping away" — and perhaps we're missing something.

In 1956, the well-known British critic Kenneth Tynan said of the play "It was as if in the tiptoe hush of a polite assembly, someone had deafeningly burped... I doubt if I could love anyone who did not wish to see *Look Back In Anger*. It's the best young play of its decade." See it at Pier 1, March 21-April 1. Call 423-7720 for reservations.

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On peut trouver "l'art du voyeur"

par Patricia Dingle

La danse érotique — art dégradant

Musique érotique. Eclairage bas. Et une belle femme déjà mi-nue qui au fur et à mesure qu'elle danse, se dépouille de ses vêtements. Un délice qui se trouve dans plusieurs boîtes de nuit à Halifax. Ses apologistes disent que "c'est un art" et que "il n'est nullement dégradant"... Je soutiens que la danse érotique n'est que accessoirement artistique et

qu'elle reste une situation avilissante pour la femme et pour l'assistance.

L'art du voyeur

Précisons. Si c'est un art pourquoi ne sont pas les autres formes de danse — le ballet classique et surtout la danse moderne également envogue? La danse moderne est à peu près la même chose que la danse érotique — sauf l'élément d'ôter les vêtements. Donc, il n'est pas pour les aspects créateurs qu'on va à la danse érotique — c'est pour la sexualité. S'il y a un art, c'est l'art du voyeur — de la part de l'assistance.

Une sexualité depersonnalisée...

Ce voyeurisme veut dire une sexualité depersonnalisée. Un homme ou une femme y va anonyme, (certes — on ne publie point les noms des personnes qui ont assisté à la première d'une strip-teaseuse aux mondalités du journal quotidien!) pour regarder une femme également inconnue. Le

jeu du regard sexuel voyeuriste se passe dans l'anonymat — une des excuses pour l'éclairage bas! Donc et la femme et l'assistance laissent leurs regards jouer dans une fantaisie sexuelle qui se substitue à la réalité — une sexualité qui depersonnalise un acte qui pourrait être le plus humain et le plus intime du monde. Ainsi, une perte irréversible. Notez aussi que les regards de l'artiste et de l'assistance ne se croisent pas longtemps encore une depersonnalisation — si on évite le regard, on reste étranger.

Une joie née d'une mauvaise conscience... et une sexualité manquée

Est-ce que je nie le plaisir du spectacle? Non, mais la joie qu'éprouve l'assistance est née d'une mauvaise conscience. Remarquez que la femme peut faire baisser les yeux à tout homme qui la regarde. S'il l'admet ou non, il a honte — il y a un certain plaisir en s'avilissant dans la pensée que toute sexualité est sale. Et ce

genre de sexualité est vraiment une sexualité manquée — car tandis que le théâtre classique ou les autres beaux arts ont un effet purgatif, ce voyeurisme n'en a pas de même (à moins qu'on ne pratique l'autoéroticisme pendant qu'on regard le spectacle!) — donc une sexualité stérile.

La dégradation...

De depersonnaliser une personne est de le traiter en objet — la danseuse traite l'assistance comme de simples objets sexuels surquels elle peut exercer son pouvoir sexuel (ainsi le jeu de faire baisser aux hommes leurs regards) du même qu'elle reste pour l'assistance une femme qui devient nue — l'objet sexuel par excellence. Donc, l'exploitation d'une sexualité stérile qui dégrade le spectateur autant que la femme.

Une certaine inégalité...

Mais si nous consentons à un tel concept de la sexualité — ce voyeurisme qu'on appelle un art — ou sont les danseurs érotiques et les strip-teaseurs mâles? Où est Monsieur (ou Mondemoiseau — si on utilise la terme qui correspond à Mademoiselle) Nu-Univers? Cet "art" s'adonne uniquement au plaisir des hommes hétérosexuels et des femmes homosexuelles (tandis que, les femmes homosexuelles ont, j'en suis sûre, une conception de l'amour qui n'a nullement besoin de ce voyeurisme). Nous en avons marre des femmes nues qui ne plaisent qu'aux hommes hétérosexuels et qu'aux femmes homosexuelles. Où sont les hommes nus pour plaire aux femmes hétérosexuelles et aux hommes homosexuels?

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by Charlie Moore

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The problem with most panel sided vans (vs. the window variety) is that nine times out of ten they were originally used as delivery trucks. This type of use is about the hardest that a car can go through and tends to wear out everything very quickly. As a rule, window vans have an easier life although this is not always the case. Another alternative is the panel truck which has largely faded from the truck scene in the past few years. These are bigger and less economical than the flat-fronted vans, but they are much easier to service and work on and they ride and handle much better than their snub-nosed cousins.

There are several types of vans panels available, so here is a list of the more popular ones in descending order of desirability:

Dodge/Fargo A100 — The early smaller Dodge vans were exceptionally good and have the added advantage of the Dodge slant six engine. A few were equipped with Vee-8s. The later ones are bigger and somewhat easier to work on because of improved engine access, but are less economical.

Ford Econoline — This has always been the best selling American van and is quite tough and dependable. The reason it rates second is that the Ford six is not nearly as good as the Dodge engine. The very latest models have a sliding side door which is a useful feature.

Chevy Van GMC Handivan — These are also good although not quite as tough and dependable as the Dodge and Ford offerings. The main problem is the GM six engine which is

clearly inferior to the Dodge although not much worse than the Ford. Chev was the first American van to offer a sliding door.

Volkswagen — The VW is the prime mover of the subculture and is indeed the most economical and dependable offering in the van field. However it is noisy, slow, bad handling and highly susceptible to cross-winds. Highway driving requires patience and quick reactions. They are put together rather well though, and if you can stand the noise and gutless acceleration this may be the one for you.

Thames/Commer/Bedford —

These are English vans and due to an English law which decrees that vans may move at a maximum speed of 45 miles-per-hour, their highway performance leaves something to be desired (!!!). They have about as much power and acceleration as a VW but are geared so low that anything over 50 mph is sheer torture.

The only American manufacturer of panel trucks nowadays is General Motors, but there a few older models around by all the Big Three manufacturers. Another alternative is specialty vehicles such as ambulances

and hearses, and the big truck style station wagons like the International Harvester Travellal and the Chevy Suburban.

As a rule of thumb, Vee-8s are better than sixes although there is a corresponding decrease in gas mileage to the increase in power. Remember that the conventional station wagon is cheaper, more comfortable, and more economical than any van and will still sleep two in comfort, and because of the great demand for vans, prices are highly inflated. Good luck and keep wheelin'.

Dal wins bonspiel

by Dave MacDougal and Lorraine Stevens

On March 9 and 10, the Dalhousie women's curling team successfully competed in the A.W.I.A.A. curling championship held in Moncton, N.B. After the first day of the bonspiel, the Dalhousie girls had accumulated a 3-1 win/loss record with convincing victories over U.N.B. (10-2), Université de Moncton (11-4), and Saint Mary's (9-5). Their only loss that day was to Mt. Allison (11-2). (Can't win 'em all.) The next day, the girls continued their winning streak by downing U.P.E.I. (13-1). The same round produced an upset victory by Acadia over Memorial University of

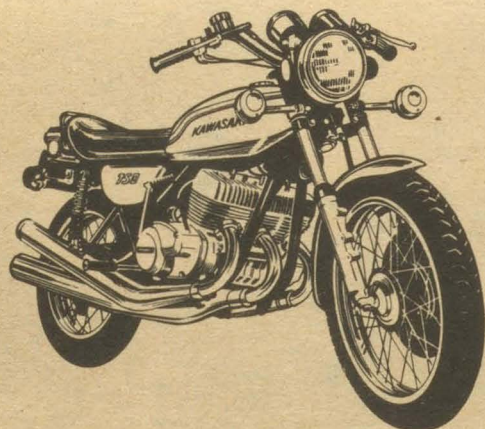
Newfoundland, resulting in a three way tie for first place between Dalhousie, Acadia, and M.U.N.

In the 6th round, Acadia met Dal head on with Dal coming out on top with an 8-6 score. M.U.N. set the stage for a final round clash for the title with Dal by defeating U.P.E.I. (11-4). In the championship match, Dal's skip Lorraine Stevens, who threw lead rocks, mate, Ruth Belanger, who threw skip rocks, second, Lorene Scrutton, and lead, Joanne Ritcey, coached by Dave MacDougal, curled their way to a decisive victory over M.U.N. with a score of 10-5.

Throughout the bonspiel, Dalhousie was classed as the underdog team, with M.U.N.

and Saint Mary's being the dual favorites. But, as the bonspiel progressed and Dal was winning their games by such great margins, the opinion of most people was that the conference title winner would be decided in the last two rounds. This proved true as Dal defeated Acadia and M.U.N. to capture the 4th Women's Intercollegiate title of the year.

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Men's Basketball future promising

League play-offs proved a boon to basketball interest and St. Mary's, a surprise winner to some, proved their class by becoming national champions. The game against Windsor on Friday proved to be the key game and the Huskies won convincingly in overtime with outstanding efforts by Gallinaugh and Fox under pressure, keeping the game exciting throughout.

Dalhousie's performance against the Huskies late in the season bodes well for the future. Our last home game against St. Mary's (the short end of a 75-67 score) only partly tells the tale. The Tigers outscored the Huskies in the second half as the Santa Marians used their top six players exclusively. This

established confidence that our best is good enough for this league. A four point victory at St. Mary's was less significant as some top players did not compete; however, to win in the "pit" with a young team sets the stage for a positive attitude for future encounters. The Tigers were very competitive against Acadia in Wolfville, down three with only six to go, eventually losing by seven with Acadia stalling for the last four minutes. Overall the team finished 9-9 in league play with a strong third place finish. At the end of the season Dalhousie started four freshmen with senior guard Albert Slaunwhite. The bench was filled with promising freshmen and sophomores.

Mainstays of the team in February were Bruce Cassidy, a tough rebounding post man and the key passer in Dal's man to man offense; Doug Ryan a smooth wing who makes the game look deceptively easy and only needs consistency to become a league star; Paul Coste a post who always gives his best effort and who is finally learning to harness his boundless energy and Bill Burns a quick guard who is determined to keep the legend alive that New Waterford is the "hotbed" of Nova Scotian basketball. Occasional starters, John Godden, Bob Blount, and Keith Johnston often came off the bench to bolster the Tiger cause and usually strengthened the floor performance with their

entry. John Driscoll broke many a game open with his exceptional outside shooting and Peter Lang thrilled fans with key defensive steals and strong floor leadership. Tom Fahie and Gord MacKay provided strong aggressive post replacements when needed.

Dalhousie found a special talent who will be a great asset in the developing Tiger fortunes for the future. Jim de la Mothe,

a very capable assistant coach, gave consistent dedicated effort that is unmeasurable in its total impact and his return next year to help the basketball fortunes gives the Tigers the best total nucleus to build a dream on for some years. The addition of a very few key freshmen can make AIBC title aspirations realistic. 1972-73 was a good season — 1973-74 a season for hope.

Sports Caravan coming

The Sports Caravan is scheduled to stop at Dalhousie on March 27-30th, less than two weeks away.

Sports '73, as it's officially called, is jointly sponsored by the Prudential Insurance Company of America and the Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Caravan is designed to assist the sport leadership element of the community, be they coaches, managers, trainers, organizers, or enthusiastic parents, in becoming aware of the latest techniques and equipment available to increase the masses and calibre of sports in the community.

To date, the Sports Caravan has been in existence for 15 months and has visited 81 locations from Quebec city to Vancouver, B.C. The Caravan has averaged a daily attendance of 516 sports enthusiasts.

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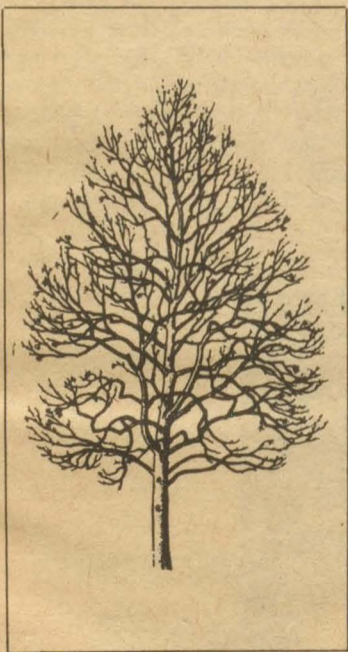
The main aim of this project is to assist the leadership element, be they coaches, umpires, administrators or managers to become more familiar with the latest teaching aids, organizational hints and procedures in their particular sport. Although the Caravan does offer information for all

ages, the main emphasis is directed toward the adult population who by their influence, position or authority are directly involved with sport in the community.

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Women's basketball team victorious

by Joel Fournier

Coach Anthea Bellemare needed just one word to describe this season's performance of her Women's Varsity Basketball team — "fantastic". Coach Bellemare went on to explain that at the beginning of the year the team had set as their goal the AWIAA Championship, and that they had gone on to achieve this target with flying colors.

On the way to winning the championship the girls had a near perfect season. In league play against St. F.X., U.N.B., U.P.E.I., and Mt. A., the squad was undefeated, showing poise, skill and great determination in all their games. Ending up at the top of the league, gave Dal the right to host the AWIAA Championships, which were held at the Dal gym. After playing so hard all year the ladies weren't to be denied. Their first game was against an exciting U.N.B. squad who fought to the final buzzer but who couldn't crack the control the Dal girls displayed in the tight situations. In the finals, Dal won handily against a game but outclassed St. F.X. team. This win gave Dal the right to play in the CWIAU Championships held in Montreal, but more about that later.

The first tournament the team entered was hosted by Loyola, an eight team affair that featured some of the best basketball players in eastern Canada. Dal wasn't expected to do all that well, but surprised their critics by walking off with the championship, winning all their games in the process. Three members of the squad, Rose Johnston, Helika Hudoffsky and Joan Selig were named to the all star team and Joan also captured the tournament's M.V.P. award. An excellent team effort all around and great personal triumph for the girls.

The Dalhousie Invitational was next on the schedule but this meet was to prove less successful than the previous tournament. Dal lost their first game to the Moncton Schooners and were eliminated from further championship play. They went on to win the consolation prize, but this was not especially pleasing to a group of girls who had the taste of winning in their blood. Coach Bellemare feels that this loss

actually benefited the team in the long run by pointing out weaknesses and showing the girls that there is always something to learn.

The team is a closely knit group, each member feeling a responsibility to the other girls, to the coach and management. Important decisions are made as a unit, thereby giving the individual members a greater feeling of involvement. The coach points out that her rights are the team's duties and the team's rights are her duties. There is a general openness between coach and players which leads to a highly motivated and dedicated group. Mrs. Bellemare does insist on some things though. The girls are responsible for much of their own conditioning and they must be punctual. Self-discipline is a characteristic high on the coach's list of priorities.

As is evident the team philosophy has proven to be successful. Morale and skill level are high and the element of fun has never been lost. The girls are all very co-operative and close to each other; quite an accomplishment for a large group of young females.

In the Nationals the girls got off to a great start by trouncing Bishops 70-44, but in the next game they came up against the powerful U.B.C. squad. In the first half the western girls built up an insurmountable lead and although Dal played inspired ball in the second half the outcome was never in serious doubt. But Mrs. Bellemare is sure that her charges learned much from the experience and is confident that next year will lead to even greater heights.

Throughout our interview the coach emphasized how pleased and proud she was of the girls and their performance and to this I'd just like to add that the whole school is proud of them. They are a great team and fine representatives of Dalhousie.




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Championship team.

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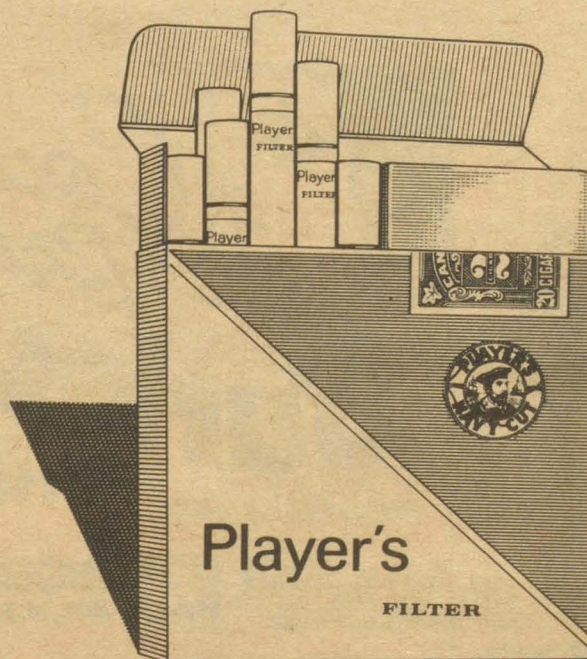


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