

Dr. John Godfrey: Moving Towards New Challenges



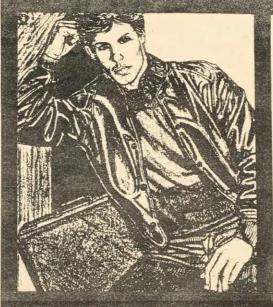
By RICHARD HOWARD

DR. JOHN GODFREY, President of King's College, announced his decision to resign from his position in June of 1987. Godfrey, who became president of King's College in 1977, has maintained a high profile throughout his two five year terms, running as a Liberal candidate in the last general election and working closely with the Ethiopian famine relief program.

In an interview with CKDU's Ken Burke, he said it is important to constantly present such a small university as King's with new callenges to prevent administrative stagnation. As one of the most senior university presidents in Canada, he says he feels it is time for a change at Dalhousie. Dr. Godfrey is unsure of what he will embark on next. As a fully tenured professor he has the opportunity to continue teaching or to seek an administrative position here or at another university. He has also not ruled out the possibility of further development work in Africa.

Godfrey remains optimistic about the future of King's, one of the few universities small enough to retain the traditional English style of education, including formal meals and receptions at the President's lounge. He feels King's has achieved a high degree of academic standards, both in its Foundaton Year Program and School of Journalism, and hopes to see this continue after his departure.

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ANC leader coming to Dal

Dennis Goldberg, a leader of the African National Congress who spent 20 years in a South African jail, will be speaking at Dalhousie on October 14 in the Student Union Building.

"Goldberg is perhaps one of the few white people from South Africa who is truly committed to the dismantling of apartheid," says Karanja Njoroge, international student co-ordinator at Dalhousie.

"He is an important leader in the future of South Africa."

Goldberg founded a multiracial group in the 1950s calling for one person, one vote. He was charged in 1964 under the Sabotage and Suppression of Caommunism Act, along with Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, with 193 acts of sabotage allegedly carried out by people recruited by him.

He was released in April of 1985 after spending more than 20 years in prison.

Njoroge says it is important Goldberg is coming to Canada, not just because of his position as a leader of the ANC, but because he will help people to break down the stereotype that the struggle in South Africa is just between blacks and whites.

"He is the person who is needed to aid in the understanding of the contemporary struggle in South Africa," says Njoroge.



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