

Dalhorizons needs money

Financial cut-backs may hurt Dal

by Alison Manzer

A provincial government moratorium on capital expenditures may have an adverse affect on Dalhorizons, the university's building and fund raising project, according to Dalhousie alumnae coordinator, Bruce Irwin.

The program is designed to raise money to expand and improve the Dalhousie campus so that it will have a student capacity of 8,000 by the mid-seventies, according to information pamphlets.

This expansion is imperative, says President Henry Hicks, as the number of students entering is exceeding the projected figures by a year and a half.

Class and research space must be enlarged if the university wants to continue its policy of accepting nearly all the qualified applicants, he added. The professional schools have already reached a breaking point. This year, for example, 35 out of 60 dentistry applicants were turned down, due to lack of facilities.

The situation may become worse if the government's capital expenditures grants do not come through, said Bruce Irwin of the Alumnae office. "We are building for ten years ago, not for the 1980's," he explained.

When Dalhorizons was first proposed, approval in principal

of a \$69,530,000 capital expenditures grant was received from the provincial government. A delay, caused by a need to bring the monetary resources into line with grants, may affect the program as several major donations are contingent on the university beginning specific projects.

For the project to reach completion, a public fund of \$11.1 million must be raised. Promises of \$6,080,000 have been obtained to date, Irwin and Hicks said. This money has been obtained from corporations and individuals whose names were selected to appear on lists of prospects. Two more large gifts amounting to approximately \$4 million have been promised, on the condition that the specific facilities they wish to support will be guaranteed provincial funds to

enable completion. The two buildings in question are the Physical Science center and the Physical Education facilities. Their completion has been given priority, said Hicks, because of the desperate lack in these areas and the versatility of the science center.

The delay in constructing some buildings, caused by the provincial grants moratorium, may result in the loss of certain gifts. Hicks expressed some concern that donations which had been pledged on the condition they be used immediately would be withdrawn. This would set the public fund back considerably and prolong the necessity of a fund-raising drive.

To raise the remaining needed money, several projects have been started which aim at the individual. The alumnae are doing the most of this work by

canvassing other alumnae and interested persons. "I feel that we are in a very good position to succeed," Hicks said.

Dalhorizons has already helped complete many structures on campus and is aiding several more in construction. Priorities have been set already to attempt the completion of the science facilities in the near future because their classrooms may be used for arts courses, said the President. Dalhorizons has several alternatives if the government is greatly delayed in granting the promised funds, Irwin explained. He felt the worst alternative would be to turn away students.

The Dalhorizons project will go ahead without the government funds for a time, but a longer delay will call for drastic changes in the priorities and ability to reach completion, according to both men.



Buckminster Fuller, noted scientist, engineer, humanist, cosmologist and philosopher, spoke at the Mount Saint Vincent Seton Academic Centre October 15.

He virtually ignored his topic, "How to make the world work" and dealt with past history and scientific discoveries. The world will work, he claimed, with young people's love and spontaneity.

Dalhousie honoring Tito

Marshal Tito, president of Yugoslavia, will receive an honorary degree from Dalhousie November 6, but University President, Dr. Henry D. Hicks, denies that Ottawa had any say in the decision.

The Chronicle-Herald suggested last week that the ceremony for Tito at Dal had been arranged with the help of Ottawa to divide the visits to Canada by Tito and Soviet Premier Alexi Kosygin.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Hicks said. He said when the university began making enquiries about honoring Tito, Kosygin's visit to Canada had not been planned.

Tito will get an honorary doctor of laws degree at the special convocation ceremonies to be held in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. At the same time another honorary laws doctorate will be awarded Sir Fitzroy Hew Maclean, a former British diplomat and long-time member of Parliament who helped Tito organize his partisan guerillas to rout the Axis powers from Yugoslavia during the Second World War.

It will be the first time that a head of state of a country other than Canada has been so honored by Dal.

In his official announcement of the university's decision, Hicks referred to the somewhat

remote connections which the university has had with Yugoslavia.

He said the late Major William Morris Jones, a native of Bear River, Digby County, who attended Dalhousie from 1919 to 1923, was the first Allied officer to parachute into Yugoslavia to Tito's partisans in April, 1943. Jones recommended to Britain that Tito's forces deserved Allied assistance.

And the late Dr. Ian MacKenzie, head of Dalhousie's department of surgery from 1957 until his death in 1966, was also parachuted into Yugoslavia in the summer of 1943.

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