

TYP - Tool for a University Education

by Don Grant

Dr. L. Sealey of the Afro-Canadian Liberation Movement says he is pleased with the reaction of the community towards the Transition Year Program soon to be introduced into the Dalhousie educational system.

The program is the first of its kind attempted by any university in North America. Designed to "provide disadvantaged youth with the academic tools necessary for a university education," the students will be selected from the Black and Indian communities of the province.

Preliminary selection of students will be handled by a Community Committee. They will then be interviewed by a combined faculty and graduate council board consisting of Professor P. D. Pelley, Professor S. W. Semple, Professor C. Atherton, Terrance Kemper, and Mrs. Sylvia Norton. Aptitude tests will be conducted before the students are allowed to enter the program.

Twenty students will make up the class. The courses given will include reading, composition, mathematics and a seminar on community problems.

Upon completion of the course the students will be admitted to Dalhousie as regular students with full financial support.

It is hoped that when the students have completed their studies at Dalhousie they will return to their community.

The original concept was developed by the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students through the work of Terry Kemper, Sylvia Norton, and Paul Norton. Mr. Norton explained the program to all interested Black people at a meeting of the A.C.L.M.

on Saturday November 8.

Mr. Norton explained why the TYP, as presently proposed and accepted by the Faculty Council, is for the Black and Indian people alone. He declared that Black people "have suffered from legally sanctioned slavery and segregation and to the present day are discriminated against by the educational system... For these reasons less than one percent of these people get past grade twelve."

The meeting also elected five delegates to represent the inter-

ests of the Black people to the University.

They were Frank Boyd, Miss Donna Bynard, Mr. Burnley (Rocky) Jones, Mrs. M. Lucas, and Dr. L. Sealey.

If all goes well the program will begin in January. Working on a budget of \$80,000, of which approximately \$2,000 will be given as a bursary to each student, the program will have three full time staff members. Part time assistance will be given by members of the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Graduate Students.

Something's Going to Blow Pretty Soon

By Andrew Cochran

Trouble is brewing at DalRadio. In the words of one student broadcaster, "something's going to blow pretty soon". The controversy seems to be stemming from Director Jerry Dubinski's management practices.

According to several of the staff members, Dubinski operates the organization by unilateral policy decisions, many of which are "completely unreasonable". Furthermore, the staffers complain that he is never around to discuss policies.

Mr. Dubinski was appointed by Council at the first of this year to head the operation. He was the only one to apply for the post.

Since that time, according to one senior announcer, "the mood

has changed... things have died from last year".

First it was use of the record library. According to reliable reports, a note was posted to the effect that only one person was permitted in the room at a time. After numerous complaints that such a rule was nonsensical, it was soon withdrawn.

Soon after program director John Perkins was replaced by Bruce Grant, allegedly over a matter of principles.

Next came the "Dubinski Directive" (see last week's Devastating Digit of Disaster), stating in no uncertain terms future guidelines of operation. Many members of DalRadio now openly state that morale in the or-

ganization is at a low ebb, and still is rapidly declining.

"Even the programming is indicative of the poor attitudes around here", says one staffer. Another commented, "Some of them (rules) are fair, and others are ridiculous; I'm going to follow the ones I believe in, and the hell with the others!"

Station Director Jerry Dubinski could not be found for comment, but those close to him refute the dissenting opinions.

Traffic manager Bonnie MacKenzie, in an interview with the Gazette said, "Things here at DalRadio are just great... we have a few small problems, but things are running very smoothly... the directive was

necessary to run things properly here... we're all happy and healthy!"

However, when asked about the resignation of certain staff members (three in number, two of which have since returned), Miss MacKenzie responded, "that's really none of your business!"

In speaking with an evening broadcaster, an attitude, prevalent in DalRadio was displayed; "I've given up paying attention to things written around here, I just do my show and leave... it's really pretty bad around here now."

It seems evident that the present situation in the fourth floor organization must be dealt with, and with a certain amount of immediacy.

Perhaps Jerry Dubinski should make himself more accessible to inquiring staffers, maybe a clearer definition of operation is required, or possibly the total staff would be wise to get together and hash the entire situation out.

At any rate the partial conclusion is clear, some concrete steps must be taken to alleviate the problem confronting the organization.

In the meantime, be advised to listen closely to the broadcasts of DalRadio - "your radio station" - and perhaps give a second thought when the promo from MacMaster University is aired: "This is MacRadio saying hi to the fighting men at DalRadio!"

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