

Student defends law professor

by C. McLean

"The Dean apparently hasn't seen fit to make any comment," remarked a Dalhousie law student disappointed with the lack of voluntary administrative response to a recent article by the *Gazette* ("Canadian Standards Confuse Law Admissions", March 17). Dean MacDonald was unavailable for comment before press time as he was out of town.

In answer to student claims that Professor Mullan indicated an "arbitrary attitude toward marking", Warwick Flaus insisted, "the question was about his severity in marking, the Accusation never being that he was arbitrary." Flaus said that "An 'A' is given for outstanding work, not for good work, and to that extent Mullan's students are perhaps at a disadvantage, given the lack of uniform marking regime (something, I understand, he would be prepared to accept)." Mullan appeared to believe that he was accused of arbitrary marking, according to the contents of his second memorandum to the Studies Committee.

Flaus said of the controversial memorandum, "The damage was not with the memorandum but with its publication. Mullan prepared it for a closed committee with the understanding that if it was to be seen by other groups he would adjust it in order to avoid exposure of the students involved." In fact, the contents of the memorandum were leaked by a law student to the law school community. (The infor-

mation is common knowledge amongst Weldon law students).

Flaus, a New Zealander, came to Canada to do his thesis under Mullan. He said, "I have both a deep respect for Prof. Mullan and feel a responsibility and close attachment to the law school." In the interest of accuracy, he explained about the memo, "It was not an attack on Nova Scotia students." This was a common interpretation of the contents of the document. Admission statistics published in the November 1976 issue of *The Weldon Times* show that 58 to 60% of the total law school acceptances are Nova Scotian students. 91 of 245 applications received were accepted of the ones made by this province while, by contrast, only 23 or 320 were accepted from Ontario (this being the second largest number). Because Dalhousie law school has established a 65% quota of Nova Scotian students, Flaus concluded that, "at the bottom of the admitted group there will tend to be a disproportionate number from this province." He sees this as supporting Mullan's claim that the origin of students is a partial indication of their initial ability to adjust well to law school.

"I think that the situation was aggravated by the lack of an authoritative decision at an early stage by the administration. It gave the issue a chance to boil," criticized Flaus. A series of student meetings and personal interviews

with Mullan (initiated by the students) took place before any effective steps were taken by the law school administration. According to Flaus, "It left the students to try to wear down Mullan." Mullan has since resigned and plans to take up a post with Queen's University law school.

Flaus has indicated that similar situations to the one which resulted from the high failure rate in the "Legal Process" course, exist at the present time. He believes that similar tension and "unsatisfactory resolutions of student discontent" would result. He cites at least one other instance where a professor's unusual teaching methods were such that students avoided taking his course, despite the traditionally high grades. This year the marks he awarded were dropped a full grade average, apparently without reason or explanation being given to discontented students. Flaus has said that the administration is aware of this situation, but to date, have taken no action.



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Would this man 'give hippies a red cent?'

Govt. cracks down on investigative reporters

LONDON, ENG. (CUP) -- The British government is cracking down on investigative reporters at a time when foreign secret service activities here are at an unprecedented level.

Two reporters, Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball are being deported amidst a storm of protest from the National Union of Journalists, back bench Labour MPs, trade unionists and students. Another two are facing prison sentences for alleged breaches of the Official Secrets Act.

The deportations were ordered by Home Secretary Merlyn Rees in early March on the grounds of "a threat to national security."

Hosenball, American-born reporter for the *Evening Standard* and *Time Out Magazine*, had written an article on government electronic surveillance, using material from back issues of the *Sunday Times* and the *Cheltenham Telephone Directory*. He also touched on the sensitive issue of British armed forces use of indiscriminate radio-wave detonating devices in Ulster, which may have caused the premature explosion of bombs previously attributed to Irish Republican Army (IRA) terrorist irresponsibility.

Philip Agee, former CIA agent and author of "Inside the Company" and "CIA Diary", says the deportation order was a direct result of American economic and political pressure. Referring to the appointment of the new CIA station chief here, Agee said, "This could have

been his first job — get me out of Britain."

Agee has worked on exposing the CIA-assisted plot for a right-wing coup in Jamaica and revealing the size and make-up of the CIA station here.

Not only is the CIA station stronger than ever, but recent reports indicate that BOSS of South Africa, SAVAK of Iran, the Rhodesian secret police and others are actively engaged in sabotaging opposition and hostile publicity to their respective regimes.

Threats against expatriate students who are politically hostile to the continued repression in their home countries have been of particular concern to the student movement.

Defending Hosenball and Agee, one National Union of Journalists official said, "These two have been victimized by the Home Office for the crime of doing their jobs and doing it well — perhaps too well for the comfort of the authorities."

Two other *Time Out* reporters have been arrested following secret surveillance of them and their interviews with an ex-signal corps soldier who served in Belfast and Cyprus.

Charged with receiving classified information they were interrogated for several days before receiving legal representation. They were released on bail March 3.

The ex-soldier, John Berry, has not been granted bail. The reporters face a maximum two-year sentence.

Condemns Canada's policy

by Harvey MacLean

Two leaders of the South African black nationalist movement have called on Canadians to terminate trade relations with South Africa. Kate Molale and Mpho Thoeabale of the African National Congress issued their appeal at a public meeting in Halifax last Friday, March 25. They stressed that the people of South Africa need this



kind of support in their struggle for majority rule.

The audience of about 175 persons agreed as a group to urge the Nova Scotia government to stop the sale of South African wines and spirits in provincial liquor stores.

Nursing Society election results

The Dalhousie Nursing Society recently held their annual elections for various positions. On the executive for the 1977-1978 term are as follows:

President - Lois Gibson
Vice-President - Becky Stoughton
Secretary - Marilyn Smith

They also agreed to call on Canadians to withdraw their money from banks which make loans to South Africa. The South African leaders named the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Royal Bank, and the Toronto Dominion Bank as those which are involved in making such loans.

Responding from proposals from the audience, chairperson Mike Menard presented a resolution calling for the boycotts. There were no dissenting voices from those present at the meeting.

The representatives of the African National Congress presented a bleak picture of the life of South Africa's over twenty million non-whites. They gave details of the virtual slave conditions of African workers, the systematic destruction of family life in South Africa, and the brutally repressive measures of the South African government. Mpho Thoeabale gave personal testimony of the torture she underwent in a South African prison.

The South African leaders were speaking in Halifax at the end of a national tour. Their address was sponsored by CUSO, the Halifax Oxfam committee and the Nova Scotia Southern Africa Information Group.

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Treasurer - Cathy McKay
Social Co-chairpersons - Karen MacLeod and Diane MacMillan

Also elected was the:
Student Union Rep - Rosalie Starzombie
C.U.N.S.A. Rep. - (Canadian University Nursing Student Association Rep.) - Sandra Cristie

St. Thomas joins AFS

FREDERICTON (CUP) -- The Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) now represents students in the four Atlantic provinces following a successful referendum at Saint Thomas University here March 16.

Students voted 223 to 52 to retain membership in the organization and adopt a \$1 per capita membership fee. Almost 50 per cent of the student body turned out for the vote making STU the tenth Atlantic post-secondary institution to join AFS since January.

Anne McManus, STU council president, said she felt communication between universities was a major problem and that the resources provided by AFS would

help alleviate this problem.

AFS has been successful in all but one of 11 referenda held throughout the region this winter; students at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton voted no to membership in the organization in mid-February.

The federation executive decided at a meeting last November to restructure the organization and to petition students directly for funding.

Referenda are planned for other Atlantic institutions in the fall including the Universite de Moncton and another at the UNB campus in Fredericton.