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campaign examining problems in the area of Student Aid; as well, he has begun to look at issues surrounding National Student Day (Nov. 9). However, from our vantage point it would appear that while the President is responsive to suggestions concerning these questions from various persons and groups in the Union, he and the Vice-President have not shown a great deal of personal leadership.

This has been particularly true of Vice-President Gillis. She had maintained a decidedly low profile throughout the summer; with the exception of her administrative duties and a paper on organizing student groups, there was little output from her office. It saddens us, that at a time when it was essential that the President has the able assistance of the Vice-President, the Vice-President saw fit to place her priorities elsewhere.

The Executive's lack of foresight and planning is nowhere more evident than in the area of student housing. They have suggested that in reality the problem is more one of transit rather than the lack of accommodation in the metro area. This is an interesting position, but

what is being done to investigate its practicality / impracticality? It would appear that the ideas are there; what is required is the addition of a large measure of work.

Summary and Comment

Before concluding it must be understood that this article is not meant as a damning attack against the Executive. Certainly many of us in the legislative body, have not shown the degree of commitment that the students of Dalhousie deserve. In any association however, the importance of the leadership as exemplars of drive and organization cannot be overstated. The genuine openness of the Neal-Gillis Executive must be applauded; but, in the final analysis the role of the leadership is to lead.

In our Student Government that means an effort at planning and co-ordination.

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Canada is now South Africa's eighth-largest trading partner. (Globe and Mail, 4/6/76).



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