

Orientation guidelines changed

by Gerald van Gorp
Changes in this year's Orientation program result from "dissatisfaction with philosophies of subservience and humiliation" which have ruled past freshman classes at Dalhousie, according to graduate student Totis Pittas, this year's program chairman.

One of the more outspoken critics of previous efforts, Pittas has designed the present Orientation so that "freshmen will find immediate acceptance in the university community and will in no way be distinguished from returning students."

Activities in the six-day program are open to all Dal students and no one will be

forced to pay any fee or participate in any event.

In accepting Pittas as chairman, Student Council approved several drastic changes in orientation procedure suggested by him: "all events scheduled for Orientation will be open to all students; freshmen will not be asked to buy a package deal and their attendance will be optional; no hazing; there will be no beanies, placards etc. which appeared in previous Orientations; emphasis will be given to welcoming new students and providing them with as true a picture as possible of their new environment.

Adoption of these proposals is seen as an indication that future Orientations will be

run along similar lines. In a Gazette review, Pittas explained the underlying philosophy the policies for new students.

"Most students feel that the university is provided as a place where, if they work hard, they'll be rewarded with privileged positions in society. What they don't realize is that this reward is

not a result of their stay but rather a consequence of their social class position. The university is only an excuse for putting students in such positions.

"This whole concept stems from the philosophy that the present university structure is only one sector of oppressive society. However, in a university, students

are usually allowed more freedom to question certain basic values. If freshmen students are conditioned to follow leaders and do as they are told, it will be even more difficult for them to exercise this small amount of freedom. It is in this interest that changes have been made in the 1970 Orientation program."

Gut issues, good times

by Gomer McTavish

The gut issues at Dalhousie University will be brought to light this week by members of the University Community (administration, faculty and student) in an informative seminar highlighting this year's freshmen orientation.

This seminar, together with one on university services (library, health, counselling etc.) will be the two sources through which freshmen will gain the greatest amount of useful information, according to program chairman Totis Pittas.

After completing registration proceedings, new students will also be given the opportunity to tour both campuses, aided by experienced guides wearing imported Da-Glo armbands in basic black and sunburst gold, which, coincidentally, are Dal's traditional school colors.

The schedule of activities (see box) is not dissimilar from past schedules, in fact it's very similar, in fact

there's no difference, really, with a very notable exception. Throughout the week, the award-winning film, *Marat-Sade* (The *Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade*) will be shown continuously in the McInnes Room, (named after Hector McInnes, father of Donald McInnes, chairman of the Board of Governors, alleged source of much alleged graft and alleged corruption).

Among the groups responsible for organizing the week's program is the Lunenburg Town Council, whose efforts ensured that, in the tradition of all good orientations, the Annual Lunenburg Drunk will once again take place. Earlier in the year, the orientation committee had decided to cancel this year's trip because buses are too ex-

pensive.

However, when news of this decision reached the good people of Lunenburg, the mayor of the town urged the committee to reconsider, and through co-operative effort a special train was arranged for the trip. Furthermore, in a goodwill gesture demonstrating its sincerity, the town council passed a resolution designating Sept. 17 "Dalhouse Day" in honour of the many fine upstanding young men and women who will be there to take in the Fisheries Exhibition.

The climax of this year's orientation program will be a concert Friday by well-known Canadian pianist Leonard Cohen. This will be his first performance in the part of the world and organizers expect considerable attendance.

Information on any aspect of this week's activities may be obtained from any of the guides, Student Council members, or at the Orientation Booth in the SUB lobby.

CANCELLED

PROGRAM:

Sunday, September 13 - Open house and welcoming party at residence.

Monday, September 14 - Registration (all day); Society events (evening).

Tuesday, September 15 - Registration (all day); Society events (evening); McInnes Room - Continuous movie (Marat Sade) FREE.

Wednesday, September 16 - Morning - President's address - seminar and tours of University (address - Dr. Henry D. Hicks); Afternoon - (Council Winstanley & Campbell - City Project); Evening - Out door chicken barbecue (Beaver Foods), price and location to be announced.

Thursday, September 17 - Trip to Lunenburg - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Price \$6.00, this includes lunch, transportation, program and admission to Fisheries Exhibition. Also, Evening - McInnes Room, SUB continuous movie (Marat Sade).

Friday, September 18 - All Day - Seminars and tours of the University. Evening - Cafeteria Dance 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. Don Warner Orchestra (Bar). Dance McInnes Room 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. (International Rock Group - Peter Law & The Sound of the Pacific). Price \$150.

Saturday, September 19 - Shinarama - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Concert - Rink 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Leonard Cohen); Price: \$2.25, \$3.25 & \$4.25; Dance in the McInnes Room starting at 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m. - Peter Law & the Pacific Showband Price: \$1.50.

Homeless students roam streets

by Dorothy Wigmore

As you crawl into your warm bed tonight, 600 of your fellow Dalhousie students will be out searching for a place to stay. Many will be forced to

accept low-quality, high-cost housing just to have a roof over their heads.

As has happened every September for the past few years, there is an acute housing shortage.

No new university

residences have been constructed since 1967, although since that date, enrollment has increased 63%.

Landlords, aware of the extremely low apartment vacancy rate in Halifax (the country's lowest at .04%),

have skyrocketed prices often beyond the means of students. Each September brings another increase.

The saturation point has been reached in the Halifax area, forcing many students to live in Dartmouth, where rents are about \$30 per month cheaper.

By elimination, students are living in poor quarters, often hastily reconverted or subdivided from regular houses. For example one place listed with the accommodations office has six students in two rooms charging each \$9 a week.

The Student's Union and the administration have both taken stop-gap measures to attempt to alleviate the crisis.

The Student's Union has set up a two route bus system to Dartmouth and Mount Saint Vincent University. They will both be running from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. hourly, arriving in time for 8:30 classes. Passes are being sold for \$30 a term in the Dalhousie Student's Council Office or the Business Office at MSV.

The Dartmouth route will

start at Saint Mary's University, to the Dal SUB, Tech, Scotia Square, major apartment developments in Dartmouth and to the Dartmouth Shopping Centre. There will be a special stretch route in the morning and evening going further east in Dartmouth.

The Mount Saint Vincent route will link up the Dal SUB, Holy Heart Seminary, Saint Theresa's Convent, Halifax Shopping Centre, Fairview, Lacewood Apartments, Clayton Park and MSV.

A scheme is jointly subsidized by the Dal Student Union and Mount Saint Vincent University, and is operated by Dal. Saint Mary's will subsidize its students using the system, and Dal will subsidize students from Holy Heart and Saint Theresa's who use it. Seven major Dartmouth landlords have agreed to kick back \$5 per apartment unit whose occupants use the bus scheme.

For its part the administration made an at-



... Unfortunately, there are 1970 Dalhousie Graduates still seeking employment. Many of these graduates did not know that the time to look for a job is between September and February of their graduating year. Many did not know that National firms have recruiters on campus during these months. Some of the unemployed graduates did not know that there is a Canada Manpower Centre on campus, (4th. floor S.U.B.) which provides a placement service to Dalhousie University students.

Now that you know, come and see us -- if you're not a graduating student, and if you are interested in part-time or summer employment, you should also come to see us.

At any rate keep watching this space for a weekly list of which firms are on campus.

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