

REGAN SLAPS SEPARATISTS

By BRUCE GILLIS
Nova Scotia Liberal leader Gerald Regan turned thumbs down on the proposals of Quebec separatists on Thursday.

Addressing the Law Society in the Weldon Building, he gave a short speech and then fielded the questions, covering a wide variety of topics, thrown to him from the students.

He based his stand against separatism for Quebec on legal and economical aspects. Lamenting that in the current dialogue on this subject most of the initiative has come from Quebec,

and most of the answers from Ontario. He claimed that "There is a Nova Scotian point of view and that our province has been left out of the discussion."

"There was a feeling among the original confederation provinces that they were uniting in perpetuity. We have a vested interest in Canada. Our economics have been shaped irrevocably by our alliance. If our country were to break up we would be left with a tremendous problem of readjustment. From a provincial point of view, for any province to withdraw without full approval

would do an unthinkable injustice to the other provinces. So no province can legally withdraw."

"Those who say they will withdraw must remember that the country must acquiesce as a whole, or they must forcefully abrogate the federal government's power. Even in 1873, when there was a cessational movement in Nova Scotia, it was recognized that a constitutional change was required. It is difficult to feel that any one party could unilaterally withdraw from Confederation."

On electoral reform he chastised the "tendency for radio and television stations, which have a franchise from the government, to profiteer off political parties at election time - to charge rates that are higher, not lower, than normal."

Asked about possible successors to Prime Minister Pearson, he claimed that Mr. Pearson "is better at achieving national unity than any other man on the horizon, in either party, at the moment." He did cite Allan MacEachen, John Turner, and Mitchell Sharp as possible successors.

CONSERVATIVES COMPLACENT

Mr. Regan was very optimistic on the position of the Liberal opposition in Nova Scotia. Admitting that "we were clobbered" in the last election in terms of constituencies and seats, he preferred to consider the results in terms of popular vote. He noted that the Conservative government dipped from 56 per cent in the previous election to 52 per cent in 1967. "The Conservatives are twelve years older and twelve years more complacent" than when they took over in 1955.

"No area in Nova Scotia is always 'safe seats' for any one party. There is no constituency that has been held consistently by one party in this century. The Liberals made sizable gains in 35 out of 46 seats in the last election." He claimed that this represented a growing trend.

He does not intend to press for an immediate election. Although he claimed that the mandate of the present government was very questionable, it would not be in the best interests of the public. The necessity of a new election can be seen when the legislature is called together and the legislation is presented. He hopes to provide a pattern of opposition whereby "we will present legislation ourselves which is necessary as long as it does not require government funds".

He stated his opposition to the Fulton-Favreau formula and to the two-nation theory "no matter how you interpret the word in the two languages".

He claimed that the two most pressing problems in Nova Scotia were the lack of adequate housing, (and the poor showing of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission in this area) and the "almost unbearable burden of property tax" in many municipalities.

When asked his position on maritime union he challenged anyone to show him the advantages would offset the dislocations involved. "Three voices at federal - provincial conferences would be more effective than one voice from a still rather small province" in expressing the region's requirements and desires.

Computer Course

Two six week courses in Computer programming are being offered at Dal.

These courses are open to graduate students, all academic and technical staff, and all undergraduates except freshmen. The first course will be held every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will last from October 5th to November 9th. Classes will be held in the Chemistry Building, Room 436.

Those interested are asked to contact Dr. J. Lions, Director, Dalhousie Computer Centre, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

IS DALHOUSIE DEAD... OR MERELY DYING?

By BRUCE GILLIS, DAVE WILSON AND ETHEL KESTMAN
It is a common contention that Dalhousie is an apathetic University. Everybody complains about it but nobody ever does anything about it. The big question is, "why?" and in the final analysis, what can be done about it?



STUDENT COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT DIANE ALEXANDER

At present it does not look as if anybody wants to do anything about it. Whenever anyone is asked, a shrug of the shoulders is the usual reaction.

You might say that this is just a vicious circle, that if the students don't care, then nothing can be done, and that the only way to relieve it is for the students themselves to develop interest.

This is the attitude known so commonly among politicians, administrators, teachers, and student leaders and termed affectionately "passing the buck". It is always easy to shift the blame on someone else.

But there are people on this campus whose responsibility in this regard cannot be denied. And these people are doing nothing. They are, of course, the elected members of the student's council.

It is obvious that if apathy is so widespread, someone has to start the ball rolling and who else but these people are in a position to do so.

NEED CAMPUS HEADS

As an example, there are presently seven campus organizations looking for heads or presidents. These positions have been vacant since last March. Now that seems to be an awfully long time for a university of this calibre to sit and wait for someone to drop into the positions like manna from Heaven. And it would not be so bad if the people required were not rather important to the student body. But when at this time of year, we do not even have an editor for our yearbook, a chairman for our Winter carnival, a head of our photography department, a president of our debating society, there's obviously someone falling down on their job. And it can not be blamed on the student body at large!

Approached on this subject, council members are quick to throw their hands in the air, and claim "What can we do? We've advertised since last March but we don't get any response. The students aren't interested. No one wants to take on the responsibility." And with a shrug of unmistakable despair they resign themselves to what seems to be a high probability of no winter carnival, no yearbook, and nobody gives a damn.

To find out just what the problem was the Gazette went to Council Vice-President Diane Alexander, and asked her in particular about the lack of response

GAZETTE: "What is the main function of the publicity office?"
Here Mr. Brown picked up a copy of the Dal-O-Gram and stated that it was all right there in the first issue (He generously gave it to the interviewer so he could copy it down.)

GAZETTE: How does the news get into the Dal-O-Gram?

DOUG: "There are several methods; the first is the most widely used and it consists of people coming in, filling out forms with the information they wish to be circulated, and this office published it. The others are the University Information Service which sends us newsworthy items, and asking questions myself to find our what is happening."

GAZETTE: "How do you print the Dal-O-Gram and distribute them?"

DOUG: "We have the use of Council's mimeograph machine to print them, and I distribute most of them myself."

GAZETTE: "In your opinion do you think there is enough information?"

DOUG: "If we know about it, and if we consider that it is important we put it in the Dal-O-Gram."

GAZETTE: "What is important and who judges if it is?"

DOUG: "We are the final judges of what is important." Generally, any departmental lectures which may be of interest, all meetings, films anywhere, and anything we can pick up from posters."

GAZETTE: "Do you think the publicity office has enough power to effectively carry out its role?"

DOUG: "It's not a question of power as our role here at Dalhousie is mainly to do with internal advertising and supplying the wherewithal for others to do the same. We do exercise control over the space a group may have, but this is the only power we have."

GAZETTE: "What is the optimum number of staff you would like to see?"

DOUG: "Right now about fifteen would suit my purposes admirably."

All information which hopes to reach the students must go through this office, and it did not seem to matter too much to Brown whether the PUB was effectively doing its job or not. Maybe it is just that no one has ever considered the possibility that it is not. But it is being considered now, and the answer is not an optimistic one.

The facts are these. Student involvement in campus activities is presently at the bare minimum necessary to keep the campus running. The Student Council Executive is apparently using all available means to try to improve the situation without much result. The students themselves are extremely critical of these means, and the PUB is the chief obstacle.

It is not completely the fault of the PUB. It is set up, supported and controlled by the Students Council. It should therefore be the responsibility of the Council to improve any deficiencies in the existing system. In his campaign for President of the Council last year, Dennis Ashworth stated, "I think we've sacrificed communication for efficiency long enough." He couldn't have been more right. But so far what has been done?

ANY ANSWERS?

You might ask what CAN be done. Obviously small adjustments and changes are not going to have a lasting effect. Perhaps it would help to have the Dal-O-Gram published every day. It would have to be distributed early each morning and would probably be a big improvement if run well.

But there is a better idea which would no doubt take a lot longer to effect but which would be a real accomplishment for our Council. Dalhousie is the only University of its size in Canada which does not have a daily newspaper. In its present form the Gazette cannot possibly be a newspaper in the true sense of the word. The existing deadlines require that most of the news, which does not reach the students until Thursday or Friday

day is already four or five days old. So the paper is of necessity mainly a collection of features and very general news, which can be compiled and put together in some form of interest to the students.

A daily paper would solve all the advertising problems of the campus. Events could be publicized well in advance with follow up articles as the date approached. A column could be established listing all the events of the day for all the campus clubs and societies -- much like the Dal-O-Gram. News could be covered day by day so that the students would have a reason to read the paper to find out what has been happening. Anyone who has attended a college which has a daily paper will realize how much more effective it is.

It's worth considering. A few bulletin boards full of posters and a Dal-O-Gram a couple of times a week is not good enough and this would present one answer -- one that has been found effective on other campuses. And until such time as it could be brought to reality, how about a Dal-O-Gram every day. It will mean more work for the PUB staff, but if it is necessary a bigger staff would lighten the work load.

Or is it too much to try to effect some change in the present system? A sign outside the PUB office on Saturday said "Tomorrow cancelled due to lack of interest". Maybe they like it that way.



PUB CHAIRMAN BROWN (Photo Brian Miller)

EDITOR ARRESTED

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The RCMP committed a serious breach of civil liberties and freedom of the press, according to Tony Seed, an underground press editor.

Seed, editor of the Canadian Free Press, and a former Carleton student, made the charge today after his arrest last Sunday on a narcotics charge.

RCMP officers entered his apartment after dawn Sunday morning. They arrested Seed, and confiscated personal correspondence as well as photos and editorial copy from the files of the Canadian Free Press.

They apparently had a "blanket" search warrant which allows them to enter anywhere at any time if they suspect they will find narcotics.

Jack Neelin, another resident of the apartment, said he overheard one of the RCMP officers say "make sure you get the pictures," as they searched through the newspaper's files.

The pictures, Seed claims, showed the RCMP making an arrest on the Sparks Street mall, a meeting place for the city's hippies.

A list of items taken from the apartment was not provided, and none has as yet been returned.

Evidence for the narcotics charge was a hooka pipe alleged to contain marijuana.

Seed contends the pipe contained only tobacco and aspirin, a mixture he had heard caused "highness."

"It's only good journalism to try it out before we pass the information on to our readers," he said.

Seed was freed Monday on \$300 bail.

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a hip advertisement, maybe.

once upon a time Lapinette noticed a sign which exhorted hippies to congregate in a local greensward called a park. "well" she sighed as she checked out her figure, "perhaps semi-hippies will be acceptable, too."

and she was, of course, the fact that she had snapdragons taped to her ears may have had some thing to do with it, hippies being somewhat flower-oriented.

and so she hopped around and met other hippies, gaining for herself the reputation of being the hoppiest hippy (if not the hippiest hopper), but just then she dropped her True Chequing Account chequebook.

disaster strikes.

gads, what a bad play that was.

the grand hippydragon was very upset. "we don't allow wealthy people to hipfiltrate," he hipplained. "but I only have two dollars in my account!" she hippleaded.

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