

# Hicks In Court

by Rick Whitby

Dr. Bruno Dumbrowski's civil suit against Henry Hicks W.A. MacKay and the Board of Governors of the University began last Wednesday with Dr. Dumbrowski taking the stand to testify on his own behalf. He cited four occasions upon which tenure was not given to him by Dalhousie. The first three occasions were at the recommendation of his department chairman and in the final instance by the defendants. He brought in further evidence of his academic excellence which included a report made for the University by Dr. MacKay (no relation to the Vice-President) of McMaster University. This report stated that if a Ph.D. program were to be introduced in the Department of classics that the two people that would be instrumental in its formation would be Dr. Dumbrowski and Dr. Segelburg, who is currently on sabbatical but will return to testify this Wednesday.

On Thursday, President Hicks was on the stand and denied Dr. Dumbrowski's charges. Friday, it was Vice-President MacKay's turn and he provided evidence that he personally questioned the other members of the Classics Dept. and decided that despite the unanimous vote of the Faculty, the members of Dumbrowski's department did not approve the action and consequently tenure was denied. MacKay was followed by Dean G. R. MacLean

who revealed more evidence pertaining to Dumbrowski's relations with his colleagues. He also presented documents pertaining to Dumbrowski's claim that he was deliberately put in an office that isolated him from the Classics Dept. consequently he received little or no office services. Furthermore, at this time MacLean brought up the charges of omission from the course guide and the telephone directory and stated that they were errors made by the printer not by his office. He stated that his secretary had kept a copy of what had gone to the printer and that Dr. Dumbrowski's name was on the lists when they were sent off to be printed. However, MacLean did not have the documents in his possession so they could not be entered as evidence until he submits them to the court.

When the trial resumes on Wednesday (November 27,) Dr. Dumbrowski's lawyer, G.H. Fitzgerald, will call Dumbrowski to the stand again along with Dr. Eric Segelburg. Following this the legal arguments, which are particularly interesting, and the summations will be presented. It will all be up to the judge then, who will weigh the facts and arguments, to decide on the issue. Of course, the case does not necessarily end with the judge's decision. Either side can appeal though no one has commented on this prospect yet.



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## P. C.'s Get Woman President

by Mary Pat MacKenzie

The weekend of Nov. 22 and 23 the Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia held its annual meeting to elect this year's executive. Sylvia Hudson became the new party president by acclamation on Sat. morning. Ms. Hudson is the first woman in Canada to hold the office for a P.C. party organization. In her speech to the delegates Ms. Hudson said that she will be a "working President" and will do her best to keep democracy safe in Nova Scotia. She stressed the need for a strong opposition in the Provincial Legislature and one way she can help achieve this aim is to ascertain that there are two strong parties in the Province.

Sylvia Hudson has been involved with the Provincial Conservatives for a long time and has proved her competence in many public arenas. The party needs some reorganization and Ms. Hudson assured the P.C. faithful that she is strong and capable enough to do what needs to be done.

The Honorable Robert L. Stanfield spoke to the convention on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Stanfield thanked the party for all the support it has given him during his 26 years in politics. He reiterated his decision to resign as federal party leader and to eventually resign from politics altogether, though he will serve as M.P. for Halifax until the next federal election, which will probably not be

before 1978. The party members were assured that the rumours of confusion and serious trouble in the Caucus were merely that - rumours unfounded on facts.

Mr. Stanfield blasted the Trudeau government for its "miserable" and miserly attitude towards the Atlantic Provinces. He stressed the need for a strong Opposition in Parliament and accused the Government of not supplying the leadership it had promised. Mr. Regan also got his share of criticism from the Opposition Leader. Mr. Stanfield pointed out the Shaheen Refinery as a "solid achievement" of the Liberal Government of Nova Scotia!

Mr. Stanfield closed his remarks with a strong plea for more hard work from the party to "face the challenge of being an effective opposition and being prepared for the next opportunity to become the government".

One of the highlights of the afternoon speeches was the welcoming poem written by Mayor Morris. Mr. Morris spoke to the assembled group in rhyme - welcoming them to Halifax and stressing his non-partisan role as Mayor of Halifax! Though he can no longer associate himself openly with the P.C. organization Mr. Morris told them how happy he was to be able to be one of them again - if only for one afternoon. Edmund Morris served as M.P. for the P.C.'s.

