

Past Intro - Dals

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During Winter Break this year, Dalhousie will once again open its doors to the public, as it has been doing bi-annually since 1965. Ten years ago Dalhousie students decided that it would be advantageous to the public to visit Dalhousie's campus and see the university in operation, the Students felt that they too would benefit from a more aware public. It was decided to make the program of opening Dal to the public bi-annually in order to allow for a complete program, yet make it as non-repetitive as possible. Since the idea has mushroomed, and its popularity has swelled with both public and potential students, and students. Each year of Intro Dal has seen more and more displays on campus and larger crowds coming to Dalhousie to see them.

In 1965 Dalhousie had its first open house, the campus doors were opened to the public through displays,

tours, and examples of life around Dal. Over 10,000 people attended, making Dalhousie's first open house an unqualified success. 1967 saw an increase in attendance as well as in the scope of activities. Visitors to Dal were able to see everything that 65's visitors had, as well as the beginning of construction of a new medical school. Talk was in the air about a new Law Building and perhaps a new library. In 1969 visitors toured a new completed Tupper, saw construction almost completed on the Weldon Law Building and the Killam Library, as well as all the buildings of the old campus. Returning visitors to 1970 Intro Dal found it hard to believe the changes made on campus, in six years Dalhousie had added the Tupper, the Weldon building, the Killam library, the Arts Centre and the new Life Sciences Centre. Attendance at Intro Dal was considered a must for local high-schoolers as well as

many parents by 1971 and swelling attendance figures give evidence of Intro Dal's popularity. In 1973 visitors saw a version of campus, much as it was in '71 and is now, but with an increased number of displays. Visitors toured laboratories with research in progress, saw mock courtroom action at the Weldon, heard lectures and saw plays and heard readings.

The year Intro Dal hopes to maintain its reputation and show the public an alive and growing campus. Students can help themselves by helping with the monumental task of making Intro Dal as much of a success as it has been in years past. An informed public is a sympathetic one, and if we at Dal wish to improve the Campus and advance as we have done in the past we need a successful Intro Dal. Watch for information about individual displays, schedules and what you as a student, can do to help improve Intro Dal.

No Good Signs for Zodiac

REGINA (CUP) -- Saskatchewan Attorney-General Roy Romanow has upheld a decision by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission that the Western Producer's refusal to print an advertisement for a Saskatoon gay organization, was not in violation of the Human Rights Code.

The Zodiac Friendship society had appealed a recent decision of the SHRC that stated they could take no

legal action against the paper under the section of the code dealing with freedom of the press because the paper had pursued no course of action designed to prevent the group from expressing its views.

In their opinion the mere refusal of an advertisement did not constitute a breach of the freedom of the press clause.

Under the regulations governing the SHRC, any

decision by the commission may be appealed to the Attorney-General who has the authority to overturn it.

Doug Hellquist, a spokesman for ZFS, indicates that the only course now left open to them is to apply for a court injunction ordering the commission to act against the paper.

ZFS is presently researching the legal aspects of such an action.

ACADIANS ORGANIZE

Once an organization is said to be representing a group of people, or a specific population, it often needs to reexamine itself in terms of who it is actually representing. It is no exception with the Federation Acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse (Acadian Federation of Nova Scotia) which speaks for 45,000 French Acadians in our province.

Funded by the Secretary of State Department since 1969, the Federation is working for the betterment and well-being of the Acadians in seven presently designated areas, one of which is the Halifax-Dartmouth region.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, a public meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1084 Tower Road, Halifax and will begin at 12:30 p.m. Federation representatives and personnel will be on hand to discuss the present objectives of the organization and the different services available to the people. This meeting will be the first of its kind to be held for Halifax and everyone will have an opportunity to express their ideas, interests, and preoccupations so that the French population of our area is better known to the Federation.

Mrs. Carmen Comeau, field worker with the Federation, who has been working in the Halifax-Dartmouth

area since a year and a half ago, will be presenting her proposed program for the coming year and much discussion is expected to follow. She states that "this meeting is being held so that the most important element, that is, people, is accentuated. The Federation, by going directly to the people and listening to what everyone has to say, can do a better job of representation and better still, of working to find ways to answer the people's needs."

"Although the Federation is often identified with those rural areas where the Acadian population constitutes a

whole community, let us not forget that we number close to 12,000 in this area and although our rights are the same, our situation is different than anywhere else. Many French-speaking people are now in Halifax because jobs and universities have brought them here and our community ties are broken down. Now is the time to let our views, known and see what the Federation has to offer."

The meeting is open to all Acadians and French-speaking individuals as well as anyone who is interested in the development of our French community.



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