

U de M students march against war

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For the 1936-37 academic year the GAZETTE renewed its policy of publishing a platform of reforms for which it would lobby. Thirteen items were listed on the front page, plus a request to "Help us nail down these planks"! The list included many holdovers from past newspapers and Councils. Construction of a Student Union Building, a student employment bureau, financial independence for DAAC and a bar of non Dalhousians from Glee Club events all made an appearance.

On October 7 the Executive and Financial Committee met for preliminary consideration of the budget. The newspaper staff wanted large raises, the major societies wanted block grants, and a severe enrolment drop and failure to reach a new agreement with King's meant there was less money than in previous years. Glee and Drama received a block grant, and DAAC received permission to vary the allocations for each sport by up to \$150 without Council approval. The band committee had not spent \$239 of its grant, and this money was withdrawn. Now only "imperative" expenses would be paid.

Dalhousie's latest tuition fee increase was a source of much discussion. Dalhousie enrolment had declined by 10 percent while other Maritime universities continued to grow. Several letters to the editor pleaded for better advertising of Dalhousie's advantages.

Student concern with the international scene was escalating. Five hundred Universite de Montreal students marched against possible Canadian involvement in a war between Germany and Britain. The newspaper interviewed several students on their choice between Moscow and Berlin as a place to live. One of the students was Henry D. Hicks of Arts & Science. He declared, "I should prefer Moscow to Berlin". Hicks explained that in Russia the standard of living was rising, whereas it was dropping in

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agreement drawn up between the Student Union and the Administration last year stipulates the Student Union must be forewarned.

The MPHEC cuts will not affect most scholarship money. President Hicks told the **Gazette** that, although he had hoped for an increase in the amount of money available for scholarships, the best Dalhousie can do is hold the line. The only scholarship monies in jeopardy are those for Graduate students, but it will be a while before something final is known.

Obviously the Administration is not pleased with the cuts in money, however President Hicks said that most of the resultant budget cuts will be directed toward what he terms "the elimination of waste and extravagance."

Regarding the possible cut in bursaries now contemplated by the provincial government, Henry Hicks felt that an unwise decision may be made. "The present system is fairly good", he told the **Gazette**, "I don't think the bursary levels in this province should be lowered."

The Student Union is attempting to contact Education Minister McAskill but by Wednesday, March 10 had failed to receive a reply. Gary Armsworthy, author of the definitive "Student Aid Report," is preparing another brief on bursary levels to be presented to the provincial government.

The question remains - Is it too late?

Germany. "If one has an eye to the future this trend is significant", advised our university president.

Students at the University of Toronto had just formed a residential co-op. This created some interest at Dalhousie, where accommodation for students had never been plentiful. Leo Landreville, whose future corruption as Mayor of Sudbury ruined his career as a judge, was a big man on campus. He was selected as president of the debating society for 1936-37.

Early in November the Council decided to call for a Board of Arbitration under the student Dalhousie-King's agreement. Less severe attempts to solve the differences had failed. Taking a hard line on scheduling of events, the Council postponed the Commerce and Engineering dances until the two organizations settled their dispute. For several years the two dances had been combined on the basis of a former Council's concern over the danger to too many dances.

The newspaper reflected a shift of Dalhousie student opinion against fascism when it ran a front page article regretting the rise of fascism in Canada. The incident that

sparked the article was then a raid on Montreal city hall by U. de Montreal students forced cancellation of a meeting with a delegation of Spanish loyalists. An editorial of Spanish loyalists. An editorial from the U. of T.'s VARSITY entitled "Montreal Moronsa" was reprinted.

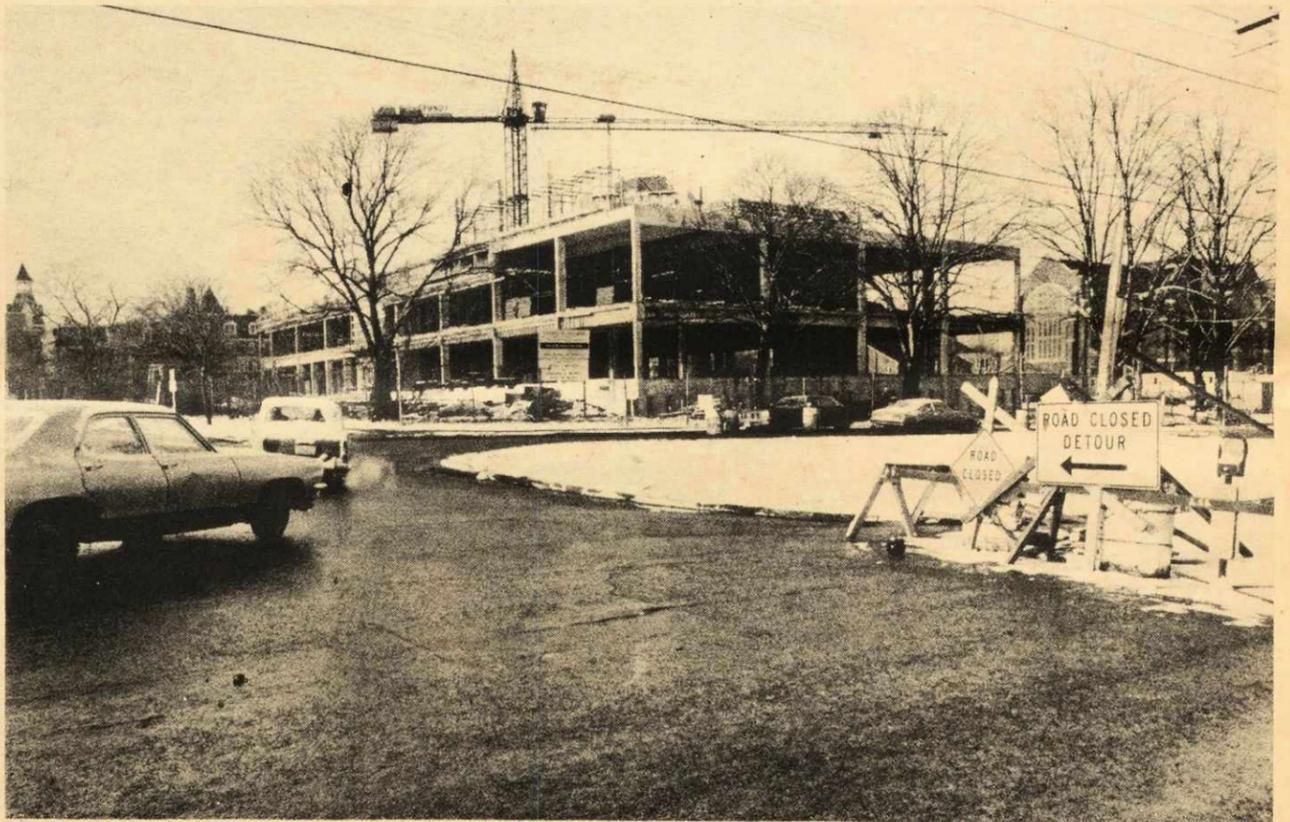
Although fascism in Canada was opposed, Dalhousie students were not as firm with fascism in Europe. The Remembrance Day editorial urged non-involvement in European War. A commentary on Italo-German designs on France and Britain concluded that, "Perhaps it would be better reasonably to acquiesce than maintain all we have".

Six weeks after the GAZETTE called for complete fiscal independence for DAAC it advocated Council control of DAAC and all other student activities. The author pointed out that DAAC had narrowly escaped abolition due to inactivity in 1932-33. This increased support of the Students' Council was most evident in the start of a series of biographies of prominent students. A new cause for the paper was reformation of the Arts & Science Society.

When the Council met late in November it received the good news that the request for a Board of Arbitration had caused King's to drop almost all demands. A new agreement had been reached. A Mr. Wancekivell proposed creation of a daily information bulletin. Council asked that he discuss the details with the executive, who would make the final decision. Several months after the fact Council dealt with Senate's refusal to collect the \$2.00 fee that students had approved. The official reason was that higher fees were inadvisable, yet the university had created a new \$5.00 library fee. Despite the lack of new revenue applications for Pharos editor were called.

The new Institute of Public Affairs inaugurated a lecture series, announcing a list of lecturers which included Charlotte Whitton, future Mayor of Ottawa, and R. B. Bennett, the former Prime Minister. The newspaper predicted a second referendum on the \$2.00 fee increase. The present lieutenant-governor received attention on page three. "We notice Clary Gosse who gained quite a reputation as a pugilist at the Med Ball".

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Construction of new Rehab Centre on University Ave. creates difficulties for pedestrians and autos.

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the cost of the project." There has been another unnecessary delay in the construction of the much needed Sports Complex and Dalhousie's image in the community has been greatly tarnished.

Dalhousie has proven its point - that it will not be contained - and the case has been closed. President Hicks has said "in another three or four years, people will be wondering what all the fuss was about".

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unity because of women being in so many different classes and religions in society.

Many complaints were voiced throughout the meeting, but a positive attitude does exist regarding future improvements in the status of women. However, it seemed somewhat ironical that one of the final comments made at the meeting was a quote from the Human Rights Bill C72, regarding insurance and pensions--"Discrimination against women is legal for a minimum of another two years".

Two awards for students

by John Hamilton

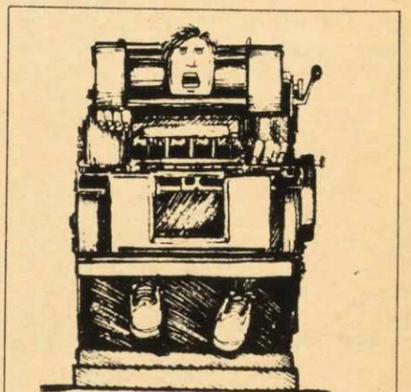
Annually, two awards are given to students who have made outstanding contributions to the life of their fellow students through participation in two or more activities related to the workings of the Student's Union, the clubs which do so much to add life to a student's career here, and various other activities such as athletics and so on.

These awards are known as the Dalhousie Honour Awards and the Malcolm Honour Award. Too often they tend to be awarded only to people who have participated in the Executive of the Student's Union, to the exclusion of other people who have done good work in other areas.

Basically, the requirements are that the student in question have worked in two or more facets of the student life here, as mentioned above, be a Dalhousie student and be nominated by two fellow students. Marks are not to be taken

into consideration.

Hopefully nominations can be made soon so that the decision as to who should receive these awards may be made before classes end. The applications, which may be picked up at the Council Office should be completed and returned to John Hamilton, Student Council Office March 18, 1976.



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