

STUDENT HOUSING

The Student Housing Service has finished a commendable job in locating and listing off-campus housing.

Compilation of lists was begun in August, spearheaded by an advertising program in newspapers and over radio. Station CJCH was particularly generous in providing free advertising time.

This drew about 400 replies with people offering room for about 700 students. These were all listed.

Dave Major operated a one-man housing commission, inspecting about fifty of the houses that were listed. He selected addresses mainly in areas which might be most likely to have sub-standard condition. Major reports that most of the rooms were "all right."

"I had very few standards by which to judge the rooms. By that I mean the difficulty of checking things like heat, draft, and humidity, in August."

Major reports that most people did tend to overstate the quality of their digs, but he adds, "but I guess that's human nature."

FOREIGN STUDENTS

Greatest housing difficulties were with foreign students, particularly in finding accommodations for colored students. Major emphasized that this is to be expected, saying that "most people who phoned in to offer rooms stated no objection to foreign students, while not appreciating that most of our foreign students are colored. Call it what you will (color) bigotry, prejudice, or just plain superstition — many people simply will not consider colored students in their homes." The one rational objection that frequently is encountered is that often foreign students, particularly from south-east Asia, prefer to cook the food they're accustomed to on hot plates and makeshift arrangements, "which can create one hell of a fire hazard, if anything."

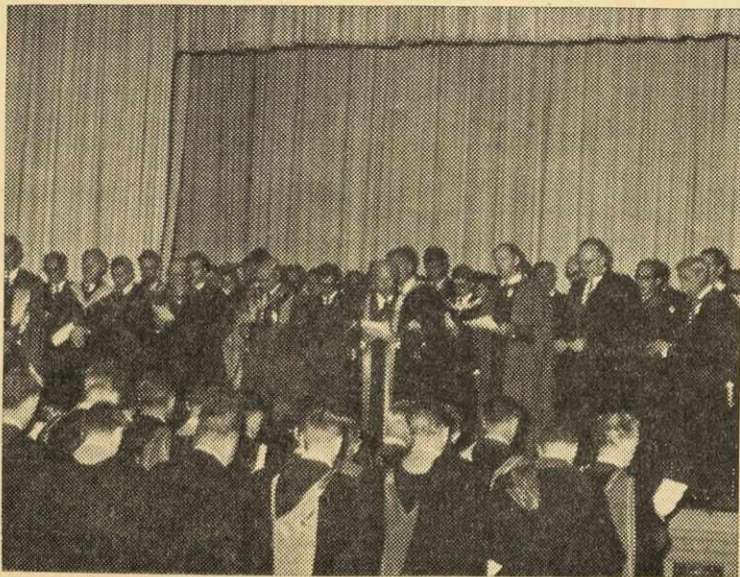
Another problem facing the foreign student is his total unpreparedness when he arrives. Major says, "You must realize he's in a strange land, with many customs which can hardly be anticipated, often working with an acquired language which he has never before had to rely on. He's in a pretty tight situation until he finds the ropes."

However, two obscure, but very active campus organizations stand ready to help the newcomers. Leyland MacLean, of the International Student Association, and Miss Brown of the Foreign Student Reception Committee must be given "tremendous credit for their efforts to take care of students until they become established. Also, much thanks this year goes to Ken Gowie who billeted many of the newcomers temporarily in the New Men's Residence while they were finding accommodation.

To help the Business Office and the Housing Committee in rating and listing accommodations in future years, Major requests that all students in "digs" fill out the following form and return it at convenience to the Gazette Office, in the Arts Annex.

FROSH WELCOMED AT CONVOCATION

BY THE JONES GIRL



"Try to place first things first. You are understandably impressed with the delightfulness of being a university student, but Dalhousie cannot afford to find places for students who are not serious about their work." So said Dr. H. D. Hicks, Dalhousie, in addressing Fall Convocation last Tuesday. This solemn assembly serves the manifold function of giving Freshmen a view of the solemn side of university ritual, the university a chance to welcome new members of the faculty, and to confer parchment of both the bread-and-butter and honorary varieties for deserving candidates. Contrasting with last year's sur-

DAL GAINS WINDFALL

Through the good offices of the Supreme Court of Canada and the generosity of a former Nova Scotian Lieutenant-Governor, Dalhousie will reap the benefits of some legal alchemy which has turned a fair-sized rockpile to gold. Dr. Hicks expressed pleasure at the Supreme Court's decision, firstly because "it vindicated his (Mr. Fraser's) stand taken under most difficult circumstances while holding office under the Crown, and secondly because the former Lieutenant-Governor called "in order to repeat a statement that he made to me many years ago before I came to Dalhousie. It was that a substantial portion of any payment made for the rock used in the causeway would be given to Dalhousie University by him. It was no more than was to be expected that such a public-spirited man as Alistair Fraser long since has shown himself to be, would so quickly repeat the assurance he had given earlier."

In 1952, Hon. Alistair Fraser, of Guysborough, had land expropriated by the Dominion government in order that the stone on it might be used in the construction of the Canso Causeway.

A long legal wrangle ensued which was concerned with the basis on which the land ought to be evaluated, and was further complicated by Mr. Fraser's subsequent assumption of a high office under the Crown.

Wednesday, the Supreme Court ruled that Mr. Fraser is entitled to recompensation of approximately \$560,000, which includes interest

sure that you can handle Christmas and end-of-year examinations first."

Dr. Hicks then introduced fifty-six new faculty members to the assembly. He pointed out that they represent a fairly privileged class, stating that "a university education is not given to many of those who have been your colleagues in years past." He urged restraint in pursuing extra-curricular activities, "particularly making

Dr. Hicks then introduced fifty-six new faculty members to the assembly. He told how the university is continually searching for new and competent faculty members, and expressed hope that the new-comers would find their time at Dal "happy and useful to them, and that Dalhousie in turn would benefit from their work here.

HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME

HOME TOWN

PRESENT HALIFAX ADDRESS

PRIVATE HOME, BOARDING HOUSE, APARTMENT?

BASICALLY, IS YOUR ROOM ADEQUATE? Comment

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WHERE DO YOU EAT? ADEQUATE?

HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR ROOM? STUDENT HOUSING SERVICE?

HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY FOR ROOM? \$..... MEAL \$.....

HOW FAR ARE YOU FROM DALHOUSIE? BLOCKS

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