

CIDA funds Dalhousie program

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Canada's first CIDA grant to a university program has been awarded to Dalhousie's office of International Students. CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) will fund the new program until the end of July. Meanwhile, workshops, film series and lectures will aim to educate the Dalhousie / Halifax community about international issues. International development and the role and activities of non-governmental organizations such as OXFAM and Amnesty International will be the focus of the workshops and panel discussions / public lectures for the next two months at least.

Nearly 800 international students on campus will be involved in the project, as speakers and resource persons. "We hope that our overseas students will take this opportunity to get involved in their new community. We've found that students suffer less from alienation and loneliness when they get involved in outside activities," said Students Co-ordinator George Adolf.

In an effort to involve as many members of the Halifax community as possible, the program will establish contacts with various community groups such as churches, women's groups, service clubs and business and professional organizations. A bi-

weekly cablevision show is also planned. "We will cooperate rather than compete with the Education Centre at SMU," Adolf added.

A film, an essay contest and a "Read-a-Thon" are being planned in conjunction with UNICEF to involve school children in the International Year of the Child. The participants in these various projects will be brought together later this spring when a special three-day event, "Three Days for International Development" will be held.

The first event on campus will be a panel discussion on February 9 entitled 'Development by whom, development for what?'. Dr. Swainson of African Studies and Dr. Pinfold of Economics will be the speakers, at 8 o'clock in the MacAloney Room of the Arts Centre. On February 14, the NFB movie "Club of Rome" will be shown and on February 16 Dr. Sinclair and Dr. Patton will speak on "The new International Economic Order" (time and place to be announced).

In addition to organizing the new program, Dal's Overseas Student Co-ordinator is responsible for the welfare of foreign students on campus. He ensures that Visas are on time, that some form of medical insurance can be arranged and gives both academic and social advice. The Christmas exchange program which was organized this year

enabled overseas students to have Christmas dinner with a Canadian family. "Volunteers far exceeded the demand and it was a success," Adolf said. The International Students

Association is also involved with the Office, mainly as a co-ordinator for orientation and social activities. They plan to be involved in the new program as well. "This is a

special chance and we plan to involve as much as the community as we can, to make the idea work so that it will continue," Adolf concluded.

At the Mount

Only men run for Prez

HALIFAX (CUP)—At Mount Saint Vincent University where women make up 92% of the student population, two men are running for the position of student union president.

University president Margaret Fulton said she is "appalled" with the situation. She said the immediate reason it happened was because there were no students

on council who had the experience to run for president. The other council seats are being contested by females only.

"The long range problem, however, is the basic problem that is evident throughout society that when women have to compete with men they invariably back off, due to the socialization process, and

let the men take senior positions." It goes right back to the kind of socialization process that tells women they should take the back seat", she said.

Present student union president Diane Wright said she didn't see anything dramatically wrong with the absence of a female candidate, although she feels it acts as a poor commentary on the interest taken in the university.

Frank Moran, one of the candidates said he felt he was able to project an excellent image of the student body and the university, as well "as anything in a skirt."

Most students on campus appear not to be bothered by the situation. Many see it as a swinging of the pendulum out of the dark ages and into the light of the fast approaching 80's. They think such a move may be the first step towards relaxing some of the school's tight residence rules, as well as the recognition of the Mount as a fully co-educational institution.



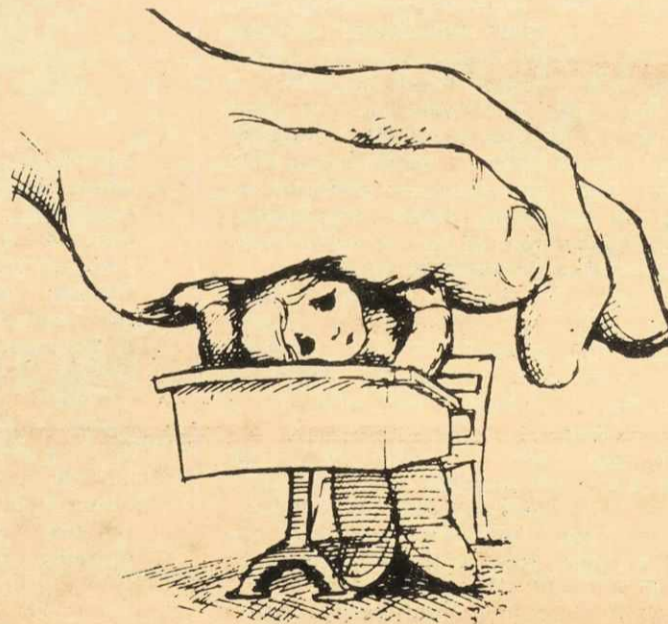
"No, I don't think success makes a woman masculine, professor. — Did yours make you feminine?"
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