

Housing for married students

Plan start on million-dollar low-cost co-op next January

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September 28 the first step will be taken towards providing low cost housing for married university students in Halifax. Peter Green, a Dalhousie law student, is hoping to provide facilities for up to 150 couples in a student co-op.

The co-op is to be student owned. It will be run by a Board of Directors composed of students, perhaps a faculty member, and others subject to the approval of the owners.

Located within a half mile radius of the campus, Green said the new building will provide "for married students comfortable accommodation along with some services that could not otherwise be provided (study areas, nursery, etc.)."

The first co-op is to cost about \$1,000,000 and is to be constructed of the finest materials available, according to Green. Cost of such features as study halls or a small study in each apartment is to be offset by lower advertising costs since the co-op will have access to the Student Housing Service, volunteer assistance of interested students, and a built-in clientele.

Until it is established, rents will only be slightly below those of commercial apartment buildings.

Although plans have not yet been finalized it is expected that

the high-rise building will consist of one and two bedroom apartments, a staffed nursery for children, a laundromat, and perhaps a small store should zoning laws so permit.

Green is hopeful that the co-op will organize activities within the building itself (i.e. a lecture series or an art course).

The first phase should be started by January, 1966 and completed by the fall session.

Phase two, to be started within five years, will accommodate single students. Green speculates they will start with old houses, renovate them, charge a reasonable rent and have the profits (if any) re-invested to pay for a down-payment on another house.

The idea of a co-op remained only as a dream until the federal government recently changed the law on lending money to student residences. They are now eligible for 90 per cent of the mortgage from Central Mortgage and Housing.

The first avenue explored for the remaining 10 per cent was the established co-op movement (campus co-op of residences incorporated). The Student Council, who have reserves, may also be approached.

Green said the timing is right for a second reason: "Dalhousie has moved into summer school courses in a fairly

big way. The number of summer school students along with visiting faculty should prove to be large enough to enable the apartments to be occupied on an all-year-round basis."

During the summer Howard Adelman who has been active in similar schemes in other parts of Canada (University of Toronto) approached Green. Since that time Green and his associates have visited Halifax Planning Board, the Dalhousie administration and local businessmen, acquainting them with the proposals and laying preliminary foundations for the project.

Green said he is optimistic that if they can "overcome the difficult hurdles ahead" and get the building set up the operational features will be such that they can compete with private developers.

Halifax's co-op residence would be the first new one in Eastern Canada providing "good facilities conducive to pleasant living and study in Halifax," said Green.

An organizational meeting will be held in Room 21 of the Arts and Administration building, Sept. 28 at 5 p.m.

All married students are urged by Green to attend and participate in this first co-op venture. The meeting is open to ALL married college students in Halifax.

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Carnival czar quits

By TERRY MORLEY
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Frank Hennigar has resigned as Winter Carnival boss. In a letter to Robbie Shaw he said that academic pressure was partially responsible for this decision. He also intimated that there was some disagreement between himself and several members of the Council over the format of this year's Carnival.

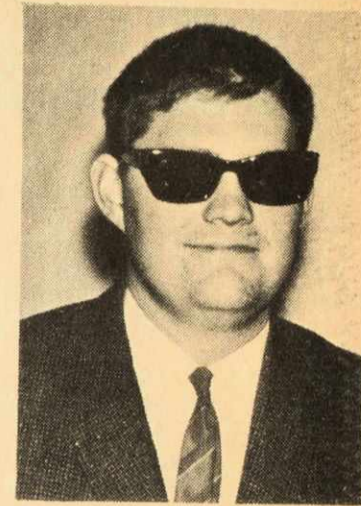
According to Mike Lushington, a top Carnival staffer, the resignation came after a number of people had told Hennigar that the Carnival had to be scaled down from his original ideas. Among those who spoke this way were Liz Campbell, Vice President of the Student's Union, and Bob Murphy from St. Mary's who is Chairman of the Halifax Winter Carnival Board of Directors.

Murphy told the Gazette that he didn't see "that what had been planned for Carnival so far coincides with either of the (Carnival) motions of either Student Council. The Dalhousie Council declared last year that it "accepts the concepts of an inter-university Winter Carnival and empowers the Winter Carnival Chairman to set up with such other universities as wish to participate, a steering committee to establish a program for Carnival, which may include such non-university events as may prove feasible." The St. Mary's motion was almost identical.

Murphy continued that it was felt by the St. Mary's Council that the non-university events should have some definite relation to university students. He stated that some of the "tentative events" proposed by Hennigar "were not aimed at university students." He specifically mentioned "high school hockey" and a "country and western show" which he claimed was "specifically aimed at people of the city."

Similar opinions were also expressed by Campbell during a session in the Carnival office. Lushington said that he believed that these comments might have been taken by Hennigar to be official Council policy. When questioned on this point Shaw stated that "it would be foolish to interpret the remarks of one officer as those of the whole Council." He said that "Liz has personal opinions but they are not necessarily those of the Council."

Shaw went on to more clearly define the differences over the Carnival program which Hennigar alluded to in his letter. He stated that "some members of the Council feel that Carnival should



be limited to activities of specific interest to the students and centered on the campus." However Frank's concept "included participation of all the citizens in Halifax and naturally the two concepts came into collision. He said he felt it "unfortunate that Frank did not discuss the question with the Council."

Lushington said that he hoped to have "the whole goddam thing out in the open." He said he was planning to resign in support of Hennigar. Similar statements of impending resignation were also made by other members of the Carnival staff.

Meanwhile both Shaw and Campbell agreed with Murphy's statement about the "high school hockey" and the "country and western show" and both said that they had some ideas about a new Carnival Chief.

Throughout the whole of the day he submitted his resignation Hennigar was unavailable for comment.

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Prime Minister Pearson talks with Canadian Union of Students spokesmen about plans to get names on electoral lists at campuses. Middle is Richard Good, Winnipeg, vice-president. Right is Patrick Kenniff, Montreal, president.

Racial discrimination "acute" problem - Shaw

By TIMOTHY FOLEY
News Editor

Racial discrimination and lack of accommodations in Halifax is producing an "acute" student housing problem, Robbie Shaw, student union president told council Tuesday.

Shaw reported an "alarming" increase this year in the number of landlords that refused to rent to foreign students.

He estimated the number of landlords that refused to sign a student-housing form, agreeing to accept students regardless of race or creed, had jumped from 9 to 17 per cent.

"The problem is very acute," Shaw said. "We have to do something, and do it quickly."

He estimated of some 50 students still looking for housing "a majority are foreign."

Dal law students, Shaw said, are considering taking the discrimination issue before the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

He said the chief obstacle was finding white and colored persons willing to collaborate in a test case.

Ming Tan, president of the International Students Association, said Wednesday he believes discrimination in student housing is not as bad this year as in the past.

He said years ago when colored students called landlords it was common to be asked what color their skin was.

"If the student replied he was colored," said Tan, "he was told that there was no accommodations available."

Shaw told council the basic problem in student housing was a lack of suitable accommodations in the city.

"Anyone who finds an apartment in Halifax is indeed fortunate," he said.

Shaw said he believed one step toward alleviating the student housing shortage would be construction of student co-ops. (A full article on a proposed student co-op for Halifax appears in this issue of the Gazette.)

Earlier in the council meeting Dr. Mel Heit, former graduate student representative, reported that Dalhousie president Henry Hicks told him a start will be made on new wings for Shirreff Hall and Dal men's residence by the Fall of 1966.

Heit also said the president promised to discuss the crisis in student housing with the executive of the university senate at the earliest opportunity.

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No legal answer Students won't be voting; our case all but hopeless

By TIMOTHY FOLEY
News Editor

With time running out it looks as if there will be no answer to the legal difficulties preventing between 20,000 to 30,000 university students voting in the Nov. 8 federal election.

Chief Electoral Officer Nelson Castonguay, Prime Minister Pearson and several legal authorities have advised student representatives the case is all but hopeless.

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This flurry of legal maneuvering and lobbying has brought the students involved back to the point they were September 16 when Pearson washed his hands of the matter.

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-students who are living in the same polling district for at least the second consecutive school year

-students who did not live with their families during the summer

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students would be able to vote in their university constituencies provided they were willing to swear that the university was now their normal place of residence. They would have to claim that they were not planning to return to a previous home following the university year.

For the benefit of students who have to travel home to vote, the Progressive Conservative Student Federation has announced its intention to provide free rides on election day up to a 200-mile radius from each university.

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Council round-up

Gladwin heads Dal travel bureau

The Dalhousie Travel Bureau is now under the direction of Don Gladwin, president of Dal Commerce Society. Its main project is to provide reduced air fares to major cities at Christmas and at the end of the year.

The Council felt that some student society should manage it instead of individuals so that the profits derived could be reinvested in students' activities.

A booklet compiled with the co-operation of Mather's Travel Agency is soon to be printed. It will acquaint the students with the cities on the agenda and the fares to be charged.

This year's freshmen orientation program was "a qualified success from several angles" says Mr. Robert Shaw, Council President.

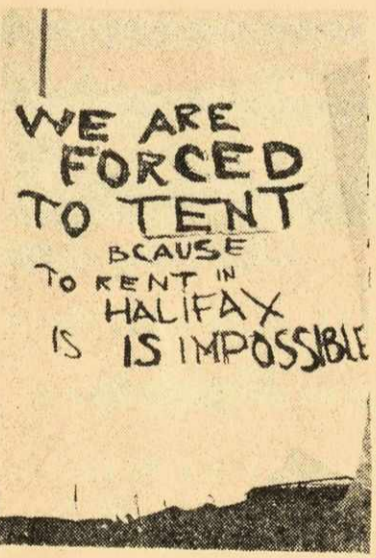
The participation of freshmen was the largest in recent years and a possible financial loss was avoided due to the overwhelming success of the Jubilee Singers.

However, "organization left much to be desired". In order to prevent this situation in future years evaluation sheets are being distributed to the freshmen asking for concrete suggestions for the future.

The old form of the Dal Ad Bureau has been abolished. Previously the business managers of Pharos and the Gazette each received a four per cent commission and the Commerce Society two per cent.

It was found that no concerted effort for soliciting advertising organizations other than their own was made (i.e. D.G.D.S. Student Handbook etc.). Also no accurate method of compiling records was available.

Now every business manager is responsible directly to Council. It is hoped that this step will alleviate auditing problems and increase efficiency.



Forced to tent claim two students who are camped this week on the Armdale Rotary. As the sign painted on their pup tent indicates, the rent in Halifax rooming establishments is beyond their means.

Answer to free education U.B.C. McGill to withhold second term tuition fees

By Canadian University Press

VANCOUVER — Large numbers of University of British Columbia students are holding back payment of their second term fees.

Bob Cruise, vice president of the UBC alma mater society, said last week the protest organized by the council was a success.

"It was the idea of protest rather than whether some students paid the whole fee that was important," he said.

An accounting office spokesman stated, however, that last year with no protest less than 25 per cent of students paid the full fee in September.

Mr. Cruise said the withholding of second term fees is only the first in a series of protests planned for this year.

This week the council will hold a teach-in on fees with student, faculty and community speakers.

Mr. Cruise who is head of the council's fee fight committee said his committee is working with the Canadian Union of Students

toward the elimination of tuition fees at all Canadian universities.

MONTREAL — Dr. H. Locke Robertson principal of McGill University today called steps taken by the McGill student union to combat a one hundred dollar fee increase "unpleasant and hazardous."

He was referring to an appeal by Sharon Sholzberg the union president that students pay their fees in two instalments.

The request was made so that negotiations to fight the fee increase of last March at McGill can continue.

If no solution is found to the fee problem by January, students will be asked to withhold \$100 from the payment of the second instalment.

Dr. Robertson charged that the union was talking unfair advantage of the administrations removal this year of the five dollars extra charge for paying fees in two instalments.

He said he found the union's tactic dangerous because it advised students to deliberately disobey the university regulation demanding the payment of both instalments.

Miss Sholzberg, referring to last week's campaign, stated: "Most students have paid their fees in two instalments and are in a position to resist the fee increase."

Pickets had been stationed at various points on the McGill campus to acquaint freshmen with the situation.

The McGill delegation led the free-education forces at the recent congress of the Canadian Union of Students.

The CUS motion demanding free education with the elimination of tuition fees as the first step was moved by McGill. The resolution in favor of a national student day of action to dramatize this demand was strongly supported by McGill.

CUS President Patrick Kenniff has announced that the national day will be October 27 with each campus planning its own contribution.

Teach-in planned

A teach-in on "Revolution and Response" will be held at Dalhousie on Thanksgiving weekend.

The teach-in will be part of a nation wide radio hook-up from the University of Toronto and will be held on October 9 and 10 in the Dunn Physics theatre.

The University of Toronto has obtained top flight speakers from the U.S. State department, the U.N. Secretariat, and heads of government from some African States. There is some indication that a member of the Viet Cong may participate.

At certain times in the Dalhousie program local people will replace the radio broadcast. As yet the full program has not been completely determined.

Aitchison Viet Nam

Professor J.H. Aitchison, head of the political science department has organized a weekly "topical hour" at which international events of the preceding week will be discussed.

The "topical hour", primarily for students of international politics but open to all members of Dalhousie's academic community, who are invited to attend and take part in the discussions, will be held at 2:30 every Friday afternoon in Room 217 of the Arts and Administration Building.



Choose Freshette Queen. President Hicks congratulates Betty McLeod, freshette Queen.