

## Where have all the students gone?

By SEAN O'MALLEY

Despite an increase in applications to Dalhousie this year, first year enrollment is down significantly.

According to figures released by the registrar's office, enrollment for first year students in Bachelor of Arts and Sciences programmes is down 5.5 percent this year over last, although the number of applications for first year increased almost six percent.

Professor J.R. Baxter, chair of the academic admissions committee, says the committee was not given any directives to raise admission standards this year.

"We don't have any quotas. In the past we have investigated the possibility of raising standards but we haven't done that," says Baxter.

Although figures on applications are available for 1983, figures on offers of admission sent out are not, making it impossible to deter-

mine whether there was a change in the percentage accepted this year over last year.

Baxter says he can't account for the decrease in enrollment, but he says more graduate students were accepted this year but fewer decided to attend. He says perhaps this is the case with first year students in the undergraduate programs.

Arnold Tingley of the registrar's office says there is another possible explanation.

"It's my perception that the standards haven't changed, but the academic committee has been tougher on special cases. For example, there were more people denied permission to repeat their first year after having failed a year than in the past," he said. "This year the perception is we have more students than we can handle."

Whatever the reasons may be, fewer students are deciding to begin their university education at Dalhousie. □

## Enumerators ask students all the wrong questions

By T. A. THOMPSON

An obscure notice posted in the Fenwick lobby said a "special enumeration" was to be set up on Friday, Oct. 19.

The special enumeration is for the many students who had been missed, or told they couldn't vote, by enumerators during initial enumeration.

Caroline Zayid, vice president external, says enumerators had already been through Fenwick Towers, but with nine apartments

on every floor, very few students had actually been enumerated.

"We felt not enough people had been caught," said Zayid. Jan Irving, Fenwick's Housing Accommodation Officer, says she knew nothing about the "special enumeration."

"They [the elections office] are supposed to let us know," said Irving.

Alex Gigeroff, Dalhousie Student Union president says the relationship between the DSU and Arthur Hare, the election returning officer for Halifax Cornwallis, is

## Preparing for peace

By PETER BESSEAU

Beginning Monday, Dalhousie is hosting a lecture series—"Preparing for Peace". The lectures will be delivered by a group of Soviet scholars and professionals who have been invited here by the Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU).

Three of their eleven days in the Maritimes will be spent at Dalhousie where they will address the medical, environmental and economic implications of nuclear war, as well as the present dangers of arms proliferation to the economies and well-being of societies both east and west.

The Soviet contingent includes Dr. V.I. Dobrinkov, president of Moscow University and Dr. M.I. Kuzin, head of surgical research in Moscow and a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, an international group that opposes the arms race.

After arrival the group will "hole up" at the Atlantic Christian Training Centre in Tatamagouche with 50 representatives from maritime campuses. Here they plan to dis-

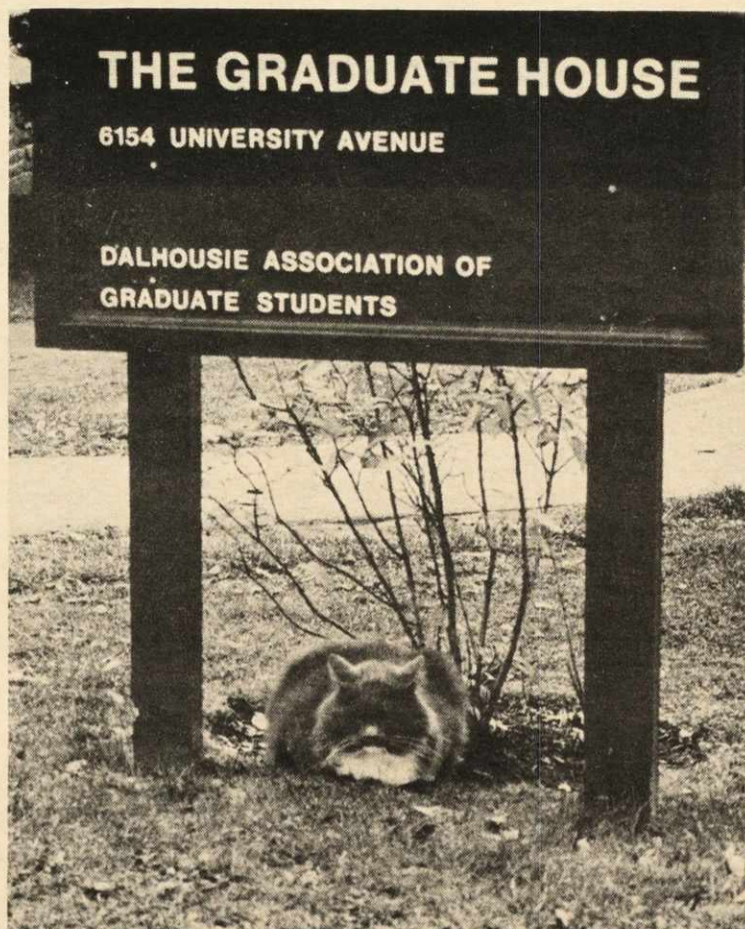
cuss, in a relaxed setting, the causes of, and possible solutions to the arms race.

The lecture series is designed to accommodate a number of problem areas such as environment and medicine in the nuclear age. Scenarios of a post-nuclear-war society will be discussed at the first public lecture of the series on Monday night by Dr. Kuzin. The lecture is entitled "Arms of Mass Destruction and the Human Organism".

While very large and very real differences exist politically and ideologically between east and west, organizers hope that the discussions will transcend politics of any persuasion so that the problems of a nuclear world can be focussed upon and dealt with objectively.

"We prefer not to go into ideology, of Capitalist system or Communist system, but just find some common ground," says Pat Copeland, public relations spokesperson for AAU.

The second of two public lectures will be delivered Tuesday night by Dr. Dobrinkov on "The Movement for Peace in the USSR". □



This cat may look like she's sleeping but she's actually awaiting the visit of Mary Daly and her two beautiful feline companions, Ms. Wild Cat and her sister/friend Ms. Wild Eyes. She's even hoping to sneak past Rebecca Cohn security and listen to Mary Daly speak at 8:00 p.m., Thurs. Oct. 25. Daly's lecture is the third in the series, 'Feminist Visions.'

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commendable.

"Mr. Hare has been very cooperative. He has listened to our concerns and has taken our advice and recommendations on a number of points," said Gigeroff.

A revising agent has been appointed to Fenwick Towers and others will be appointed to Howe Hall and Shireff Hall within the week to add students' names to the voters' lists.

A spokesperson for Tim Hill, NDP candidate in Halifax Cornwallis, said, "It was largely due to Tim Hill's persuasion of the returning officer that revising agents had been appointed."

The DSU refused permission for the Liberal party to put up posters advertising enumeration on Dalhousie's campus because the posters bore the Liberal candidate's name.

The Liberals are planning to increase student access to the revisory poll stations during Oct. 25-27 in order to get students on the voters' lists.

A spokesperson for Dale Godsoe, Liberal candidate for Halifax Cornwallis, said, "We will offer free transportation to those students needing to get to the revisory poll stations."

The Liberal party has counted 792 students enumerated between Howe Hall, Shireff Hall, and the University of King's College. The NDP counted a total of 1400 students enumerated from Fenwick Towers, Howe Hall, and Saint Mary's University. The enumeration count from the P.C.'s was not available.

During the last provincial election, in 1981, most students were ineligible to vote because enumeration was completed in the summer. On the actual election date there was an influx of students looking to be accounted for. □

## International students face problems

By WENDY COOMBER

International students are flooded with problems the moment they step off the boat, says George Tillman of the Canadian Bureau of International Education.

Tillman spoke to delegates at a Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) conference at the University of Kings College Oct. 20.

There are no differential fees in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland, said Tillman. In other provinces they vary from 50 percent of what Canadian students pay to ten times that amount.

The provincial governments, he said, say it isn't their responsibility to subsidize the education of foreign students because the federal government should do it under international relations. The federal government says educational funding is provincial territory.

"The movement we've seen in Canada this year is the international student level dropping," said Tillman. Only in the provinces without differential fees are the numbers increasing.

As far as services go, said Tillman, "One of the biggest problems facing foreign students is the Immigration Act." Tillman said Canadians' habit of getting straight to the point can be intimidating when the Immigration officer walks in and asks "Why are you here?" and "How much money do you have?"

When it comes time to renew their documents, said Tillman, this apprehension towards the Immigration office can cause added pressure to studying for international students.

"The services provided for international students are minimal," he said, but the majority of universities now have a permanent body set up to look at programs and policies affecting international students.

Gillian Allen, Dalhousie Student Union vice-president academic, asked Tillman what his agency was doing to check Canadian schools who offer to teach English as a second language. Allen said international students pay high tuition fees to these schools but poor instruction leaves them no better off than when they started. She said this may lead them to cheat on their assignments and exams, resulting in disciplinary actions from the university.

Tillman said the CBIE, with the Ontario government, has tried to crack down on these schools. But, generally the provinces don't like interfering with private businesses, and teaching English as a second language is a big business in this country. □

## Yearbooks late

By LANE MASON and SAMANTHA BRENNAN

Dalhousie's 1983 yearbook *Pharos* is finally out—more than a year and a half late.

Distribution of the yearbooks began Oct. 19 at the Student Union Building enquiry desk.

At least one student was not happy to return to the university to pick up his yearbook after graduating in the spring of 1983.

"I did not expect to have to come back after this amount of time had passed by," he said while waiting in line at the enquiry desk.

Student union treasurer Neil Ferguson says the problem with delays began several years ago when one yearbook editor left the book unfinished.

"What we're doing now is catching up," says Ferguson. "The 1984 yearbook will be out by Christmas and we'll be caught up by then."

He's convinced, though, that the 1983 issue was worth waiting for.

Says Ferguson, "If we had rushed it, it wouldn't have been as good."

The biggest problem now, says Ferguson, is distribution.

"People who graduated in 1983 have paid for their book through their student union fees," says Ferguson. He adds that they are able to pick up their yearbook at the enquiry desk, and they can check with either the student union or the *Pharos* office. □