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Beer Bash wet

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"We may not be able to have another beer bash next year," said Kamel Chopra, chairperson of Winter Carnival '77, after viewing the results of Saturday's 'zoo'.

The event was more successful than expected, with approximately 90% capacity present at the Halifax Armouries. Chopra said, "This is the only university event ever that has had 25% of the student population attending." The site was changed this year due to the damage caused in the McInnes Room of the SUB as a result of last year's bash. However, the mess caused from beer-throwing, smashed bottles, and overturned furniture will discourage hopes for future use of the Armouries.

Enthusiasm was high from the beginning, even without the services of the "Good Brothers Band" who were delayed in snowbound Toronto. Upon their arrival the dancing began and the beer-throwing decreased.

The SUB staff and winter carnival people were kept busy keeping people under control, with help from the Phi Delta Theta whose assistance was appreciated in stopping people from entering the stage area.

Only one major fight broke out, fortunately not lasting very long.

Everyone appeared to enjoy the afternoon, including curious neighbours. Beer throwing is a growing art of Dalhousie students, as hardly anyone left the building dry.

Books found sexist

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- The teacher's traditional role of helping children meet society's standards continues to reinforce the "desirable-standard" as male, white, non-handicapped and middle class, according to the British Columbia human rights commissioner.

"People say they are in favor of equal opportunities for women and minority groups," said Kathleen Ruff.

"They say all these people have to do is meet the standard. This is a cop-out. These standards are very unbending.

"How legitimate are they and how much are they a conglomeration of what is traditional and customary?"

At a University of British Columbia education faculty-sponsored

conference "Breaking the Mold", Ruff described rampant role-stereotyping contained in children's school books.

Children are taught non-whites are less valuable to society and women are less valuable than men through exclusion and roles portrayed in stories, she said, citing the absence of instruction on the history of Canadian blacks.

"You can lessen a person's sense of worth simply by exclusion," she said.

Sexual discrimination exists in three main areas in the school system -- guidance, industrial educational, education and sports.

She compared graduating women without mechanical and technical training with graduating illiterates.

Friendly visiting

By the time an individual reaches retirement age, many changes have or will occur that seriously affect their lifestyle. These changes are often in the form of losses.

Within the realm of close personal contacts, such as a spouse, family members or friends, the aged individual experiences many such losses. The various roles that an individual has functioned in for many years, may suddenly be denied him, such as work or parenting roles. With this, comes the concomitant losses of income, status and position. Physical health gradually declines, with resultant losses in mobility, strength and independence. All of these together serve to isolate and alienate the aged individual from social contacts and activities.

While the majority of senior citizens are functioning fairly independently, there are those who find themselves restricted by these changes, in that they are living alone, have minimal social contact, and are unable to leave their homes without assistance.

Whatever family does exist, may, for a variety of reasons fall short of meeting the needs of their elderly relative. However, these inadequacies can be compensated for, through involvement of the broader community in the affairs of senior citizens.

The Senior Citizens Resource and Information Center is currently operating a Friendly Visiting program where volunteers, from all age groups, spend an hour or more a week, visiting with an older person. This may involve going into the individual's own home, a nursing home, one of the senior citizen manors, or wherever the need exists, and whatever the preferences of the volunteer.

Much of the visiting consists of chatting; in an attempt to counteract the loneliness that many older persons experience. Helping the individual with shopping, or assisting with some outside activity, are other areas that volunteers sometimes involve themselves in.

This kind of regular contact, not only has a tremendous impact on the elderly person, but it can also, along with other supportive community services, help to maintain the individual in his own home, functioning as independently as possible.

Those of you, who are willing to spend time visiting with an elderly citizen, or those of you who may be interested in providing a specific service, such as small scale home repairs, or transportation, should call the Senior Citizens Resource and Information Center at 422-4290 or 422-5852.

French for doctorates

A "very thorough and serious discussion" on the merits of making French a requirement for all doctoral programs will be undertaken by the University of Toronto. Although some Dalhousie graduate programs require a "reading knowledge" of French and/or foreign language, no such study seems likely here this year.

At Dalhousie, Library Service students must have a reading knowledge of a second "Major" language to receive their master's degree, while at U of T knowledge of a second language is required only "when a substantial part of the literature of a candidate's research area" is in that language.

At U of T, one professor expressed dismay that the requirements ignore that Canada has two official languages.

"I've been in this country ten years now, and I sometimes have to pinch myself and ask 'where am I?'" said Prof. Tom Langan.

"The cop-out is so complete in this country, it is just appalling. You all amaze me!"

The Dal chemistry department requires that students have a reading knowledge, usually two years of university study, in two of French, German, Russian and Japanese before receiving their doctorate. More chemical literature is written in German than in French, a

chemistry department spokesperson noted.

Prof. Doreen Fraser of the Dalhousie School of Library Service explained that an anglophone student needed a reading knowledge of a "major" language at the second-year university level to graduate at the masters level. "We have Chinese and African students," she pointed out, explaining that the necessary major language need not be French. Dalhousie M.L.S. degrees are accepted in Quebec, she said.

Assistant Graduate Studies Dean Donald Ecobichon said that the decision to impose language requirements was up to individual schools or departments, but that it seemed departments were moving away from second language requirements. In Montreal, he pointed out, McGill's pharmacology department had dropped language requirements.

Ecobichon didn't think that the individual Dal departments would require French voluntarily, where they don't now. This would only happen, he felt, if support for insisting on French for doctoral students swept the country.

Clark and dope

KINGSTON (CUP) -- Progressive Conservative leader Joe Clark said he favors the legalization of marijuana possession in response to a question at Queen's University Jan. 21 "Do you favor the legalization of marijuana?", Clark said, "of possession, yes."

He said, "I have some worries about trafficking ... and I am just not current with how the term trafficking is being applied in the courts. I wouldn't want ... to have a criminal record attached to somebody who occasionally ... supplied marijuana to a roommate. That I don't think is trafficking, and the court definitions might suggest it is."

"I would not have criminal records attached to possession."

Clark made the remarks in an interview with the student paper, Queen's Journal.

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