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History Club Survives

By KATHY BOWLBY

"The history club may soon grind to a halt", complained graduate student Susan Buggey, its president. The problem was lack of funds. Initially, membership dues took care of expenses but the club was in need of financial aid; it experienced some difficulty in getting a decision from Student Council on the matter.

The general format for history club meetings has been a talk by a guest speaker followed by an informal gathering over coffee. The last speaker was John Lunn, Parks Superintendent of the Fortress of Louisbourg, who spoke to the club November 13, the next will be J.M.S. Careless of the University of Victoria. It would have detrimental to the reputation of Dalhousie if the history club had to write to an eminent Canadian historian, cancelling a speaking engagement because it could not afford to pay his travelling ex-

penses. But this could easily have happened.

The history club was organized this fall. After its constitution was accepted by the Student Council, an application was made October 10 to the Treasury Board for a grant. On October 29, Miss Buggey was informed that the application had been placed too late. That same day, she met with the Grants Committee; two of its three members were present, and after the situation had been discussed the committee recommended a grant of \$200 from Student Council. At the next council meeting, decision on the grant was deferred. There was no meeting of council the following week, and the matter was deferred again at the next meeting. Finally, at the council meeting of November 14, lengthy debate ensued which resulted in approval of the \$200 grant.

When interviewed November 9, Council Treasurer Bill Smyth stated that a decision would be

made "when Council had enough relevant facts." The two main points which concerned council, he said, were the schedule of speakers and the amount of money which Dalhousie University was granting the history club. The delay at the Treasury Board was no fault of the Student Council, but from October 29 till November 14, it exhibited a certain amount of inefficiency. Miss Buggey remarked, "The deferral suggests no confidence in the grants committee for adequate research."

A useless body should either be abolished or remodeled and given some authority. Council should not be berated for exercising a little care about where it spends our money, but it should be organized to decide on urgent matters quickly. Further delay would have forced the history club to its only alternative, becoming an extension of the history department and no longer a student organization.

Summer Jobs To Increase?

By CHRIS LOBBAN

Once again the student placement office is overshadowed by the specter of unemployed students, but Mr. Martell, the student placement officer is hopeful of increasing job opportunities this summer through the aid of students.

Several recruiters had dropped out before coming to Dal, and although they come mainly for graduate students, this lack of graduate positions reflects the lack of part time positions. This happened last year, and Mr. Martell sees another rough summer coming up. Something is, however, being done.

Last summer, in July, two Dalhousie students were employed by the Manpower Center to ferret out jobs for their fellow students by visiting em-

ployers and trying to persuade them to take on students for any length of time in any type of work.

Mr. Martell said the plan worked well, though as it started so late it helped relatively few students. Charles Lorway, one of the students involved in the program said he enjoyed doing the work, as many of his friends were unemployed. Many employers who had considered hiring students but had done nothing about it were interested in this new service and hired students through it.

This year Mr. Martell hopes the Manpower Center will set the service up again, and employ three Dal students, part time before the semester ends. This, he believes will greatly enlarge the number of available jobs.

Boylan on Communism

"I would say 'yup'"

Charles Boylan, editor of Scan magazine and past president of the University of Toronto Young Communist Club predicts the inevitable victory of Communism in this country. This morsel of augury was the theme of a talk and discussion held in the McInnes Room on November 13.

Mr. Boylan commented on the injustices of Capitalist government in general regarding students and labour, and made specific reference to the "scuttling" of both the eastern and western fisheries. He also spoke of the desirability of a sovereign state of Quebec, and of the apathy and lack of political sophistication prevalent among students in the Atlantic area.

In the subsequent question period, Boylan defended the activities of numerous European

Communist parties, notably the French, accused of being "bourgeois and revisionist" by some of the hard-line Marxist-Leninists in the audience. The problems of socialism in Africa also came under discussion.

Mr. Boylan's familiarity with the history of socialism, its present state with regard to these subjects, and topical literature is commendable, but the useful revolutionary has ideas as well. When confronted with questions pertaining to Canada, now, and to the method by which the unlikely inevitability of Communism in this country may be realized, Mr. Boylan resorted to the primary evasive weapons of deference and flip-pant rhetoric. His remarks were interesting, but hardly convincing.

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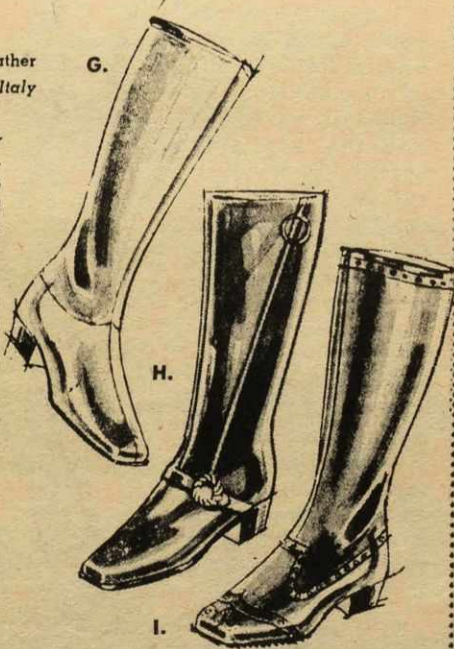
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