

Graham answers tough questions

by Paul Creelman

Confronted by student accusations, John Graham says that he sees no conflict of interest in his jobs of working for both the Student Union and Dalhousie University.

Graham was speaking at an open forum to answer questions raised by Council members about his duties working as the general manager of the Student Union and as director of the University Services. The forum was set up following concern and questions about

Graham's questions and a narrowly defeated vote at a Council meeting several weeks ago to investigate Graham's duties.

Graham began by stating that both the university and the Student Union have to cooperate in the providing of services, and said that he sees no conflict in either job as the result of such cooperation. Rather, Graham stated that such cooperation is worth \$24,000 a year to the university, while it saves \$40,000 a

year for the Student Union.

Graduate Student representative Greg Graham was the originator of a number of forceful questions, concentrating first of all on Graham's role as Director of Housing last year. Several complaints concerning the graduate houses were brought forward, and Graham was asked why he neglected to notify Graduate students of fee increases last year.

Visibly unsettled by the lines of questioning being brought forward, Graham had to deal with a number of pointed questions by the Graduate student representatives Greg Graham and Peter Rans.

Replying to several questions on his role as a student representative on campus, Graham made it clear that he has supported the student viewpoint on the Board of Governors against tuition

hikes and other fee increases.

During another pointed interrogation, Carol Zayid, a science society representative, asked Graham to justify his position as a student representative on the Board of Governors.

Pointing out that many issues on the Board of Governors are ongoing for two or three years, Graham cited his main role in on the Board as an instructional one to keep the president and student representatives briefed on the issues.

"I take my lead in political or policy matters from the president of the student council", said Graham.

"My role is to keep Council members briefed on ongoing issues and make sure that they understand what the implications are for the Student Union."

Answering several questions from Howe Hall repre-

sentative Gary Thompson and science representative Atul Sharma concerning his actions in the settlement of the cleaning contract, Graham indicated that there was definitely no conflict of interest on his part.

"We have had a choice between having cleaners five days a week or having no cleaners at all", said Graham, "and I think that it was the benefit of all the Student Union as well as the University that we stabilize our cleaning situation."

Further intensive questioning by the Science representative was aborted once it became clear that there was some confusion as to which particular contract was being referred to.

This is the first time in recent years that Graham's job has been subjected to such close scrutiny.

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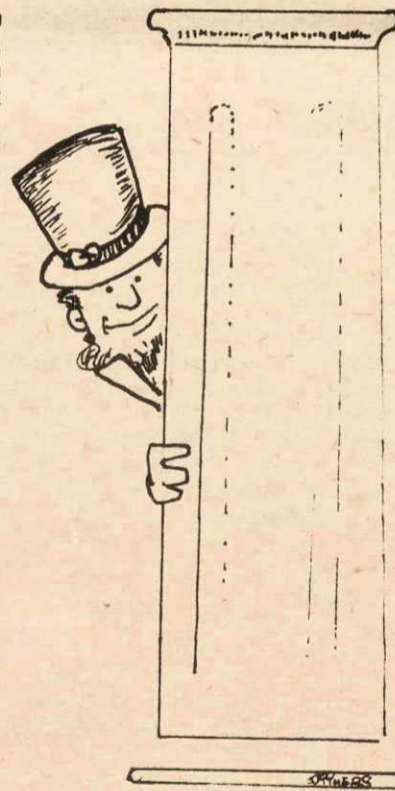
Bang! Bang! And Nations are Fatally, Briefly Engaged!

A peek at the past

by John Cairns

Two days ago our American neighbors elected a president, a man to govern and lead them for four years. Throughout their rather bitter campaign, candidates Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan persistently smeared each other with the possibility of war and the danger of nuclear arms proliferation. Neither issue is a laughing matter or anything new.

While war has plagued mankind since before history can remember, the nuclear threat dates to 1945. On August 6th of that year these same Americans moved to end World War II by subjecting Japan to a slaughter. At 9:15 in the morning a B-29 aircraft appeared above Hiroshima and dropped an atomic bomb from 32,000 feet. The missile plunged five miles by parachute before exploding with a destructive force equal to 20,000 tons of TNT. Blinding light filled the sky, and a mushroom-topped cloud of dust and smoke soared 40,000 feet. Sixty per cent of urban Hiroshima (4.1 square miles) was reduced to rubble. 90,000



people died in one bang. A second bombing three days later levelled the Japanese industrial center of Nagasaki.

The threat of further nuclear war has made the bravest of individuals shudder ever since. Indeed, some of that shuddering soon found its way into **The Dalhousie Gazette**. On the editorial page of October 3, 1947, appears this poem.

I'M SCARED

"When future atomic encounters are waged,
And nations are fatally, briefly engaged,
I'd rather be happily stationed upon,
The planet of Mars, than on Earth as a pawn."

The **Gazette** may have been frightened in 1947, but today the danger is probably even greater. The destructive potential of nuclear technology has increased, more world powers have access to that technology, Carter and Reagan accuse each other of flirting with war, and a Chinese nuclear test releases radioactivity to drift where it may. Worst of all, escape to Mars remains unlikely. Yet, no matter what happens, let one thing be known. In 1947 **The Dalhousie Gazette** knew that trouble was threatening.

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