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## Dal tuition now highest in Canada

by Bruce Lantz

Dalhousie students this year are faced with a \$100 increase in tuition and residence fees, making attendance at this university the most costly in Canada.

According to Dr. Henry Hicks, Dalhousie president, these increases were the result of expanded programs and facilities, coupled with a low annual operating grant from the provincial government. The motion passed the Board of Governors July 29 with only three dissenting votes: those of student representatives Brian Smith and Bill Henderson, and Student Union general manager John Graham.

Hicks stated that the increase was largely due to the addition of the Life Sciences building and the Arts Centre to the Dal campus. The first full year's operation of the Killam Library will also be a budget strain. It is estimated that the cost of these facilities will be approximately \$30 million, 77% of which is covered by the province. Operating costs are expected to amount to \$1 1/2 million,

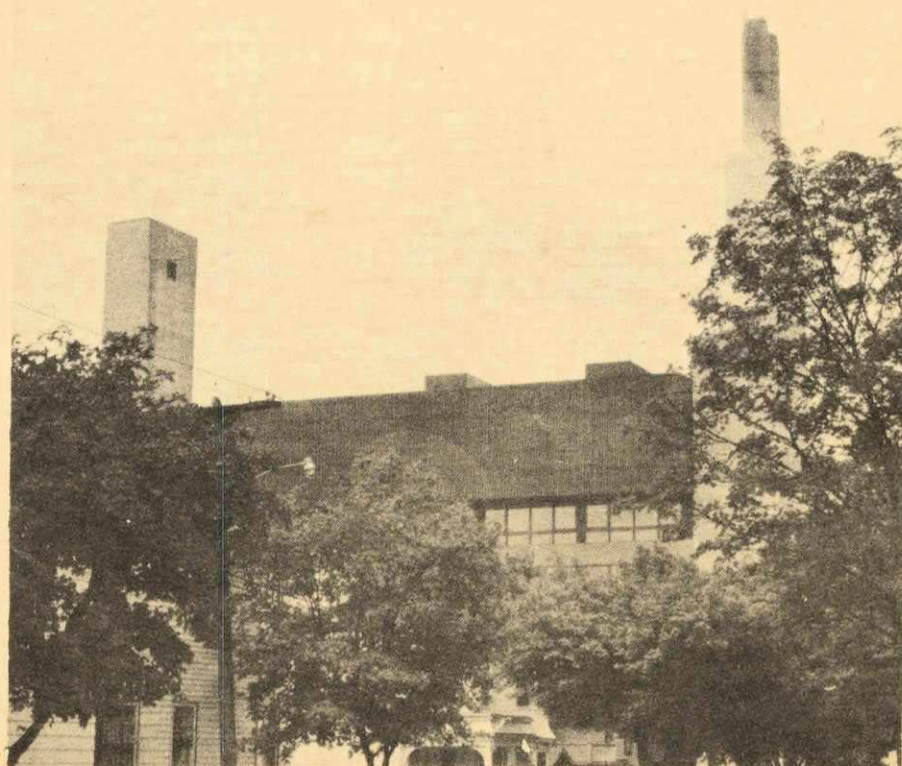
the major expenditure being fuel costs.

According to Hicks, the university budget was "drastically pared" to improve the situation. Additions to staff have been cut back, although enrollment has jumped from 6694 in 70-71 to approximately 7668 for this year. Staff salary boosts have been maintained at the usual rate, but remain substantially lower than those of other Maritime universities. (For example, salaries at the University of New Brunswick average \$1500 above those here.)

It is expected that students entering university for the first time will be hardest hit by the rise. Hicks stated that more money would be made available through the bursary program, effective at the official beginning of the academic year. The actual amount to be offered is as yet unknown. As stated by the Student Awards office the increase will only go to those judged to be most needy.

In addition to this the Student Aid office

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This is Dalhousie's new heating plant just down and away from the SUB. See our money go up in smoke. (Photo by Dorothy Wigmore)

## Student senators disagree

by Dorothy Wigmore

Student senators Andrew Cochran and Peter Harvison usually vote the same way at Senate meetings. However, they cannot entirely agree about issues concerning the Senate and their role there.

"More than anything, I'd like to see Senate reduced in size," said Harvison. "Of course under the present set-up, it's impossible. And therefore, the whole body is fairly unwieldy."

"I SEE THAT THE ONLY WAY to get anything done in this particular position, which tends to be a token gesture, is to be more useful to the individual students rather than to the university or student body as a whole," he added.

Cochran, on the other hand, is more concerned about talking to students and showing them channels through which they can get things done.

"One of the biggest roles I have in terms of a student senator, and what I want to do, is talking to people about what goes on in the Senate and in the university," he said.

He wants students to be more aware of the channels open to them through which to affect change on their own. In that case, he felt, there would not be any need for more student representatives on Senate.

Cochran felt the present three student representatives, (Student Union

President Brian Smith is the third) "are pretty strong in representing the interest of the students. When a high priority item that will affect students comes up in the Senate, they present a unanimous voice either for or against the proposal, he said.

"WE HAVE ADOPTED THE POSITION that we know as much about it as the professors, if not more," he continued, "because we are students and are more in contact with students."

Harvison confirmed that the three representatives work together as far as possible, and plan to continue this procedure.

"But," he said, "I have no hesitation in striking out on my own where I think the other people are in error."

Turning to the relevancy of Senate and their views of this governing body, there was a marked difference.

"The Senate itself is a body without much power," Harvison said. "It's a symbolic thing. The real power, of course, lies with the administration, and in particular with the Senate Council."

"I ALSO TEND TO THINK THAT THE ADMINISTRATION regards senators as a rubber stamp. I think a few of the senators, in view of our brief experiences in the past, would seem to hint that this is the approach," he added.

He cited the example of the ad-

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## The Nova Scotia youth report

by Glenn Wanamaker

The federal government's recently released Report on Youth has prompted much editorial comment in the local dailies, but there has been little textual reporting. To understand the observations and recommendations in the proper light, the report must be read. This is indeed the hope of the researchers.

The GAZETTE presents some comments from the federal report, in addition to a reduced version of the Nova Scotia report to the federal committee. Next week, there will be an analysis of the federal study as a whole as well as an interview with Don Trivett, one of the two Nova Scotian researchers.

The Committee on Youth was commissioned in 1969 by The Secretary of State Department as an independent

research body to report on the "aspirations, attitudes and needs of youth and the government's present role in this area."

Over 10,000 people participated in the making of this report, which cost about \$500,000. In each province, there were research teams; in Nova Scotia, two men were responsible for compiling the provincial report.

Don F. L. Trivett, Anglican chaplain at Dalhousie University, and Marvin Burke, Director of the Nova Scotia Alcoholism and Drug Research Foundation, met with about 2,500 people.

Twenty-nine percent of the population of Nova Scotia is between the ages of 14 and 24; 40% is under the age of 25.

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