

SHIRREFF HALL



Women welcome overnight guest to Hall. Lucky guy!

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W-5 Report 'Ridiculous Haymaking'

by Matt Adamson and Tom Regan

(CUP)—The television report which complained that foreign students in Canada are causing thousands of Canadians to be rejected from important university courses is a "thinly veiled racist attack" according to the National Union of Students (NUS).

The CTV public affairs program W5 said Sunday that international students are using as much as one billion dollars in educational facilities and are forcing thousands of Canadian students out of post-secondary education programs such as engineering and medicine.

But NUS says the program manipulated some facts and ignored other relevant ones to make international students scapegoats for problems with the educational system.

"It was a pretty thinly veiled attack on international students—that's how it comes across", says NUS researcher Jeff Parr. "It's incredibly misleading."

"They have got a bit of information and blown it out of proportion. They're basically causing havoc."

Parr said the program, which stated most of the

foreign students that come to Canada are from Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia, ignored the fact that a large percentage of foreign students come from the United States.

Dick Matthews, president of the Dalhousie Student Union, said although the issue of foreign students was a complex one, the program shown on CTV was a biased piece of reporting and totally unfair. Matthews said the program only looked at a small percentage of foreign students and totally ignored the question of Canadian students in foreign countries. Canadian students in other countries far outnumber the number of foreign students in Canada.

"The program never specified what level the students are enrolled in, never looked at the debt we owe in other countries, never specified what programs are supposedly being taken over, or never talked about the advantage in a system where people from different cultures and backgrounds can meet and exchange ideas," said Matthews.

Matthews added that at Dalhousie, as at most other Canadian universities, there is a quota system to protect

Canadian students in all major programs. Matthews said the program was just "... a

ridiculous piece of hay-making."

The W5 report also said most of the foreign students coming to Canada are the children of the elite of other countries. But Parr said that measures taken to discourage foreign student enrollment in Canada, such as the imposition of differential tuition fees in seven provinces, serves to ensure that only the economic elite can afford to study here.

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Open Hours at Last in Shirreff

by Greg Morgan

An open hours plan for Shirreff Hall was approved by the Board of Governors during its meeting last Friday evening and, as soon as the students' Residence Council can organize a regulatory committee, the plan will be implemented. Male guests of upper-class women may stay in their hostesses' rooms from 6 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Monday. The 3 a.m. curfew will still apply on weeknights. Freshettes must still observe the old rules, with no male overnight guests allowed.

The residence rule book, though printed weeks ago, sets forth the details of the plan. The Board's decision is

"subject to review", but Hall president Nancy Cogger foresees no problems.

The Governors have not extended the new freedom to Freshettes for a practical reason: almost all of them have roommates, while the great majority of senior residents have single rooms. However, conversations with

upperclass women bring to light a consideration which probably influenced the restriction. It is thought in some circles that, when great freedom replaces parental discipline, a period of relative restraint is needed. A third year student said, "I couldn't have handled it the first year I was here."

This is the attitude that annoys a respectable fraction of Freshwomen. Some claim that everyone has a right to open hours. Dissent, however, seems mild. As a subject for debate, the issue ranks right down there with the quality of cafeteria food.

Friday's decision marks the end of a campaign which began last year. Running a survey in October, an informal committee headed by Cathy McLean found most residents favourable to change. A thorough marketing-style study conducted a week or two later showed that 3/4 of the

women wanted open hours. Armed with this mandate,

Miss McLean's group carried the request for change to the Residence Council, Shirreff Hall's dean, and then, the Residence Committee of the Board of Governors. In April, it was recommended for approval by the Board of Governors.

In the past, men have had to leave at 3 a.m. every day of the week. The rules were strictly enforced by room-calls and by depriving the disobedient of privileges. These measures were justified with the "in loco parentis" theory, which held

that the university should act as would a parent. But, as the Dal Discipline Committee suggested in 1969, this view belonged to the day of small, intimate universities, and younger students. Parents implicitly entrusted their children's guidance to the university.

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