

# RICHEST HEADS IN CANADA

## Council reports \$27,000 -surplus

Surplus budgets have piled up 27,000 dollars in the last four years, making this year's Student Council per capita the richest in Canada. MORE.....MORE.....MORE...

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Peter Herrndorf, President of the Student Council, personally expressed his desire to give the students of Dalhousie more for their money. He told the Gazette, after the Student Council meeting last week, that the continuation

of the Student Housing Service and the Fall Homecoming Weekend will both diminish the surplus. And already Tom Lynch, Chairman of the Fall Festival Committee, has told the Council that the Festival will run a 400

dollar deficit.

Presently Dalhousie students include a 34 dollar Student Council fee in their total tuition. The Student Union Building fund takes 10 dollars of this, leaving 24 for Council use. Last year's expenditure of approximately 50,000 dollars will be greatly increased this year according to Mr. Herrndorf. With increased enrollment, revenues and expenditures will rise. With this flow of money, including the \$27,000 surplus, Dalhousie Stu-

dents' Council is possibly the 'richest in Canada', council was told by its president.

Council also heard from CUS representative Margie MacDougald who reported on the National Congress and the subsequent rise of Dalhousie financial obligations. To help eliminate a \$9,000 National CUS deficit, President Herrndorf and the delegation agreed to increase Dal's contribution by 10¢ per student to 70¢. This action is a further step by Council to do more

with students fees.

Previous Councils have indicated their conservatism by accumulating the present surplus. Peter Herrndorf believes that he is "300 miles too liberal" for most of Council, however the intended return of \$300 from the Freshman Orientation Committee and some of the spending suggestions put forward at the Council meeting show that a change may be imminent.



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## SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO CANADA.....

### Shpedko doesn't slip

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"A politician has no alternative other than to repeat himself or to contradict himself" late French socialist leader Leon Blum once remarked.

The Soviet Ambassador to Canada last Wednesday was repetitive, but also tactfully consistent as he spent 50 minutes answering queries from Dalhousie's inquisitive jurists at the Law School.

Speaking through an interpreter (First Secretary from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa), Ivan F. Swetsko commented on Barry Goldwater and changes in U.S. policy since the untimely passing of J.F. Kennedy, Sino-Soviet relations and Russia's reluctance to pay all its alleged debts to the United Nations.

Before he came to Canada 18 months ago, the Soviet diplomat had spent a quarter-century in the U.S.S.R.'s Asian diplomatic corps — including a stint in Pakistan.

None of the 125 students or faculty who crowded into the Law Library anticipated any startling revelations from Mr. Swetsko. An interest in international politics — if not curiosity — brought most of the audience to the meeting.

Warning that time would permit only bare outlines to questions from the Library floor, Ambassador Swetsko said the Soviet Union acknowledged the Sino-Soviet split.

Said he: "The argument exists and we cannot say no argument. We cannot say this argument is



IVAN SHPEDKO

pleasant or whether it is a just argument."

It is "a problem of peaceful co-existence . . . (and) . . . We believe firmly two different systems can live together, competing economically, producing more advantages in a peaceful way.

"We had local hotbeds of war in Egypt, Viet Nam and Laos, but the two sides could settle their problems to find common attitudes".

He said war would be an "act of insanity" and in simple logic indicated how purposeless it would be. "In the first world war the Russian people lost 10 million dead and wounded, and in the second world war, 25-million lives lost. Also we have enough space to live in — why do we need war? We would need thousands of years to explore our territory."

Then came the punch lines: "Canada is in the best position to understand us. (demographically?); China would have a different attitude with 600-million in

their territory. They don't have enough territory."

"The Chinese", he said "don't know what war really is. To fight with bow arrows is one thing, and it is quite another with modern means of warfare."

He charged the Chinese were claiming Russian possessions that their predecessors overran 2,000 years ago. By the same token "history records many occasions when Russian troops come close to Peking. But we do not claim these our rightful territories now. That would be like saying England was once invaded by France so England is now territory of France".

How do the majority of the Soviet people regard Sino-Soviet relations? Said the ambassador: "(They) really do not pay too much attention — less than you do." Turning to Barry Goldwater, GOP presidential candidate, "So what can I say. It is up to the United States people to elect or not to elect . . . But they say a lot about Mr. Khrushchev, so we can say a few things about their leaders. Mr. Goldwater is full of energy but he is a little too light minded about war."

On the question of Soviet payments to the U.N. coffers: "We don't want to say . . . not because we haven't got the money, we give the U.N. \$60-million, (second only to the United States) which is really nothing, but look at the Congo, Cyprus . . ."

In the Congo: "U.N. intervention was unwarranted, it has not brought tangible results . . ." And in Cyprus: "We didn't vote against intervention here because the government of Cyprus asked for troops, we don't believe it will bring order. Since you have Canadian troops there" he added, "we won't be saying much about it now."

## NEW MED SCHOOL STARTS IN 1965

### Hicks Addresses Freshmen

Dalhousie will begin construction next year of a 15 storey Medical Science Building, one of the tallest in Canada, President Hicks told a Freshman audience at the Fall Convocation.

Said the President, noting the rapid expansion of the University: "Dalhousie faces great and interesting times. Our rate of growth is rising and it is literally a privilege to attend here. Some of your own classmates were turned down."

Commenting on the empty seats in the first half of the gym, Dr. Hicks gave the traditional admonition to new students — to grasp opportunity, remembering always their reason for coming to University. "Participate as your time and talent permits. Take first things first; you have come here to be educated and to educate yourselves. Decide to work hard until Christmas. Then you will have a yardstick to judge your capabilities."

"During your time you should see a very great growth of the University's physical plant. In less than a fortnight construction will begin on the addition between the Library and Chemistry Building." He mentioned the proposed new Library, the new Law School, the Addition to the Arts and Administration Build-

Finally, the question of U.S. foreign policy since the inception of President L.B. Johnson: "I cannot say in such a short time for the Soviet Union."

Then, on his own initiative, Ambassador Swetsko applauded the international reputation of Dalhousie University. And he added: "Before coming to Canada I heard about some statements recorded or written at your University."

Most of the Ambassador's remarks were strikingly similar to the Western version of Khrushchev's "Mein Kampf": Conquest Without War.

But what about the statements that drifted to Eurasia from Dalhousie. What were they from Pharos? the Dalhousie Law Review? the S.C.M. bulletins? . . . the Gazette?

ing, and the 15 storey Medical Arts Building.

President Hicks, onetime Liberal Premier of Nova Scotia, alluded to the Conservative "Thinker's Conference" in Fredericton. He said that out of a 'certain' political Conference in Fredericton came the statement that man's work will soon be done by computers. "I agree with my friend Davie Fulton that Man is all important. That is why you are being trained."

Dr. Hicks closed the Convocation with a smile. "It will not be good enough to pray hard after you have worked insufficiently."



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## HAVE A GRUDGE?

Students of Dalhousie University are urged to attend all meetings of the Student Council and to state any grudges which they might have.

"If there are any grievances or suggestions, this is the time to air them", said Peter Herrndorf, President of the Student Council. Those who wish to present their views to Council members must first give advance notice to the President. They will then be allowed to speak for five minutes during a "Delegation" session of the meeting.

"This Delegation session is primarily geared to a group of people with a grievance or suggestion, who provide a spokesman to air their opinions."

## PRESSURE ON THE MOUNT? Argosy Editors Resign

Alleged Administration meddling has caused the resignation of the Editorial staff of the Mount Allison "Argosy Weekly".

In her last Editorial, Editor-in-Chief Valerie J. Marchant wrote that the student page was being treated as a tool for University public relations. Since it wasn't than a student paper, it was "ludicrous", she said, to have a student Editor. Of all the groups in the university, Miss Marchant stated, "the students have the least rights".

The pressures which have been

applied, "she continued," however subtle they may have been, and which will, I know, be applied in the future, make it impossible for me to edit a paper which I believe to be true and complete. The Argosy as a university paper could rarely have been critical of the University itself, and criticism is an important part of any student paper, however broad its themes may be."

Dr. H. L. Cragg, President of Mount Allison, regretted the drastic step, which, he said, had been taken without an effort

by the students to reach an understanding. He mentioned an apparent unwillingness to discuss the place and freedom of a student Editor or newspaper. He emphasized that he agreed a student newspaper should not be just a university organ. "I am not aware of any desire to convert the Argosy into a University newspaper, or of any attempt to limit the responsible freedom of the Editor."

