



## Council Debates Mail-Star Discrimination Charge

Students' Council last week debated steps it might take after an editorial protest charging discrimination in the Housing Lists issued by Dalhousie for students requiring off-campus accommodation.

The "Mail-Star", in a November 20 editorial criticized the Administration's practice of stating on its housing lists whether "Foreign Students" (implying non-caucasian students) are welcome at each address. It claimed that while this undoubtedly save the foreign student a great deal of embarrassment, it is nevertheless wrong, for "... Dalhousie in effect lends its facilities to landlords who discriminate against foreign students."

After pointing out that Dalhousie's practice may be a contravention of the Human Rights Act, it recommended that the University follow the request of the Nova Scotia Society for the Advancement of Colored People and "refuse to list any landlord who who is not willing to accept any student whom, you (Dalhousie) find morally and intellectually capable of attending Dalhousie."

Council's debate revolved around three questions.

1. It considered the propriety of the "Mail-Star" in commenting before the University was given an opportunity to give a reply to NSSACP. Com. Rep. Dave Major felt that this problem could have been amicably settled without having to present it for public consumption, and before Dalhousie could be allowed a reaction.

2. Council debated the wisdom of the Society's recommendation, not from an ideological standpoint, but rather the practical effect that exclusion of those landlords who do not welcome foreign students would have on the number of accommodations listed. It was roughly estimated that it would cut the lists down to about one-third their present size. This would effect a great inconvenience on most of the out-of-town students looking for accommodation, and force them to rely on far less practical means of finding rooms. Commented Miss Robb, "Perhaps it will impress on our own boys the prevalence of his discrimination in a rather forceful way." Council did not pursue the topic much further.

3. Council finally concluded that any decision to be made is the responsibility of the administration and not the students. However, because it represents the voice of the students, who have a definite interest in the reputation of their university, it was decided to delegate rep. Dave Major and Council President George Cooper to approach President Hicks, to have the matter clarified, and to contribute any suggestions, if the administration asks for them.

The text of the Mail-Star editorial and a statement by Pres. Hicks are printed on page 4.



Dalhousie's Atlantic Bowl float competition entry, shown above, was awarded first prize. Jane Dodge, a Mt. Allison co-ed, was crowned Queen of the Bowl. Our own entrant was Beth Terice, last year's Dalhousie Campus Queen. And finally, the X-men (who?) beat the U to T Varsity Blues, 15-9. (DGP Photo Munroe)

## DGDS SWITCHES HORSES AGAIN

"I think we had better make some move to put DGDS out of the way for this year," suggested Dave Major at Council meeting last week, as that body surveyed the latest manoeuvres of the Dramatic Society.

It was announced that DGDS President Hamilton McClymont has announced the presentation of "Brigadoon" at Queen Elizabeth School Auditorium February 11th to 14th inclusive. This represents a switch from St. Patrick's Auditorium, which it was found is unavailable owing to a school production at the same time. The dates were moved ahead about two weeks as well, because at the only later date available in March, part of the orchestra is engaged elsewhere.

Major felt that because not even the casting had been completed yet, the show, with its dates already moved ahead two weeks, coming immediately after Winter Carnival, stands a very poor chance of coming off. Eric Hillis, ex-producer of Brigadoon, interjected, "I would hate to see DGDS removed for even one year for it is an integral part of campus life, and even a year's absence would harm it badly."

Council made no concrete moves regarding the various suggestions.

### DIRECTOR'S FEES

After considerable debate, Council passed a motion that in the future all DGDS contracts must be looked over by a legally qualified person, especially regarding the prepayment of directors' fees, before they are signed. The difficulty stems from the recent resignation of Ken Clark of the musical, at which time he stated that he would not claim the remaining half of the director's fees which his contract entitled him to. By this he inferred that he would not return the half (\$150) which he had already been paid.

Council debated whether this prepayment constitutes a "retainer", which would not give ground to reclaim the money, or whether it is an advance payment contingent upon "services rendered". Where according to Law Rep Dave Mann, DGDS would be entitled to the money's return. However, no decision was made, pending examination of the actual contract signed with Clark, which was not available at Council Meeting.

## Labour-Management Conference

The annual Maritime Joint Labour-Management Conference has again convened, and has concluded a second six-point agreement, significant not only for the conclusions reached, but further because these conclusions represent the first joint presentation in Labour-Management history, of a mutual agreement to a single legislative body.

Last year's propositions included most significantly recognition of the right of all workers to organize for collective bargaining, and to recognize the contribution that organized labour can make to the economy.

Dr. J. Deutsch, Chairman of the Economic Council of Canada pointed out "one cannot have effective economic planning without labour-management co-operation. Economic planning raises spectres of government control which is feared in many segments of our society".

Deutsch debunked this idea, saying, "Every aspect of human endeavour must be subjected to planning. Otherwise there is very little hope of success". He outlined the problems involved in economic planning, chief of which is the need to simultaneously achieve goals whose means are often of a conflicting nature. He concluded: "In this country, we require three partners in economic policy implementation — government, management, and labour. If these two latter parties are to co-operate in both of these objectives — i.e. formulation and implementation of policy, then they must have trust and mutual faith in each other. If this doesn't

occur, there will be a struggle for power".

Robert Winters, Chairman of the Board of Rio Algom Mines Limited, and a former Minister of Public Works in the St. Laurent government, considered the incursions of automation on the labour force. While agreeing that local reductions in the work force would occur as the result of improving technology, he denied an overall reduction in employment, stating, "Many devotees of automation as a means of saving labour costs are finding to their chagrin that they have to take at least as many new employees on their staff to maintain the intricate machinery and keep it running as were displaced by its installation. In that regard it is not an unmixed blessing even for management but to the extent that automation helps to increase productivity, it must be to the national advantage.

Winters stressed that the tendency for companies and unions

to depend on conciliation and arbitration as tools, instead of exploring their problems themselves with more direct negotiations — which would lead to better understanding and strengthening of relations.

On the role of management in the industrial world, Winters said, "Management must retain the right to manage, and must be able to do this in the most efficient manner in order to maintain the organization on a profitable basis

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## Graffy outlines Biculturalism

Heward Graffy, MP for the Quebec riding of Brome-Missisquoi, spoke to the Dalhousie PC Club on Thursday. In his talk, Graffy, an English-speaking representative for a predominately French riding, dwelt briefly on political parties as well as Biculturalism and Separatism.

Commenting on political parties, Mr. Graffy said that there is little difference in the principles of political parties in Canada. The Canadian parties "do not copy those of the United Kingdom where there is a real choice in doctrine and principle". Noting that he was speaking to a predominately university group, Mr. Graffy went on to say that: "The opinion on campus today will be in vogue

for the whole population five years hence".

The main feature of campus politics and even politics in general is the feeling of cynicism toward public man and public institutions. "What is going on in Ottawa is not the mirror of the Canadian scene... Keep a fresh flow of ideas coming forward and make sure that they are heard in Ottawa".

Analyzing the problem of Biculturalism and Separatism in the province of Quebec, Mr. Graffy spoke on general eruptions within the province every twenty-five or thirty years. "What is basically wrong is this is not a traditional eruption and will not die down". On the subject of the

Royal Commission on Biculturalism, Mr. Graffy said that unfortunately "publicity was being given to the sensationalist submissions to the Commission". Summing up Graffy stated that, "separatism will not come about."

"The basic problem is that the French speaking Canadians do not feel that they have been equal partners in Confederation. Citing specific examples, Mr. Graffy showed how the Quebecois felt that Ottawa was remote from them.

In answering questions from the floor, Mr. Graffy commented on lowering the voting age, strong separatist movements in the University, as well as in the urban areas of the province of Quebec.