

Second only to Vancouver

1,000 students join in stirring march

Eight universities go; delegations present brief

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Wet, cold Nova Scotia weather failed to stop 1,000 university students from marching on the provincial legislature today in support of National Student Day.

Marching four abreast, the students representing eight N. S. universities followed a twisting two-mile route from the Dalhousie campus to the provincial buildings in the heart of Halifax.

In accordance with rules laid down by the National Student Day committee marchers were prohibited from carrying placards or singing.

Dal had the largest body of marchers — approximately half the total — but small in comparison to its total enrollment of almost 4,000. In contrast, smaller colleges such as Mt. St. Vincent and King's were represented

by 250 and 120 students. For King's this represents almost one-half of its total enrollment.

At the legislature a brief was presented to representatives of the provincial government and the opposition parties.

Marchers lined the street and legislature grounds to hear the remarks of the politicians.

Gerald Regan, provincial leader of the Liberal party, called for Premier Stanfield to relinquish his portfolio as minister of education.

Regan said Premier Stanfield's absence was an example of the impracticability of combining the premiership with the ministry of education.

The Liberal leader said his party is in general agreement with the aim of the student brief outlined by six recommendations.

The brief asked:

- (1) that provinces and universities support high school visits whereby university students seek to promote the value of higher education,
- (2) that students be officially consulted through committees as to the means of distributing student aid,
- (3) an increase in financial aid from both the Federal and Provincial governments; especially an increase in the per capita grants to \$5 using the equalization formula proposed by the AAU and the AUCC.
- (4) an increase in student aid in the form of scholarships and bursaries,
- (5) an immediate reduction of fees,
- (6) that a federal-provincial

conference on higher education be called immediately after the forthcoming federal election to delineate federal-provincial responsibilities in higher education.

Prof. James Aitchison, acting leader of Nova Scotia's Democratic Party, told students his party would go beyond the aims of the brief and abolish tuition fees.

Speaking for the government, Nova Scotia finance minister G.I. Smith and Richard Donahue, attorney general for the province, agreed that education is a "great public problem" today but stressed the limited financial resources of the province.

After the marchers dispersed Attorney General Donahue held a meeting in his office with the eight student council presidents.

He said he could not give a "yes or no" answer to the question of whether or not the recommendations of the brief would be adopted.

"All I can tell you," he said, "is that it will receive sympathetic consideration."

Robbie Shaw, Dalhousie Student Council president, warned unless the government acts on the brief there will be "a bigger and better march next Spring."

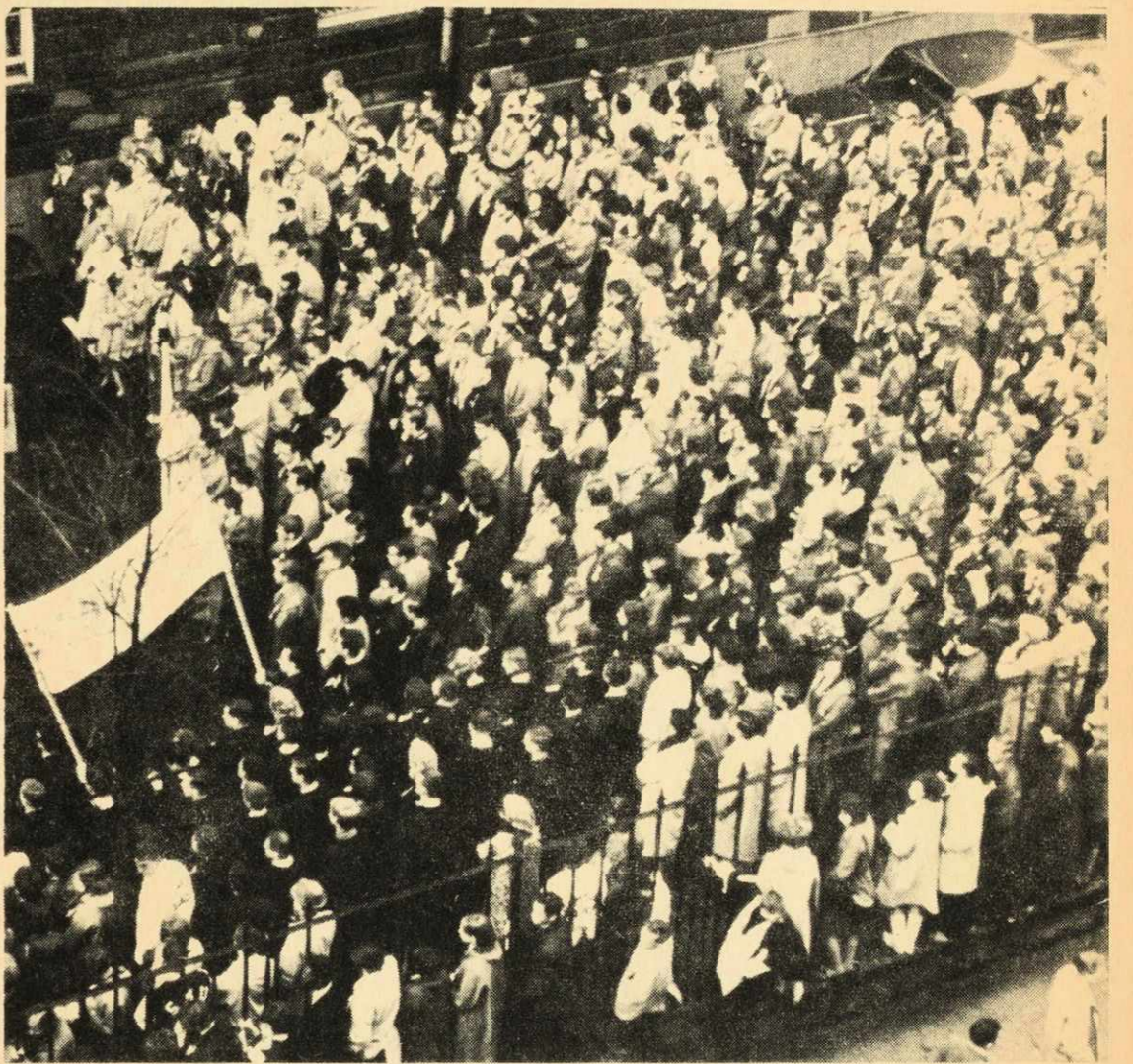
Shaw said he was "extremely pleased with the turnout of students and believes "the-man-on-the-street" was impressed by the large and orderly demonstration.

He said he held little hope for immediate government action.

"It appears the province doesn't truly see education as an investment," Shaw said.



John Noble, President of the Acadia Student Union, introduces the Government and Opposition spokesmen.



Part of the more than one thousand students who crowded into the Legislative grounds on National Student Day

Cross Canada

Students indifferent; marches disappointing

"The Trotskyites could bring out more people for Mao's funeral" was Jim Laxer's comment on the success of National Student Day.

In Toronto only 600 students took part in the march on the Ontario Legislature. The contingent consisted of 100 Ryerson students, 200 York University students, and from a population of 17,000 only 250 students from the University of Toronto.

At the University of Western Ontario in London only 100 students dared to march.

In Manitoba a referendum held on the issue of eliminating tuition fees resulted in 1,178 students in favour of elimination going down to overwhelming defeat against 2,408 who favored retention of some kind of tuition fee.

In Vancouver, the brightest spot, 61% of the UBC students voted to march after the Student Council turned it down, and 2500 actually took part.

In Victoria 700 students marched on the Legislature.

John Diefenbaker speaking at the University of New Brunswick, and the only Party leader on campus promised that the Conservatives would increase the per capita grant to universities from two dollars to five dollars if elected. He said that National Student Day was a good thing and not at all like when he was a student.

In Saskatoon, the night before National Student Day, the leader of the New Democratic Party, T. C. Douglas said that the "greatness of a nation depends on the know-how to convert natural resources to finished products."

Winter Carnival

Brothers Four head program

By NANCY MURPHY and JANET GUILDFORD
GAZETTE REPORTERS

Mike Nihill, recently appointed Winter Carnival Chairman has outlined a program for Carnival '66 which cannot succeed without the support of the entire student population. Nihill says the success of mass participation events on the Dal Campus was proven with Fall Festival.

All the activities, with the exception of the Brothers Four Concert will be held on Campus. The Brothers Four will be appearing at the Capitol Theatre. The events are highly varied, and there is sure to be something to please everyone. And all students will be pleased to hear that the total cost for the Carnival is only \$14., down \$3.50 from last year.

This year's Carnival is aimed at the university student not at the Haligonian. This is answer to complaints heard about last year's carnival, which was a Halifax Winter Carnival.

Mike Nihill wants every student to be aware of this fact and to consider it his Carnival. The program is geared strictly for the student. Without total participation this idea won't work, he said.

Mike's budget has been approved by the Student Council, and so has his program. There may be a few changes, but it will remain basically what it is now.

The Grand Opening is on Thursday, February 4, 1966. On Thursday night the Carnival Ball will be held at the Nova Scotian Hotel -- with two ball-rooms in use. It is a formal dance with a Tropical Island theme.

On Friday morning there will be sports events on the football field. Such things as a Tug-of-War, tobaggan races, and possibly skating.

At two o'clock, the Ice Frolic is to be held. This is under the chairmanship of Sherry Abramson. It will include Nova Scotian talent and there is a professional figure skater coming in to train the girls from Dal to put on an act. It is hoped, Mike said that we can find a number of talented girls from Dal to perform in this act. Anyone interested, please call 423-8088.

At six o'clock there will be a J. V. Basketball game against St. Mary's. At 8:00 another game against Saint Mary's, this time the senior teams will play.

At half time during the basketball game, there is to be a Folk Show.

At 10:30 there will be a Sock Hop in the gym, with a live band. Nihill said, Saturday, February 5th promises to be a lot of fun if "everyone shows a

Pine Hill wins debating series

It was Bob Dylan night in the Haliburton Room, Oct. 10, when Pine Hill Divinity Hall met Alexander Hall in the 1964-65 Halifax inter-residence debating championship.

The two dormitories were the finalists in last year's residence debates. However, the playoff was staged at King's University earlier this month.

The second speaker for the affirmative on the resolution, "Chivalry is Outdated", Chris Brookes sang several lines from a Dillon pop selection, and his team-mate, Ron Gillis quoted the American folk singer during the debate won by Pine Hill. A panel of three judges voted 2-1 for the Divinity residence team.

Alexander Hall sent up Mary Barker and Joan MacIntosh for the debate. Miss Barker's manual dexterity, and Miss MacIntosh's relaxed and logical speaking ability were commendable.

In the point totals, the Hall girls stood just two points behind Pine Hill.

President Henry Hicks who originally put up the inter-residence trophy thought the debate was "extremely close."

Pearson at Forum

Education needed for qualified students

By SHEILA MACKENZIE
Gazette Reporter

Education should be made available to all qualified students stated Liberal leader Pearson at a rally of 7,500 in the Forum last Friday night.

Speaking amid cheers and heckling Pearson promised a full discussion in the new year among Federal, Provincial, and University representatives about the Bladen recommendations.

Calling for a strong majority, Pearson said that the government had to plan ahead in terms of four or five years not economic expediency. The government must have the support of all the people of Canada he said.

National unity, he continued was "far and away the most important problem" next to the question of peace and war. Canadians must have a realization of their destiny as a nation, "wherever they come from whatever language they speak, whatever part of Canada they live in."

The French and English speak-

ing peoples have rights which must be respected, he said. People from other nations must build up one, united Canada; he stated that provincial rights must be respected as well.

Commenting upon development in Canada, he said that unemployment is the lowest in 10 years.

Referring to off-shore mineral rights he stated that it was a matter for the Supreme Court to decide. Further he stated that if jurisdiction is found to lie with the Federal government they can work out an agreement and perhaps have provincial control.

Discussing the war on poverty program, he said that the government had faced up to the problem though not without getting into controversy. The problem was continuing in pockets of poverty in the greatest prosperity.

"We are in the greatest expansion or our history, going ahead at a rate faster than ever before" he said. A government majority was needed to sustain and prolong this growth.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

By LINDA GILLINGWATER
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"It is just about time Dal students could walk away from a game without making excuses or being embarrassed by what he has just witnessed."

In a brief presented to Council Oct. 26 Brian Coleman, first year law student and former football player, asked that Council do something constructive about athletics on campus.

"If the university isn't interested in varsity sports it should take the money spent (or should I say wasted?) and spend it on inter-fac sports."

He told Council a good football team would influence other campus activities in a positive way. The enthusiasm generated would, he said, be contagious and would overlap into other areas.

Part of this spirit should be generated in the pages of the Gazette. In this regard he said the student newspaper doesn't back sports "one little bit."

Pharos (Dal's year book) will not be published until fall. This is due to the confusion with King's college and the post-

that he had no evidence to suggest that this is the case."

Dr. Smith banned the teach-ins shortly after one had been held on financing higher education at which Dr. Hicks had been hissed for some statements pertaining to the retention of some tuition fee.

Dr. Hicks suggested on CBC Radio that a "bit too much of this had been made" presumably by the press.

Student leaders at Dalhousie were unanimous in their condemnation of the move. Robbie Shaw, president of the Dal Student Union said that it was "extremely undiplomatic." Shaw said that this "sort of squelch on academic freedom... is something just not done." He said "the university is supposed to be THE institution is society where discussion is wide open."

Jos. Williams, Dal's CUS Chairman said that "everyone has a right to be heard," and that "Dr. Smith is showing the same intolerance that he accuses the left-wing of having."

Both Shaw and Williams stated that Smith might have been apprehensive about alienating American contributions to King's. Williams said "for a mess of pottage he is willing to surrender free speech and academic freedom."

Immediately after releasing his statement Dr. Smith flew to Vancouver to attend a conference of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and was unavailable for comment.

graduates said Pharos editor David Archibald.

In order that the graduates, many of whom will not be in Halifax after convocation, receive their books the publishers will mail the books directly to the students.

Peter March, a Dalhousie Arts student, requested that Council forward him the down payment on a house within a "two minute walk of the campus."

The money would be utilized to form a student co-op providing reasonable rent for eleven students. A chairman would be elected to maintain internal discipline of the house.

The Treasury Board is investigating the feasibility of the project and will make a decision by next Monday.



Student Council Chiefs lead the march down to the Legislature