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Women, covered the expense of the Shirreff Hall renovations from the Women's Residence budget. She estimated the cost at a very conservative three to four thousand dollars, and believes she can justify the use of student residence fees for a social event.

"On the surface, it seems like a real frivolous waste of money," comments Stonehouse. "We're the ones who have to pay for it, but we're the ones who benefit." She explains that the renovations were originally planned for March in preparation for summer conference business, and the early completion of the work will allow residents more time to enjoy the improvements.

But should the beautification of the lobby take precedence over the need for a new roof (costing a minimum of \$80,000) for the residence? Ms. Stonehouse explains that while there is no room in the residence budget for such a large, expensive undertaking, it does allow for smaller, less important projects. However, if residents had to make a choice, they would undoubtedly prefer a ceiling that doesn't leak to new seat covers in

the Victorian Lounge.

If such vital projects cannot be given precedence due to lack of funds, the budget should be cut to the bone to allow for future necessities. It seems the ultimate irony; the Installation of a new President concerned with working in the best interests of the students was a frivolous exercise in self-indulgence.

What is the justification for the cost of the caterer, the live music,

the flowers, and the liqueurs supplied for genteel sipping? Perhaps the obvious enjoyment of President Clark's guests can be seen as a positive aspect of the expenditure. And the warm acceptance of two very casually attired Gazette staffers who crashed a posh party may be an indication of the administration's willingness to communicate freely with students on future occasions.



Culture with a capital "K"

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Dalhousie's Best Fête

By MARK PIESANEN

Dr. Howard Clark and his family met with student politicians in a relaxed atmosphere at his home on Sunday.

The Open House allowed students, faculty and friends the opportunity to meet and converse with Dalhousie's new president free of the stiff-collared formalities that have typified this past week's series of symposiums and receptions.

Joe Morrison, DSU represen-

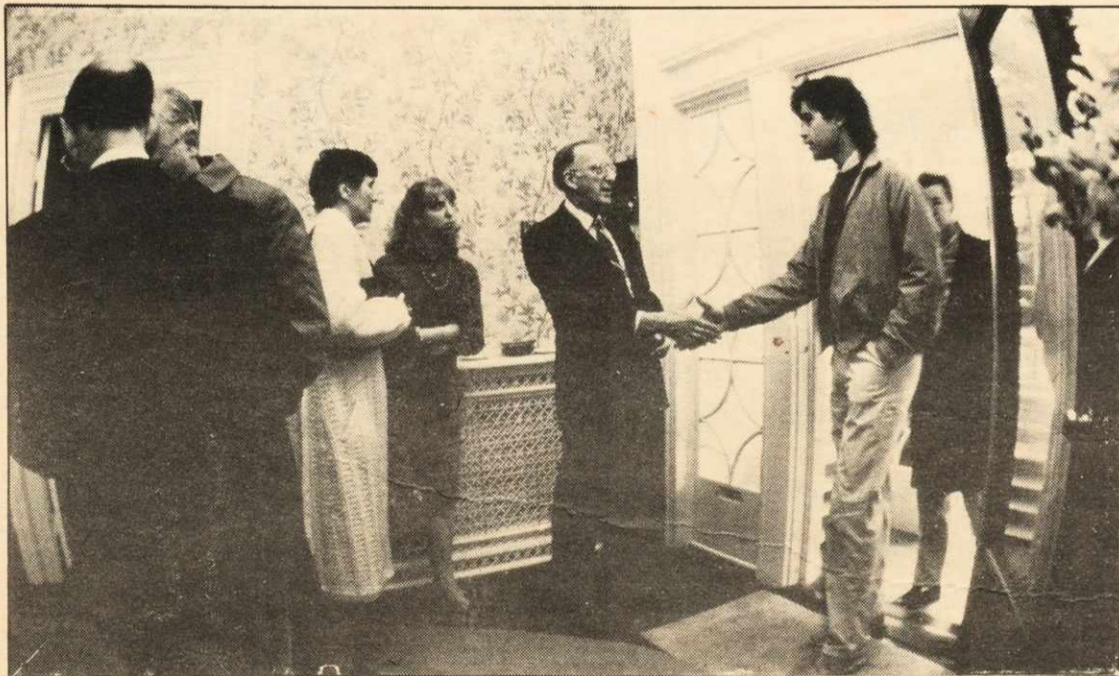
tative for Howe Hall, was seen enjoying the president's hospitality and helping himself to white wine. When Dr. Clark ran out of white, Mr. Morrison switched to red.

Music was provided by a flutist and a pianist. Appetizers of cheese and crackers preceded the buffet lunch of mushroom soup accompanied by little bite-sized sandwiches and raw vegetables with this really fabulous dip.

Dr. Clark wore a conservative but charming blazer and tie. He greeted guests at the door and was

the perfect social gadabout. Dr. Clark managed to take the time to pose for photographers. He suggested, (in his New Zealand accent that is just to die for) that perhaps some student journalists didn't really have film in their cameras but were only using them to gain entrance.

Student Senator Dean Dolan appeared comfortable and at ease in Dr. Clark's presence. As they posed together for a photograph, Mr. Dolan patted Dr. Clark on the back and referred to Dalhousie's ninth president as, 'Howie-baby'



I hope it's not Alpenweiss

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