

# Dr. Hicks speaks at Union fete

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Dr. Henry Hicks was the guest speaker at the Annual Student Union Banquet Friday March 4. He was introduced by John Young the incoming President of Student's Council, who related his political career and jocularly noted that after 1960 he "widened his interests" and became Dean of Arts and Science at Dalhousie.

Before he spoke, Robbie Shaw the outgoing Student President had referred to the excellent relations that had been built up this year between the Student Union and the Administration.

ION AND THE UNIVERSITY TO GET INVOLVED IN A DEBATE WITH PRESIDENT HICKS STOP I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS HOWEVER THAT I ENJOYED WORKING WITH PRESIDENT HICKS DURING MY YEAR IN OFFICE AND THAT I HAVE THE GREATEST ADMIRATION FOR HIS ENDEAVOURS ON BEHALF OF DALHOUSIE AND ITS STUDENTS.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. McInnes also spoke to the gathering.

### HONOR AWARDS

Abandoning the traditional point-system for the first time, Honor awards were given out at the Student Council banquet and ball on Friday March 4.

This year Council decided to base its selection on the recommendations of a Nominations committee under the direction of Peter Crawford, rather than on the point system.

The awards were made by Professor Mercer, executive assistant to President Henry Hicks.

Recipients of Gold D'S were: Brock Rondeau, Robbie Shaw, Eric Hillis, Gary Hurst, Joe Macdonald, Jane Cushing, Leslie Tracy, Eric Jamieson, and a special award to Joe King of C.J.C.H. television in Halifax.

Silver D'S were awarded to: Ruth Manuel, Sue Powers, Jamie Richardson, Dave Simpson, Gordie Campbell, Bob Daley, Pat



Joe Macdonald, Malcolm Honour Award winner is seen here in his usual, cynical pose. Joe wishes he was as rank as he pretends.

Ryall, Carole Henderson, John Young, Meng Hee Tan, Mike Bent, Maurice Wong, Marg Kemp, Linda Mosley, John Burns, Frank O'Dea, Terry Morley, Paul Murphy, and Nancy Macdonald.

The Malcolm Honour award, considered to be the highest award at Dalhousie went to Joe Macdonald. It is awarded to a student who best combines high academic standing and outstanding participation in extra-curricular activities.

# French Canada week here

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government from Ottawa is no substitute for self government; French Canadians want a share in the decision making. Quebec also wants a limited share of international responsibility.

Brunet said, for generations Quebec politicians were errand boys for the Bishop or Bank of Montreal. Things started to change with M. Duplessis.

Economically Quebec is asserting itself through the nationalization of the power industry, mines, and now possibly state ownership of forestry. "You call it socialism if you wish; terms are irrelevant, the ends are what count."

New charters need to be drafted for McGill and Laval he said. Universities are no longer golf and country clubs; they are places of public service. The old charters have no meaning today.

"A New Quebec is in the building," Brunet added. We need the neutrality, at least of the rest of the country to accomplish it.

Claude Ryan, editor of Quebec City's newspaper, LeDevoir, told an overflow audience that the Canada of the future will be a Republic, with a parliamentary system "closer" to the American Congressional form.

Ryan, a recognized moderate of the "Quiet Revolution" in Quebec, spent most of his time outlining a formula that would make confederation a working agreement.

High on his list of priorities was the need for a workable form of biculturalism. Using the civil service as an example, he said the French employee should be entitled to speak to his superior

in his own language.

He said the right to use a second language should be extended to any minority that constitutes 10 per cent of the community.

Everyone that reaches a secondary school level of education is capable of mastering a second language, Ryan said.

"The Canadian problem," he said, "is not simple and the solution is to be found in dialogue and discussion."

Pierre LaPorte came to Dalhousie bearing the image of a New Quebec. Urbane and convincing he preached the doctrine of special status for Quebec. Perhaps his most interesting

comment came in response to a question about the recent low grant to McGill University. LaPorte left the impression that the major reason for the low amount of the grant was in order to force McGill to open its' books. However since McGill has done this the provincial government has still refused to raise the amount of the grant.

# Principal deity is dead

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departed spiritual leader." Senator Wayne Morse, Democrat of Oregon objected on the grounds that the resolution violated the principle of separation of church and state, but he was overruled by Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who remarked that "this is not a time for partisan politics."

Reaction from the world's great and from the man in the street was uniformly incredulous. "At least he's out of his misery," commented one housewife in an Elmira, N.Y. supermarket. "I can't believe it," said the Right Rev. Horace W.B. Donegan, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of New York. In Paris, President de Gaulle in a 30-second appearance on national television proclaimed "God is dead! Long live the republic! Long live France!"

News of the death was included in a one-sentence statement, without comment, on the 3rd page of Izvestia, official organ of the Soviet Government. The passing of God has not been disclosed to the 800 million Chinese who live behind the bamboo curtain.

Public reaction in this country was perhaps summed up by an elderly retired streetcar conductor in Passaic, N. J., who said: "I never met him, of course. Never even saw him. But from what I heard I guess he was a real nice fellow. Tops." From Independence, Mo., former President Harry S. Truman, who received the news in his Kansas City barbershop, said: "I'm always sorry to hear somebody is dead. It's a damn shame." In Gettysburg, Pa., former President Dwight D. Eisenhower released through a military aide the following statement: "Mrs. Eisenhower joins me in heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of the late God. He was, I always felt, a force for moral good in the universe. Those of us who were privileged to know him admired the probity of his character, the breadth of his compassion, the depth of his intellect. Generous almost to a fault, his many acts of kindness to America will never be forgotten. It is a very great loss indeed. He will be missed."

Dr. Altizer, God's surgeon, in an exclusive interview with The Times, stated this morning that the death was "not unexpected." "He had been ailing for some time," Dr. Altizer said, "and lived much longer than most of us thought possible." He noted that the death of God, had, in fact, been prematurely announced in the last century by the famed German surgeon, Nietzsche. Nietzsche, who was insane the last 10 years of his life, may have confused "certain symptoms of morbidity in the aged patient with actual death, a mistake any busy surgeon will occasionally make." Dr. Altizer suggested, "God was an excellent patient, compliant, cheerful, alert. Every comfort modern science could provide was made available to him. He did not suffer - he just, as it were, slipped out of our grasp."

This is a satirical comment on the 'God Is Dead' movement. This shortened version of an "obituary," written in the style of The New York Times, was excerpted from a longer article that appeared in Motive, a Methodist student publication (Box 871), Nashville, Tenn.

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