

Response poor

# Mid-term break examined

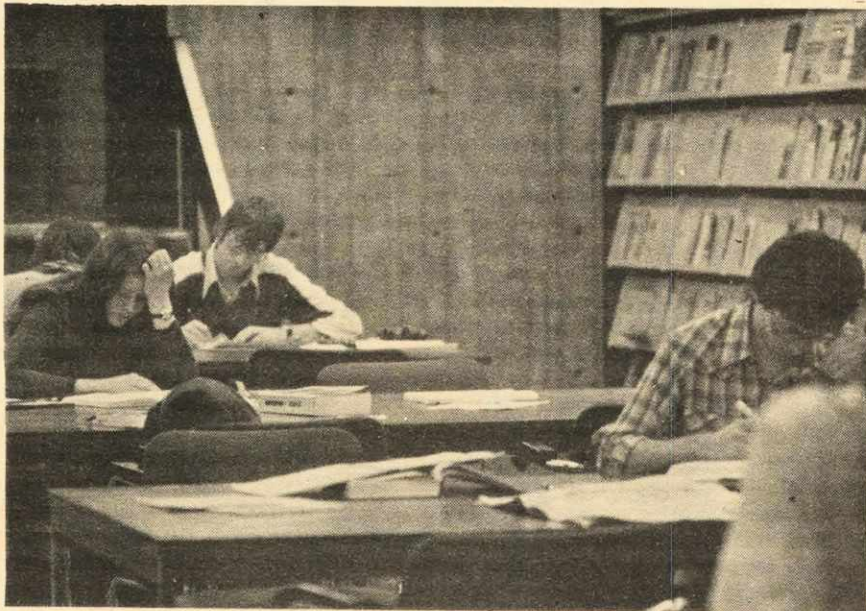
by Mary Hamblin

So far there has been little response from the Dalhousie student body to the proposal for a November mid-term study break. The proposal is presently being considered by the academic heads of the various faculties who will make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate Council.

The idea was first presented by Andrew Lynk, council science representative, in a letter to council (Gazette, November 10). Initially Lynk sent letters to the student leaders of each faculty, but only two of the groups responded. Commerce disagreed with the proposal while Arts and Science Faculty supported the idea.

Because of the poor response, Lynk felt that his proposal would be stronger if he were to apply it only to the faculty of Arts and Sciences. With this in mind he brought it before the student council which passed it unanimously. However, the proposal can be expanded to include other faculties if interest is shown by the students. Lynk's presentation was then taken to the Senate Faculty Council and referred back to various faculty heads of each department for study. The proposal must be passed by the Senate Faculty Council, then by the Senate and Board of Governors in order to go into effect. It is expected that the earliest date the school could implement the break would be 1979-80.

There is conflicting opinion concerning Lynk's proposal. Those in



Do you need a study break in November? Andrew Lynk, Dalhousie council science rep has proposed a November mid-term break for undergraduates. Lynk would appreciate input on this matter.

favor feel that the study break (a long weekend plus four days to be added on to the university year in

September) would be invaluable for students having financial, emotional and academic difficulties,

compounded by Christmas papers and exams. Many drop out at Christmas, frustrated with an inability to cope. Teachers in most faculties agree that there is a high incidence of late papers and class absence during this period. A break would enable many students to complete projects before the Christmas deadline, and it could enable some potential drop-outs to catch up in their affairs and remain at Dalhousie for the spring term.

Others feel that the break might be misused as a vacation rather than a study break.

A.J. Tingley, the registrar, said that a break for Arts and Sciences alone could be technically difficult to work out. However, Lynk's proposal is aimed for this faculty because this is the only one offering support.

The Health professions at Dalhousie would obviously find such a break impractical because their programs are so closely tied to the various hospitals in the area.

Lynk is disappointed at the lack of response from the students of each faculty or their representative. If you are interested in the proposed study break for your faculty, support must be voiced now. In order to survey the support, the **Gazette** asks that you fill out the blank below with your feelings about Lynk's proposal: letters of response are also welcome. A box will be placed at the front of the student union building to receive the completed forms.

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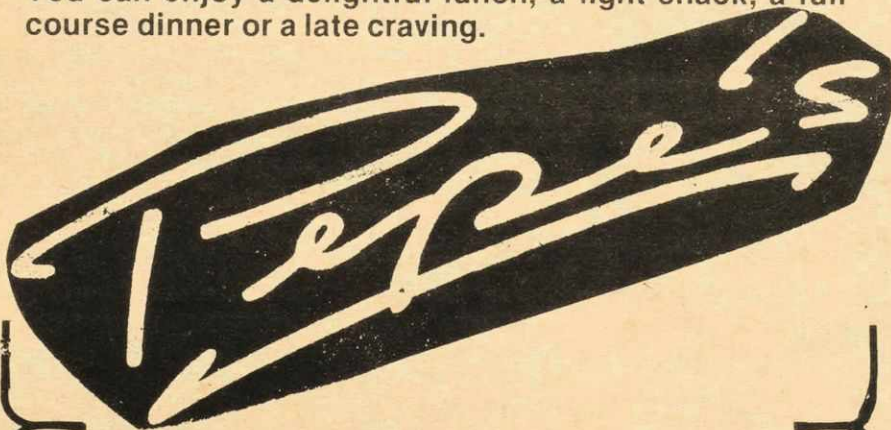
full-time \_\_\_\_\_ part-time \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support the November break proposal?  
 yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ don't know \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sodales will debate

by Rosslyn MacKinnon

This year's Winter Carnival promises to be one of the best ever and in keeping with such an expectation Sodales presents its Debate-a-thon. A Debate-a-thon is quite different from anything that this campus has ever experienced before.

At this point one might well ask what exactly is a debate-a-thon? A Debate-a-thon is when the members of Dalhousie's Debating Society debate nineteen hours, non-stop from a wide field of current interest topics. Beginning at 8 a.m. on Feb. 5th and continuing until 3 a.m. the next morning, Sodales debaters will reach out and grab

your attention with topics from many fields including those of philosophy, politics and issues of interest to post-secondary students.

The Victorian Lounge at Shirreff Hall will be the setting for these high calibre debates. Undoubtedly, avid fans of intellectual witticism will be on hand for a fine display.

The debating fare of the year will provide the forum for telling you everything you've always wanted to know about debating\* (\*but were afraid to ask). Members of the club will be on hand to answer any of your questions. Watch the carnival posters for further information.

## Caribanza February 11

by E. Martin Beecher

Members of the Dalhousie community and the community at large who have been around for more than two years will certainly remember CARIBANZA. How could you forget an event that somehow recreated the warmth and jollity for which the Caribbean is so famous? And that is the middle of Winter.

Well, the people who brought you CARIBANZA are at it again after a break last year. This year the Caribbean Society is holding "CARNIVAL JUMP-UP". Now if you liked CARIBANZA, you will most certainly like "CARNIVAL JUMP-UP". It will have those same things that made CARIBANZA so utterly delightful—Caribbean Food; Caribbean Drinks; Caribbean Music; Caribbean Hospitality. In short, "CARNIVAL JUMP-UP" will be the

one event for 1978 that will capture that Caribbean 'ambiance' which will make you actually feel you were there.

The date for "CARNIVAL JUMP-UP" is Saturday, February 11, 1978. The venue—St. Mary's SUB Cafeteria. The date coincides with the end of the Carnival celebrations in Trinidad.

One of our members just returned from the Caribbean and has brought back sizable samples of new and exciting rhythms which are now in vogue. These will be featured at "CARNIVAL JUMP-UP".

Tickets have been on sale for the past week and they have been going very fast. Those interested in obtaining tickets an call 425-7079 or 422-3254.

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