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Second university in Canada

Dalhousie divests

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DALHOUSIE BECAME THE second university in Canada to commit to completely divest its holdings in corporations that have economic interests in South Africa.

While some board of governors members said they wanted to deal with divestment on a "not-so emotional level," none voted against the motion to divest introduced by student governor Stevan Ellis.

Another student governor, Jill Jackson, presented a petition with 1550 signatures from the Dalhousie community that urged the BOG to "divest all financial holdings from South African interests."

Paul Keen, a member of the student coalition that circulated the petition, said he was surprised the board moved so quickly, but he was encouraged by the spirit he said the board displayed.

"We really didn't think it would pass as easily as it did. But the board of governors showed that they are sensitive to the way people feel. The spirit of divestment passed today, so now the nitty-gritty has to start," said Keen.

Ellis said it was time for Dalhousie to involve itself in the "political arena of the divestment issue."

"At Dalhousie we pride ourselves on our cosmopolitan flair and international stance. Around the room you see Black

and Asian students, students who wouldn't be here if this was South Africa," he said.

Dalhousie has over \$6 million invested in Canadian companies that deal with South Africa, like Interprovincial Pipeline Ltd., Canadian Pacific Ltd., Gulf Canada, Imperial Oil, Seagram Co., Trans-Canada Pipelines, the Bank of Montreal, Toronto Dominion Bank, the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Royal Bank.

Robbie Shaw, the university's vice-president of finance, said Dalhousie has investments in three Canadian companies that are listed by the Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility as having economic interests in South Africa.

Shaw would not say which companies, but said the investments are in the range of \$2 to \$3 million.

In a second motion, the Board set up an eight-member subcommittee comprised of two students, two Senate members and four BOG members to examine the university's corporate portfolio and instruct the BOG investment committee on divestment procedures.

Ellis said he hopes the motion will create a "ripple effect and that every Canadian university divests."

In November, McGill University became the first university in Canada to divest completely from companies owned or controlled by South African interests. Twenty two of McGill's 44 governors voted to divest in a two-hour

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Walk-home service will start next week

By **VALERIE MATHESON**

THE TURN-OUT AT Friday's meeting made it clear that women want the new walk-home service to work.

On January 17 the Organizing Committee set up a meeting to enlist volunteers for the service. Twenty people, most of them women, showed up with references and a scheduled time for participating in escorting students around Dalhousie campus.

"The turnout was wonderful," said Jolene Pattison, councillor and member of the security committee, "It showed that women are concerned about the situation and they are banding together to do something about it."

The committee hopes the service will begin early next week. "We want it to begin as soon as possible because of all the weird things that have been going on around campus," says Ian

MacLeod, organizer of the new service.

The service will operate from Thursday to Sunday between 7:30 and 11:30 p.m. covering areas between South Street and Coburg Road.

"We want to cover all the residences including Fenwick and all bus stops in the vicinity of Dal," says MacLeod.

The volunteers will be on an on-call basis with headquarters in the SUB, and the phone number will be publicized around Dalhousie for those students needing assistance.

The members of the service will be wearing identifiable jackets and carrying portable radios. "The campus will be patrolled better because the radios are a means of aiding Dal security in stopping criminals," says MacLeod.

"We're starting a basic service now but hope it will be on-going and improved in the future."

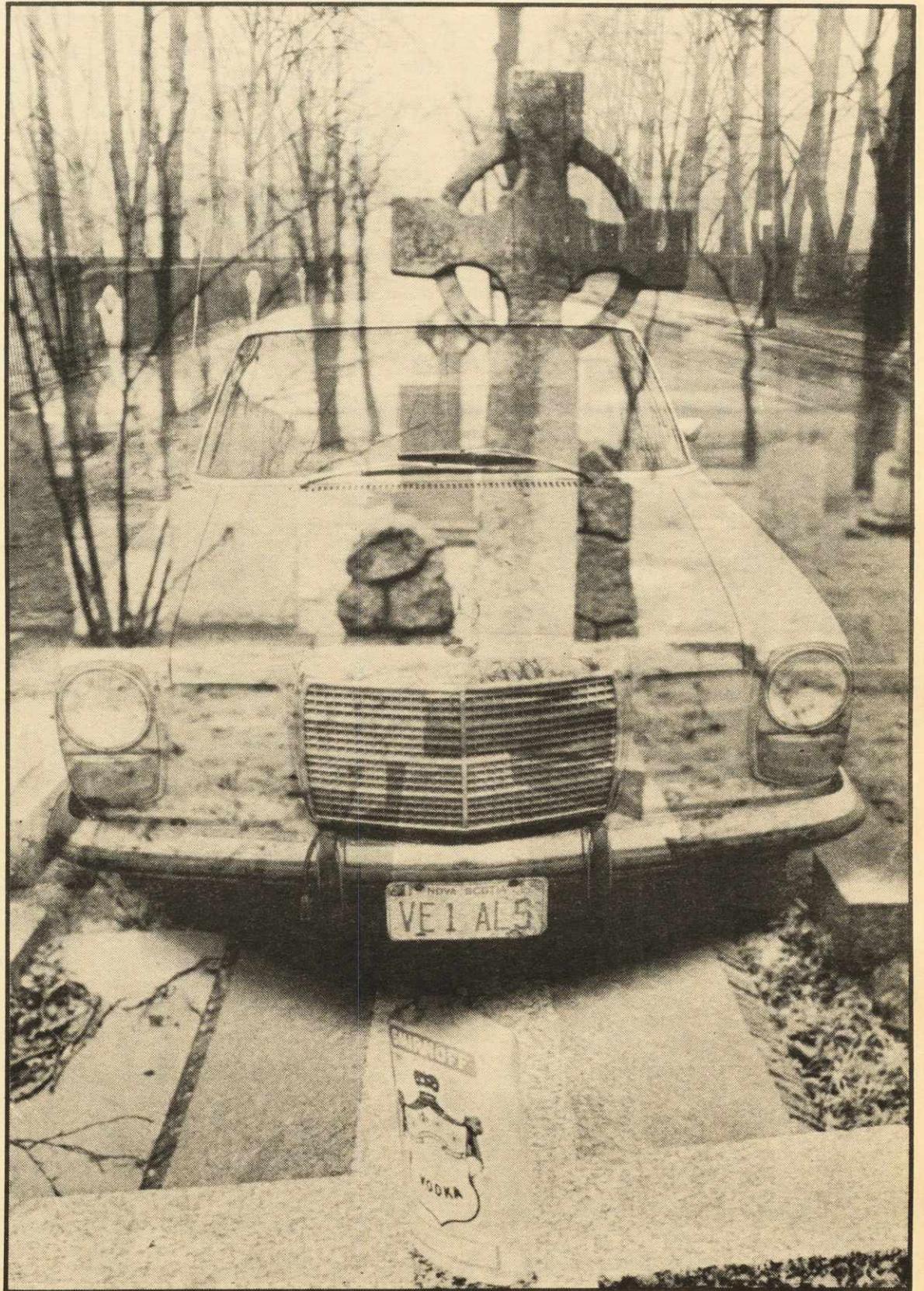


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Dal frat attacks drunk driving

By **CHARLENE SADLER**

DALHOUSIE'S PHI DELTA Theta will be one of the first fraternities in Canada to take an active stand against drunk driving as it begins its campaign to report drunk drivers.

Every year the frat chooses to take on a community service project, donating the proceeds to charity. This year, the frat decided upon another approach to the usual type of fund-raiser.

The frat chose to campaign against drunk driving because it had become such an important issue.

"It's an ongoing concern," said

Dave Lothian, president of Phi Delta Theta. "We thought it would be good if we attacked this problem."

For the first part of the campaign the 25 active members of Phi Delta Theta will canvass the residents of the university campus and the south end and ask them to show their concern by putting the campaign poster in their window. The poster reads, 'I Report Drunk Drivers.'

The fraternity will also give out an information sheet which tells exactly what to look for if a resident suspects that someone is driving drunk.

Characteristics to look for are

"speeding, swerving, basically erratic driving or anything out of the ordinary," said Lothian.

"We want to make people more aware of how important it is not to drink and drive, and to have them phone the police if they suspect someone of doing so," Lothian said.

The campaign is not limited to local residents and the campus. At Phi Delta Theta parties the frat will be incorporating the designated driver system.

"We'll present a sticker at the bar to the designated driver.

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