

MackKay asks departments to cut back

by Paul Creelman

The president of Dalhousie University has unexpectedly asked all deans to cut back their budgets for this year, the *Gazette* learned earlier this week.

The cuts could total as much as a million dollars, says vice-president of Administration, Robert Shaw, but the actual figure is not yet known.

"Of course, just because the president has said that he would like to see the deans save a million dollars doesn't mean that they can," says Shaw.

"Our main problem right now is that we are already six months into this year's budget, so we're in an awkward position."

Donald Betts, Dean of Arts and Science, clarifies the position of his faculty:

"We've been asked to look into the possibility of economizing a bit over the initial budget presented to us last year.

"As you know, there is some bargaining going on with the DFA right now, so that we're somewhat unsure of our financial position. If we do complete our salary settlement, it will be retroactive to

July 1, so we might have to find some extra money somewhere. Also, I understand that there is some uncertainty about the amount of money brought by registration fees this year.

"So, given the best prediction of these factors to date, we think that we'll have to save about \$200,000. I don't know if that's possible at this time of the year, though, because we've already spent most of our money."

Reliable sources indicate that the amount of money left unallocated to faculty salaries or teaching assistants is equal to the amount the faculty of Arts and Science has been asked to save.

Vice-president Shaw says, "I certainly wouldn't want anybody to get the impression that we're going to chop off a million dollars or impose a draconian five percent budget cutback everywhere. All I'm saying is that the university is under financial constraints right now, due to insufficient provincial funding, due to other uncertainties, whatever."

However, if the deans have trouble cutting their budgets, the administration will prob-

ably lend a hand with the process, according to Shaw.

"Sometime next week," says Shaw, "when I've received the reports of all the Deans, the president and administration will probably suggest additional budget cuts which may not have occurred to the deans."

DFA—No Official Position

Edgar Freidenberg, president of the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA), could not say what the official position of the DFA was on the cutbacks.

"The DFA, like many organizations, is run by an executive council, and this matter hasn't come up before our executive meeting yet."

However, when asked if he thought the move was a threatening one by the ad-

ministration, Freidenberg replied:

"Well, it's certainly a threatening move in that if it goes far enough, none of us will be here. But I don't think that the administration is doing it just to be nasty, if that's what you mean."

Chris Axworthy, chief negotiator for the DFA in its contract talks, would not comment on the budget cutbacks.

Although vice-president Shaw says that student services will not be affected by the cutbacks, he can't state exactly what areas of the budgets will be reduced. Nor could any statements be released concerning the budget reports which are being received from the Deans concerning the specific areas and

amounts of cutbacks which will be applied.

Gord Owen, student union president, said it is doubtful whether cuts can be made without affecting student services.

"It all depends on where the money comes from. As long as the cuts don't inconvenience or hinder student activities, then the more money they can save, the better. But I don't see how they can make real cuts by just cutting down on waste of paper in offices, or whatever."

Owen also points out that a high salary settlement with the DFA could result in another drastic jump in tuition fees.

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RCMP hired student to spy

by Cathy McDonald

The RCMP hired a Dalhousie student last fall to infiltrate and spy on a local political group, raising questions concerning the state of liberties and democratic rights in Canada.

The student, whose name is withheld, collected personal information about In Struggle, a Marxist-Leninist organization, in return for up to \$125 per month from October 1979 to February 1980.

A statement released by In

Struggle, confirmed by other sources, reveals the individual's description of his involvement with the RCMP. He first had trouble with the RCMP over some drug problems three years ago. The RCMP contacted him again

last year offering him a job in return for needed money to go to Dalhousie. According to the statement, the infiltrator "was instructed to gather information on In Struggle; the people who were in it, its supporters . . . and where (the members) lived and worked." He was encouraged to make close friends in the group, perhaps sleep with someone, with the hope of being defended if he was suspected of being an informer.

The student terminated his RCMP affiliation, as his conscience bothered him.

Infiltration: Part of Established RCMP Practise

The infiltration of In Struggle, is not an isolated case, but is an example of established RCMP practise. This has been revealed across Canada by two Commissions of Inquiry into questionable RCMP practises headed by Justice David McDonald and Commissioner Jean Kaeble.

The RCMP have been shown to make extensive use of political informers, whom they recruit by manipulating human weaknesses. Confidential health records are secretly obtained to learn of an individual's emotional problems, homosexuality or perhaps treatment for mental illness. Potential informers can thus be humiliated or pressured into co-operation. Other methods of recruitment include long interrogations, reminding the person of his criminal record and money offers. This apparently is the

scenario in which the Dalhousie student found him-

self. Indian associations. A three-year investigation was conducted on "extremist elements" in both the NDP and Parti Quebecois.

The *Globe and Mail* quoted one RCMP source as saying "a traditionally right wing Mounties' definition of a potential subversive might differ widely from the interpretation of many other citizens." Infiltrators are not only used to gather information, but to disrupt a group, harass it or undermine its leadership.

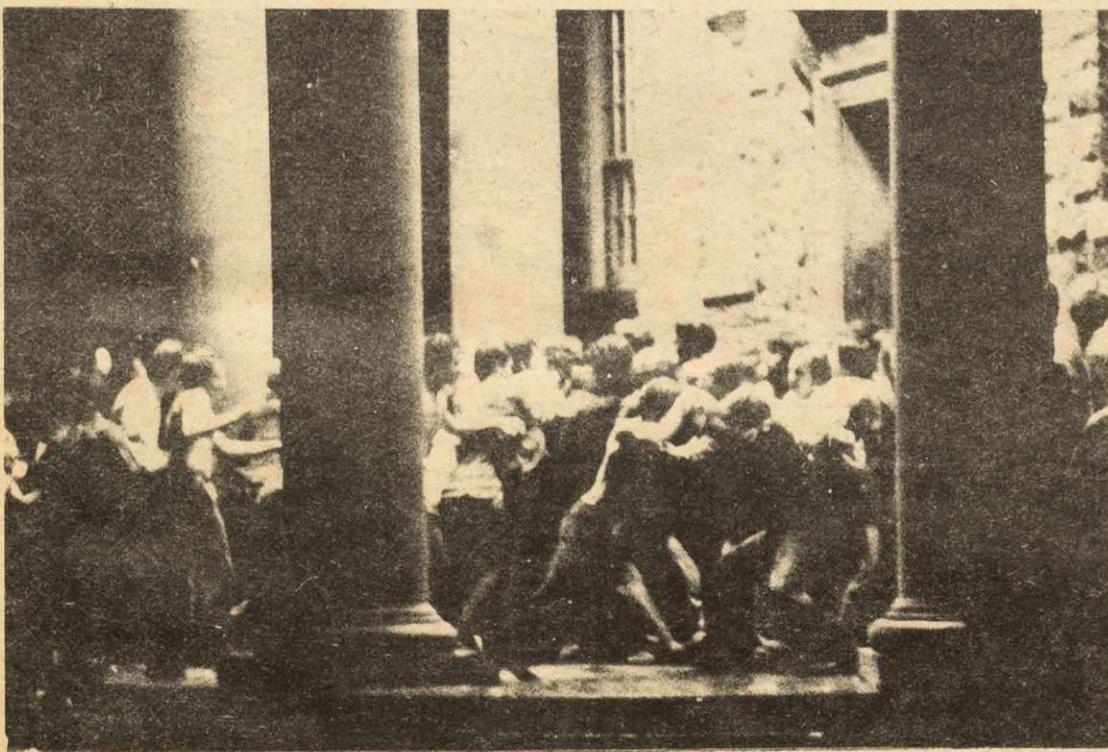
Dal Professors Comment

The use of informers in political groups is not illegal, says Dalhousie Law Professor Richard Evans. According to our sense of democratic rights and freedom of association, anyone can join a political group regardless of their private views or other associations, including the RCMP. But Evans feels it is a disquieting notion that the police find it a priority to know what this particular organization (In Struggle!) is doing compared to any other group.

A Violation of Democratic Rights

Political Science Professor Braybrooke says the RCMP is "unwarranted to interfere with (In Struggle!)" Braybrooke maintains that there is no actual move among political left-wing groups such as In

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"Oh the rites of fall," sighed University of King's College President John Godfrey, "I guess it's just one of those lemming-like rituals of the engineers." Yes, the above photo is of this year's annual raid by Dalhousie Engineers on Alexandra Hall, the women's residence at King's. The event took place last night without major incident. Halifax police took only one person away in the paddy-wagon but promised that more would be slammer bound should the engineers cause any further disturbance. This year's raid was the fifty-first in as many years with roughly one hundred engineers throwing eggs, charging the main door, and generally doing the same wacko things they do every year.