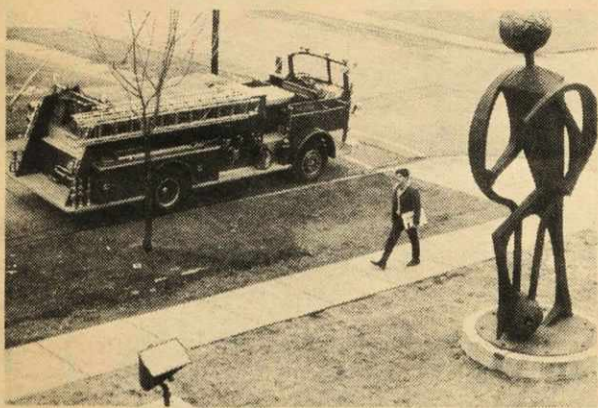


# The Non-Fire in the Dal SUB

By SANDY LYTH



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Ding . . . Fzzz

On a perfectly normal Saturday afternoon there was a perfectly normal Music Festival going on in the perfectly not-so-normal McInnes Room. In fact there was only one thing wrong in this perfectly normal setting - namely the abnormal amounts of smoke in the air. The upper three floors were evacuated, firemen were called and three hours were spent trying to find where the non-fire was coming from. To no avail, however, so the fans were turned on the the smoke went away.

All remained well until Sunday afternoon, when, with the fans turned off, the infamous smoke struck again. The fans were called into immediate action, and, as predicted, the smoke disappeared. Monday at noon, the same conditions were exactly duplicated, and lo and behold the smoke reappeared.

The cause for all the smoke has been discovered, however. The pot lights in the ceiling are held up by strips of non-combustible tape, but the heat from the lights was decomposing the glue on the tape. Hence the smoke. The fans are on now all the time to blow it away and tests are being made throughout the building to see if the same problem exists elsewhere. The motto of the story is, 'Where there is heat and smoke, there doesn't necessarily have to be fire.'

# Fasching is...

Every year, during the grim winter days of February before Lent, every community in Germany enlivens the season with several weeks of festive merry-making not unlike the more ostentatious Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans.

Depending on the area, the name varies -- in Munich they call it "Fasching." Starting with a grand parade, Munich awakens as the round of balls and parties builds to a crescendo of excitement. Our own Christmas-New Year's season palls by comparison.

Besides party-hopping, the festival goer can choose from a wide variety of balls suited to his taste and/or pocket book. By Ash Wednesday Eve, when Fasching officially terminates, the balls will have numbered more than 2,000 in Munich alone. They range from gala affairs set about with glittering decorations and accompanied by expensive entertainment, down to the smallest but nevertheless gemütlich gathering.

Almost all festivities are costume affairs. Costumes display a wide range of imagination, often put together at little cost from odds and ends. Less enterprising citizens rent their outfits.

The spirit of Fasching, bottled or otherwise, has undeniable consequences, some of which are reflected in the yearly statistics. Besides dividends recorded by the breweries and hotels, who host most of the longer balls, other institutions report significant effects. Hospitals report a decided increase in the birth rate just nine months after the festivities cease. Divorce cases based on alleged misbehavior (adultery) committed during Fasching are refused a hearing in court.

Fasching arose in the old days as an opportunity to let off steam and live it up before the strict austerity of the Lenten season. The costumes were thought to ward off evil influences. But today, the religious and magical aspects have faded in significance, while Fasching remains a firmly entrenched institution.

On February 22, a little taste of Fasching will be in the offing here at Dalhousie. A Faschings ball (costume optional if desired) is being organized by the Dalhousie German club to take place in the SUB cafeteria. More details will be available later, but plan your costume now!

Es kommt Fasching!

# Murphy Remanded

FREDERICTON (CUP) - University newspaper columnist Tom Murphy was remanded to Feb. 4 Wednesday (Jan. 29) when he made his second appearance before the Supreme Court of New Brunswick to face contempt of court charges.

Murphy, in trouble over a column in the Dec. 3 Brunswickan at the University of New Brunswick, told the Supreme Court tribunal that he has arranged for Alan Borovoy of Toronto, director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, to defend him.

Speaking through lawyer David Nicholson, Murphy said that Borovoy, enlisted last weekend, needed more time to prepare his case.

J.F. Teed, prosecuting attorney, objected on grounds that there is no precedent for lawyers from other provinces to work in New Brunswick, but the court finally granted the six-day remand on condition that Borovoy work with Nicholson, a local lawyer, in the case.

Murphy has been seeking unsuccessfully for a Fredericton lawyer to represent him. He was charged last month, along with Brunswickan editor John Oliver who pleaded guilty to the charges Jan. 16. He was fined \$50.



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