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"The conservative Jesuits run this university." "Too much theology clutters up our courses." These words sparked a frank interview last week between the Gazette and students at St. Mary's University.

The purpose of the discussion was to discover what the students of the all-male university think of Dalhousie as an academic institution.

The common room was half full of students and vending machines and saturated with cigarette smoke. I approached a crowded table and introduced myself as a student representing the Gazette.

At first the students were somewhat reticent but soon became more responsive. The 90 minute talk concerning all sides of university life rendered some interesting comments.

While interviewing the ten students I received opinions but a few generalizations as well. When asked which university they thought was better academically, they all said that one would have to attend both in order to give a fair answer. They agreed, however, that there was not any great difference between the toughness of the work.

I questioned students representing the faculties of engineering, arts, science and commerce. Ozzie Burke, an Arts student, thought the Arts courses at the two universities are "almost similar," but said one would have to attend both in order to give an exact answer. One can be more broadly educated at Dal because the courses at St. Mary's are cluttered up with theology classes, Burke said. Every Catholic student at SMU must take three theology courses for his degree regardless of his field. Most of the others agreed that the religious approach takes away the broad background of a liberal education although it does not remove it altogether. Burke said that theology classes turn one against religion.

Ron Chalmers, a Science student who previously attended Dal, said that science facilities are better at Dal, although conditions at SMU will be vastly improved in the near future. He added that the professors are too impersonal at Dal and this is a significant factor in education. "You're just a number, not a name," Burke concurred that professors are "more interested" at SMU. Friendship with instructors seems to provide encouragement to the students, especially the ones who are unsure of their ability, he added.

Roger LaRocque, an Arts student, thought that the "conservative Jesuits" had too much influence in running the university and that this hampered the educational development at St. Mary's. Every student is obliged to take the theology when most of them think they could use their time better by taking courses in their major field. In spite of this drawback, LaRocque thought that the courses at St. Mary's were as educationally advantageous to the students as those of Dalhousie.

Greg Vaughan, a commerce student, said that a Dal graduate with a commerce degree is better educated than a St. Mary's student with the same degree, because the Dal student has more opportunity to study commerce while the St. Mary's student is studying theology.

Two other students, John Harrington and Eric Wilson, said that St. Mary's was easier to get into than Dalhousie but that it was harder to graduate from St. Mary's.

Apart from such drawbacks as theology courses and a present lack of facilities, most of SMU students think there is little difference in the academic standards of the two universities.

## McEachen to address Liberals

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Nova Scotia's Cabinet Minister, will address the Annual Maritime Student Liberals Convention in Halifax on Saturday evening, January 4th. A highlight of the week-end's sessions, the Centennial Banquet guests are expected to hear Mr. MacEachen speak on Canada as she enters her second century. The convention sessions, under the theme, "A Time to Move On..." will confront several problems which concern students at this important moment in Canadian history.

A lengthy policy session on Saturday afternoon will enable delegates from nearly 20 Student Liberal clubs throughout the Atlantic Provinces to discuss problems of education, Canadian nationhood, party politics, international affairs and various contemporary problems. In marked contrast to the usual format, Ted Danielson, Maritime Student Liberal president in announcing the convention stressed that "the sessions will not hear lengthy speeches from numerous poli-

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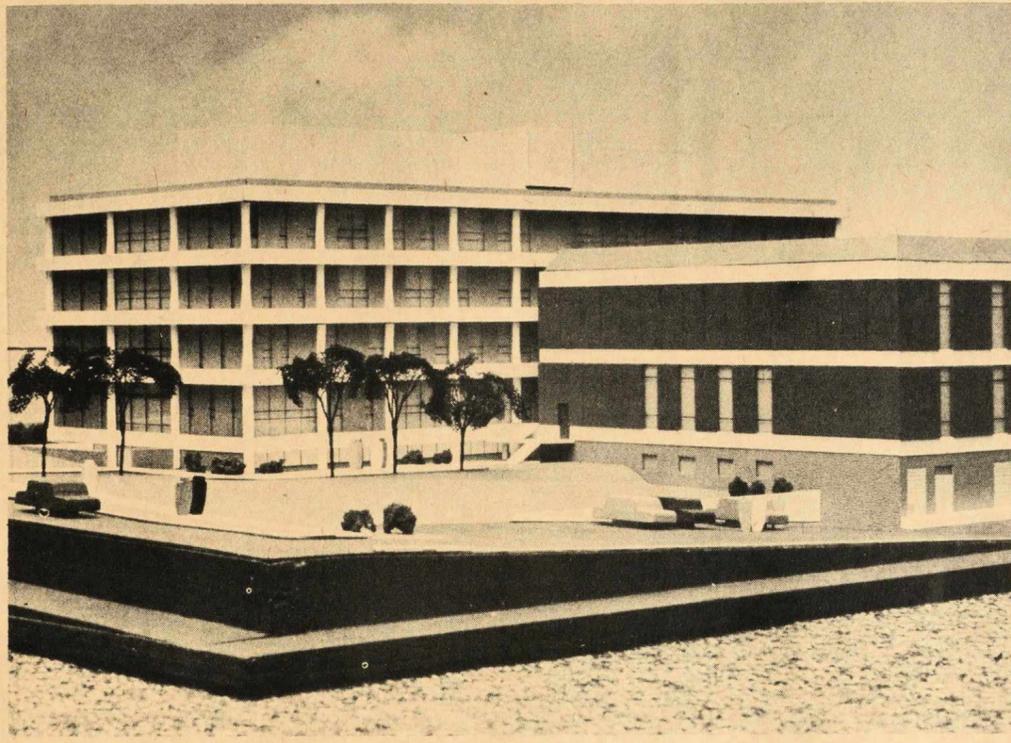
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MODEL OF \$3.7-MILLION STUDENT UNION BUILDING

This is the reason for the January 25 referendum. The \$3,700,000 Student Union Building is scheduled for completion in 1968. The project is now in danger of collapsing unless the Student Union can raise more capital. The university is providing land for the SUB on University Ave., between Seymour and Lemarchant Streets, plus a large cash grant. The students must raise the

remainder of the funds. The Student Union has been collecting a \$10 SUB fee from students since 1960. Plans are to increase this amount to \$20 in 1968 to meet capital and administration costs for the next 20 years. If the students vote yes on the 25th, the total Student Union fees will rise to \$44 in 1968. All Dalhousie's students are eligible to take part in the vote.

## King's, 178 years later:

# To become residential college?

By GAY MacINTOSH  
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"Will King's College become a residential college of Dalhousie? This is a question that is in the minds of all of King's students and a few Dalhousie students.

Within the next year a decision must be made so that if Kings does decide to become a member, it will help to pay the student union building fee. Since the Kings students do not have many of the opportunities of Dal students, such as Interfac and varsity sports, DGDS, a Student Union Building (they have one common room), or a canteen, a few of them pay Dal fees as well as their own in order to have Dalhousie privileges. King's students have, by their services, made themselves indispensable to Dal in the past years.

If the proposition is carried out it will entail this:

- 1) It will affect both universities on the administrative and student level
- 2) There will be one degree
- 3) Economic integration
- 4) Integration of sports activities
- 5) One Winter carnival
- 6) One Student Union Building and one student government

At the student level, John Young answered these questions.

How would Kings becoming a residential college affect Dal?

"I am not worried about the affect that it would have on Dal. The number of King's students is so insignificant (their whole college is not as large as our arts and science faculty), that their joining the Dalhousie Student Union could not have much affect on us."

Is Dalhousie in favour of a residential college system?

"Yes we are - it will be of great benefit to us and could bring only favourable results."

What exactly would it entail?

"It would entail King's students paying Dalhousie Student Union fees on the SUB, no longer having Kings fees and having all the privileges and duties of the member of the Dal Student Union. They would share in sports and social events, use the same SUB. They would still have the same opportunity of being a small college having the integrated atmosphere of a small college. There would be one degree and economic integration."

How would Kings students be treated?

"They will have no extra privileges. They are adults and will be treated as such. But as members of the Student Union, they are entitled to all its benefits. As new members they might receive a little more attention at first."

Would Kings share the SUB fees?

"Yes."

Wayne Hankey, President of the Student Council at Kings gave an academic background to the question -

"How would King's feel about



becoming a resident college at Dal?"

"It has become clear, and independent studies which have been made have shown that there is a need for change in both institutions."

"A Dalhousie professor who is now at Queens commented that undergraduates at Dalhousie get one of the poorest educations in Canada, and are generally ignored when they apply for jobs.

Only the honours students and those majoring internally get much assistance from our communication with the professors."

He then commented on Student Government. "Student Government has been very unsuccessful. Inability to organize the students interests in institutions is one big reason. There is such a large amorphous student body with mainly day students."

"On one hand, I feel that Kings has produced a viable Student Community, has a sense of its rights and interests and has developed a strong institution and structure to govern itself."

On the other hand, in order that her faculties be used to their fullest capacity, Kings would have to double her enrollment."

"The Divinity School seems to be afraid to make a special contribution and fill a real role. The Arts faculty at Dalhousie is much too large for the Kings Arts faculty to be an important part of it." In other words,

## Maritime lawmen to meet

Law students from Dalhousie and the University of New Brunswick will rally here next weekend to forget their academic woes for a few days.

About 200 delegates, 35 of them representing the UNB law school, will participate in the third annual Maritime Law Student's Conference, Jan. 19 - 21.

The conference, first held at Dalhousie in January, 1965, aims to improve rapport between the two law schools and provide an opportunity for athletic and debating contests. UNB hosted the

Kings and Dal both need changes, and Kings becoming a residential College could be the very change needed. But, Hankey feels, it would have to be a very special kind of residential college system to suit both universities, for if Kings became a member of Dal's Student Union they would be swallowed up and says Wayne: "Dalhousie Student Government is a laughing stock across Canada. It is a large bureaucratic machine unaware of the real aspirations of the academic world today. In my opinion, students are being turned out of this machine primarily illiterate." Wayne then made this suggestion:

"I emphatically feel that Dalhousie should be broken up into many small residential colleges with Kings as one of them. For example the Arts faculty should be broken up twice and the other faculties each become an entity in its own right. King's then would

not be broken up and Dalhousie students would be able to obtain a small College atmosphere, thus more spirit would evolve. But this cannot be done only on the administrative level. The student body must be broken up in terms of self government. Each college would have its own student council.

"The Bureaucratic machine at Dalhousie is irrelevant. The only hope to do something about it is to break up this administration into smaller units. The union in individual colleges should be the primary unit even if they might want to federate."

The questions is: Is Kings in favour of a residential college system?

"Yes, emphatically," says Hankey, "but under the terms mentioned! The viability of the Student Union at King's is a demonstration of how well this system would work."

## Interview host of This Hour Has Seven Days

By LIZ SHANNON  
Students Council Editor  
Bubbling his way through booze at the Bistro, Laurier La Pierre granted the Gazette an interview during the recent Canadian University Press conference in Montreal.

The one-time TV co-host of the now defunct CBC program "This Hour Has Seven Days" offered comments on a range of topics.

Presently a professor of history at McGill University, La Pierre said the primary purpose in the field of communication was to communicate, not to gather.

"This Hour Has Seven Days was such an instrument of communication, not just a purveyor of information," he said.

Newspapers are 95 per cent subjective. College newspapers should have something to appeal

to everyone if they are to be heard. It disturbed La Pierre, who is honorary president of Canadian University Press, that they were not being read.

Commenting on universities in general, he said the large classes and the unprepared professors (who sit on an average of five committees) provide the reasons why students can't be stimulated in the class. The only way they can be stimulated is by small tutorials, which are expensive.

La Pierre is a staunch advocate of the Company of Young Canadians. He said students must become involved and committed to issues and that the university should be a political training ground.

Speaking about the Maritimes, he said "the poor are not backward but the poor are pulled back by the civilization of the poor". Maritime university students

## Referendum planned Council calls for increase in student contribution to SUB

By LINDA GILLINGWATER  
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Had any lately? Want some? Meet me January 25 at the big R if you want a piece of the action.

The action? Yeah, you know - the referendum The Council is holding on fee increases for the student union building. The union is asking for an added ten bucks per year from each student to replace our archaic arts annex.

Don't just think of yourself - think of those flies in the ladies room that need a new home.

Oh, you're male and are quite unsympathetic to that particular problem. Rally your forces; give those cockroaches in the card room new camping grounds.

Let Trivial Trivett hold forth in more spacious surroundings.

Let your student council barf around in a new board room. A yes vote means that you will get:

- five floors of modern facilities designed to meet the needs of the student community for the next eight years with room for the next 20 years.

- recreation rooms, ie, billiards (pool to all the keenies), ping pong, lounges, etc.

- common rooms.

- a book store that will carry non-text titles (of course, it will stock the complete works of the Marquis de Sade)

- a bank and a barbershop.

- card room.

- reading rooms.

- 1,000 seat auditorium (with an adjoining lounge and servise)

- music lounge for practice and listening.

- student offices - modern facilities for all student organizations. ie, Gazette, Pharos, Dal Glee and Dramatic society, etc.

- cafeteria that will seat about 500 (rumour has it that they will serve edible food).

- offices for student counsellors. Since there will be seven offices some specialization no doubt will be developed - how about Complete Collapse Care in Room 1, Conscientious Contraction in Room 2, Friendly Fraternities for all the return to the womers in Room 3, Term Test Trauma in Room 4, etc. Beech and his boys will be on hand to condition you at fixed intervals. Then you'll be reconciled to the world and can utilize our next exciting feature to a greater extent.

- new student placement of-

## Student union fees may rise to \$44.00

By LIZ SHANNON  
Student Council Editor

Students may soon be paying \$44.00 in Student Union fees, \$20.00 of which will go towards the new Student Union Building. After a plea by Dennis Ashworth, head of the SUB Committee, Council last night voted in favour of holding a student referendum to increase the amount paid by each student to the SUB by \$10.00.

This proposed increase will go into effect in September 1968 so that students who are paying the new amount will actually be using the building.

Council president John Young said that if students do not pass the referendum to be held Wednesday, January 25, there probably won't be a SUB.

A cost analysis was made prior to the decision to hike the fee. It reveals that this amount, which is a maximum figure, is the required sum to pay for capital and operating costs over a twenty year period.

Available capital from students calculated from the years 1968-87 (based on Bladen commission enrollment figures) is substantiated by a loan and also a large contribution from the university itself.

Council members were shown plans of the proposed building scheduled to be tendered in March and started in April, 1967. A board of directors will meet three or four times annually to make policy for the building. Day to day operations will be in the hands of the building administrators and the students.

Medicine rep Koo Tank Leck opposed authorization of the referendum on the grounds that the med faculty is planning a grad student house for next year and are considering asking Council for a rebate of union building and council fees. However, most societies are supporting the referendum.

Council member Alan Hayman urged members to take an active role in encouraging students to vote in favour of the referendum.

Dalhousie students may be wearing new rings in future, Sandy MacDonald, nursing rep., described the proposed new ring which is being looked into as well as the possibility of having new Dal jackets.

Council voted to give \$75 to the ski lodge to purchase used furniture and also \$100 in aid of the ski club, who asked for \$300 to carry out their programs.

The decision was made because the ski club was not able to hold a fund-raising dance this year.

There will be a meeting of the graduating students on January 19 to elect life officers and make program decisions.

An awards committee was appointed by Council to make recommendations for awarding gold and silver D's.

A motion was also passed requesting president John Young to re-open negotiations with Kings.

Students with a variety of interview rooms (so you can sell your soul to tax the corporation in comfort).

- roof bathing (sounds like they stole this one from the Berkeley campus and forgot to have the architects change it to meet Nova Scotian demands - like maybe a skating rink?).

It may sound funny; it is not. The New Student Union Building is a serious project and one which demands your attention and action.

The SUB question has been hashed and rehashed for the last fifty years. In the twenties it was suggested that a building for student activities be placed on the shores of the North West Arm. In the thirties our tentative move was to a converted barn (sounds like the thing we're in now doesn't it).

Nothing happened; people discussed and proposed. The situation dragged along until the 57-58 session.

That was the year of "Magnificent Murray's" Reports, surveys, investigations and other assorted "preliminaries" had all been carried out during preceding years. Murray Fraser, Law student and Council president called for a fund-raising drive.

Students were asked to contribute 10 more a year for a S.U.B. fund. Tentative cost of the building was about half a million. They said yes.

We have grown since then. Our building is to cost \$3,740,000, Dal

administration is giving us the land on the corner of Seymour and Lemarchant streets. They are also kicking in another cool million. But its ours.

It is to be student run and student orientated in all respects. A cost analysis shows that \$20 per student is the required sum to pay for capital and operating costs over a twenty-year period.

This is an increase of \$10 over what you are now paying. Construction will start next April so all you first and second year students will benefit directly.

Council's propaganda has presented all the pat phrases - how it will "serve as a unifying force, cultivating respect and loyalty to the university," a laboratory of citizenship, training students in social responsibility etc." There are cliches but they are accurate.

A cursory look at our campus will show you that there is just no meeting place where students can meet, exchange ideas etc. (See Editorial, Pg. 3)

This project represents the collective effort and sacrifice of previous students; they paid \$10 every year for the past seven years so that we can get this building, knowing full well that they would never reap the benefit. The land is cleared, the final drawings will be completed within days; the university senate has given its blessing. The final say is yours.

## Forecast for Feb. 4: The Stormy Clovers

By LIZ SHANNON  
Student Council Editor

Stormy Clovers will invade Halifax in early February to add a note of freshness to the winter scene. One of the hottest new groups to hit the Canadian scene, the Stormy Clovers will appear here during Winter Carnival Week.

Singing material written mostly by contemporary Canadian folk figures; Gordon Lightfoot, Ian Tyson and Leonard Cohen, a Montreal poet; the Clovers blend the best elements of folk and rock. Their songs please both the young and mature. Their music, as Jack Batten of "The Scene" says, "is of right now! with forceful rhythms and a distilled blues sound... throughout which

you can hear their admiration for people like Bob Dylan, Dionne Warwick and Ray Charles."

Destined for making it big in the North American Folk World since they got together last summer, the Stormy Clovers are composed of four; Ray Perdue, lead guitarist, P.D. Fraser, bass guitarist, John (Pat) Patterson, drummer and harmonica player and, last but not least, a sexy chick, once described as "a sensuous Raggedy Ann, Susan Jains, who sings and shakes a tambourine.

These performers should provide an exciting musical as well as visual experience for Winter Carnival audiences. The Stormy Clovers really play up a storm.

## Dief, the Chief, to speak...

The Rt. Hon. John George Diefenbaker will speak to a meeting of the Dalhousie Progressive Conservative Club on Tuesday, January 17, at 11:30 a.m. in room 134 of the Arts and Administration Building. People of every political stripe are invited to hear Mr. Diefenbaker. This is to be one of a series of centennial projects of the Dalhousie Conservatives.

ball, basketball; 5:30 P.M. cocktails, 7 P.M. Banquet, 10 P.M. Grand Dance, all at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

Co-ordinating conference activities from UNB is David Little, its law school student president.

A ten-member student committee is responsible for organizing the conference hosted by Dalhousie: Terry Donahue, Seamus O'Regan, Wayne Spracklin, Roger Franklin, Peter McFonough, Jeff Sommerville, Edward Noonan, Barry Oland, Ron Twohig and David Day.