

EAC over crisis

by Michael Clow

The Ecology Action Centre, the environmental interest group headquartered in the Forrest Building on the Dalhousie campus, has overcome the financial crisis that threatened to close down their activities and are now in the process of trying to establish a steady source of income. Founded six years ago to provide information and expertise on environmental questions to both government and the public, the organization has been plagued by an insecure funding base, although their research and participation in environmental issues has gained widespread recognition from governments, academics, and the public.

The EAC has made an application to Keith Evans, Chairperson of the Grants Committee of the Student Union, for a grant of \$1,225 to assist student oriented activities during the present academic year, activities which have included working closely with such causes as Environmental Law, Public Health Education, Strategic De-

cision-making, ecology and education. Susan Mayo of the Centre told the *Gazette* that EAC will be coming up before the Grants Committee this weekend and before council next Sunday in an attempt to secure the grant.

The annual meeting, to be held this Saturday, will examine three strategies for securing stable self financing. The first or "\$12,000 Approach" would be an attempt to obtain pledges of \$10 a month from 100 Nova Scotians, a bare minimum necessary to maintain current operations of one fulltime staffperson and a regular office, as well as normal membership dues.

Two alternative strategies have been proposed for discussion, one stressing the hiring of only a part time staff and relying on 10 to 20 volunteers to carry the work load (est. \$8000 minimum) and the other to move towards the hiring of a number of highly qualified people to develop a nice professional approach using large foundation grants. The general direction, and the mix of strategies for the short

and long term are expected to form an important part of the annual meeting of EAC's more than 175 members.

Other important items for the meeting will be the reports on three current EAC activities. Susan Holtz (Centre Energy Coordinator) on Nova Scotia as a conservator society; Lloyd Hawboldt, retired assistant

Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests in N.S., on Forest Management in Cape Breton; and Don Higgins of the St. Mary's Political Science department on Urban Development issues.

The meeting starts at 6:30 after a pot luck supper at 5 at the Unitarian Church Hall, 5500 Inglis Street, Saturday the 11th.

The Annual EAC Meeting will be held Saturday, February 11, 1978, Unitarian Church Hall, 5500 Inglis St., Halifax.

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 5-6:30 p.m. POT LUCK SUPPER—Bring a sample of your favorite food for everyone to share. Also please bring your own knife, fork, spoon, plate and cup. Beverage will be provided.
- 6:30 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING COMMENCES—Introduction and agenda review by Don Chard, the meeting chair.
- 6:40 p.m. ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND FINANCES—given by Alan Ruffman, President of the 1977 Board.
- 7:00 p.m. THREE CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF EAC
—Nova Scotia as a Conservator Society—S. Holtz
—Forest Management in Cape Breton—to be announced
—Urban Development Issues—D. Higgins
- 7:30 p.m. FUNDING STRATEGIES FOR EAC
—The \$12,000. approach—S. Mayo
—A move toward greater volunteer effort—S. Mayo
—An increasingly professional approach—B. Stuart
- 7:50 p.m. BREAK
- 8:00 p.m. DISCUSSION / DELIBERATION
- 8:30 p.m. ELECTION OF 1978 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 8:55 p.m. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR COMING YEAR
- 9:00 p.m. ANNUAL AWARDS: "Sunshine Award", "Tarred Duck Award", and "Positive Environmental Event in 1977"
- 9:05-9:30 p.m. SLIDE PRESENTATION OF WRECK COVE—Lawson Boutilier

Community Crime

How does a community cope with the problem of crime? What can it offer to some of its citizens as an alternative to criminal prosecution?

A group of Halifax residents, concerned about the growing incidence of crime in the area, have joined forces with experts in the field to develop a new approach to answering these questions.

The North End project, which builds upon some of the work of the law reform commission of Canada, is about to become fully operational in Halifax. This working model

decreases the number of persons arrested and lessens court loads while giving the community a greater role to play in dealing with its own crime.

'Diversion', a forum on the community's role in crime control, will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. in Room 115 of the Weldon Law Building, Dalhousie University, to discuss, among other things, the process and diversion of the family court, and community control of the criminal process. The meeting is an open forum and the public is invited to attend and express their opinions.

Speakers

Sandy Lyth, Unison Worker
Jim Ortego,
Dalhousie Law Professor

Judge L.E. Moir,
Family Court Judge
Norma Scott,
Co-ordinator of Veith House
Ed Renner,
Dalhousie Psychology Dept.

Moderator
Issues Raised by a Diversion
"Background Information & General Programme"
"The Family Court Judge looks at Diversion"
"Community Control of the Criminal Process"
Research and Evaluation of the North End Project

Carrots are nutritious...

by Karen Gibson

Should all rabbits unite and demand a price-cut on carrots? Maybe so, but at A Woman's Place in Forrest House Monday, Elizabeth Lambie was concerned not with the eating habits of rabbits, but with those of people. She spoke at length on several "fad" diets and how the majority of dieters are deceived in their endless search for weight control. This often results in serious nutritional deficiency.

Lambie stressed the importance of a varied diet, claiming that "no one food is perfect just as no one food is, by itself, fattening". She praised Shirreff Dining Hall in particular for its balanced menu.

Lambie feels that with proper education, dangerous food fallacies can be realized and the "process of changing behaviour for better health can begin." Further information can be obtained at any branch of Public Health.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Dalhousie Student Union positions are now open in accordance with By-law X1—Elections. Nominations open February 13, 1978 and close February 1978. Nomination forms may be picked up in the Student Council Office, Rm. 222 SUB.

Pat Dix
Chief Electoral Officer

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Nominations for the positions of President and Vice-President, as a team, for the Dalhousie Student Union are now open in accordance with By-Law XI-Elections.

Nominations open Feb. 1 and close Feb. 27, 1978. Nomination forms may be picked up in the Student Council Office (Room 222 SUB).

A ten dollar deposit is required which shall be returned one week after the election subject to forfeiture as a result of any breaches during the campaign.

Chief Electoral Officer
Pat Dix

Applications are now being accepted for
**ORIENTATION CHAIRPERSON
FOR SEPT. 1978
HONORIA—\$300.00**

Deadline for applications is February 20, 1978.
Application forms available in the Council Offices
(Rm. 222) of the SUB. 424-2146

Applications are now being received for
PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

The Person would be responsible for
Organizing Graduation.
Deadline for applications is 18 February, 1978.
Applications may be obtained at Rm. 222,
Council Offices, Dal SUB. 424-2146

