

Dal & Tech To Wed

by John Ross

A Bill enabling the amalgamation of Nova Scotia Technical College and Dalhousie University, was introduced in the Nova Scotia Legislature last Friday by Education Minister Dr. William Gillis. The Bill, actually an amendment to the Nova Scotia Technical College Act, permits Tech. to "enter into and carry out agreement, with any college or university whereby the College may, for consideration or otherwise, transfer to such college or university all or any part of the undertaking, property, assets or liabilities of the College..."

The Bill makes no mention of Dalhousie in its full text, but the intention of the legislation is obvious. The idea of the merger has been talked of for the last ten years, but it is only since 1972 that serious discussions have been taking place. The main impetus for the merger came from a study released approximately two years ago, which recommended

sweeping changes in the teaching and organisation of engineering studies. Following the report's recommendations, the legislation will reduce the time for undergraduate studies from five years to four, bringing the programme in line with the majority of schools in the country.

According to Dr. Gillis, "The main advantages of closer affiliation and a revised program of undergraduate studies would allow students the opportunity to study a broader range of courses, including the humanities". It is expected that the legislation should pass the house in sufficient time for the merger to become effective by July first, 1975. The new four year programme in engineering will be phased in gradually, the minister explained, if the amending bill is enacted.

Speaking at a news conference last Friday, the minister also expressed the hope that anyone with any objections to the legislation as proposed



would make themselves and their views known to the law amendments committee of the legislature before the bill receives final approval. It is known, for example that a number of Tech. alumni have been opposed to amalgamation from the beginning.

Dr. Gillis also introduced a private members bill which would provide for N.S.T.C. representation on the Dalhousie Board of Governors and increased elected student representation on the board.

The legislation, if passed,

will be the final step in the amalgamation process. Students of N.S.T.C. are already paying partial fees to the Dalhousie Student Union in exchange for use of Dal facilities and participation in the student medical program.

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"OUR TIME"
 1,3,5,7 & 9 P.M.
 SUNDAY STARTS AT 3
 Adult Entertainment
 429-3432 or 429-3433
SCOTIA SQUARE CINEMA
 BARRINGTON & DUKE ST.

"PHRASE IV and THE WHITE DAWN"
 IV - 1, 4:20 & 7:40
 Dawn: 2:26, 5:46 & 9:06
 423-6054
PARAMOUNT cinema 1
 1577 BARRINGTON ST.

"Serpent and They Call Me Trinity"
 Serpent: 3:50 & 7:40
 Trinity: 2:00, 5:43 & 9:33
 423-6054
PARAMOUNT cinema 2
 1577 BARRINGTON ST.

THE LONGEST YARD
 1,3:05,5:10,7:15 & 9:20
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 Sunday Starts at 3:05
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cove cinema
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 General Entertainment
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 Daily: 7:00 & 9:00
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 Daily: 7:15 & 9:15
 General Entertainment
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Reps & Students Discuss Aid

FREDERICTON (CUP) - Representatives from five New Brunswick universities have described their meetings with leaders of provincial political parties on the topic of student aid as successful, although no firm commitments have been made as yet.

The student leaders met with opposition leader Robert Higgins J. Albert Richardson, NDP provincial leader and representatives from the Premier's office. Premier Hatfield was unable to attend due to laryngitis.

The first suggested that increases in the cost of living and tuition fees be absorbed by a comparative increase in student bursaries and not by an increase in student loans. This is to be accomplished by altering the loan bursary ratio in this manner: Maximum \$900 loan, with the remainder of the \$2400 aid to be in the form of a bursary.

The second proposal said "that any student loan application which is in the proper office by July 15 be processed by September 1 in order to allow appeal procedures to be completed before the commencement of the academic term and that student loan application forms be available to students by May 15.

Proposal three asked "that the loan bursary ratio in New Brunswick be brought up to Canadian standards."

In addition, they requested the support of the parties in granting independence with respect to student loans to everyone 18 years old or over: and having the interest free period of student loans extended to one year after the student leaves the post-secondary institution.

The group met with

Higgins and found him "very enthusiastic concerning the generality of the three points."

Other topics discussed with the NDP reps were the need for upgrading the provincial education system. (New Brunswick has the

second lowest continuing education factor in the country.)

The meeting with the ruling party obtained the promise that the proposals would be brought before the Cabinet. The students are expecting to hear from the premier.

dues by \$10. To the contrary I believe that the referendum was a total farce that just indicated that 70% of the students didn't give a damn about what's going on so didn't vote and the other 30% didn't know what the hell the whole referendum was about.

As a member of students council I feel ashamed that council didn't show any semblances of moral con-

The students made it clear that the bursary increases in the PC platform would not be beneficial to students unless the proposed method is adopted. At present the student aid involves an \$1100 loan disbursement followed by a \$700 bursary then by another \$300 loan.

science when passing such a law, and as a member of the student union who is interest in what is happening to our money, I feel disillusioned by the way the student council is manipulating the students without respect for their opinions and interests.

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 Student Council

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Program Director had to be a full time employee. Stan Beshunsky-Smith (Communications Secretary) stated that the expansion of services (18 hrs. of programming a day, and carrier current) would require day to day work that only a full time employee could perform. He added that continuity from year to year through such an employee would be an asset in any C.R.T.C. application for either carrier current or an F.M. Radio band. He went on to assure council that the Station Manager (a student position) would still call the shots and have authority over the Programme Director.

Wayne Gillis (Law) voiced a few complaints about the programming structure, claiming it was virtually a copy of C.B.C. radio and implying that there would be nothing unique in it. O'Connor assured Gillis that there

would be a greater extent of music programming than C.B.C. and that content in public affairs would differ greatly.

After a few minor points were resolved council seemed satisfied, and anxious to get C.K.D.U. on the air (tentatively scheduled to start on Monday, November 17th). The motion was carried with only two dissenting members.

If you would like more details or a chance to read the full report check the council or communications offices any weekday afternoon. The meeting finished early with councillors voting to adjourn as they were walking out of the room. The proposed change of government date discussion was tabled until next meeting. The council will meet again this Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.