

Open house is up in the air, chair resigns

by Doug Simpson

The Chairman of Dalhousie's Open House Committee has resigned following the announcement of the cancellation of Open House as it was scheduled for this fall.

Robert Stanley, chairman of the student committee resigned after hearing the Deans' decision of September 11 to postpone Open House indefinitely.

"It was my impression the Deans had no intention of holding Open House," said Stanley. "The student committee did all the work and none of the Deans gave any support to the committee."

The objectives of the Open House were, according to Stanley: community relations, recruiting of students, helping students chose a faculty and creating a continuity and pride within the existing student body.

Stanley noted a hostile attitude towards a proposal for an administrative catalyst in organizing Open House.

"They thought the Open House committee would do all

the work," he said.

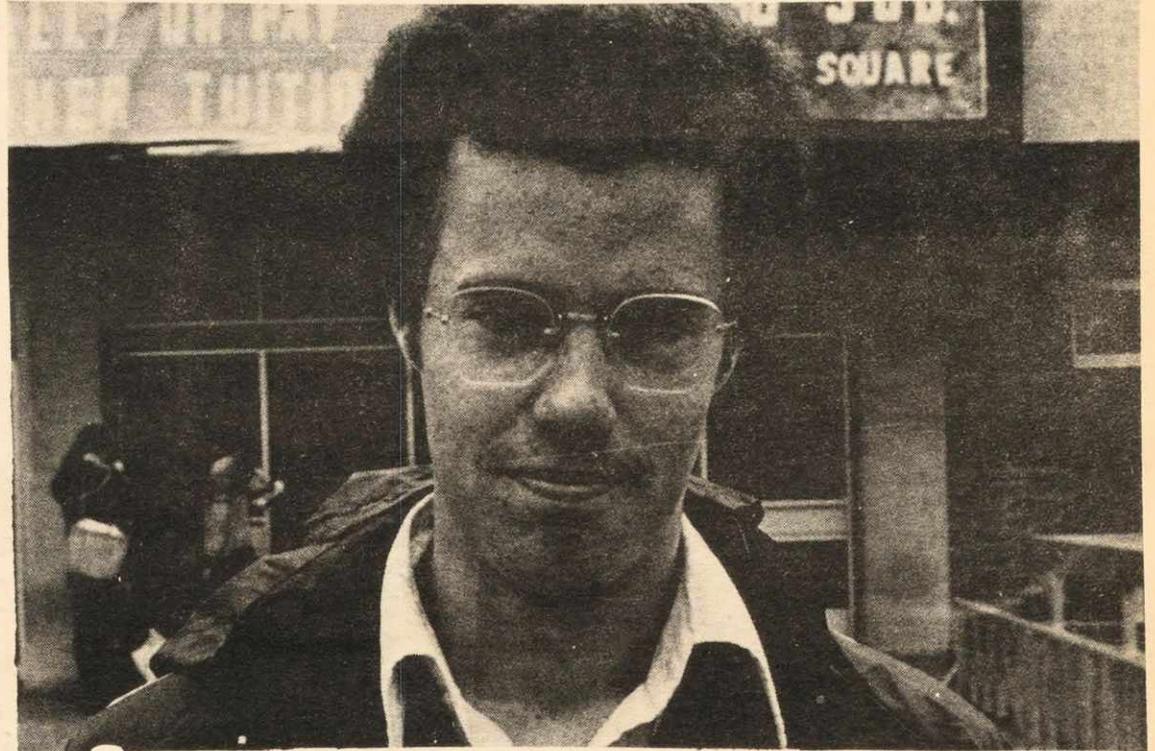
Dr. Andrew MacKay, Dalhousie University President, said timing was the cause for the postponement of Open House. "There was not enough organization and not enough public relation work," he said.

"As far as I know there was no publicity. There was no specific plan on how to do it, other than simply write each school

on a given day, and that would have been very disruptive to our relations with the high schools." He said there was not enough time available to mount the program they wished.

Dr. Edward Marriott, Dean of Student Services, said the main problem was a lack of communication. The Deans, he said, expected a program from the committee, and the committee expected support from the administration. They both ended up waiting on each other before doing anything.

Stanley said he had sent a memo to the Deans placing the responsibility of faculty,



departmental, school and institutional participation in their hands, with the idea of evoking more interest in the event. The

memo was met with unnecessary hostility, he said.

"I hope we don't lose the benefits of the work already

done," MacKay said, adding that they have left open the question of an Open House later in the year.

Embezzlement prompts Student Council debate

by Bruce Galloway

Mishandling of funds by last year's Science Society President is the reason behind a proposed amendment to the Dalhousie Student constitution.

The amendment moved last Sunday by Caroline Zayid, Science Society representative, would have allowed council to revoke the awards it grants. Zayid's amendment received an eleven to ten vote, failing to

secure the necessary two thirds majority.

Zayid stated later that she moved the amendment with the purpose of subsequently proposing the withdrawal of a "Golden D" award presented last May to Umesh Jain. Jain served last year as **President of the Science Society** and was the Chief Electoral Officer in last spring's student council election. The "Golden D" was

awarded to Jain in recognition for his service to the Dalhousie student body.

In a letter from the Permanent Trust Company, an official stated that Umesh Jain had signed another person's signa-

ture to withdraw money from the account of the Science Society. The letter stated that "Umesh Jain who ... had signing authority on the account in his

own name ... chose to sign the name of one of the other signing authorities." The official further added that the incident

was "unpleasant"

Jain stated in a letter to the Dalhousie Arts Society that he had signed another persons name and "subsequently with-

draw the money into my account." He apologized for his

actions and called them "inexcusable" but noted "that's life". When contacted Tuesday Jain

described the incident as only a little thing and felt it was no longer any concern of his.

Another motion brought forward by Zayid, expressing council's regret at awarding Jain's Golden D, was deferred until he can present his case to council.

Tarred Duck and Sunshine Awards handed out by E A Centre



"We must consider the health of the community, we must consider our image and we must consider the fine of \$25,000 a day."

by Sandy Smith

The Ecology Action Centre presented its annual "Tarred Duck and Sunshine Awards" last week in Halifax, with the Halifax Planning Appeals Board, US President Ronald Reagan, and two Nova Scotian community groups coming away the winners and losers.

"The bottom event of the year" for the EAC was the controversial decision by the Halifax Planning Appeals Board to permit developer Bob Stappells to go ahead with plans to construct a high-rise development almost directly opposite Citadel Hill in downtown Halifax.

"The award was given 'not simply for the decision itself,'" research co-ordinator Susan Holtz told a group of EAC members gathered for their annual pot-luck supper, auction, and panel discussion, "but because of the precedent set and the way in which the decision came about."

Runner-up in dishonourable mention went to two people who do not have a direct, governing impact on Nova Scotia, but who could possibly effect the Atlantic region by

their action, or lack thereof, Holtz said.

US President Ronald Reagan and his Environment Secretary, James Watt, shared the award for their lack of action on the issue of acid rain, she said, and added that the precedents they set grow continually more dangerous.

The Sunshine Award was also shared this year as the Women's Institute of Nova Scotia in Burlington and the Citizen's Action to Protect the Environment (CAPE) group were judged to make equally positive contributions to the environmental movement in the province.

Both groups have been active in the Windsor area of the province, expressing grave concern over the possibility of uranium mining in the area.

"They have been active in alerting the citizens of the area to the hazards of uranium," Holtz told the gathering, adding they have been key elements in making sure the government does not "simply back into such developments without public debate."

In addition to this public education, both groups have done excellent research of the uranium question, Holtz said.