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Smith new pres; Hearn, Bruce win

Brian Smith was elected as the new president of the Student Union, by the one-third of the student body which went to the polls on Wednesday, February 17.

Smith defeated Jim Donald by only 34 votes after a recount was called. The final balloting resulted in Smith polling 656 votes, while Donald polled 622. Third in the running for president was Will Offley who polled 169 votes; Moors 100; Hamilton 91; Thompson 57; and Grady 56.

The new vice-president is Jim Hearn who polled 702 votes, while his closest opponent, Peter McLellan, polled 529. Johnson was third with 217 votes, Bell 123, Dewsnap 80, and Charman with 43 votes.

Bill Henderson was elected to the Board of Governors, defeating Dan Lapres.

Andrew Cochran and Peter Harvison are the new members of the Senate, by acclamation.

Ishmael Bruce of Ghana is the new president of the In-

ternational Students Association (ISA), defeating Jameel Rahaman.

Six Arts representatives filed applications for a seat on Council. The winning candidates are Susan Smith who polled 124 votes, Liz Ness 116, Peter Wedlake 110, and Bill McCartan 76. 426 voters of a possible 2500 turned out to elect their Arts reps.

The new Council will have eleven acclaimed members. Approximately 34.8% of the student body exercised their democratic rights in the election.

On page 4 Brian Smith, president elect, Andrew Cochran and Peter Harvison of the Senate talk about their plans.

Larue-Langlois on Quebec

'No struggle without sacrifice'

by Glenn Wanamaker

"Yankee Imperialism is our only common enemy, so we have to make the majority of the people realize that they are being exploited, and that the country belongs to them," said Gagues Larue-Langlois, one of the Montreal five.

Larue-Langlois, former CBC producer, free-lance broadcaster and journalist visited Dalhousie last weekend and spoke on the whys and wherefores of the independence struggle of the Québécois.

"We have been engaged in a 200-year struggle and within a few years, with the backing of the Québécois and the backing of working classes elsewhere, we will be successful."

Larue-Langlois, who spent three years in the Navy, which he'd rather forget, has been head of the Vallières-Gagnon Defence Committee since 1966. He came to Halifax as a travelling salesman of the Quebec revolution. Last Saturday he participated in a Halifax march which called for freeing of all political prisoners.

Two weeks ago, charges of seditious conspiracy against him were dropped because of insufficient evidence. He was released on bail last November, after eleven weeks in prison but is still awaiting trial on the charge of membership in the Front de Liberation du Québec.

The War Measures Act and the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act include retroactivity in its illegalization of the FLQ. Thus any person who has had anything to do with the organization before last October 16, the date of invocation of the WMA, is subject to arrest and charge. This, says Larue-Langlois, "is totally contrary to the Canadian Bill of Rights and also the United Nations' Bill of Rights".

Larue-Langlois said the

Canadian Government knew they would get support for their action "out of ignorance and racism of English Canadians, and out of colonialism towards the Québécois — the cheap labourers — because of capitalism and US imperialism."

Quebec is colonized in two different ways — as an internal colony of Canadian colonialization, which is a colony of American imperialism. Larue-Langlois said the only reason Quebec has survived is because of the Canadian colonization, "where survival of a national minority can only be due to the absence of economic integration and equality. But we want to stop surviving and live."

"We are victims of cultural oppression, racial discrimination, and foreign political domination. The working class is exploited economically as wage-labourers in the capitalist production process."

According to the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, French Canadians rank twelfth in a list of fourteen ethnic groups in average annual wages. They earn 25% less than English Canadians outside of Quebec, and 40% less than English Quebecers on the average annually.

Quebec is 83% French and 17% English, while the percentage of those earning more than \$10,000 a year is exactly reversed.

Larue-Langlois also cited figures concerning universities in Quebec. 42% of university students are English and 35% of university grants go to English universities.

The trials that are taking place now in Montreal also came up for discussion during

the evening. Larue-Langlois holds the judicial system in nothing but contempt, because of the way most FLQ cases have been handled.

Charles Gagnon, for example, spent 41 months in jail for a two-year sentence for conspiring to commit armed robbery, but that sentence is still under appeal. So he might still have to serve another two years.

Pierre Vallières, as well, after spending 39 months in prison, was acquitted of bombing charges. He was arrested again in October. Both Vallières and Gagnon have been refused bail twice while being held on the charge of FLQ membership.

Larue-Langlois also spoke of Serge Demers, who was

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HELP!

The Halifax-Dartmouth Help Line is in danger of collapsing in April unless 160 volunteers can be found. In order to insure the continuation of the Help Line, a training program will be held every evening over March.

Anyone interested in being considered is asked to call 424-6447 before February 28.

All applicants are expected to undergo training and selection and be prepared to contract themselves to at least one working shift per month for nine months. We urge you to get involved in the community by becoming a Help Line volunteer.



ABBIE HOFFMAN, bernadette devlin, CCR, chicago, THE BAND, james taylor, and NEIL YOUNG were all going to come for our giant STUDENT UNION NIGHT. BUT they'll be fogged in Friday night between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., so instead we'll guarantee:

JAM FACTORY (from Syracuse, New York) — McInnes Room Dance 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

DUTCH MASON TRIO — BLUES listening — McInnes Room 1:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.

JAMES DAVIS QUINTET — Jazz and Suds — Green Room 9 p.m. to 12 p.m.

QUINTESSANCE — Jazz and Suds cont'd — Green Room 12 p.m. to 3 a.m.

ARNIE BENSON'S BOYS — You Name It — Cafeteria 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

GOLD RUSH — Sounds of CSNY — Cafeteria 1 - 3:30 a.m.

LYNN & CLARK — Tiger Lounge — from the old Privateers 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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