

McGill Prof takes hard line

by Larry Grossman

The presence of many multi-national American corporations in Canada, accounts for the decline in Canadian political independence, said Marlene Dixon at a talk given January 5 at Dal. The well-known McGill Sociologist, speaking on "The Intellectual Colonization of Quebec," took a hard line against U.S. imperialism.

Dixon stated that "the present federalism crisis is

accounted for by the presence of multi-national American corporations in Canada. These companies contribute to a lowering of the standard of living in Canada because they hurt Canadian business and lead to increased unemployment."

She also attacked the corporations for contributing to "a steady loss of Canadian political autonomy." In addition, she blamed the powerful Canadian

finance companies because they would rather give loans to Americans who provide a greater monetary return than the smaller Canadian companies do.

In talking about Canadian Confederation and its background, Dixon stated that "confederation was hoped to provide the final solution to the Quebec problem by reducing the French majority and destroying French Canadian

identity and culture." She pointed to the increasing number of immigrants coming to Quebec as an illustration of a Federal attempt to assimilate French Canadians into English Canada's culture.

Dixon described the extreme poverty and fear in which immigrants live, stating this fear was brought on by "Federal Government threats of deportation if the immigrants protested their situation."

Dixon's conclusions were twofold. First, American exploitation must be removed from Canada in order to improve the political, social and economic life of the Canadian people. Secondly, "immigrants MUST want to assimilate French culture and language in order to carry on the independence movement and hopefully carry on Socialism which I feel will expropriate U.S. imperialism."

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New liquor license at Dal

by Don Retson

Christmas came four days late this year for Dalhousie University. On December 29, under the directorship of John Graham, Dalhousie became the first university in the province to obtain a "special premises license."

What does this license mean for Dal students? According to Clem Norwood, Director of Operations for the Student Union, the granting of the special premises license by the Nova Scotia Liquor License Board will be "a great convenience to everyone connected with the operation of bars at Dalhousie, particularly the bureaucratic aspect. Part of the cumbersome bureaucracy which the liquor license board wishes to alleviate is the individual license requirements for every function and the returning to the liquor Commission of any unopened bottles."

Under the former system of granting liquor licenses to each

and every event providing bar service, the Student Union or sponsoring body was required to purchase all left-over open liquor bottles. Often this amounted to well over \$100 — a cost most student organizations are not affluent enough to absorb. This left-over liquor then had to be destroyed or consumed within 48 hours.

Under the new blanket liquor license, all organizations affiliated with Dalhousie, from the Faculty Club to Administrative parties, will be covered by the special premises license. Also under the new license student organizations wishing bar facilities outside the Student Union Building may be granted this privilege. However, any profits realized in bars operated within the S.U.B. will remain therein.

With regards to profits, Norwood doesn't feel that the increased prices of liquor (.50 for beer, .60 for liquor) will have any effect on the general consumption of alcoholic beverages. In the past, bars at

student functions often operated in the red. Not only did the Student Union incur a loss of money by selling liquor at near cost price, but also it had to underwrite the costs of serving guests and visitors. The object of the new prices is not to produce a profit for selling drinks but merely to break even. In all fairness, it should be pointed out that the new liquor prices compare favorably with those charged at other universities in the province. (Acadia .45 and .60) and St. F.X. .60 and .90.

With an increase in the price of liquor, the Student Union has moved to lower the admission prices of certain Student Union events. (i.e. Jazz and Suds is now only \$1.00) Also, with the Student Union bars operating in the black, there is every likelihood that the quality of entertainment will be upgraded. Several top bands, including Lighthouse, have been booked for forthcoming Union events.

When questioned whether his office had received any complaints of the new liquor prices, Norwood stated that the biggest complaint of most students seems to be that they can't get into enough liquor events —

either because of space difficulties or being underage. "We've tried to remedy the former problem by opening the Grawood lounge and the cafeteria to handle the overflow from Jazz and Suds and McInnes room events. For those underage, the Union has

sponsored a number of non-liquor events throughout the year, usually with little success." (The recent Xylan concert in the McInnes Room is a good case in point. A talented Canadian rock group, Xylan performed in front of some 65 people. Reason — no bar.)



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Parking lot replaces houses

by Glenn Wanamaker

Four more university-owned houses have been torn down to make way for a parking lot. The four housing units, located on College Street, just behind the Tupper Medical Building, were demolished because it would have costed about \$12,000 to repair them.

Director of Planning and Development, J.G. Sykes, told the GAZETTE, the houses violated City Ordinance 50 (it has since been changed to Ordinance 135). Among the problems in the buildings were falling gutters, leaking roofs, a faulty furnace in one house and

general unsightliness.

Harold Redden, Assistant to the University Engineer, said the buildings were structurally "not in danger of falling down." Most of the repairs, he stated, were needed on the inside.

The decision to demolish the houses apparently came from the various university housing authorities, Sykes and Director of Housing, John Graham. No City Building Inspector was called and the Inspection Department reports the City did not order the demolition.

Dalhousie Housing personnel claim the cost of repairs would have been too high — approximately \$3,000 for each

house — and at any rate Fenwick Towers was able to accommodate the displaced persons.

Redden estimated the cost of demolition at \$2,800 and the cost of gravel for the parking lot at a further \$1,000.

There are no plans for new structures on this site. Original plans called for the construction of a Dental Building, but Redden says this high-priority project is tentatively being cited in the area of Seymour and Henry Streets, perhaps behind the Arts Centre or the Weldon Law Building. If this becomes a reality, more houses would be destroyed.



College St. houses torn down for parking lot.

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