

Find your own pace, says Hicks

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Dalhousie's President, Henry Hicks, has one strong piece of advice for incoming freshmen - work hard from the very first day of classes and forget social activities for the early part of the term. Too often new students wait till almost Christmas to apply themselves to their academics and by then it may be too late to catch up. Dr. Hicks suggests they apply themselves immediately to their studies "until they find their necessary pace" and then branch out in other areas of extra-curricular activities.

In an interview with the Gazette Dr. Hicks commented on several of the issues which will be facing Dalhousie in the next few months. He also discussed the problems freshmen encounter when they arrive at University. Many freshmen are away from home for the first time and are ill-equipped to deal with their increased freedom.

Dr. Hicks suggested they pour most of their energies into their academics for the first term and they will save themselves from a lot of emotional stress when exams and papers fall due at Christmas. Social and extra-curricular activities are a necessary part of University life but first year University students often put too much emphasis on them at the expense of their studies.

Housing is still a critical problem at Dalhousie but little or nothing can be done this year to ease the situation said Dr. Hicks. There are more University accommodations available this year with the purchase of the International House on South St. and Studley Apts. on LeMarchant St. but the waiting lists for student housing on campus are still excessively long. Dr. Hicks sees Dalhousie's lack of housing as a threat to future enrollment.

The continuing committee on housing is still active and is concerned mainly with long term solutions to the housing problem. The type of housing students want has changed over the past several years and this is a difficulty the committee must surmount in



determining future accommodations for the University. Several years ago students wanted apartment type housing like Fenwick Towers whereas now they seem to want traditional type residences like Sherriff Hall and Howe Hall.

The President hopes that a decision can be made this year on construction of a residence tower adjacent to Howe Hall. The decision to build there depends on what plans are made for the use of the land west of Howe Hall where there

is now a parking lot. Dr. Hicks stressed the serious implications of the Housing shortage on the University community as a whole and is hopeful that some kind of long term solution to the problem will be determined this year.

The expansion of Dalhousie Law School is an issue that has been tossed around by the local media over the past several months. Dr. Hicks pointed out that though expansion is primarily of concern to the Law Faculty any decision made will have an effect on the whole University community. The Law Faculty is presently preparing a report on expansion which may be ready early in September. The report will probably include a list of what would be needed if the decision is made to expand.

Dr. Hicks explained that there is no possibility of expansion with the present facilities. The Law School now has an enrollment of 450 but the building was designed to hold only 375. At the time the school was built the Law Faculty consisted of more than 90% men whereas now approximately one third of the enrollment is made of women. The facilities for the female students are already inadequate and expansion of enrollment without building expansion would make the present problems worse.

The long awaited and much fought over Sports Complex may become a reality in the not too distant future if the Supreme Court sees things the President's way. Dr. Hicks was disappointed the Supreme Court did not have a chance to examine the case before the summer recess but he is hopeful that they will reach a decision on it early in the fall session. If the decision is favorable to Dalhousie it is possible that construction will begin next spring, if the decision is not favorable an alternate solution will have to be worked out.

When questioned about the lack of esprit de corps that exists at Dalhousie Dr. Hicks pointed out that Dalhousie's alumni are more generous than most in terms of financial endowments. He said that though we lack a "rah, rah" spirit Dalhousie students and alumni do seem to feel some loyalty to the university. He pointed out that most large urban universities suffer from the same lack of school spirit simply because of their nature. They are large, diversified and spread out over a fairly broad area. He said he would like to see a little more "rah, rah" spirit here but not if it meant buying a football team!

The President said he welcomed the return of the student body for the fall term and again stressed his advice to the incoming freshmen that if they work hard till Christmas they would enjoy the second term and still do well in their courses.



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- \$ 1.24 goes for the publication of the Student Handbook and the Student Directory. Our share of the off-campus housing office's expenses and research into student concerns, i.e. Student Aid, are also paid by this allocation.
- \$ 1.00 goes to the National Union of Students who from an Ottawa based office, attempt to represent students nationally.
- \$.81 goes into the operation of CKDU the Dalhousie Student Radio Station.
- \$.75 goes into the operational cost of the Dalhousie GAZETTE, the Dalhousie Student Newspaper.
- \$.64 goes toward the office of the Academic Affairs Secretary. This office oversees the publication of the Anti-Calendar and deals with student problems along the

- academic lines.
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- \$.53 goes toward helping in the costs of Orientation, Fall Festival, Winter Carnival and Graduation.
- \$.46 goes into the office of the Communications Secretary. This office is responsible for coordinating the activities of the various media forms on campus.
- \$.36 goes toward the operation of an office dealing with community oriented projects.
- \$.23 goes to the Atlantic Federation of Students and to travel and conference costs for both AFS and NUS.
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