

DAGS plans symposium

by Chris Bellon

As most of you know all too well, the provincial government is determined to streamline the current system of higher education to make it more effective and less costly—that is to rationalize it!

Until recently, the rationalization of the university system has targeted only undergraduate programmes—primarily in education, computing sciences, and engineering. Some of the professional schools have been considered as well.

Recently, the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education (NSCHE) began a review of the state of affairs of graduate programmes offered around the province. As undergraduate programmes are modified, transposed or eliminated (or some combination of these), the effect on their graduate level counterparts is becoming clearer. A full review of graduate studies—geared toward possible rationalization—is underway.

The NSCHE has already received a draft version of the report on Graduate Studies called "Graduate Studies: Issues and Options" and expects to release the final report some time this month. The report promises to make no recommendations but only to assess both the current state of affairs and the options for improvement.

However, as options become recommendations, recommendations

become policy and policy eventually becomes legislation, we begin to ask ourselves how these decisions get made and who decides their implementation, in what forms, and at what speed.

Graduate students, being both benefactors of and contributors to the success and viability of graduate programmes and research, are perhaps also the greatest stakeholders in any process of reform or restructuring that may occur. This being said, it seems clear that graduate students have vested interest in the provin-

cial review coming to as favourable a set of conclusions and recommendations as possible.

For all these reasons, DAGS is responding to the review of graduate studies with a symposium. All current and prospective graduate students are invited to come to an open discussion about the future of graduate studies in Nova Scotia. As the largest representative organization of graduate students in the Maritimes, DAGS is working to ensure that graduate students are not left out of this review process.

So come to the Graduate Studies Review Symposium! Come give your position, your opinions, your insights! Bring a Friend! Bring a colleague! Give DAGS something to take to the euphemistic bargaining table before someone else's policies determine your academic future!

Background information on rationalization and the graduate studies review is available from the DAGS office (3rd floor Grad House). For more information about the symposium, call Chris @494-2809 or email to dags@ac.dal.ca.

Week of Reflection

We welcome your photos, poems, drawings, and opinions.

Please drop off submissions at the Enquiry Desk or at the Gazette in Rm.312, Dal SUB.

For more info call 494-2507
Submissions Deadline:
Thurs., Nov. 10

Dealing with the challenges of change Student entrepreneurs meet in Mexico

by Brendan O'Donoghue

Six students from Atlantic Canada, including a Commerce student from Dalhousie, took part in an international collegiate entrepreneurs conference held September 1 to 3 in Mexico.

The group represented the Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs (ACE) — student entrepreneurs from across Canada.

The Dalhousie Entrepreneurs Society is affiliated with the ACE, the world's largest network of col-

lege and university entrepreneurs. The purpose of ACE is to encourage and assist college and university students to start their own businesses.

This objective is carried out through meetings held by participating chapters at colleges and universities across Canada. Regional and national conferences are held every year and international conferences are held every other year.

The Atlantic regional conference will be held this year in Halifax on January 27, 1995 at Chateau Halifax and the national conference will be

held in Vancouver on March 9-12, 1995.

At the Mexican conference, there were representatives from Canada, United States, Russia, Holland and Mexico. The conference was held in Aguascalientes State, the fastest growing state in Mexico. Aguascalientes is located about a five hours drive northwest of Mexico City.

The conference was hosted by ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México), a university that Dal has made academic ties with.

The theme of the conference was "the Challenges of Change." About 300 students, academics and business people attended the conference and trade show.

There are Nova Scotia chapters of the ACE at Dalhousie, St. Mary's, Mount St. Vincent, University College of Cape Breton, Acadia and St. Francis Xavier. The Dalhousie Entrepreneurs Society meetings are held every Thursday evening from 6-7 p.m., in the SUB Green Room. A schedule of events can also be picked up at the SUB Enquiry desk.

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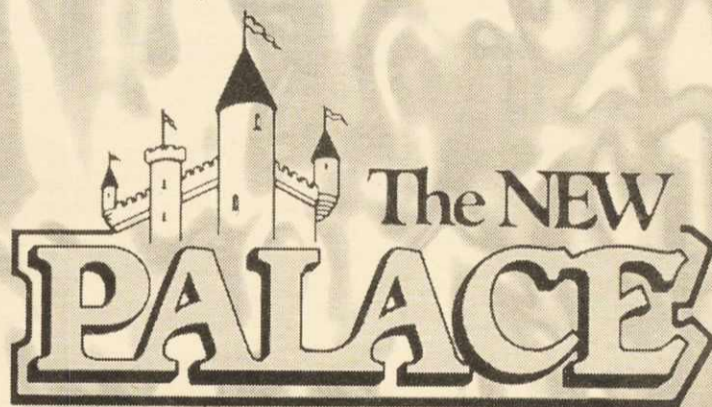
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