

**Police balancing budget**

# Committee to study parking problem



Mayor Walter Fitzgerald of Halifax.

by glenn wanamaker

An advisory parking committee, approved recently by Halifax City Council, has been set up to investigate the worsening parking situation at Dalhousie and St. Mary's universities.

Dal Student Council President Brian Smith, after meeting with Mayor Walter Fitzgerald, agreed to the formation of an eight-ten person committee. The meeting came as a result of the unexpected placing of one-hour only parking areas in the immediate area of Dalhousie. City traffic officials say the change was made after conducting a "random survey" of students in the SUB and the

residences.

The committee comprises two Dal and SMU administrators, city staff, Ward 1 alderman Dennis Connelly, Ward 2 alderman Lou Moir, and two students, Smith from Dal and St. Mary's S.C. President, John MacLaughlin.

Smith is not really in favour of the committee system, but he now feels that Fitzgerald is sympathetic to the students' position and is willing to help solve the problem. However, the Mayor was quoted in the Mail-Star last week as saying that students should undertake the responsibility of finding parking space.

Dalhousie already has its own

parking committee, but Smith says that it is too concerned with the day-to-day operations instead of looking to long-range plans. As a result little has been done in the past to alleviate the situation.

Solutions to the lack of parking include a parkade proposal. The major problem, of course, is finances. Smith says the amount needed to properly back any project has not yet been determined, but he admits "there are a couple of very good things in the wind."

In the meantime Dal is 1046 parking spaces short and several times a day, the Halifax City Police Department fills its pockets with student money.

# Adequate family planning services needed

by Marg Bezanson

"Eventually every child born in Canada will be a wanted child", says the Honourable John Munro, Minister of National Health and Welfare. He made this statement at a meeting of the Family Planning Federation of Canada, November 19.

Munro told the public gathering that he had announced a federal programme on family planning in September 1970, and delivered a progress report to the House of Commons in May 1971. Since then several significant

developments have occurred, he said.

The Royal Commission on the Status of Women, the Canadian Medical Association, the New Brunswick Task Force on Social Development, and The Special Senate Committee on Poverty have recommended that birth control information and service be made readily available to those who need it.

The need for more adequate family planning services, reflected in these developments, has led the federal authorities to review their

position.

Munro stated the current priority of his Department is to organize the first National Conference on Family Planning to be held at the end of February, 1972. The purpose of this conference is to "determine where we are in family planning in Canada and to seek consensus on where we should be going."

The Minister stressed that "any proposed change in behavioral patterns must be seen by the families and individuals concerned as in their

own best interests." Ethnic and religious beliefs of Canadians must also be safeguarded, he pointed out.

Munro added that "the family planning programme does not imply a government policy of population limitation."

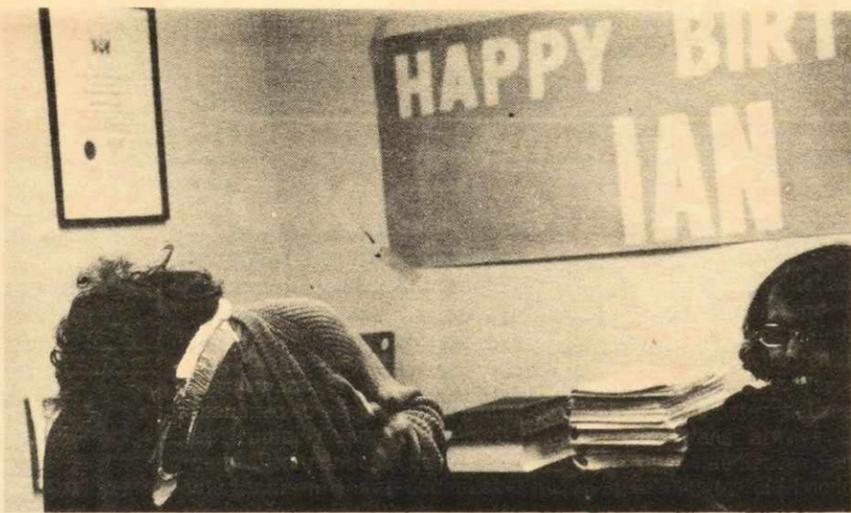
In his final remarks the Minister mentioned the contribution of \$100,000 to the Federation by the government of Canada. He stated that his officials would meet with the Federation's representatives to review their request for additional funding.

When asked, in a question-and-answer period following the address, what the government was doing about the repeal of

present abortion laws, Munro replied that the government had not made any decision on the matter. After persistent questioning on the government's position, Munro became perturbed and stated that the questioner was being "overly cynical".

One of the delegates took this opportunity to praise the Minister on his various endeavors and accomplishments.

Another delegate brought up the question of the legality of counselling minors on birth control and abortion. Munro said that the government could not financially support clinics giving advice contrary to Canadian laws.



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Student Council Treasurer Ian Campbell pictured here with pie in his face, on his alleged 21st birthday as Mike Bowser, Commerce rep, gleefully looks on. For the first time in his life, Mr. Campbell is speechless.

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