

Dance marathon raises money for charity

by Esther Dykeman

Students will have their fun during this year's Winter Carnival, but they will also be aiding the plight of sick children who are holed up in the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital.

The 24-hour dance marathon is back, with dim lights, pulsing music and snuffling feet taking the stage, raising bucks for the Ronald McDonald House, said Winter Carnival committee chair, Neal

McCarney. The marathon begins January 29, in the McInnes Room of the student union building, at 3 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House is a recently opened residence for out-of-town parents of children undergoing treatment in the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital.

McCarney is pleased Winter Carnival will include a humanitar-

ian purpose in its program. "This is an example of the Winter Carnival doing something for the community at large, apart from the regular 'party' and 'cerebral' events," McCarney said.

House manager Eileen Borden says priority is given to parents of critically and terminally ill children, who stay at the facility at a nominal cost of seven dollars/family/night.

McCarney hopes the Dalhousie community will be just as generous in giving support and time to this event as others have been. He would like to see at least 100 couples participate. "This is a chance for Dal students to show the Halifax/Dartmouth community, as well as other universities, that we care about other things in life," he says.

Ronald McDonald House is supported by various community

organizations, and run by the Friends of Atlantic Children Associates, a non-profit organization. McDonald's Restaurants made a large donation when the house was purchased but the name was retained because, says Borden, "Children identify with Ronald McDonald."

Prizes for the marathon are a big incentive. A trip for two to Toronto, courtesy of EPA and CUTS, will go to the individual who raises the most money. A Sony ghetto-blaster from Sleepy's and a Walkman donated by Pepsi Cola are slated for second and third prizes. The residence floor which collectively raises the most money will get a trophy and a Carlsberg party. Throughout the event there will be spot prizes of T-shirts, albums and jeans, among other things.

Sponsor sheets for the marathon may be obtained from Rooms 210 or 218 in the SUB, or from Wendy Atkinson in Sherriff Hall or Darcy Borden in Howe Hall.

A woman is worth two men in the office

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — In the words of a corporate spokesperson seeking an executive from a placement agency, "Give us a first class woman or a mediocre man."

This quote epitomizes women's continuing fight against the stereotype that they are incompetent in business.

Women are at a disadvantage because few know the rules of the game played in the business world,

said Nancy Creighton, development officer with the St. John's development commission, recently.

Women often find themselves in a male-dominated corporate hierarchy trying to prove themselves against a background of established ideas where the skills they learned in business school are useless, she said.

"The hardest thing to deal with is that people are getting the opinion

that women have attained parity in the workplace; yet the Canadian average for women's pay as compared to men's for the same work performed is only 59 per cent, not 100 per cent.

"Clearly we have to continue an effective (attitude) of equality until men and women receive equal pay for equal work."

Sexual role stereotyping is also alive and well in Canada's corporations, she said. This ranges from the attitude that the first women

seen in an office must be a secretary to sexual harassment. Women executives must often maintain a role, refuse to perform certain tasks such as typing, for fear of the attitude that "she's so good at the IBM — she should stay there."

Women are also brought up to play these stereotypical roles while "men grow up playing team sports and developing competitive sense". Women must develop a business attitude that is otherwise ingrained in their male counterparts, she said.

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President MacKay agreed that the MPHEC's policy on tuition increases is "unreasonable" if student aid programs are not adjusted to assist needy students.

12 per cent is enough for Nova Scotia, but not N.B. and P.E.I.

The MPHEC's funding recommendations compare favourably with what the Atlantic Association of Universities said Nova Scotia schools need, in a report the AAU released on January 5.

MacKay, chairman of the AAU, a university lobby group, said he is "quite pleased" for Nova Scotia's sake.

However, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island schools need 15 per cent more in funds next year, three per cent more than the MPHEC's figures, he said. The difference, according to the AAU, stems from Nova Scotia's wage constraint program for public sector unions. In Nova Scotia, campus unions must settle for six per cent wage increases by February 28, for

the year 1983/84. (Currently, the Dalhousie Staff Association is opposing the government's policy, along with 240 other public sector union locals.)

In most cases in the past, the three Maritime provinces accepted the MPHEC's recommendations, MacKay said. However, he said it is "unfortunate" that Nova Scotia has granted less than the MPHEC recommended two times within the last four years.

"One can never be secure (about government funding) until the government decides," MacKay said, remarking that he has received indications from some N.S. cabinet ministers that a 12 per cent increase for next year was unrealistic, considering the province's financial resources.

MacKay said he is worried about the experience last year where the N.S. government removed significant funds in August, four months after they were granted. The government retracted about \$2 million from the Non-Space Alterations and Renovations grant, used for purchasing and upgrading equipment and facilities.

Nova Scotia has not made a clear indication whether it will discontinue the Non-Space A & R grant in future years. This could have grave consequences for Dal-

housie. MacKay said Dalhousie has not been able to keep up with maintaining its equipment, even when it received this grant. For example, he said the Arts and

Science Faculty is now requesting funds to the tune of several hundred thousand dollars, to replace obsolete and worn out equipment.

The MPHEC strongly urges the government to restore the Non-Space and A & R grants.

Higher education is a decreasing government priority

The report further emphasizes the need for "funding stability" to allow institutions to respond to increasing enrolment, changing demands on faculties, and keeping up with new technologies.

The MPHEC said its recommendations are minimal. In real terms, governments are spending less per student than six years ago. Also, a smaller proportion of government budgets now go to post secondary education than to other areas in the public sector.

MacKay hoped that governments will realize the long term benefits to society provided by post secondary education, when allocating grants for next year.



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