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The Wooden Horse

By FEC

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

It is sincerely hoped that the installation of Dr. Hicks as Dalhousie's seventh President will be something more than a change of form. As Dr. Hicks surveys his new constituency, he sees much that is pleasing at Dalhousie; but he also sees much that is distressing.

His primary concern for the moment is fund-raising. His predecessor, Dr. Kerr, was a very efficient money-manager; but his fund-raising was amateurish at best, and much lost ground has to be made up in this area. I do not refer only to the current campaign -- for it is obvious that even if the \$16-million objective is reached (and there is reasonable hope that it will be) Dalhousie's monetary needs will not be at an end. Ultimately, as everyone knows, the provincial Government will have to bear an increasing proportion of the cost of higher education throughout the Province. So far, the provincial Government has shown no inclination to meet its responsibilities; and it will be interesting to see what effect Dr. Hicks' political background will have on negotiations that must inevitably be held with the Province. Closely related to the problem of finance is the appalling state of our alumni relations.

The collective spirit of the student body is another problem that has been with us for a long time. We all know that the present situation is not good. The ideal solution would be to make Dalhousie an all-residence institution; but for the time being, this is impractical, and resort must be had to some other solution. The previous administration, far from taking remedial action, showed complete ignorance of the very existence of the problem. For example: a successful inter-varsity athletic programme is the sine qua non of vigorous campus spirit. Yet it is only in the past year or two that Dalhousie's teams have had adequate coaching. And so far, Dr. Hicks has said very little and done much less with respect to athletics.

I do not wish to be a prophet of doom. For Dalhousie is still by far the best University in this part of the country in the area which counts most -- namely, academics. But here, too, there is much to be done. Each year about half the freshman class flunks out -- this is ludicrous. Obviously, there should be an entrance examination for those graduating from high school with an average of less than 70%; and the undergraduate degree course should be four years in length after senior matriculation (this suggestion is now under discussion).

My purpose is not merely to catalogue the sins of the past. The point I wish to make is that a whole new outlook is urgently needed -- an outlook that must be imaginative and bold. We have relied on momentum for too long.

Yes, Virginia, this is a leadership convention

John Diefenbaker wanted to know. The Young PC's wanted to know. The PC Student Federation wanted to know. But most of them were afraid to ask.

The Question: did they want Mr. Diefenbaker to stay on as leader of the party? The predictable answer: there being no logical and willing successor, they pretty well had to stick with him.

Realizing that the question would eventually be asked in one form or another, Mr. Diefenbaker beat his opponents to the punch by proclaiming: "I want to know!"

Well, of course, Mr. Diefenbaker really didn't want to know at all. This was merely a clever, tactical ploy to have the question asked in such a way as to produce the least damaging answer. And it worked -- a secret ballot was avoided.

A party which allows itself to be dominated by an incompetent leader in whom it has such little confidence is a party which lacks fortitude.

Letters

Dear Sir:

I have been a member of the Dalhousie girls' basketball team for the past three years. During this time, our team has played many 'away' games at such universities as U.N.B., Mount St. Bernard, and Mount A., and they have in turn come to Dalhousie to play us. It is customary for the hosting team to provide refreshments after the game and indeed this is and has been the case for as long as I can remember.

However, it seems that the athletic budget at Dalhousie is so small this year that we were unable to provide the Mount St. Bernard and U.N.B. team members with even ONE bottle of pop each after the games last weekend -- the total cost of which would have amounted to \$5.00 at the most! Perhaps the girls on the Dalhousie team would be willing after the next game to go without a bottle of pop -- for this would cut the cost to \$2.50 and would at the same time save us the embarrassment and humiliation which we experienced last weekend.

Yours truly,
Heather Grant.

The Editor
Dalhousie Gazette:

Concerning my suggestion that a system of free tutorship be established as Dalhousie, Miss Hennessey and Mr. Griffen, replied in letter to the editor that Dalhousie students are not interested in being tutored and are not, generally speaking, sufficiently diligent in their studies to justify such a system. I can only make one reply to his contention -- Dalhousie is organized on the assumption that peo-

ple wish to pass exams and learn something along the way. If they (students) do not intend to do this then Dalhousie would not exist but it does therefore students must be here to learn -- tutorship is a means to this end and students are justified in wishing a free tutoring service of the seniors and graduates and as far as I know no one has challenged this intention.

Peter Marsh.

Student Council Elections - an Analysis

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think that you should investigate these candidates separately and not make the ticket classification. Just as a note of interest, both tickets have been given \$100 each by Council for their campaigns and they have agreed to limit expenses to this amount.

The Herrndorf - Buntainticket is an all graduate slate and Hillis and Major are both undergraduates, we think one graduate school and one under-graduate school winner. This would provide a better representative executive and eliminate the prob-

lems of time for graduate school personnel.

Last year the turn out for council elections was about 48%. This is disgraceful, and this lack of responsibility on the part of the electorate is the root of apathy on this campus. The candidate that can reach the previously non-voting group in this election are a virtual cinch for victory. As in the past the Gazette will not take a stand for one or any candidate, since we are the voice of all the students at Dalhousie and indeed you pay for

this paper out of your council fees. We can only urge you to carefully view all candidates for election and then cast your ballot. There will be a student forum this week, check posters for time and place, where the candidates for the two top posts will be in attendance to answer our questions. Turn-out for this forum with some searching questions, this will be your only chance to view the candidates in action. The platform points certainly require much amplification.

Winter Carnival...a Summation

Another year's Winter Carnival has passed into history and as with all activities it had its successes and failures. Snow which was not in abundance until the end of the week, hampered snow sculpture activity but the Dal no-name men's Residence prevailed in this field. Snow sculpturing at Dal, a highly specialized art, has not yet reached the level of other universities who have winter carnivals. One of the high-lights of the carnival was the stunning upset of the number 2 basketball team in Canada, St. F. X, by the Dal Tigers. Coach Yarr, plagued all year by the usual Dal athletes who come and go as the wind, and his small band of devoted players deserve plaudits. This success might have been a little head swelling because later in the week the team actually lost a game in the last

five minutes of play to Mt. A, after it appeared they had it won.

Ian and Sylvia were a huge success as they played before a sell-out audience of model air-planes and occasional dead micro-phones. There was no Snow-Bowl this year as weather conditions did not permit. The talent show was well attended both by talented performers and audience. The Piston-Prix was a noise-maker and crowd-pleaser. The torch-light parade and Neptune Theatre night were a success. The ice-show was a dismal failure as an injured star and a mess of disorganization plagued the show. The hockey team, which looked like most of the players had been on an all night binge before the game blew a contest to a hard fighting Mt. A. squad, Dalhousie got a beautiful winter

carnival Queen in Miss Ginny Saney and were treated to a successful preview of Brigadoon at the Ball on the Mall.

The successes out-numbered the failure therefore by mathematics the carnival was a success. How much did it cost; a factor in determining success, we hope to bring you next week.

There was one disturbing element present during the week, a few people seemed to be doing most of the work and at times their efforts were stretched this causing organizational snafus. Lack of available help or poor direction could have been the cause of this problem. Most probably a little of both, however, this too is a chronic complaint at Dalhousie. To whom it may concern, thank-you for a winter carnival.

Brief on an International House

To: The Board and Senate of Dalhousie University.

From: Dalhousie University Students Council
Dalhousie African Students Society
Dalhousie Chinese Students Society
Dalhousie West Indian Students Society
Dalhousie International Students Association.

Topic: International Students House.

Date: February 4, 1964.

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this brief is to present plans for the establishment of an International House for Dalhousie University and to solicit University co-operation and assistance for this project.

2. NEED: The climate at the University is now (and has been for some years) such that foreign students tend to band together in small national groups, often quite separate from the mainstream of campus activities. This is contrary to the wishes of all foreign students and indeed many Canadian students.

There are four main reasons for this unfortunate situation:

1. The indifference and apathy of many Canadian students toward the foreign students on campus.
2. The lack of a permanent meeting-place where foreign students can discuss their problems and have an opportunity to meet Canadians.
3. The discrimination sometimes encountered by foreign students in many aspects of their daily lives in Halifax.

4. As a result of the foregoing, the foreign students often feel alienated and in the social sense, unwanted and unappreciated.

A house such as the one proposed would be an invaluable aid to eliminating these and other related problems which severely affect the attitudes of foreign students at Dalhousie.

3. SCOPE: There are 137 non-white foreign students at Dalhousie. As well, there are many students from Europe and the United States, who consider themselves foreign students and are grouped with them. The breakdown is as follows:

Chinese Society, 60; African Society, 12; West Indian Society, 60; Indians (no Society), 5; International Students Association, 150 (of which many are also members of the above-named societies, and of which about 50 are Canadians)

All the above societies have pledged their support, and have expressed a keen desire to have an International House. The Students Council has expressed unanimous support for this project.

4. TYPE OF HOUSE REQUIRED AND PHYSICAL SET-UP: A) TYPE: 1. A house near the University (i.e., Studley). 2. A fairly large house (not a flat). B) PHYSICAL SET-UP:

1. Should include common rooms for reading, small group discussions, etc.
2. Ideally, a house with at least one large meeting room, which could also be used for dances and other social functions.

3. Should have a kitchen and a dining room.

4. Should have facilities for at least two people to live in.

5. ORGANIZATION:

1. MEMBERSHIP: All members of the above-named societies (not including the Students' Council) shall be eligible for membership on payment of whatever dues are required for successful operation.

2. MANAGEMENT: The House Management Committee shall consist of 5 members, 2 of whom shall be members of the International Students' Association, elected by that Society, and one of whom shall be elected from the West Indian Society, one from the African, and one from the Chinese Students' Society.

The President of the House Management Committee shall be selected from among the 5 members of the Committee by the Committee itself.

6. WHAT THE UNIVERSITY CAN DO:

1. On many Canadian campuses, the University has built and maintains an International House. On almost every other campus, alternative facilities, not available at Dalhousie, go a long way toward solving the problem.

2. The need for such a house at Dalhousie is as great as at other Canadian institutions, and in some respects greater, in view of the facts (i) that residence facilities are not available for all outside students; (ii) that Halifax, not as cosmopolitan a city as some larger centres, lacks

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