

# Waiting list for Dalplex grows

by Margaret Little

Over 120 outside university and high school students have been placed on a waiting list for Dalplex memberships. "These students will not receive memberships for at least another three or four months," said a Dalplex receptionist.

"We have target quotas," explained Ray Campbell, who schedules all Dalplex events. The "target" for all students from high school and universities other than Dalhousie is 300 according to Campbell. The total membership is 1,400 to date, which is broken down into four categories: 1) faculty, staff and students of Dalhousie (515 memberships), 2) part-time Dalhousie students, outside university and all high school students (572), 3) Alumni (194), and 4) community memberships (74).

The outside student membership is the only area where there is a great demand. Lucille Nadeau, a student of Mount Saint Vincent University, is 100th on the outside students waiting list. "I brought my application to the Dalplex twice in November but the student receptionist said they were not accepting applications until the opening. When I came back after Christmas they said the membership quota had been

reached but they would put me on a waiting list," said Nadeau.

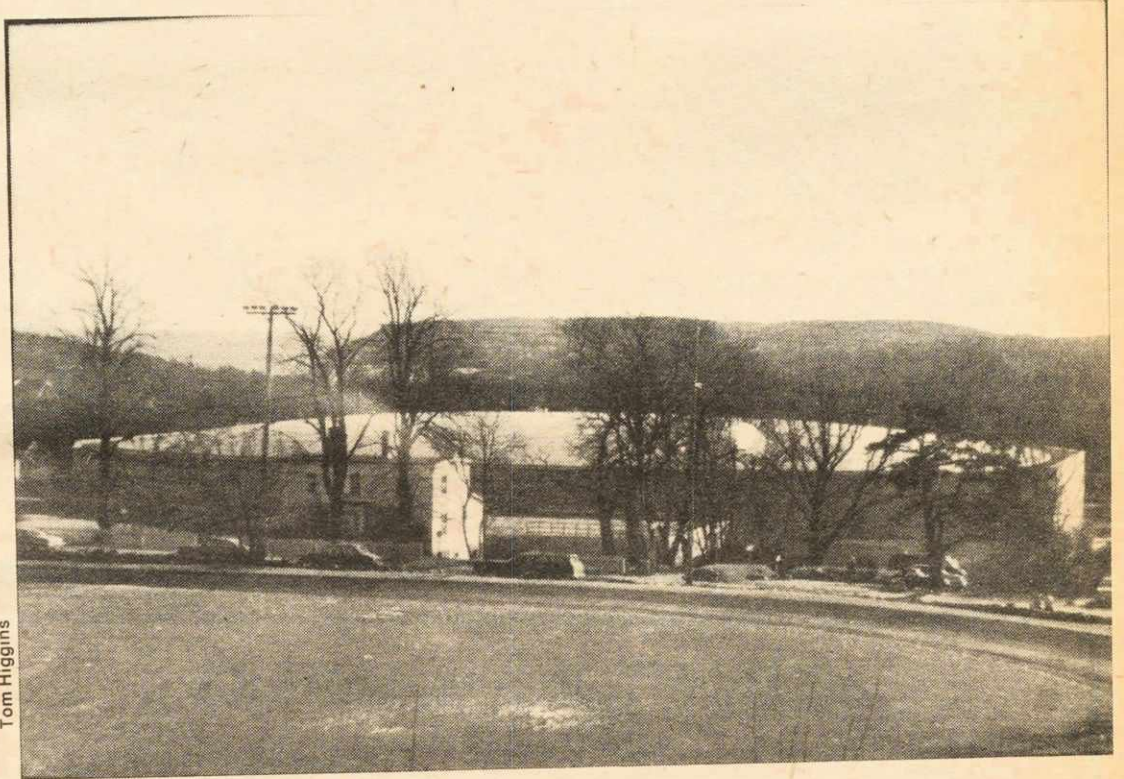
The 300 limit for outside students "just isn't fair at all," said Nadeau. "Students outside of Dal are not being considered."

Campbell said Nadeau was misinformed of the application process. "We've been initialing memberships since September," said Campbell. "Since the opening of the Dalplex on Dec. 3, 1979

outside students have swamped the Dalplex with applications for memberships," he said. The December rush was probably due to money-gifts the students received at Christmas explained Campbell.

High student interest is counterbalanced by low community involvement. Campbell attributes the small community membership of 74 to the delayed opening of the Dalplex. Many prospective members "renewed their memberships to other clubs for another year when the Dalplex did not open until December," said Campbell.

Campbell gives little encouragement to students like Nadeau who are now on the waiting list. "We are not considering changing our tar-



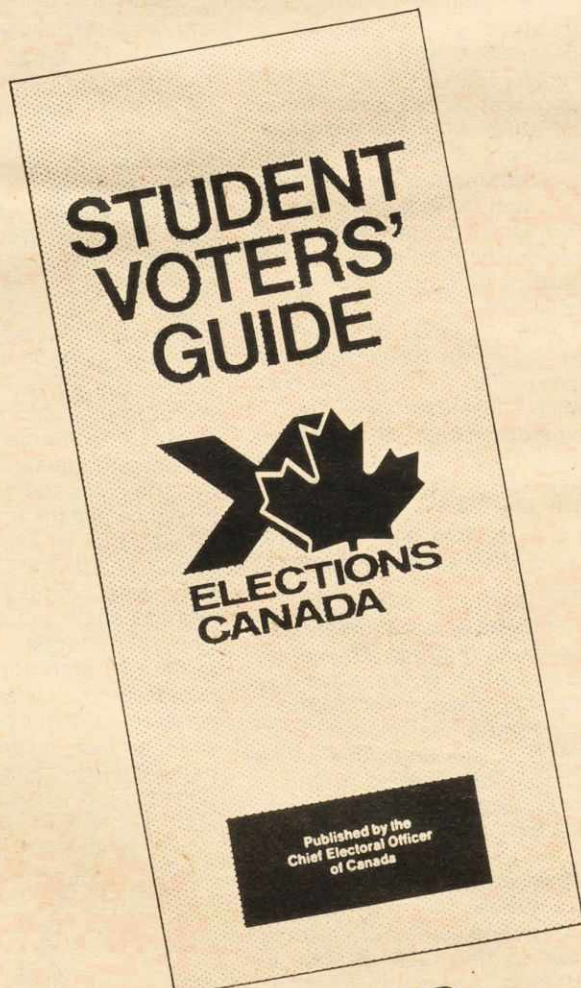
Tom Higgins

gets," said Campbell. "Our squash and racquetball courts are already crowded."

The only alternative is for

students' parents to buy a family community membership at \$200. "Two hundred dollars for four months is

nuts," said Nadeau. For students like Nadeau, Campbell advises checking into recreational facilities elsewhere.



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