

Hicks says

# Student housing secondary

by Michael Donovan

Dalhousie University suffers a chronic shortage of Student Housing. This shortage reaches crisis proportions each September when incoming students are faced with a .5% vacancy rate in Halifax City and long waiting lists for accommodation in University Residences.

Unfortunately, there is nothing that the six thousand member student body and twenty-two member Student Council and paid Student Union president will do about this problem. Why? Because President Henry Hicks believes that housing is a 'secondary priority'

Of course, the administration of Dalhousie University, which consists of one man, responds at all times to the point of greatest political pressure. Again, unfortunately, this is a fact which students involved in Student Affairs will probably learn one month after the expiration of their term of involvement. Anyway, why worry about it,



it's only April? In the fall, we can cross that bridge.

In the past, crossing the bridge has consisted of setting up a

summertime housing office to alleviate the 'short-term' problem; creating a housing secretariat to 'study' the long-range problem, and crowding three students to a room in Howe Hall as a 'temporary' crisis measure. The only significant measure adopted by the university was the purchase of the bankrupt, unfinished Fenwick Towers. The Dalhousie Administration learned several hard lessons with that purchase. First of all, students are not very grateful; and secondly, a Life Science Building is cheaper to operate than a zoo.

The only real solution to the housing problem is clear: the elected representatives of the Student Body must petition, consistently and continuously, the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University and present before them, the fact that the Administration has failed in its responsibility, when it invites students to this housing-squeezed area, to provide them with housing conducive with learning.

## Job opportunity

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Fredericton, N.B.

Applicants are encouraged to submit clippings portfolio with their resumes.

French is an asset but not a necessity.

Screenings will take place prior to the National Union of Students Conference in Charlottetown, P.E.I. on May 9, with the voting by representatives from Atlantic papers taking place the same day.

## Most jobs taken

by Jamie Ferguson

The Dalhousie Canada Manpower centre has indicated that the best summer jobs have already been taken.

The *Gazette* talked with Dave Purcell a counsellor in the Dalhousie Office, Tuesday, to see just what this summers employment situation will be.

Purcell indicated that the better jobs have already gone to the science and commerce students who had been interviewed as early as October, for jobs with many of the major oil companies and larger business firms.

Purcell also stated that the jobs in resorts such as Keltic Lodge Digby Pines and Jasper which usually tend to be most popular had also been filled very early in the year.

According to Manpower, the Dalhousie office is primarily a meeting place for industries and students

looking toward career oriented employment, in fields such as teaching, science and commerce.

Purcell mentioned that those students looking at summer employment primarily for financial reasons, should best check with the student manpower office which is expected to open April 18 in the new Simpsons mall.

The average per hour student income this summer, is expected to run in the three to four dollar range, and those acquiring jobs through the Governments Young Canada Works Program will average in the area of 1500 dollars for the summer.

The Provincial government is expected to hire approx 1000 students and the Federal Gov. is also expected to hire their quota, therefore, those who have not as yet been so lucky as to find a job should still keep checking with manpower regularly in order to increase their chances.

## Council briefs

...meeting of new council, April 7, 1977.

Vice-President Mancini announced that a board of directors is soon to be set up for Carleton House. The lower-campus lounge on University Avenue, for health profession students, is to be financed by non SUB capital funds.

Peter Mancini spoke on behalf of the recruitment committee consisting of himself Dan Edgar and Tom Mann. They recommended David Grandy as Director of Photography over Martin Douma. This was supported by council without discussion.

The recording secretary for this council will be Catherine MacLean.

The Chief Electoral Officer for next year's election is Jane Gillis. There were some suggestions regarding council carefully interviewing this person since there were irregularities in this year's election procedures, but in discussion this idea was defeated and it was agreed to accept the committee's recommendations.

After a great deal of discussion, council approved the committee's recommendation to re-open applications for treasurer. Many members felt that the committee should have selected a treasurer from the three candidates who applied.

Peter Greene and Sandy MacNeil were elected as members-at-large. Five other people had applied for this position: David Shearar, Pat MacIver, Marc Thomas, Norm Epstein, and Paul Zed. The nominating committee recommended MacNeil and Zed.

The committee recommended Sandy Ball to chair next year's meetings. One of the other applicants for the position, Jody Clarke, was present to speak, but in a vote of 9-2-2 Ball was re-elected to his position.

Tom Oland will be attending the Christian Movement Committee at Sherbrooke.