

# Orientation Chairman Has HIS Word

by Dorothy Wigmore

Orientation is an important part

of the freshman's year at university. This year's program has been severely criticized by many.

However, Chairman Jameel Rahanman feels that despite many disappointments, on the whole, Orientation was a success.

The Orientation Committee ran into many difficulties this year. First of all, said Jameel, "there was only one applicant for the position of chairman, who was asked to take the position by the President of the Students' Council." It is evident that not many students were interested in helping newcomers. Jameel also complained of the inability to get an office. He said that "although orientation concerned over 1000 new Dalhousie students, it took the SUB three months to give us our own office." There were various changes before a room was obtained.

The Gazette, alleged Jameel, helped to confuse the freshmen. "Although they were given at least 5 copies of the Orientation Schedule, the Dal Gazette, through some unforeseen mistake, printed the wrong schedule that confused half the freshmen." He also felt that the Gazette coverage and photography of the week were quite disappointing.

Students' Council comes under fire from the committee chair-

man too. "They gave us \$500 less to work with than last year's committee, although we were working with approximately 400 more students."

The administration, he added, did not give Orientation people the number of expected freshmen until the week of registration, they had no idea of how much money per person they could spend.

To top things off, Publicity's posters were not what was expected and some "were so distasteful and childish that they had to be disposed of."

"Despite these and many other setbacks, which our critics were ignorant of or decided to be unaware of; Orientation was a resounding success," he said.

Those who helped "were all truly magnificent" and worked tremendously hard to do excellent jobs. The events were all a success, in Jameel's opinion. Course evaluation was successful "chiefly perhaps because of its spontaneity."

The campus and library tours were widely attended, despite the weather. The opening ceremony went smoothly and the society displays, though small in number, were "highly entertaining".

"Participation in the Frosh

Banquet and square dance was over 90%," said Jameel, "unbelievable as it sounds."

He compared the fun of the square dance to the frivolity seen at last year's Mustache Party.

The annual Lunenburg trip went so well that three bus loads of freshmen had to be brought back early.

Shinerama was disappointing in the numbers that turned out, but, added Jameel, a record of \$2,000 more than any other year was set in returns. Participation at the Frosh Dance and Princess Crowning was well over 80% again he said.

Finally, a great deal of freshmen turned out for the Folk Service and to meet the faculty. Unfortunately, only 12 faculty members turned up.

Jameel felt that "perhaps the best thing that came out of Orientation this year was the fact that both residence and non-residence frosh were well integrated and had fun together."

Personally, he concluded, "I think I learned more from the frosh and all the other students who helped out and made me keep courage that perhaps Dalhousie is still alive and not as dead as it so often seems." Is it?



## The Devastating Digit Of Disaster Award

Due to the great number of potential recipients, picking this week's dilatory donee of the now renowned Devastating Digit of Disaster Award was an incredibly phenomenal task.

There was the possibility of bestowing it upon the realm of Dal Radio, who, despite provision in their budget to the extent of \$272.00 expressly for the purpose of outside broadcasts, failed to broadcast the crucial Dal - UNB Football Game.

There was the further possibility of granting the unquestionably coveted honor for the second consecutive week to the Student's Council, for their contravention of the constitution in permitting Dental Rep George Porter to remain on Council after he had missed four meetings of the assembly.

Then there was the possibil-

ity of Dental Rep George Porter himself for saying he didn't know about the meetings to come to them.

Of course there is the George of the famed "George Report", for phrasing in such eloquent terms the pinnacle of administrative bureaucracy. But when it came right down to the real gut decision, by the end of the week it was apparent that the one best suited to receive the DDD was none other than our resonant President, sometimes Senator, and almost a Governor: W. Bruce Gillis!!

The Gazette is almost at a loss for words to properly express our congratulations to Mr. Gillis on matching up to the high standards of the award.

However, for purposes of clarification, please refer to pages one, three, four, six, and eleven.

## Only \$40.00 Dal Lucky Dip

Anybody already holding a Dalhousie parking permit has a chance to win a reserved spot. It only costs an additional \$40.00 for the year. Lots will be drawn November 12 for the lucky winners.

A small amount of land has been cleared opposite the Weldon Law building with room for approximately 25 cars. So people who would like to drive to the university throughout the winter and know they will not have to hunt for a parking spot when they get here are invited to submit applications with a check for \$40.00 to the Business Manager, Mr. Glendon George.

Mr. E. B. Mercer sent a letter to Student Council President Bruce Gillis with directions to have an announcement made to the

student body. A similar announcement will be made in the Dalhousie News-letter. That way faculty and students are supposed to have an equal opportunity to win year long parking spots, and everything will be perfectly fair among those affluent people who have an extra \$40.00 on hand.

The figure was arrived at because City parking is much more expensive, so therefore those who win Dalhousie's Parking contest will be getting something of a deal. And it is assumed that those who apply for the places will only be those who will derive maximum use from having a special niche for their car.

The winners and the losers will be notified after the draw, and the latter will have their cheques returned.

## On Poverty...

# Senate Committee to be Hit Hard

The Canadian Senate's Committee on poverty will breeze in and out of Halifax early this week as part of their controversial fact-finding tour of the country, but they may be in for more than a polite "we're poor" from representatives of the Nova Scotia poor.

According to Gazette informants, the Senators will get their initial taste of the feelings of the poor at a reception planned for them on their arrival Sunday night.

According to the plan, each Senator will be cornered and isolated from his cohorts by various groups concerned with poverty who will draw the Senator into conversation about their problems.

Among the organizations involved

are the Tenants Association, the Black United Front, and the Neighbourhood Centre.

It will hardly be the type of sherry party the senators are expecting.

This, however is only one of a series of eyeopeners planned for the Committee.

There are rumblings that the poor will not tolerate the formalized system for presenting briefs in such hearings; and an early move can be expected to replace Robert's Rules of Order with something less structured.

The briefs also are expected to be hard hitting and at least one group, The Tenants Association, will present a film that is guaran-

teed to shake up the Senators from Ottawa.

The Committee to study poverty in Canada, has already been termed a "farce" by Richard Lord, one of its own researchers. Mr. Lord took his swipe at the Committee in Montreal after it was decided to only visit four cities in their Cross Canada tour.

A Halifax newspaper questioned in an Editorial its "raison d'être" when there are already thousands of recommendations on poverty lying dormant on Committee shelves.

The hearings, in Halifax, November 3rd to 5th, are open to the public, and will be held in the McInnes Room of the SUB.

# SO<sub>2</sub> Pollution "A Challenge"

by Anne MacLellan

K.V. Gow, professor and head of the Department of Mineral Engineering at the Nova Scotia Technical College has taken exception to an article in the September 25 issue entitled "Inside the INCO Operation."

In that issue the INCO Nickel Operation at Sudbury was accused of allowing their employees to work in areas polluted with sulphur dioxide. In some areas of the plant the air contained 200 parts of sulphur dioxide per million when five parts is considered a safe limit. The workers believed they were being poisoned. Their

fear may be a valid one since the death rate of a Sudbury male over the age of 50 years is 50% higher than in the rest of Ontario.

While Mr. Gow recognized that pollution is a problem in Sudbury he believes the article magnified the situation out of proportion. He states that the INCO processing plants employ the latest techniques to safeguard the health of their employees and that the smelter criticized in the article is 40 years old and plans are in existence to replace it with the newest facilities.

Mr. A. Gagnebin, President of Inco, recently announced plans to build at the cost of \$13 million a 1250 foot chimney to serve their Copper Cliff smelter complex. The chimney will eliminate the possibility that the concentrations of sulphur dioxide at ground level will reach the point where it could be harmful. As a result the air will be cleaner than that of any other industrial complex in Ontario.

In addition, INCO will install two new electrostatic precipitators for dust abatement and collection and will also enlarge existing precipitators at the smelter. This will decrease the dust content of gases to well below Ontario Health Department standards.

Mr. Gagnebin admits that the decision to erect the chimney is a "some-

what crude solution - the solution that is right for today's technology and economics. The fact of the matter is that at the present time it is impossible to capture all the sulphur dioxide without going bankrupt in the process. And that would mean that not only would no sulphur dioxide come out of the stack, but no nickel would come out of the mines and plants." INCO, at the moment, has studies underway the find economically feasible means of more complete recovery of sulphur from the smelter gases.

Mr. Gagnebin believes that anti-pollution laws that would turn profitable enterprises into money losers would not, as they were intended, serve to help man, but rather would work to his disadvantage by stifling industrial activity and reducing production and employment. "There would be no smoke coming out of the stacks, not because the regulations had achieved their purpose in forcing industry to eliminate pollution, but because they had, in fact, eliminated industry."

Management must respond to the crucial challenge of pollution through the best use of science and technology, and Mr. Gagnebin believes that industry will not shrink from its responsibilities in this area, but it will in fact welcome these responsibilities.

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