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## Dal class sizes up: No answer in sight

by Brian Cox

"I have to get to class ten minutes early just to get a seat on the floor in the aisle," says Geoff.

Geoff is just one of many students frustrated by increases in class sizes this year at Dal.

Still, Geoff may consider himself lucky. Many students were turned away from full classes this fall. Gail, a first year science student was turned away from twenty-seven English 100 sections, forcing her to satisfy her writing course requirement in history.

"The university is working at capacity," says Dalhousie Registrar Dr. Arnold Tingley. For many students, Dalhousie working at capacity means overcrowded classes, students turned away from full sections, and no student housing and parking facilities available.

Dalhousie does not have the funds to hire additional faculty to handle increased enrolment and this means "noticeable increases in class size," says Dr. Donald Betts, Dean of Arts and Sciences. Some courses had a surprisingly high enrolment this year, said

Betts, giving English 100 as one example. By August it's too late to hire instructors on a part-time basis, he said.

The majority of new enrolment is in the Faculty of Arts and Science, says Tingley. Dean Betts explained expected large increases of enrolment in Biology and Chemistry did not occur, but extra-heavy enrolment was reported in Math, French and German.

Many professors request that their classes be held between 9:30 and 12:30 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. This results in crowded classes during these times, says Betts.

The Administration is attempting to deal with these problems in a number of ways, says Tingley. This is the first year the August first registration calendar deadline has been enforced, giving the university an idea of what to expect in the fall. A new class scheduling system is under review.

A fund raising campaign is also underway with a goal of seventeen million dollars of which a portion will go to funding for the hiring of faculty.

## Hart-Butler rezoning hearing scheduled

by C. Ricketts

The rezoning application for the Hart-Butler property will have a public hearing on November 9.

United Equities bought the property last February on the condition they were able to have the land rezoned as high-density residential. United Equities proposes to build two luxury condominium towers on the site, with units selling at \$130,000-160,000.

If the rezoning application does not go through by April 30, 1984, the land will revert to the university.

Dalhousie hopes to realize a profit over one million dollars on the sale. The land package includes the Hart House on the corner of Spring Garden and Summer Streets, the row houses along Summer Street, the College Street parking lot and the Philae Temple which presently

houses the School of Nursing.

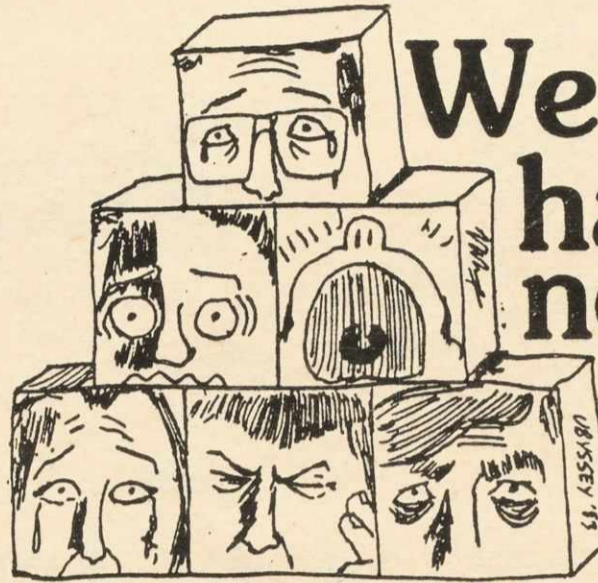
At the time the proposed sale was announced last February, there was praise from the Dalhousie Faculty Association for the university's attempt to find revenues to offset its deficit.

Students, however, expressed their concern that housing for some 40 graduate nurses would be lost. Student Council passed a motion in February which opposed the rezoning applica-

tion if alternate accommodations were not found for the students by the university.

When asked in a summer Council meeting if any action would be taken, DSU President Tim Hill said he was satisfied the terms of Council's motion had been met.

Currently, the friends of the Public Garden and other municipal groups are opposing the rezoning application.



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## National Universities Week: puts on sorry showing

by Ralph English

National Universities Week was a "non-event," said Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) President Tim Hill.

"The university didn't put much effort into it," said Hill. Peter Kavanaugh, executive officer of SUNS agrees: "Organization for the week was really slack."

University President Andrew MacKay admitted not enough attention was given to the development of a program of activities. "We did not do as good a job at Dalhousie as we would have liked to do. I suppose I do take the blame for that," said MacKay.

The university committee charged with organizing the week did not develop special programs to commemorate National Universities Week. Instead the committee decided to emphasize events previously scheduled for the week. The Dal Faculty Association (DFA) committee representative, Dr. Tom Sinclair-Faulkner, said the committee's efforts came "too late to produce a program with any kind of impact that I can see."

The events at Dal which coincided with National Universities Week were:

- a DSU-sponsored talk by Graham Chapman of Monty Python fame
- the President's Sports Festival
- the Leadership 2000 conference sponsored by the DSU and the Alumni Association

—broadcast of the CBC Afternoon Show from the Green Room of the SUB

Hill said the DSU submitted two or three proposals to the university committee, but none were implemented. Kavanaugh said SUNS contacted the Atlantic Association of Universities to express its wish to become involved, but never received a reply.

DSU Vice-President (internal) Susan MacIntyre said posters, pamphlets and ads in the Chronicle-Herald gave the events wide publicity. However, at the CBC broadcast many of the students present did not know National Universities Week was in progress, said MacIntyre.

The Afternoon Show was "a fiasco insofar as students were misrepresented," said Phil Doucette of CKDU. Such programming "damages the image of students in NS," he said.

MacIntyre said the questions students were asked on the radio show were not pertinent to student concerns. "They perpetuated the myth that students sit around on bar stools," she said.

MacIntyre said the problem stemmed from a breakdown of communication between the DSU and the CBC. Student Council "hadn't realized students would be participating in a program with that format." When the format and questions were made available it was too late to make changes before airtime.