

orientation

Welcome Frosh

A word from the Chairman of Orientation:

If you're looking for a good old 1950's college initiation, this year's orientation is not it. You already have to endure the treacherous mill of registration, and then a further mill commonly known as the first week of classes. What I have lined up for you in the intervening five days is a breathing space- a time to relax, be entertained, and enjoy yourself.

I have been aware of a certain problem in past orientations: That horrible suggestion that most freshmen are not old enough to drink, according to our noble liquor laws. This left a lot of people out of past programs. As best I could, I have put a program together, a schedule of dry fun, a chance to meet fellow-freshmen. For those of you with the years and inclination to drink the demon booze, some will be available.

Our program starts out with a free buffet - a chance to meet the faculty, fellow frosh, even the president. Following that there is a coffee house where you can take in some fine semi-pro musical talent.

On Thursday we hold our shirerama. This is entirely voluntary, we hope you will go - all the proceeds go to cystic fibrosis. There is a barbecue waiting for you on the football field when you come back. In the evening, the Dal Tigers football squad will give an exhibition game, and then the physical education people will line up a games night for the energetic. For the musically inclined, **Murphy's Law**, one of the finest avant-garde jazz groups in Cahada, has kindly agreed to round off the evening with a free concert.

Friday is a day to take it easy, because we have none other than **John Lee Hooker**, King of the Boogie Blues, in concert in the Cohn Auditorium that night.

Saturday nite is sub nite, when the whole student union turns into a party. Three bands will be there, with loads of space to sit, dance, talk, or pass out, and Sunday, we wind you down with 2½ hours of nostalgic comedy with W.C. Fields and the Marx Brothers.

And the best of luck in the confusion soon to follow.

Just ask questions

by Bruce Russell,
Student Union President

As Jacqueline Suzanne maintains, "Once is Not Enough", and so again, welcome, new and returning members, to the Dalhousie Student Union. It trust this welcome will be demonstrated in this and coming weeks by the accessibility and assistance to all students, of your Union's executive and staff. It is an unfortunate truism that these people are seldom as visible as they or other Student Union members might like, but if all else fails they generally may be ferreted out of the Student Union Building's second floor offices.

There are many topics I could mention here--describe our recently revised Student Aid programme, or the serious Dalhousie student housing shortage or launch yet another attempt to capsulize the Union and its activities into several brief paragraphs. However one important item in this Orientation week that I should like especially to mention is the office and function of the Dalhousie community's Ombudsman (a neutral Swedish term by the way, with no gender connotation.)

The Office itself was devised several years ago, largely through Student Union representation to the University Senate and Board of Governors. As one would expect, this office is intended to inform, mediate and recommend, of, between/among and regarding the different offices and interests of the Dalhousie community. This purpose often is translated less glamorously into "cutting through the red tape and bureaucracy" that prevades in exponential dimension, any large and growing institution. There remain several University officials that look askance at the Office but by and large it has the moral and financial support of both the Union and the University. The office of the Ombudsman recently gained in credibility, when in August, through joint motions of the

Student Union Summer Council and the Senate Council, the office was made a regular institution, no longer dependent upon year-by-year approval of operation.

Although to date used mostly by students, the Ombudsman and Assistant Ombudsman are available to assist all members of the Dalhousie Community, including administration, faculty and staff personnel. It is important to stress that it is not solely a Student Union office and it represents questions or issues as raised, rather than any specific population of Dalhousie.

The upshoot of this short account is to inform students particu-

Faculty Hello

The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) takes this opportunity to welcome all students to the 1975-76 academic year. The members of this association are looking forward to your co-operation, and on their part they will try individually, or as an organization, to help you with relevant academic problems.

Universities, at present, are passing through a critical time. The inflationary economy has already lead or will be leading to wide-spread cutbacks in financial allocations for university education throughout Canada. At the same time, all aspects of university education have also become more expensive. With salary increases varying from about 8% to 14% this year, Dalhousie faculty members have barely kept up with the annual rate of inflation, and many senior faculty members are already trailing behind. Inflation has also imposed limitations on the academic activities of faculty members, e.g. scarcity of research funds has

curtailed research and supplies for graduate students (who in many departments help with the undergraduate teaching programme), restriction of library budgets has made access to teaching materials more difficult and restrictions in the hiring of new faculty in many universities will increase the teaching load of existing faculty. All these are likely to make the work of your teacher that much harder.

However, we are confident that with mutual understanding and help we shall have an academically stimulating and productive year. The calibre and individuality of a university are moulded mainly by its students and faculty and we are sure to make Dalhousie an excellent and exciting place in 1975-76.

The DFA hopes to have a new office soon. In the meantime, if you need our help please call Tasun Ghose (President, DFA, 424-2722), Alan MacDonald (Chairman, Social Relations Committee, DFA) or Dave Mullen (Secretary, DFA).

MONDAY & TUESDAY

(during registration)- Clubs and societies and firms
DISPLAY: Registration Line & Sub Lobby

WEDNESDAY

7:30 Faculty-Student Buffet;
McInnes Room, **Free**

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. **Shinerama** leave from Dal Sub
Barbecue; Studley Field
2.25 (without meal card) Exhi-
bition Football Game
Games Studley Field
Murphy's Law - Dunn Theatre-
Arts Centre **Free**

FRIDAY

8:00 p.m. **CONCERT - Sons of Erin
Celebration**
Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
\$2.00 & \$3.00

SATURDAY

11:00 a.m. Snooker Tournament-Games
Room
8:00 p.m. Sub Nite - Tree Bands -
Covers All

SUNDAY

9:00 p.m. W.C. Fields, Marx Brothers
Movies, **\$1.00**

Student Fees

Every year students at most universities ask themselves "Where does my Student Union Fee go?" Whereas this fee has been raised to \$50 for the 1975-76 year, it is hoped that a brief summary of where the money goes will answer most questions. The Student Union operates like any governmental structure in that it taxes all people to help provide common goods and services while charging extra for goods and services which provide personal enjoyment only. The Dalhousie GAZETTE is a publication for all students and our student fees help pay for it. Bar Services on the other hand gives a direct pleasure only to that individual drinking and therefore is not subsidized. Unlike popular belief, the Student Union is not making a large profit off this operation. The profit on a beer is about 1c-2c.

So--where does the \$50 go?
\$14.25 goes into the actual day-to-day operational costs of the Student Union Building.
\$10.00 goes to the University to repay the students share in the original capital cost of the Student Union Building.
\$ 5.48 goes into replacement of existing and purchase of new furniture and fixtures. This appears high but furniture is depreciating faster than it is being replaced. Some students misuse furniture and it is expensive to replace.
\$ 5.00 goes to pay for the prescription drug plan operated through the Student Union.
\$ 2.30 goes toward the cost of producing PHAROS, the year-book which is distributed to all graduating students.

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