

Entertainment: Package deal in the works

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Psst! Wanna buy a bag of used jelly tots for a dime? No? How about eight months of entertainment for three dollars?

That's what the Student Union's Entertainment and Co-ordinating committee has planned for the five thousand students attending Dal this year. In a recent interview, committee chairman Don Grant gave the Gazette the details of what he and fellow committee members Peter Harvison and Charlie Cahill were offering.

Organization, variety, and economic stability seem to be the watch words; organization so as to avoid some of last year's hassles and headaches, variety so

that the majority will find something of interest, and economic stability designed to give the student a fair shake on prices and to upgrade the quality of entertainers being brought onto the campus.

As Grant explained, all three will be combined to produce the finished product, a neat package of goodies with something for everyone.

On a regular weekly basis, folk music will be offered on Wednesday evenings, jazz on Fridays and there will be a rock dance with local bands every two weeks.

Big name entertainment will be featured at the university's traditional Fall

Festival and Winter Carnival bashes, but so far the only definite bookings have been Canadian composer, poet, singer, and novelist Leonard Cohen for Orientation and the Atlantic Symphony for two concerts.

Grant explained that it was impossible to book immediately for such things as the Winter Carnival as they were fairly distant. Grant was asked why many of the big name groups popular with the student body never made the Dalhousie scene.

"The bigger groups just don't want to come," he explained, "They want us to guarantee them fourteen

nights and at a thousand a night, there's just no way." Grant also mentioned that there were no auditoriums at Dal large enough to accommodate many of the groups which could be brought in. (Someone did suggest renting the SMU stadium but, as might be expected, the idea was quickly and quietly rejected.)

Motion pictures on campus seem to have suffered somewhat of a set-back according to Grant. Cin-Sunday will all but disappear this year because of lack of funds to purchase the larger projector necessary for most commercial films. "However," Grant added, "the Film Society should fill

the gap with weekly screenings of films like "The Bride Wore Black" and "Sympathy for the Devil."

Grant went on to mention DGDS ("They're planning a really big production this year"), a Hallowe'en dance, a lecture series and several other items all of which are still in the planning stage.

Finally Grant was asked about the cost. He explained that in order to have something for the committee to work with, three dollars from every student fee paid will be devoted entirely towards entertainment. Furthermore, admission will be charged to most functions.

Grant was quick to point out that student participation was the key to the success of the whole venture.

"The whole year is an experiment" he concluded, "As long as the people come to see what we have to offer, it will get better."

Homeless

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tempt to hand in plans to CMHC for federal aid to build a new residence this year. The plan was submitted too late, and contravened city zoning regulations. Many Student's Council members are angry, as they feel this was deliberate on the part of the administration, who wanted to be able to say that they had done something.

The administration has therefore been pressured into emergency measures. It has taken over Saint Theresa's Convent for a women's residence, and Holy Heart Seminary for a men's residence. Both are in a state of confusion at present.

Saint Theresa's will handle 77 girls in multiple apartment units, after renovation. It is not expected to be completed until late September.

At Holy Heart, 45-50 places are still available in double and triple rooms. Few renovations have been made, the food situation has not been settled yet, and everything will not be completed until mid-October.

Winstanley is not at all pleased with the arrangements. "Saint Therese's is too expensive for 77 girls and too far away," he said. If he had been consulted before the contracts were signed, he would have said no. Instead, he suggested that the university could build another residence starting out with the money used for extensive renovations at Saint Theresa's and the cost of furniture in both renovated residences.

"The university is taking praise for Holy Heart and Saint Theresa's," said Winstanley. "In effect, for three years of residence planning, the whole thing is a disgrace. I can't find words to describe it."

"The job hasn't started yet," he concluded.

