

Stanfield to open Intro-Dal

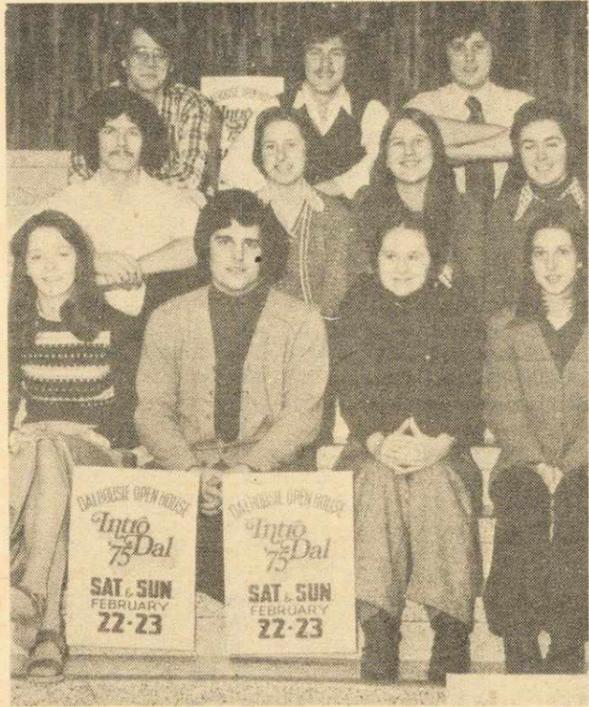
Intro-Dal '75, the bi-annual Dalhousie Open House, promises to be more spectacular than ever before. It has been conceived and organized primarily by students, to not only clarify the University's vital role in the community but to acquaint the general public, through displays and events with the facilities and cultural, athletic and educational activities Dalhousie has to offer.

The Right Honorable Robert L. Stanfield will be addressing the opening ceremonies on the evening of February 21. During the following two days of Intro-Dal an attendance of between twenty and thirty thousand Nova Scotians is anticipated. Dalhousie's campus has been opened to the public for the duration of Intro-Dal and guided tours will be organized to add to the enjoyment and interest of your visit. The guides will be providing information about not only the buildings and events but also the history of the University.

The effort being put forth by the individual Departments promises to make this aspect of Intro Dal second to none. The students and the members of faculty have joined together in an effort to give a view of their particular discipline that will be both informative and entertaining to the most discriminating observer.

Such fascinating things as an active volcano, facts about the energy crisis, an operational electron-microscope, a glass blowing demonstration, career opportunities in the various fields represented, computer games, dramatic readings, skits, audio-visual presentations of various departmental classes in action, research techniques, admission requirements, medical science displays, drug synthesis and an endless array of other display topics exemplifying all aspects of general academics at Dalhousie.

To illustrate aspects of university life other than academic there will be various special features such as sports afternoon on Saturday, which will encompass all sports oriented activities at Dalhousie. This will be followed up by an evening of university social life which has been termed Entertainment Night, ranging from dances appealing to young and old alike to dramatic performances and a movie series. Sunday evening will feature the International flavour of Dalhousie students. This evening of soirees shall feature a myriad of costumes and cuisine as well as various cultural aspects in the form of national music and dances spanning the globe.



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Fall Convocation Renewed

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There will be a Fall Convocation held at Dalhousie, probably in October. It will be the first one in many years.

Fall Convocation is being reintroduced on an experimental basis due to the fact that in the spring there are six or seven convocations, none of which serves to bring together people from all parts of the Dalhousie community.

The final go-ahead for the Fall Convocation was given at the February 10 meeting of the Senate. It is planned to present both honorary and earned degrees at the convocation. This will make it easier for students receiving a degree in the fall to have the conferral in person rather than by mail.

The same Senate meeting gave final approval to Convocation schedules for this spring. The major issue was raised by the Registrar, Dr. Tingley.

Convocations have overflowed into the Wednesday of the week, so the programmes will have to be printed earlier than is customary. Dr. Tingley was very concerned that if the Faculty and Senate meetings in May were held as scheduled, approval of the degrees would be too late for the printer.

After considerable dis-

cussion the Senate managed to settle the issue by rescheduling its meeting to Friday, May 9 and instructing the Faculties to submit the lists of graduates by the afternoon of the 9th.

It may have been due to the cold weather, or perhaps everyone was tired out

Students beware: Preferential voting is upon you again.

Yes, that curse of the fee referendum is going to be in effect for the February 19 voting on President/Vice President teams.

Preferential voting was instituted by a Student Union meeting in 1973, so that no one could be elected President or Vice-President without a majority of the voters.

That decision followed several elections in which the victors have 25% or less of the votes, with the four or five other teams splitting up the remainder.

The simplest thing about preferential is the voting itself. All that one has to do is indicate first, second, third, etc. preferences among the teams. The thing to avoid is indicating only one team, since although this will be counted as a

by the Convocation date debate, but no other item on the Senate agenda received what can be called discussion. Instead there was explanation from Dr. Hicks and Vice-President MacKay, with a few Senate members offering short comments.

Agreement in principle was given to institution of a four year programme for B. Comm. to replace the present three year programme. This change is to be instituted at all universities in the Maritimes. It will bring Maritime practice into line with that in the

rest of the country. Most of the extra time will be given to Arts and Science subjects. The Commerce Department feels that this is the component of the present degree which is

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How to vote

first preference, should the team do poorly and be taken out of the counting the ballot with just the one choice is not longer counted.

What d'ya mean, no longer counted?

The counting of preferential ballots starts with addition of each team's first choices. If no team has been first choice of over half of the voters, the team with the lowest number of votes is taken out of the counting.

Then, the second choices on the last team's ballots are treated like first choices. As you might have guessed, this cutting from the bottom and redistribution of choices goes on and on until somebody gets over the "magic mark" of 50%.

To illustrate, take a ballot where the voter's preference went from first for

Team Terrible to fifth for Team Terrific. When Team Terrible comes in last after the first preferences are counted, the voter's ballot goes into the pile for Team Bad if Team Bad was the second preference. If the preference and removals from counting continue from Bad to Team Medium, and from there to Good, our voter's fourth preference for Team Good will be included on the final round

in the Good column, not the Terrific column. When the counting cuts out all but two teams, the round with the two teams is obviously the final one. Whoever gets the most votes in this final round is the winner.

Anyway, just remember that your ballot is spoiled if an equal preference is shown for two teams, and on Mother's Day say it with flowers.

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