

# Chinese Student Society Shines in '74

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The Chinese Student Society had in the past years been actively participating in campus and community activities.

Last year (1974-75) our activities included the following;

Welcoming party. It was held in October 4th. The intention of the party was to bring together both old and new students of the society.

Inter-faculty soccer. As with previous years, the society had participated with an emergency make-shift team, gathered at

short notice, despite that, we still managed to kick ourselves to the 6th position out of 12 teams participating, which in any case was better than the position in previous years.

Social gathering. Originally, this was meant to be a regular affair, however, after the first held on November 8th, it was found that the burden of work had forced many of us to absent ourselves. Thus it was decided to scrap the idea.

Chinese New Year Banquet. This banquet was held in St. Mary's University on February 8th. As in

previous years, we have been very active in the planning and program presentations. Our presentations for this year were Lion dance and a Chinese drama, which was an abstract from the famous Chinese novel, "108 heroes of the Water Margin".

Intro-Dal '75. I bet most of you who have attended the Intro-Dal '75 activities would have tasted the delicious dishes prepared by our President Alex Ma. Chinese writings by Eddie Leung and other cultural displays not mentioning the Lion dance, did attract a

packed audience.

Publishing of magazines. With the co-operation of faculties, students and the community, we are pleased to say that our magazine DALMAG is at its final stage of preparation, with only minor touchups before going to the press.

Those were just drops of water in the ocean as far as ideas and activities are concerned. However, to utilize the resources to the fullest and extend our imaginations to new grounds, we need to have dedicated executives who are capable and willing to

organize activities, to assist fellow students. To this end, were the objectives of our forthcoming election, which will be held on March 8th at 7:30 p.m. sharp, in the Dalhousie SUB Council's Chambers.

The election will be for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary (as a team), Treasurer, Social, Sports (2), and Public Relations (2).

We hope that the results from the election will give an indication as to the directions the society will be heading, preferably the new executives will expand and enlarge the society's sphere of activities.

## Little Pancakes Part of French Festival

An ancient French Festival celebrated by sixty members of the Alliance Francaise in Halifax, is a reminder that learning a foreign language can be a happy occasion.

The Candlemas Celebration or the Fete de Chandeleur is one of two festivals between Christmas and Lent observed by French people. It commemorates the religious festival of the presentation of the Christ child in the temple. In the home, it is celebrated with the eating of little pancakes. Little in the sense of thickness for the diameter of each crepe as they are called depends on the pan.



Two hundred and fifty members are currently enrolled in the Alliance Francaise. Over one hundred are registered in the three levels of conversational French classes which are held once a week.

With nearly 25 years of existence as a group in Halifax, the vitality of the Alliance has been maintained by a core of dedicated French and Acadian men and women. The spirit of the festive occasions gives plenty of evidence that new people are always welcome,

but the Alliance is determined that French language and customs will be maintained in the English dominated atmosphere of Halifax.

University students are an important part of the Alliance, and with the interest of dedicated French professors from Dalhousie and St. Mary's University - the needs of this group will always be borne in mind.

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At the same time the Administration chose to ignore a Senate Committee Report indicating certain unnamed tenured faculty in the School of Music for unprofessional and unethical conduct (they had threatened and intimidated students who had supported Professor McCarthy).

With all of these embarrassments behind him Dr. Beveridge, on the advice of the Dean in the School of Music, has, in January of this year, again fired Professor McCarthy. The reason now given for the second dismissal are simply that Professor McCarthy has failed to sufficiently improve his relations with the tenured staff in the School of Music and that his teaching of Music theory has been inadequate. Both of these reasons were given for Professor McCarthy's dismissal in 1974 and both have twice been found to be frivolous. The Dean of the School has since refused to give Professor McCarthy specific evidence of his alleged inadequacies.

The Faculty Associations at Acadia is, for the third time, establishing a grievance committee to examine McCarthy's complaint. This committee will also be made up of three outside academics, at least one of whom will be from Dalhousie. Their report should be public within days.

Several Students' Union officials at Acadia have indicated unofficially that

further serious action is being contemplated. This could mean anything from a vote of non-confidence in President Beveridge to a total boycott of classes; both actions were effectively used by the Union last year over the same issue. It would appear, however, that Student Union action will very much depend upon the support for Professor McCarthy presently existing among students in the School of Music. Although some students were apparently consulted by the Dean over the second attempt to dismiss Professor McCarthy whether their recommendations were followed is still unknown.

Although faculty discontent over the firing would appear to exist on campus, past experience would indicate that open faculty support for McCarthy in opposition to the Administration is unlikely.

Similarly, there are, for the second year, allegations of intimidation and lying among the tenured faculty in the School of Music and, if substantive (as they were proven to be last year), it may well be too late for Professor McCarthy. In any case the issue would now appear to have reached such proportions that anything short of an official government inquiry into the whole administrative process at Acadia will be insufficient to solve the problem. And that solution is highly unlikely.

