

Fund drive not paying Dalhousie debt

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guessing," says Mabley.

Student Union president Catherine Blewett says she doubts the university would risk the loss of PR opportunity by backing out of the deal anyway.

The capital fund drive, called The Campaign For Dalhousie, was initiated to maintain Dalhousie's pre-eminent position among universities in the Maritimes and other parts of Canada.

The \$35 million, whittled down from earlier faculty and department estimates totalling over \$90 million, is earmarked for over 250 project areas.

So far, \$3.5 million of the \$11 million national corporate objective and \$875,000 of the \$1 million local alumni goals have been met.

"\$585,000 has been raised by alumni within the Dartmouth/Halifax area in the last four months," Mabley says.

A successful Vaughan's community drive, a national alumni drive and a \$10 million donation from the

province rounds out the \$18.6 million raised to date.

The campaign is not for paying off the Dalhousie debt, Mabley says, although he allows that in replacing and upgrading facilities and equipment, the fund will provide an indirect lessening of pressure upon the debt load Dalhousie is shouldering.

Mabley says concerns about corporations attaching strings to their donations are completely

unfounded, though certain businesses are earmarking their contributions for certain projects.

"Most donors are electing to leave the designation of funds to the Board of Governors," he says.

Mabley is optimistic about the success of the campaign, which may exceed its \$35 million goal well before its five-year duration is up.

"We've got a five-year election," says Mabley. "Dal is our candidate."

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started."

Many law students agree with Cotter's assessment of the situation.

The most tragic side of events is the destruction of many priceless books and other materials. Many professors have lost irreplaceable research material and about seven have seen their thesis materials destroyed.

Fortunately, a collection of 3,000 rare and valuable books on the fourth floor of the Weldor building was left undamaged.

The law school will face a few academic problems this year. Finding library books for students has been a major adjustment, says Cotter.

"They are being donated with super cooperation from other libraries, like that of the provincial government," he says.



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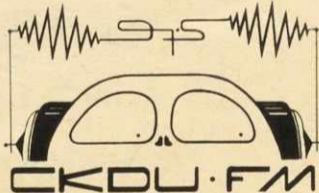
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