

Degrees for sale at Dalhousie

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A FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE on the Dalhousie Senate said the university should either clarify how it chooses honorary degree recipients or sell them to the highest bidder.

The professor, who refused to have her name published, said in the past honorary degrees have been given to people willing to "cough up money for the university." "Look at the kind of businessmen's names that come up every year," she says.

The Dalhousie Senate has been involved in what Senate Chair Bill Jones calls a "minimal dispute" over this year's nominations for honorary degrees. Long-time feminist and peace activist Muriel Duckworth was not nominated to receive an honorary degree and some Senate members were angry enough to vote against every nominee to protest what they consider a deliberate oversight.

Duckworth was suggested as a candidate for an honorary degree last spring, but the nominating committee did not take her name to the Senate for approval. When the same thing happened again this year, some Senators questioned the committee's procedure in nominating candidates.

One student senator, who asked not to be identified, said the committee could not explain why Duckworth's name was not on the list of suggestions Senate was asked to approve by a secret ballot.

"When someone brought up that she had 60 signatures on her nomination form, they were told (by the committee) that it was not a popularity contest, but rather a measure of the good someone did for society," said the student. "Then it was suggested that the

committee just didn't have a category for an elderly, socialist woman in the peace movement," she said.

The dispute pushed the vote for honorary degree recipients over two Senate meetings. While Jones refused to say that was unusual procedure, he did say the honorary degree committee did not "on the first vote, receive a clear signal of what Senate wanted."

The student said many senators decided to no-vote each of the committee's suggested candidates because it did not nominate Duckworth.

In the closed Senate meeting, one professor, who later refused to comment on the record, said the nominating committee was trying to "rub our faces in the dirt."

"There is clearly room for compromise but the committee is in an uncompromising mood," he said.

Another faculty representative said the Senate received "no answer, no explanation" as to why Duckworth's name was not on the list.

"I can't start jumping to conclusions that there are political reasons she didn't get nominated. It probably didn't even get that far," she said.

The professor said the debate over Duckworth has raised "the whole business of why this committee is never met with objection, as if their work is so perfect."

The professor wants the Senate to start thinking about who should get honorary degrees. "Someone has to make the distinction between good people and people who are good for the university," she said.

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Jamie MacMullin and Sandra Bell both say the photo the Gazette ran of them last week in the election supplement had everything to do with their winning the election for 1986-87 DSU president and vice-president. The Gazette says no comment. Photo by John Chan, Dal Photo

MacMullin and Bell elected

IT WAS A DARK AND stormy night. Mellow music floated through the cigarette smoke in the Grawood Lounge.

Suddenly, Maurice Chaisson busted through the doors and ordered another Coke. "It's going to be a long night, b'yes," he said.

When the smoke had risen, Jamie MacMullin exclaimed, "I don't know what to say. It's really over." He and his running mate, Sandra Bell, want to pull the campus together (into what? *ed.*) Bell said she is going to see Rocky I, II, III, and IV.

Executive

First ballot

Jamie MacMullin/Sandra Bell	568
Tim Daley/Barney Savage	334
Ava Czapalay/Kamleh Nicola	297
Jim Snair/David Shirley	234

Second Ballot

MacMullin/Bell	631
Daley/Savage	418
Czapalay/Nicola	352

Final ballot

MacMullin/Bell	772
Daley/Savage	580

Total votes cast (on first ballot) 1,433

Board of Governors

● Jolene Pattison	893
● David McCarthy	728
Tom Taylor	674

Senate

● Kelly Sharp	1029
● Dean Dolan	953
● Daisy McDonald	841
● Runjan Seth	788
● Addesh Mago	663
Arun Mathur	638

PEI coalition contra Litton

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) — A loose coalition of Prince Edward Island farmers, peace activists, women's groups and academics is resisting a bid by Litton Industries, which has an operating budget many times greater than the provincial government, to build an armaments plant here.

The coalition, dubbed the Island Way, was formed in January after Premier Jim Lee invited Litton to build an air defence anti-tank systems plant if it won a federal contract. Other companies competing for the contract say they will build in other areas. A decision is expected in April.

The Island Way is hoping to convince Litton by then that their presence isn't wanted. According to Roy Johnstone, co-ordinator of the Island Peace Committee, which is part of the coalition, opponents are fighting Litton on several grounds.

"Many of us were quite concerned with the social implica-

tions of the arms race. As well, Litton is well-known for attacking the popular movement in Central America, and has a long history of anti-union activities, he says.

"All these things told us there was a great deal of misinformation being presented, and that the people living here should know about it," he says. A Litton plant in Toronto produces guidance systems for the U.S. cruise missile.

Johnstone says locating the plant in P.E.I. or another economically depressed area amounts to "economic blackmail" it's either these projects and militarism, or high unemployment" he says.

Although the provincial government won't disclose how much money it's giving Litton as an incentive to locate on the island, Johnstone says the money could be put to better use in traditional industries such as agriculture or the fishery. The

government has said about 350 direct jobs and as many as 500 indirect jobs will be created if the plant is built here.

According to University of P.E.I. education professor Claudia Mitchell, who organized a group of students and academics to debate the issue, a Litton plant would destroy the pastoral lifestyle on the island.

"It's really difficult to fathom what it's like having a company that large coming to a province this small. Litton's budget of expenditures is 15 times as great as P.E.I.'s," she says.

Although the government has said the company will not have much influence in island politics, Mitchell says, "how much say they would have in running things is very much in dispute." Johnstone says the protest won't die if Litton wins the contract. "This issue has had more debate on this island than any other in decades."



Muriel Duckworth