

RESIDENCE FEES RISE \$75 TO \$100 NEXT YEAR

By MAUREEN PHINNEY

Dal Residence fees rise \$100 this fall. This will bar some students from entering Dal or continuing here, unless they can obtain financial aid from the university or the provincial government.

"Bursaries will be available from Dal to students whom the raise in residence fees would otherwise keep out of university. We intend to add to our bursary fund so that we'll be able to provide at least enough money for the students who really need it," stated President Hicks, in an interview with the GAZETTE.

On what basis will the university decide qualification for a bursary? "The student would see the Awards Officer, and go through the usual procedures. He would disclose his financial and scholastic position and from that, the amount of the bursary would be decided."

"At present it's easier for scholarship students to obtain bursaries because they are considered more worthy of university help. But I think this attitude will be relaxed and financial aid extended to all needy students," President Hicks added.

The cost of attending university is growing. "I am concerned about this," said President Hicks,

"since it makes it difficult for students to come here, particularly those from families in small-income brackets."

Can Dalhousie's administration do anything about this? "We try to be economical, but operating costs are rising. I've just approved salary increases for our professors, yet I still feel that their salaries are too low. We have many professors with excellent qualifications who could be teaching elsewhere in Canada for substantially higher salaries."

Can or should Dal students do anything about their rising university fees? "I would expect students to

resist, and if possible, to minimize the rising cost of attending university. They should attempt to secure larger funds from the Provincial government for this," President Hicks mentioned the recent N.S.U.S. march on the Legislature, primarily for this purpose.

"The responsibility to do something about the situation lies with the Provincial Government, and the University Grants Committee," he said.

"At Dalhousie, we're being pressured all the time by certain people and the University Grants Committee to make our residence operation a break-even proposition. I hope the Grants Committee will change its viewpoint on this."

Randy Smith, Dal Student Union President, commented: "Nothing specific will be done about our residence fee raise by the Dal Student Union, and I doubt if any type of decision on the increase will be made. We plan to look into student requirements

and then to turn to the administration. Bursaries have been suggested to cover the cost of the raise in fees, but I think there are other ways to deal with the problem as well."

Mr. Knickle, of the Provincial Department of Education, in charge of Student Loans, commented: "No policy as yet has been set by the government to take care of people who can't afford the raise in residence fees. I don't know what can be done anyway. We set aside \$2,500,000 this year for Student Loans - and we've since gone over that by another \$2,000,000, and some of which we've borrowed from next year's Student Loan allotment. And with the austerity program up in Ottawa, funds are difficult to obtain. Draw your own conclusions from that."

An unnamed spokesman from the Department of Education also commented: "I wish the universities would quit passing the buck to the provincial government. We've got enough to worry about."

Government Loan Program attacked at Dal Student Aid Seminar

"If one were to use logic as the only criterion, then one couldn't deny the success of that argument."

So Education Minister Gerald Doucette summed up the dilemma of government-student relations at the Provincial Government-sponsored Seminar on Student Aid March 5. The Seminar was held in Howe Hall.

The government representatives defended their previous policies and explained the limitations which are placed on their present programmes. These representatives included Doucette, the Director of the Provincial Youth Agency, Mr. Donovan, and a number of civil servants from the Education Department.

President Henry Hicks and Dalhousie's Awards Officer, Guy D'Auray presented this university's view that the present awards system should be made more complete and more efficient.

Student body presidents from Dalhousie, King's Mt. St. Vincent, St. F.X., and St. Mary's and other student leaders united in a plea for a hold-the-line policy on residence fees and an increase in student aid funds, as well as the \$300 bursary already requested. The government, while often agreeing on these issues, also pointed out that it would be incapable of meeting further financial demands from education.

In a prepared presentation, the government spokesmen told the students that part of the problem was in their relationship with the Federal Government and the other provinces, since all major changes in the loan scheme have to be agreed upon by all. The province requested an additional \$2.5 million this year to fill student loan needs, but the federal government did not grant all this. As a result, there will be a reduction of approximately \$100,000 in the amount dished out to meet students' needs next year.

Speaking for Dalhousie, Student Aid Officer Guy D'Auray discussed the faults of Nova Scotia's stu-

dent loan programme. First, he said, the loans authorized are inadequate to meet student expenses. \$1340, the maximum obtainable, is not enough and is especially insufficient for professional students with heavy expenses, out-of-town students who cannot rely on a great deal of parental support, and student nurses who must study eleven months a year for three or four years.

D'Auray continued with his second point, that the timing of the loans is bad -- loans are often not available when they are most needed. Finally, he complained that the government does not give adequate publicity to the student loan and bursary programmes so that students -- particularly high-school students may become aware of how much they can borrow or be awarded as a bursary, and how to apply for these funds. "The only publicity that exists is found in Dalhousie University's Financial Aid Booklet," he said.

D'Auray recommended that the provincial Education Department should decentralize its awarding system, allowing student aid officers on the individual campuses to issue certificates of eligibility under general Government direction. He said contact between students and the awards officer should be encouraged, and students should be urged to apply for their loans before the end of June. Finally, he recommended that more funds should be made available under the plan.

NSUS President Kim Cameron began his remarks by stating that the government already knows what the students of Nova Scotia want. He called for a re-organization of the loan system and the extension of the bursary system to make up for the fact that residence fees will be going up. He also criticized the government's claim that Nova Scotia gives more per capita to education than any other province: he balanced this with the fact that this province also has the highest tuition rates in Canada. Three uni-

versities in Nova Scotia have tuition rates among the top five in Canada.

Cameron echoed D'Auray's remark that high school students are not made properly aware of the financial help available to them if they go on to University. He added that rural students are discriminated against by existing programmes.

Former Dalhousie Council President John Young cited Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures revealing that three quarters of Nova Scotians students come from families with yearly incomes over \$5000, while only half the families in the province earn more than \$5000. So even the present student aid programs continue to help only the middle - and upper - class students. There is very little change in the cross-section of students entering the universities, he added.

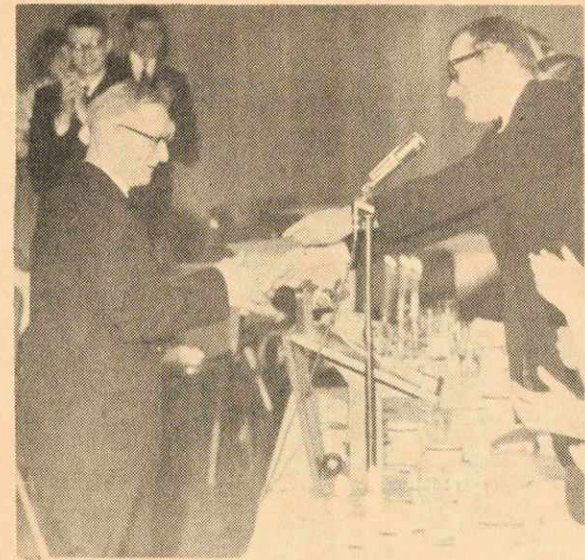
William Smith of the Department of Education declined to comment on whether there would be an over-all increase in the allocation of provincial funds for student aid next year.

Dr. Henry Hicks, President of Dalhousie, asked whether the University can give a larger bursary to a student who needs the extra money, without damaging his chances for a full student loan. Smith said that the department was prepared to consider this change. He denied that provincial bursaries could be separated from student loans "because there simply isn't enough money to spread around," Doucette emphasized this point also: "the sources of money are limited" he said.

The meeting between students, University officials, and Government representatives resulted in the opening of communications among the three groups. It is hoped that this will prove more fruitful than the irregular presentations of briefs and insurance of statements which had been carried on previously.

Education Minister Doucette concluded, "Education is the right of all Nova Scotians. The rub comes when you try to apply that principle."

Ashworth, Meng Tan, Receive Malcolm Awards



Fifteen Dalhousie students were honoured at the annual Student Government Dinner and Ball March 2, when the Gold and Silver D's and two Malcolm Honour Awards were presented. Honourary Gold D's were given to Dean H.B.S. Cooke and to Mr. Orla Schram.

The Malcolm Award Dalhousie's highest honour went to Dennis Ashworth and Meng Hee Tan, both of whom also received Gold D's. Other Gold D's went to Diane Alexander, Carl Holm, and John MacKiegan.

Silver D's were presented to David Frith, Jennifer Johnson, William MacDonald, Dave Osherow, Jim Robar, Bob Steinhorff, Moira Stewart, Bob Thaxton, Tim Tuff, and Frank Wilson.

Among those honoured at the annual Student Government Ball were Orla Schram, (above), caretaker of the Arts Annex; Meng Hee Tan (below, left, with Dr. and Mrs. Hicks) and former Student Council President Dennis Ashworth (below, right).



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Student Union And Freedom Of Press Threatened At U. of Sask.

REGINA (CUP) — A direct threat to the autonomy and existence of the students union at the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan was presented Feb. 27.

The board of governors wants to change the students union constitution which instructs the university to collect student union fees. They also want to prohibit the union from using the university's name, and want to push the student union paper the Carillon, off campus.

Board and administration spokesmen mounted heated attacks on the Carillon at a Feb. 27 meeting called to discuss the changes.

The meeting followed closely upon an issue of the Carillon which broke a story of a student loan which was granted to Allan Guy, Minister of Public Works in the Saskatchewan government.

The Carillon has also been following a consistent editorial policy of opposition to the government's proposals of changes in relations between the government and the university.

The meeting was held at the request of W.A. Riddell, Principal of the Regina campus of the U. of S., who sent a letter to students union president Ralph Smith. The letter expressed concern about the lack of revision of bylaws of the union in accord with requests of the board of governors, and about the effect of the editorial policy of the Carillon upon public opinion of the university.

The letter said the board of governors had appointed a committee of two to meet with representatives of the students union, at which students would be asked to show cause:

- Why the university should continue to collect fees for the students union;
- Why the union should be allowed to continue using the university's name; and
- Why the university should continue to provide space on campus for the Carillon.

Riddell opened the meeting by reading the letter sent to Smith.

Using the letter as a base he discussed the constitution of the union. He said for the past year the university administration had expected the union to revise the bylaws of the union so that they would be acceptable to the board.

(The Regina campus students union is an incorporated body separate from the university administration.)

Riddell said he had petitioned the board himself to collect union fees for one additional year, even though they did not approve of the union's constitution.

When presidential candidate Herb Padwick asked for a delay in proceedings because of the Students Representative Council elections which were then in progress, Dr. E. C. Leslie, of the board of governors replied: "It will be too bad if things can't be accomplished today."



THE CARILLON

The Strange Story of One Student's Loan.



or How A Guy Gets A Loan

Several hundred Saskatchewan students have had their applications for loans under the Canada Student Loans Plan turned down since its inception in 1964. But one student had no trouble getting a loan. His name is Allan Guy, B.A. BEd. He is now Minister of Public Works.

Riddell also said he wanted the committee to reach an agreement immediately so they could report to the board of governors. Students reps thought they could not reach agreement immediately because of the elections in progress, and because they had received only four days notice of the meeting.

An agreement was finally reached on a three-week delay in the implementation of board of governors-administration proposals. Another meeting will be called at that time.

The balance of the meeting was devoted primarily to a discussion of the editorial policy of the Carillon.

Riddell said he could give specific cases in which individuals had decided not to contribute money to the university because of the Carillon's editorial policy.

When questioned on this he mentioned senate gripes, and an independent survey which he said indicated the Carillon was having a bad effect on public opinions.

Charges were made that the Carillon was obscene. Leslie described the paper as an "indecent publication." When asked for specifics on this charge by Carillon editor, Don Kossick, Leslie replied: "Read the paper yourself."

Kossick rejected the charges and mentioned at the meeting that the Carillon has had "a deliberate policy of keeping obscenities out of the paper. . . . We are the only paper that I know of which cut the

so-called obscenities from the article Student As Nigger."

When Board of governors and administration representatives were unable to substantiate their charges of obscenity they moved on to the "tone of criticism" of content in the paper's articles on the provincial government and the university and administration.

Specific mention was made of the Carillon's story revealing that Public Works minister Guy received a student loan. They indicated stories like this interfered with the university's negotiations with the provincial government.

Leslie took exception to a Carillon editorial which described the board of governors as "bumbling buffoons." He asked editor Kossick if the members of the board were in fact "bumbling buffoons."

Kossick said the description had to be considered within the whole context of the editorial.

The students defended the student union and freedom of the press. They said they did not want to see censorship introduced.

When union president Ralph Smith commented that there were other union activities than the Carillon, Principal Riddell said that was the first argument he had heard in favor of the continued collection of union fees by the university.

At the meeting there were two board members; the principal; and eight students, from the students union, the student newspaper, and presidential candidates.

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absolutely no comment!



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Students And The Law - University Won't Intervene

-Hicks

Dr. Henry Hicks told the Student Government dinner March 2, "The university can no longer stand between the student and the law of the land."

Citing the fact that there now are more than a half-million dollars worth of moveable items within the university, he said, "The University has become too large to be able to deal with these law-breakers."

He told those at the dinner that the opening of the new SUB building the Students Union was also in danger of being the victim of large losses through theft.

Dr. Hicks said he was especially concerned and disturbed over the fact that articles had been purchased from the Dal bookstore using forged cheques, "In this case, the police have been called in, and

they are working with handwriting experts to discover who is guilty. It is a terrible thing when a student, perhaps entering the future of Law or Medicine, will throw away his future career for 30 or 50 dollars worth of books." He added that a student from any faculty would find his job opportunities severely limited when he graduated, if he had a record of such a conviction.

Dr. Hicks noted that Dalhousie's situation was not unique; the U.S. state universities, as they grew, also found it necessary to refer offences to the official authorities.

While he recognized that many of these offences may have started merely as pranks, President Hicks said that in light of the present situation action had to be taken to protect the interests of both the students and the university.

"Painstakingly Designed" Evaluation begins soon

By LINDA BAYERS

Last year a course evaluation, given by Student Council, was distributed in about 150 undergraduate courses. But since the questionnaire was inadequate in scope and detail and student response was poor, the data was not very meaningful. This year the whole approach will be new.

The project is called Undergraduate Education Evaluation. It employs a questionnaire, "painstakingly designed", with the help of a large group of students, professors and education experts in such areas as curriculum development and statistics. The evaluation will be an objective, independent, academic study dealing with all aspects of undergraduate education.

It will measure student expectations and opinions on:

- (1) university objectives in liberal arts and science education.
- (2) department's objectives; i.e. for liberal arts education in History, French, English, etc.
- (3) instructors' objectives for individual courses on all levels.

Students will be asked to assess the programs being used to fulfill these objectives. There will be other questions on undergraduate education in general.

Bob Daley, chairman of the evaluation program, asserts that every attempt has been made to make the evaluation as comprehensive and effective as possible. Daley would like any opinions or suggestions to be sent to him by letter. The address is: The Undergraduate Education Evaluation Committee, c/o Student Council Office, Dalhousie.

Students are reminded that "if they exhibit a mature and serious attitude in answering the questionnaire, the data will be more useful and accurate."

The evaluation will be run in about two or three weeks. The information should be available during the summer.

The Dalhousie GAZETTE Literary Supplement has recently been published. A copy may be obtained from the GAZETTE office. No purchase fee is required. Please get yours now, as they will be going quickly.