

Dental school drilling Cavity on campus

by Daniele Gauvin

Lately, the Dalhousie campus has been dotted with bulldozers, cranes and other construction machinery. The giant crane at the Dalplex site is a familiar landmark by now, but the new dental building now being built is the reason for four new areas of activity this fall.

The excavation going on along University Avenue outside the Law building will extend the service tunnel from the Central Services building to the Carleton campus and across Robie Street to heat the new dental building.

Excavation began last June for the new structure, which will allow the university to nearly triple enrollment in the dental and dental hygiene programs. Combined enrollment will go up by eight students each year, until the size of the incoming class rises from the present 24 to reach 64. New students will benefit from increased research facilities, a new dental museum, and enlarged and improved labs.

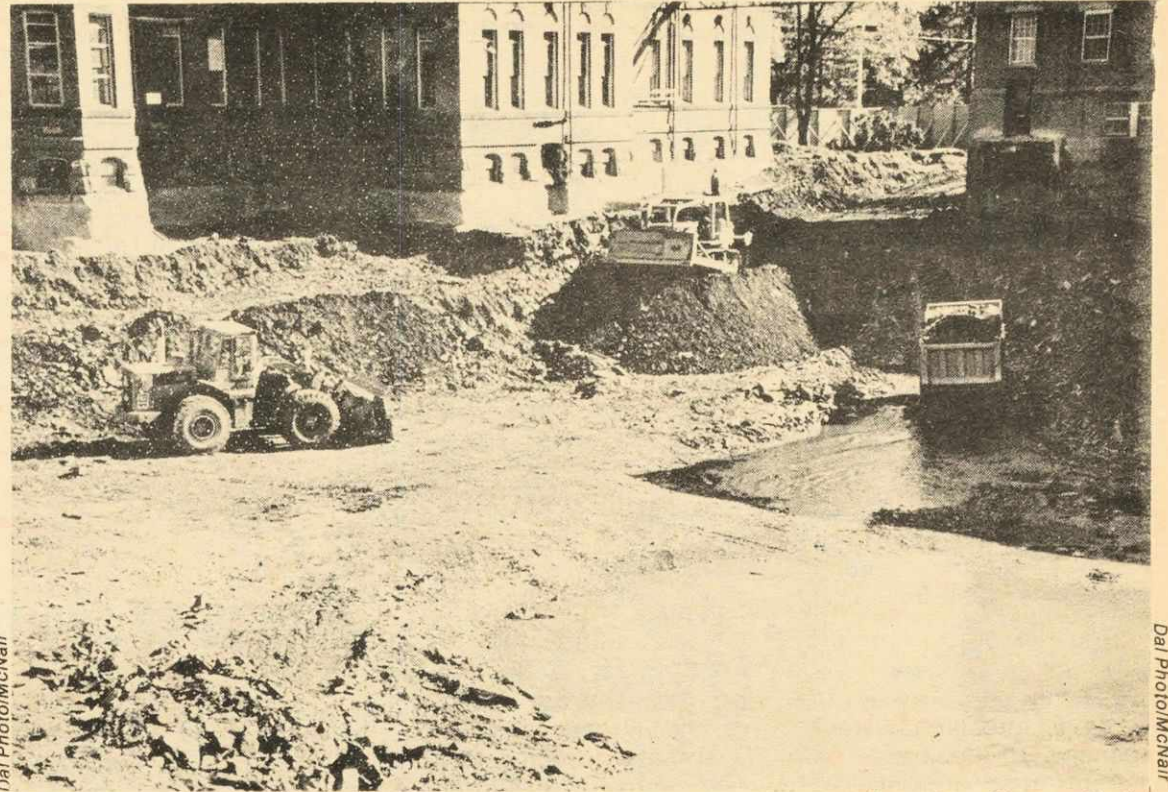
The dental clinic itself will be housed in the two underground floors, while offices and the rest of the facilities will be in the three floors above ground.

The new building will incorporate the old one, using its already-existing facilities. A tunnel will connect the Tupper, Forrest and Burbidge buildings to the dental building, creating a linked Health Professions complex on campus. The School of Dentistry anticipates an increase in graduate and research work as a benefit of the expansion. New programs of orthodontics, pedodontics and prosthodontics are under consideration.

Construction will take at least two years, according to Roger Jollimore, co-ordinator of physical plant for the university.

There is also work going on behind the Arts Center, where the heating tunnel is being extended to reach university houses on South St., and beyond. The extension will eliminate the need for small furnaces in these houses and cut costs by saving energy, said Jollimore.

Finally, men and machinery on South St. are renewing a water main which will eventually provide the water supply for the pool and other facilities of Dalplex. Watching one's steps around campus for the next few weeks seems advisable.



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The school of dentistry anticipates an increase in graduate and research work as the result of the physical expansion of the dentistry building.

Nigerian graduate students for Dal?

by Allan Adams

Dr. Jide Osuntokum of the Nigerian Universities Office in Ottawa visited Dalhousie this past week exploring the possibilities of placing Nigerian students at Dal as part of a \$4.5 million Nigeria-Canada educational agreement.

The agreement, signed by the two governments will allow over 500 Nigerian students to study at Canadian universities over the next five years. The Nigerian government has agreed to pay all expenses related to the program.

During this visit Osuntokum talked with the administration concerning the enrollment of students in graduate studies, medical studies, engineering, management studies and sciences in general.

Osuntokum explained to the *Gazette* that his government has signed similar agreements with the United States, USSR, Germany, France, Italy, Great Britain and Romania. He

added that Canada "would have put itself in a very bad light" if they hadn't signed the agreement.

The role the federal government played in the agreement has been criticized by the provinces. The Council of Ministers of Education of Canada (CMEC) recently expressed "dissatisfaction with the federal department of Industry, Trade and Commerce" for bringing in "considerable numbers" of foreign students without consulting provincial ministers of education. The CMEC were referring to the Nigeria agreement.

When asked about this Dr. Osuntokum replied that he was not aware that people were against the agreement.

He said that presently an agreement hasn't been reached with Dalhousie and explained that if Dal doesn't want these students encouraging responses from other universities may have him look

elsewhere. The program, if enacted at Dal, will involve about 30 graduate students.

Dr. Osuntokum has a personal history with Dal as he was the recipient of the first PhD. in History from the University.

Flighty students to take off

Arts students should become more involved in their society, insists outgoing Arts Society president Kyle Jolliffe.

"We want to promote a separate identity for Dalhousie's 1000 arts students," he told the *Gazette*. "We can't do that unless more people get involved."

Jolliffe said plans for an intramural sports league, a ski weekend and a pub-debate are under consideration. These can only happen with "the help and full support of all members," though. The society has a \$3,000 budget to carry out its social activities and lecture program.

Part of the problem, according to Arts reps Chris Fetterly and Jim Wentzell, is the poor image of Arts students themselves. "Most are aware of their reputation among non-Arts students as 'artsy-fartsy do-nothings'," said the councillors. According to this popular mythology, all Arts students are flighty creatures,

existing on a diet of "bird" courses and afraid to venture far from their ivory towers.

Fetterly argued strongly against this idea. She pointed out that although Arts students have fewer class hours in a week than other students, they make up for it by spending long hours in the Killam.

She urged all society members to attend the general meeting this Tuesday night (7:30 in the SUB), and to bring all problems and ideas to their Arts reps, whose names and mailboxes can be found in the council offices.

Wentzell said that the lack of participation so far in society activities is due more to discouragement than to apathy. He expressed hope that students would prove their interest by voting for the vacant Arts rep position in the October 25 by-election.

In the meantime, there is a co-ed volleyball meeting tomorrow (Friday) in room 218 of the SUB at 1:30.

Student by-elections Seats for grabs

by Marc Allain

Three student council seats will be contested in the upcoming Student Union by-elections. When nominations closed Tuesday, October 10, only the Graduate studies seat remained without a nominee, according to Chief Electoral Officer Tab Borden.

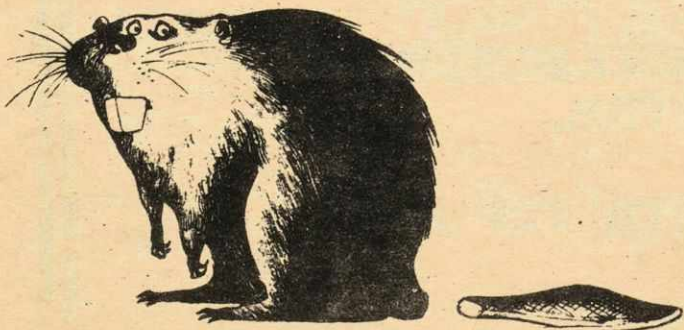
Rodney Brittain and Ravi Kant "Umesh" Jain have filed for the Science seat while David Woods, John Hawkins and Margaret Young have filed for the Arts seat. Young, however, has also been nominated for the vacant senate position. Because the Student Union constitution does not allow a person to hold both seats, Young has decided to withdraw her nomination for Arts representative. Young told the *Gazette* that she filed

for both seats hoping that at least one would be filled by acclamation. Over half the council seats were filled in that manner last spring.

Larry Worthen, a first year Law student, had also filed for the senate seat but informed the *Gazette* that he intends to withdraw his nomination. The *Gazette* was unable to reach Jean Palmer, the only other nominee for the senate position.

Because no nominations were received for the Grad. Studies seat nominations will remain open for one more week. The by-election date has been set for October 25.

A referendum on whether Dalhousie will remain a member of the Atlantic Federation of Students will be held together with the by-elections.



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