

## News in Brief

### DALTECH PRINCIPAL AND V-P DAL RESIGNS

The principal of DalTech and vice-president of Dalhousie is resigning effective Jan. 31 of this year.

After serving four years as the former president of the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS), Ted Rhodes has decided to end his 34-year career which has spanned both academic and industrial organizations.

Rhodes said that his departure will be with mixed feelings.

"I will be sorry to say good-bye to

the students, past and present, who have kept me young at heart," Rhodes said.

"At the same time, I leave with satisfaction about the amalgamation of TUNS and Dalhousie. As a result of this marriage, we have been able to modernize and rationalize the Engineering programs and create a much needed Faculty of Computer Science."

Dalhousie president Tom Traves said that he will be sorry to see Rhodes resign, but respects his decision.

"As a result of [his health problems] and the occasion of his sixtieth birthday next month, [Rhodes] felt this was an appropriate time to step down, a decision I fully understand and accept," said Traves.

"I have enjoyed our relationship and appreciate the role he has played in the new Dalhousie."

### COMPUTER SYSTEM TRICKED INTO MAINTAINING FULL- YEAR CLASSES

Full-year courses have been saved, following a report from an ad hoc Senate committee.

The report, accepted and passed by university Senate, challenged a motion to abolish "R" or full-year classes to accommodate the newly-purchased Banner computer system.

"Retention of 'R' classes is necessary to maintenance of the integrity of programs within major segments of Dalhousie," it stated.

Classes will be artificially split in two parts — followed either by an 'x' or a 'y'. The first term will receive a "dummy" mark of

incomplete until the second half of the course is complete because the system cannot recognize regularly programmed full-year courses.

The change should not affect student loans, academic standing, fees or dropping dates.

"Students enrolling at Dalhousie can easily grasp what is a simple concept," the report stated.

The report also addressed the possibility of Banner upgrades requiring academic change.

"Please remember we are not obliged to accept an upgrade, if it threatens to destroy the way we teach and learn."

Banner was purchased by administration, in part, to address the current system's inability to distinguish the year 2000 from the year 1900.

### ACADIA STUDENT PROTEST

Acadia students occupied University Hall — the school's administrative building — on Monday to protest the breakdown of negotiations between the Faculty Association and the Board of Governors.

The protest, organized by the Acadia Student Union (ASU), attracted close to 700 of Acadia's 3,200 students.

Acadia Student Union (ASU) president Paul Black said that he was happy with the turnout and saluted the students who "took time out of their schedules to come to an event like this."

Students were protesting the unwillingness of both parties to return to the bargaining table. They are concerned that a strike could threaten their academic year, a scenario they believe is unfair.

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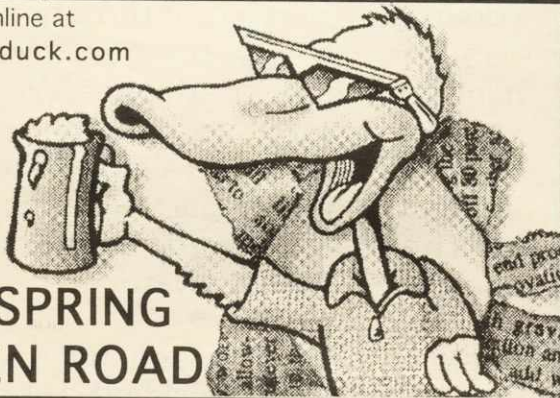
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