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Graham states position

by Andrew Cochran

Whenever Student Union Administrator John Graham speaks, he means business; and last weeks Council meeting was no exception. He had come to clarify to the assembly what he viewed as his position in the Union structure.

His action was largely motivated by Council's decision of the week previous to cut the SUB Admi-

nistrative Staff budget from \$33,200.00 to \$1.00, which Mr. Graham termed as "a vote of non-confidence in the SUB Administrative Staff". This seemed to be incongruous to the spirit of the motion, which was adopted in an attempt to force discussion on Union Structural Policy.

Apparently, there is a discrepancy between the role of Mr. Graham - as Student Union Administrator - and Mr. (Clem) Norwood - Student Union Building Administrator - in the minds of many people. The fact that half of Mr. Graham's salary is taken from SUB Operations - made apparent in the Council budget meeting - aroused the controversy concerning his role in the Student Union Building. Some were of the opinion that administration of the building should be handled only by Clem Norwood, with Mr. Graham responsible only for Union affairs.

Mr. Graham, in a brief but concise dissertation, explained otherwise. He said that it was his responsibility to be concerned with all financial considerations of the Union, and as such, was involved with the SUB by necessity. He went on to clarify, "I act as the link between the University and the administration of this (the SUB) building."

Expanding on the financial ramifications involved, he told Council that the final cost of the building was \$3,700,000.00; of this the university has contributed \$842,000, while the student body has chipped in \$250,000 (roughly enough to cover the cost of furnishings). Over and above this, the University pays \$130,000.00 yearly to maintain the building.

Interestingly enough, the Student Union Building costs \$210,000 a year to operate or \$600 a day: close to \$35 per hour of operation.

Mr. Graham summarized the situation concerning the conflict of roles as "a problem of interpretation".

Council posed no questions. Mr. Graham quietly left the chambers to continue his work.

DAGS NEWS out by Fran Giberson

The DAGS News was intended as a forum of discussion and argument for graduate students. Although the first edition carried the editorial comment that it was only a newsletter, it seems likely that the newspaper will serve its purpose.

Even in the first issue there are articles which give the writers' opinions on matters of importance to graduate students. For example, there are articles criticizing the registration procedure, and the image of the university as an ivory tower. The articles are successful, in that they offer alternative solutions to the situations they describe.

The newspaper is distributed only to graduate students but many of the articles are relevant to the situation of undergraduates. Certainly, undergraduates were equally frustrated by the unnecessarily long and involved registration procedure.

The future of the paper's editorial policy is doubtful, as after the publication of the first issue, the editor, Kim Cameron, resigned. In his letter of resignation he explained that there was a conflict between his status as editor and his position as a member of another political group.

If the DAGS News continues to present solutions to problems it examines, the change in editorship should not prevent the paper from being relevant to Dalhousie students.

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