

Grants allocated, chairperson elected at council meeting

by Michael McCarthy

The election of a new chairperson and ratification of grants highlighted Sunday's Council meeting. Burt McCann was selected from the three candidates to take over the chair from Steve Campbell, while \$3,175 was allocated to 8 campus groups and one outside organization.

Campbell, who resigned last week, left the chair to a round of appreciative applause from all councillors and subdued tears

the size of the society that counts, but how much they do and how many students benefit. Council voted to give the A.S.A. the money.

The lone outside grantee was The Ecology Action Centre, getting \$250. \$4,955 remains available for grants from the Council, out of \$11,500 budgeted.

President Logan, looking very much like a crime lord with his dark glasses, vented spleen against straggling members who caused a 20 minute delay

n'Brews. Treasurer Feindel estimated that, so far, Entertainment was making \$2000 more than expected at this point.

The Bookstore committee opined that the bookstore was not making a profit, and the Communications Committee announced plans to conduct a random survey of about 1500 students with regard to the present communications network on campus.

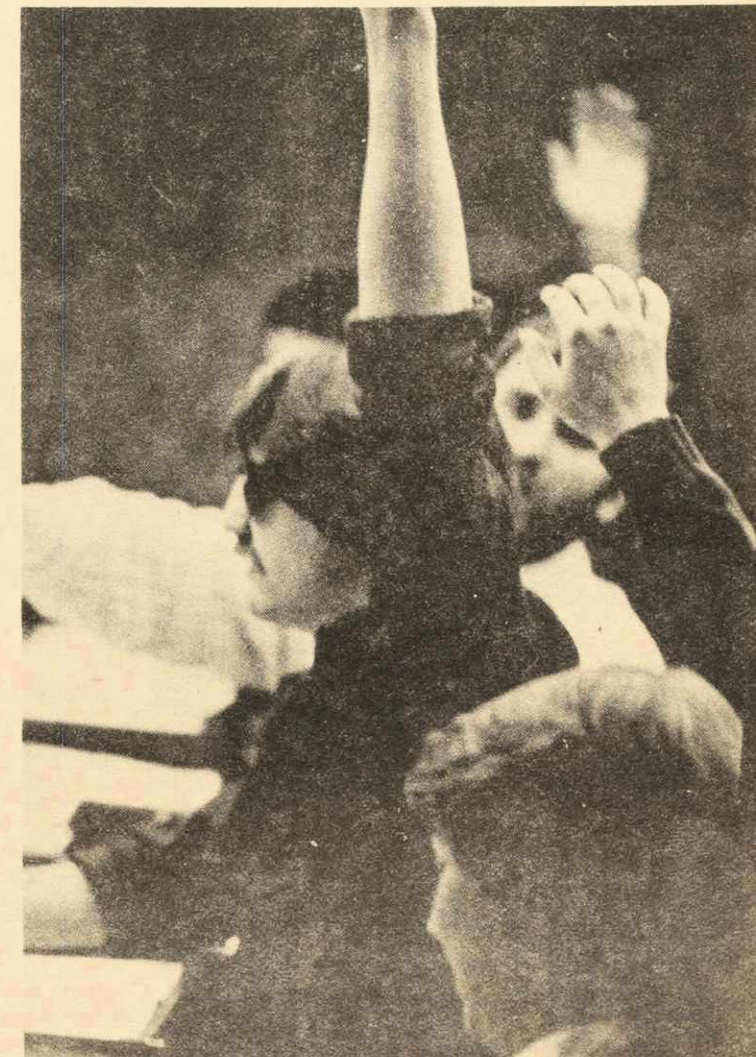
The Senate committee reported an upcoming Senate meeting on the current financial crisis at Dal, and how to alleviate it. This prompted Peter Rans to suggest that Council take a position on how to deal with possible cutbacks before all the relevant decisions have been made and it is totally out of their hands.

Rans also made a preliminary report on the recent CFS conference, during which many contentious issues were debated. Rans encouraged councillors to study the report for discussion at the next meeting.

President Logan reported that former Handbook editor Leo Jacobs had not done the required work over the summer. Council voted to cancel his honorarium and give it to the person(s) completing the Handbook, now expected near Christmas.

A committee was established to investigate the possibility of co-sponsoring a refugee student with the university administration.

Logan promised to look into a suggested escort service to provide female students with a pro-



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from President John Logan, who heretofore relied on the ex-chairperson to translate his garbled vagaries into votable motions. New man McCann vowed to get through council business in no more than 4 hours per meeting.

The largest grant to Sodales, the Dal debating society, who recieved \$700 to cover expenses of hosting and attending debates. The Nursing society, French Club, Water Polo Club, and Physiotherapy Society were judged to have submitted suitable budgets and to have devised fund-raising ventures on their own, and were given the sums they requested, or close to it.

However, the Sociology - Social Anthropology Society had a budget geared to providing free alcohol etc. and had made little effort to raise money themselves, in the opinion of council. Consequently their request of \$1,070 was reduced to \$225.

There was some discussion over giving the small African Students Association \$500. Council decided that it is not

in the meeting's starting time. He generally threatened councillors who are late or don't do their share of work with public demoucement and humiliation, then sank back into his seat muttering something about dressing like a nurse and having a hard night the night before (Halloween). He was uncharacteristically tame the rest of the afternoon.

During the question period, it was asked if the Green Room policy could be changed to permit food. This was referred to the S.U.B. Ops Committee's next meeting. John Logan promised to investigate the possibility of St. Mary's rink accepting Dal I.D.'s.

The Entertainment Committee reported healthy profits on the movie Gone With The Wind and Teenage Head event, as well as a favourable no-risk contract with Minglewood for an upcoming performance. The live band in the Grawood nearly doubled Grawood sales the night they played. Money was lost on Oktoberfest Beergardens and on the weekly SUB Steak

ective escort when they leave the university after dark.

Kudos were given to the new disc jockey service, which works well when organizer Neil McArney doesn't do the actual show himself. The service provides the Union with \$60 a shot, and figures to work 20-30 engagements this school year.

A slide show providing facts on the state of university funding in Canada and particularly Nova Scotia was presented. The show will be part of community

presentations by the Anti-Cutbacks Committee, which is spearheading an attack on possible federal Established Programs Financing cuts.

In an effort to increase student involvement and bring the Council into closer contact with its electorate, it was decided to hold some Council meetings outside the SUB Council Chambers. The next meeting will be held in Cameron Dining Room in Howe Hall on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 1 pm.

Commentary The word from the top

by John Logan, Student Union President

Dalhousie University has money trouble. Our deficit has reached alarming proportions and proposed government cutbacks will serve only to aggravate the situation. There are several ways to address the problem.

Firstly, we can attempt to persuade governments to adequately fund post-secondary education. However, all indications suggest that there will be cutbacks in some form. Assuming that the deficit cannot be

eliminated by governments we must then attack the problem from within. How will the administration deal with it? By increasing revenues and decreasing expenses. Tuition is revenue. Programs, faculty and staff are expenses. If tuition goes up, education becomes less accessible; and if programs, faculty and staff are eliminated, the quality of education is lowered.

Nevertheless, tuition will go up and the quality of education will go down in order that the budget balance. The problems arise in determining how much

to raise tuition and how many and which programs, faculty and staff will be eliminated. Students do not want tuition to go up, but also do not want the quality of their education to go down. The Faculty Association is concerned that its members keep their jobs. The administration wants to get rid of the deficit - not a pretty picture. Some compromise is both essential and inevitable.

The thinking student should examine the situation and speak out.

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