

## Guns? who cares

by Heather Hueston

The Dalhousie Senate has decided not to create a gun policy for a proposed program for police officers.

Last Monday, the Senate accepted a recommendation from the Committee on Academic Administration to not implement a policy of firearms in the classroom. The CAA said though the Halifax Police Department should ask the officers concerned to "refrain whenever possible" from carrying guns to class, past experience with gun-toting officers in class has not proved a problem.

Officers have been taking Dal courses in small numbers, usually in sociology and criminology. When they are on duty, they must wear uniform and sidearms.

Dr. Frank Wien, a Dalhousie sociology professor, says members were concerned it would inhibit the collegial atmosphere and would distract other students and the lecturer. However, Wien says it was Victor Thiessen, chair of the Sociology Department, who calmed senate fears, by explaining his approach to introducing police officers to his class ahead of time.

"It can be intimidating to see this guy with a gun on his hip," said Thiessen, "but most of the officers who take these classes don't have this authoritarian hangup anyway."

The new certificate in liberal studies program now awaiting approval before the Maritime post-secondary governing body would combine courses at Holland College

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Another council meeting.

## Libraries cut

by Geoff Stone

Interlibrary loans, reference services, library hours and six and a half full-time positions are going to see cuts next year after the Dalhousie university library brings in its budget for 1988-89.

William Birdsall, university librarian, says the library has been going through a continuous reduction in staff, books, and resources. "It is a cumulative effect. We have had to cut 25 positions since 1982 at the Dal libraries," says Birdsall.

While library collections

won't be much affected by the cuts, library hours have been cut to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday, and 6 p.m. on Fridays starting in September. As well, evening hours for reference services in the Killam have been cut.

Birdsall says these cuts will affect services, and to maintain a constant number of staff, library hours have to be reduced.

Student Council plans to send a letter of complaint to the library for the cuts, and the issue was a hot topic of debate at the Sunday council meeting.

## Students outside Metro getting hurt

by Gazette staff

The Nova Scotia government is touting its commitment to summer jobs for students, but local young New Democrats say the province's changes are short-changing rural youths.

"While (Premier John) Buchanan pays lip service to Nova Scotian community spirit, youth are being told to pack up and move away if they want a summer job," says young NDP leader Geoff Stone, a biochemistry student at Dalhousie University.

Stone says traditionally rural-

based jobs are being cut, while public service employment opportunities are opening up.

Figures released February 23 show that 950 jobs have been slashed from the Lands and Forests Ministry. Only 250 openings remain from last year's 1200 employment opportunities, Stone says.

"These jobs, including tree planting and brush clearing, are often the only ones available to many rural youth."

But 350 new jobs were created in the civil service.

## Managerial flack

by Heather Hueston and Ellen Reynolds

It's not just the Grawood getting a facelift — the whole management is getting an overhaul.

Manager of Bar Services Tim Pertus is leaving "by mutual agreement", says SUB manager Steve Gaetz. Pertus will be replaced by Grawood Manager Debbie Brown, with the aid of two student supervisors.

"It's a whole new management style and it's happening quickly," says Gaetz, who expects the newly created student positions to be good training grounds for management.

Gaetz and the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) were criticized for choosing Brown by former Grawood employees who charged her with favouritism and inept management.

"It's not a hidden problem," says Lyn Fitzgerald, an ex-employee who took her complaints to last Sunday's council where Brown's promotion was announced.

"I feel it should be opened to a

wider job search, and if Debbie was the first choice, fine," says Fitzgerald.

The DSU Finance Committee, concerned about the new Grawood's financial future, also asked Gaetz and DSU Treasurer Shane Feriancek why no job search was held.

"Revenues are bound to increase if the best person is there," says committee member Chris Hopper.

Gaetz says though he is aware of the concerns, he is fully confident in Brown's abilities.

"Debbie has every opportunity to make it fly," says Gaetz, "with supervision and assistance from my office." He says it's important for the DSU to not lose any more experienced staff. (Gaetz's predecessor, Andrew Beckett, resigned in January.)

Feriancek also backed Brown at council, saying she "really wanted the job" and was willing to work for it. He said her performance will be reviewed at summer's end. But the Grawood will be closed until late August.

## Registrar

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In the letter to the registrar, Jeffery suggested changing the

deposit at registration to \$100 and the tuition deadline back to September 25, which is similar except Scarborough College (where Curri is from) and McGill, where tuition is considerably lower.

to most Canadian universities

Vance expressed concern about the mail-in process, which she called inefficient. Vance asked Curri what would happen if more than the capacity of students mailed in their forms on the first day. "Curri's reply that 'we'll deal with that when we come to it' is not good enough," says Vance.

Other recommendations in Jeffery's letter include a process to prioritize students on the basis of required courses, a method for getting "special permission" to take courses without prerequisites, and ensuring the registrar has accurate, up-to-date summer mailing addresses for students.

"It was a successful forum, a good turnout, and students asked informed questions," says Jeffery.

When the registrar's office was contacted for a comment from Curri, her office said she was out of the province at a marketing conference but refused to say where.

## Students get a veep

by Paul Creelman

A year after a university commission studied the problem, and six months after Dean Edward Marriott retired as dean

of student services, the university is doing something to fill the position.

University president Howard Clark said Tuesday that "the position as it is being filled resulted from an extensive study that began about a year ago." Chair of the committee Dr. Lawrence Maloney was charged with an intensive search to find a suitable replacement for the Dean of Student Services.

After a year of bureaucratic hemming and hawing, Clarke announced, "I am taking a recommendation to the Board of Governors next Tuesday."

President Clarke would not say who is being recommended, however.

Dean of Student Services will be replaced by a Vice-President of Student Services to emphasize the importance of student services in the future. "These things

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## Last resort

by Ellen Reynolds

The Student Union has an alternate plan in case registrar Gudrun Curri and Dalhousie Administration refuse to make recommended changes to the new registration process.

The Union will be writing a letter to the Dal Administration and to Student Aid threatening to overload the student aid office with applications. This threat is meant to pressure the administration to make at least some of the recommended changes to the new registration process.

Instead of paying the first installment of tuition August 19, the union will encourage students to apply for student aid, whether they need it or not, since students need only proof of application to defer payment of fees.

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia is in support of this idea but "has strong reservations about the backlog. Hopefully it won't come to that," says Bill Jeffery, VP Academic. This alternate plan will only come into effect if all other methods to pressure for changing the registration process are ignored.

## Morris

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May 12 graduation ceremony if Morris were to address them.

The student said Clark's choice of Morris posed a "moral dilemma" for library students because of ethical sanctions on librarians releasing information from files.

He gave an instance of a professor checking on a supposedly plagiarized essay who asked him for a list of materials a student had requested from the library.

The police and government are also known for making such requests when checking on suspected "subversives"