

Allegations

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legal proceedings against me (for stating that DSU Chair and former law students' executive Bob Hanf resigned over last year Law Society funding problems.) But I wouldn't have said any of those things if I couldn't prove it. I just don't want to unless I have to," said Matthews.

DeMont says although the DSU Constitution does not give a student the right to examine a society's books, he as Treasurer will do it if he's given a good reason.

"But Matthews never asked me" says DeMont "and I call that irresponsible (in light of his allegations)."

When asked why he went to the media first with his concerns rather than push for a formal examination of the society's workings, Matthews said his complaints referred to the years before 1988-89.

"I have no problem with the way things were run this year," said Matthews, "in fact, I've hardly been involved with the society this year. I just wanted to get people talking (about the issue)"

The opinion piece was used to buttress the calls for a commerce society clean-up made by commerce student Allan MacDonald at last Thursday's DSU election forum.

Executive Vice-Presidential candidate Steve Smith, himself a commerce student, said he did not feel the situation was a problem, while his opponent, incumbent, VP Terry Crawley called for an audit of the society's books.

Crawley later clarified his statement, saying he meant that constitutionally he and DeMont would have to sit down later and decide if the issue was worth raising at an executive level.

Constitutionally, the DSU Treasurer and Executive VP have the right to inspect a society's records if given the go-ahead by council. They must then report their findings to the following council meeting.

Fee-collecting societies such as the commerce are not required to file financial statements with the DSU.

Just-elected commerce society president Eric Wilson was unhappy that the *Gazette* printed Matthew's op-ed submission without "checking the facts first" but could not comment further on the case on his legal counsel's

advice. "(My executive) is brand new" said Wilson, "I don't want to say something I'd only have to retract later."

The commerce society consti-

tution includes a grievance procedure. Any member can submit their complaint in writing to the society president who will then discuss it with the executive and

can also allow it to be published in the society newsletter. There is no provision in the society bylaws allowing members to inspect the books.

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low the list put out by the Council of Churches, an arm of the federal government which publishes the names of corporations that have connections with South Africa. Wright says both the endowment and the pension funds are free of South African ties.

Wright says that the divestments which were made, consisting of shares in multinational corporations Exxon and Citicorp were done not only as a result of the protests, but also because they made financial sense.

"The Board (of Governors) talked about apartheid being morally wrong and reprehensible and therefore we should not support it. That is why (the divestment) was done, although it also made more economic sense not to be invested in it."

In response to petitions and picketing by such groups as the

Coalition, the Bank of Nova Scotia has already sent out letters to its customers justifying the loan by saying it is "government-approved".

Mafika Ludidi, maritime representative for the African National Congress says such arguments hold no water.

"We are talking here about the need for a peaceful solution to a very violent problem. Economic sanctions will hasten a solution to that problem... the point is, if

you are concerned about apartheid, you make sure there are no loopholes. This is the hypocrisy of western countries."

Ludidi says that as long as Dal is connected with Scotiabank, so are Dalhousie students.

"Dal has got to dissociate itself with companies with ties to South African companies. It means your money is indirectly linked to South Africa. Dal should have taken a very clear stand long ago."

Science

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encounter. The conflicts between the graduate student's need to produce a thesis and a commercial venture's need for secrecy can easily lead to a student losing several years of work to the venture — not to mention the loss of invention rights to the project leader.

Another interesting point brought out is that at Dalhousie, unlike at many similar institutions, patent rights belong to the

faculty member who originates an idea with commercial value, so royalties benefit the researcher, not the university. According to Dr. Donald Betts, Dal's Dean of Science this interesting situation came about because at the time of faculty negotiations, there were only a couple of patents at issue so it was not seen as a great loss to the administration. Nevertheless, today there are several cases of faculty at Dalhousie who run businesses in tandem with their research on campus, using the products of one to support the other.

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