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FIGHTING FOR ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION — Students from Dalhousie and Kings rallied at Dalhousie on Tuesday afternoon to protest for accessible education. Students marched to the Grand Parade to listen to speeches and hear bands. Organizer Chris Riou said Dalhousie student turnout was poor, but that students were still behind the cause. The event was organized by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) as part of its Pan-Canadian Week of Action.

Union Market hours hard to swallow

BY DINA GUIRGUIS

Shorter hours of operation at the Union Market have left some students searching elsewhere for a hot meal on campus.

In September, the Union Market cafeteria in the Student Union Building announced new hours of operation. The market is now open from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is a drastic cut in hours, compared with those of previous years. Last year the cafeteria was open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The longer hours allowed early class goers to purchase a hot breakfast on campus. Until this year, many students depended on the cafeteria for their breakfast, especially on-campus students.

In addition to losing breakfast, many students have classes during the couple of hours the market is now open, and so cannot even catch a late lunch. A lot of students must now adjust their schedules in order to eat at the Union Market, or they simply find food elsewhere.

The Union Market cafeteria is run by Beaver Foods, who also run the Pizza Hut and Robin's Donuts in the SUB.

According to Jan Morel of Beaver Foods it did not make sense to keep the cafeteria open all day.

She said that with Robin's and Pizza Hut being available, the Union Market is not as busy as it used to be. Beaver Foods was basically duplicating its services in the SUB, and not being cost efficient.

"It was costing us money to

operate the Union Market," said Morel.

At the moment, the only place on campus at the moment where

students can purchase a hot breakfast is Harvey's in the Life Sciences Building. Harvey's is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Business bias at Dal's first career fair

BY ERINN ISENER

Dalhousie's first attempt at a Career Fair was more of a business fair, according to students who attended the event.

The Dalhousie Career Fair took place in the McInnes Room of the Dalhousie Student Union Building on October 8.

Employment Centre manager Catherine Cottingham greeted students at the door. After receiving a student guide, a name tag and a ballot for door prizes, students were free to roam around.

An array of businesses and companies like London Life Insurance and Hostess Frito-Lay (who gave out free potato chips) had representatives at the fair.

Turnout was good, and though students in attendance said the session was informative, some complained that most of the companies represented were geared towards Commerce students.

This bias could be explained by the groups involved in

organizing the fair.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) president Brad MacKay said that the event was a joint effort between the president of the Commerce Society Robert Kerr, the DSU and the Employment Centre.

MacKay said that more than 100 companies were sent invitations, including science-oriented companies, but he did not remember precisely the companies to which the invitations were sent. MacKay said that the companies at the fair were the ones who accepted the offer.

Happy with the fair, MacKay commented that Kerr had in fact done most of the work.

The fair allowed many students to get their resumes out in plenty of time for summer employment.

Despite its bias towards commerce students, Dalhousie's first career fair has been deemed a success by organizers and by many students who attended.

DSU empties its wallet

Students will contribute \$1 million to ASSB

BY TIM COVERT

Dalhousie students will shell out one million dollars towards the construction of the planned Arts and Social Sciences building.

The Dalhousie Student Union council voted in favour of helping to fund the building at Monday's meeting.

Despite concerns raised at the meeting and at the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) open forum held last Thursday, the motion to direct 77% of the Union's Capital Campaign Fund (CCF) contribution to the new building passed unamended.

The building contribution means only \$120,000 of the Union's \$1.3 million CCF contribution is left. Students are presently in the first year of a five year program that will see them give the DSU \$25 a year per full time student towards the Union's CCF gift.

Over 4/5 of the council members voted in favour of the motion to donate the million dollars.

Ironically, the members who voted against the donation were the representatives of the Dalhousie Arts Society — the group who represents the students belonging to many of the faculties to be housed in the new structure. Terence Tam, Alix Dostal and Ian Carr were directed by the Arts Society at a meeting last week to oppose the motion.

"There were two reasons [for the decision to oppose the motion]," said Arts Society Vice-President Ian Carr on Wednesday.

"The first is that to expect the students to know and understand the implications of the new building, in as little time as the first month of school, was irresponsible of the administration."

Arts Society Treasurer Mark Atkins supplied the second reason.

"We felt that the level of education that the students received on the topic was insufficient to give a million dollars of the students' money to a project that has no concrete plans," said Atkins.

The Arts and Social Sciences Building (ASSB) motion was sent to council's Constitution and Policy Committee at the October 6th meeting to decide on the feasibility of a referendum. The committee reported back on Monday that referenda can

only be held when student fees are to be increased, and that there wasn't sufficient mandate to hold a plebiscite.

The debate surrounding the motion was in its second hour when Tanya Thomas, the representative for Eliza Ritchie Hall, called the question on the motion. Chair Curtis Cartmill (filling in for an absent Andy Doyle) denied her request to end debate. He was challenged, and 18 out of 29 councillors present voted in favour of the challenge.

The abrupt change from debate to vote came without the resolution of concerns brought forth by several non-council union members at the meeting.

International Development Studies student Allison Murray was the last person to speak before the vote was held. On a point of information, she questioned the council on whether or not she should feel rushed and pushed into giving her money to the building.

After the meeting, Murray commented on her frustration with the process.

"As it stands now, I'm in favour of the building and of the giving of \$1 million of the Capital Campaign Funds," she said.

"However, I feel that the motion passed tonight is premature. There are many issues to be discussed and there are many parts [to the motion] that are legally unbinding, that should have been considered."

"At the meeting the motion was railroaded — I did not get to make my point."

Only one attempt at amending the motion was made, an off-the-cuff idea from Nursing Representative Bridgette McCaig. The amendment was not well-worded and was defeated.

DSU president Brad MacKay indicated that part of the importance of passing the motion sooner rather than later was that other issues would be brought before council later in the year, especially ones dealing with the Dal-TUNS merger.

He said that passing the motion now will keep it from being debated for meeting after meeting, preventing other issues from being addressed.

Cont. p.5: "Wallet"