

Council briefs

meeting of Sunday, February 5

The Dalhousie Student Council passed a motion calling for the council treasurer to report on banking institutions which do not loan money to companies investing in South Africa. The Bank of Nova Scotia and credit unions were mentioned as possible alternatives to the Bank of Montreal with whom council now deals. "Banks should have morals", said member-at-large Peter Greene in moving the motion.

Differential fees

Council members took a stand against differential fees and asked Sampson and Peter Mancini to discuss the issue in their meeting with Education Minister Mitchell the following day. It has become policy in both Ontario and Alberta to charge a higher tuition for foreign students.

A motion was defeated to restrict council meetings to 3½ hours. Most members felt that if people restricted themselves to discussing the debate at hand, and if the chair ruled more strictly, council meetings could end at a more practical hour.

Paying for Dalplex

A committee was set up to look into the issue of student contributions to Dalplex. David Gough, Robert Sampson, and Rosalie Starzomski will report to council on whether or not students should be paying for Dal's new sports complex.

Grants awarded

The Grants Committee awarded organizations the following amounts:

- Christian Fellowship Society—\$225
- Economics Graduate Society—\$225
- Dawson Geology Club—\$75
- Russian Club—\$250
- Chinese Student Society—2nd term grant reduced to \$100 from \$300
- Dalhousie Drama Society—\$300, as well as \$200 from the Entertainment budget

Financial controls

A motion was defeated which would immediately release all 'A' society fees to the individual societies. Presently they are kept by council and given to the societies in two installments. Some society reps felt they should have control over the money and be able to collect interest. Council Treasurer Gail Rudderham said that since council receives the money in two installments from the university, interest is minimal. There would be more financial control if the present system was continued, she said.

Science grant increased

Council approved an increase in Science Society fees for next year to \$3.00 from \$1.50. Society President David Gough said they need the extra amount for the society's future activities.



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Sunday night's council meeting.

Big brewery

"It must be a pretty big brewery if you haven't seen it all yet", said councillor Andrew Lynk reacting to the announcement of a brewery tour with the alumni on March 8. The Dal council attended two tours last term.

AFS delegates

Delegates were elected for the next Atlantic Federation of Students Nova Scotia caucus meeting, February 11 in Halifax. Janet Cameron, Robert Sampson, Denise Roberge, Mike Power, and Sandy McNeill will be the Dalhousie representatives. All but Roberge are council members. The next council meeting will be February 12 in Howe Hall.

Student on the MPHEC

Robert Sampson reported he would soon be meeting with Nova Scotia Premier Gerald Regan and that it appears likely Nova Scotia will have a representative on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

Council tackles national question

"The only way to solve this country's problems is bi-culturally," said Dalhousie Student Council member Peter Greene, referring to a motion calling for recognition of Quebec's right to self-determination. "We can't approve of a motion calling for two separate nations." The Dalhousie student repre-

sentatives were among students at member campuses of the National Union of Students who have been voting on the organization's future relations with the Quebec student association. The Dal council defeated the motion mainly because of the ambiguity of the term 'nation'. NUS Atlantic Fieldworker Gene Long explained that the motion came about after being discussed at the National conference in October and by students across the country.

The motion asks that "Quebec be regarded as a nation because it fills the condition of being a stable community of people with a territory, history, culture and language in common; that NUS recognize the bi-national character of Canada; that NUS recognize that Quebec is a nation and as such has the right to self-determination and that NUS, as the national representative of students in the remainder of Canada, state its belief that the interests of both Quebec and the remainder of Canada would be best met by the union of the nations of Canada in a commonly agreed upon state."

The second part calls for NUS to recognize ANEQ (Association Nationale des Etudiants du Québec) as the national union of Quebec students and that relations between the two organizations be undertaken on an equal footing, respecting the autonomous nature of both.

Council President Robert Sampson said "Within a state there can be a number of nations. French speaking Canada can be a nation but what about the French in Ottawa and in Nova Scotia? ANEQ is only representing Quebec."

Council realizing the importance of the issue mandated a committee of Gail Rudderham, Peter Mancini, Peter Greene, and Keith Evans to work out alternative proposals.

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