

\$3 Student Union Fee For King's

A campaign for Dalhousie to have an outdoor skating rink began in 1922-23. There was no rink in the South End, so Dalhousie could expect some income from rental of the rink. At the same time as the start of the campaign, the Students' Council decided to sponsor a dance which was not part of a special event. This was an innovation. Also new were the facts that the dance would be an informal one, and open only to Dalhousie students and alumni. These changes were welcomed by most students.

The informal dance turned out to be a great success, with 500 of the 763 students attending. The temporary gym was full. The existence of a facility that could hold large numbers was having an effect upon the Council's social programme.

A Council with 32 members was elected on March 6, 1923. Its large size was an omen of the dangers inherent in the representation by population system adopted in 1912. If the system had been kept, there would have been over 300 Council members in 1973.

On March 28 the new Council held its first meeting and moved immediately to "endeavor to secure the erection of a rink" for 1923-24. For the second time a woman was chosen to serve as Vice-President. Also, the new Council finished off the process started seven months earlier by assuming complete responsibility for the annual student handbook. A Council committee was told to use its own judgment as to the character of the book. They chose to follow the model established by the Y.M.C.A. when it published the handbook.

It was still the custom for the old Council to

continue work until the end of the academic year although the new Council was already organizing itself and preparing the next year's projects. The 1922-23 Council did little after the March elections, except to hear discipline cases and refer money decisions to the finance committee. In April the Council refused to act on a proposal that it become involved in providing students with textbooks at cost price.

The University of King's College first operated in Halifax in 1923-24. This change caused the Dalhousie Students' Council to meet unusually early in the year. It first decided to hold the Council dance in early October, as a welcome to the King's students, and to make the entire Council into an introduction committee. Also, the Council decided to inform the King's students that if they used Dalhousie's Field and Gym it would be unfair since they were not sharing the expense with the Dalhousie Students' Council.

A final item for the first meeting was the trial of a student who admitted he had gone through the football squad's pockets during practices. It was decided, after long debate, that Council could only recommend that Senate act as it saw fit. Three suggested sentences were turned down.

The year 1923-24 was also the first one of Shirreff Hall's operation. There were 86 students in residence there, and the name was already being spelled incorrectly as often as correctly. There was a Warden of Shirreff Hall rather than a Dean of Women.

The President of the Students' Council, Leonard W. Fraser, moved to increase the chances of co-operation between Senate and

the students on the question of athletics. The Council operated the athletic program through the Dalhousie Amateur Athletic Club, and Fraser proposed that D.A.A.C. select two members of Senate to sit on the D.A.A.C. executive. GAZETTE welcomed the move.

The first outcome of negotiations with King's College students was the decision that three dollars each from members of the K.C.A.A. would entitle them to use of the field and gym, plus membership in the Dalhousie Skating Club. The Council received from Senate proposed new dance regulations which it revised after long discussion.

A highlight of the fall of 1923 was the Dalhousie-Oxford debate, held in the gym. One of the Dalhousie debaters was Donald McInnes, who now sits as Chairman of the Board of Governors. Oxford won the debate, but Dalhousie's team was praised for its efforts.

A complaint about liquor at a Medical dance led the Council to act by reasserting the rule that no dance could be held without prior Council approval. It was also decided that those requesting a dance would be informed that they were responsible for the conduct of all present. However, the Medical Committee was exonerated of any misconduct at its dance. Negotiations with King's were going more slowly than expected on the non-athletic points.

The Council spent more than a month negotiating dance regulations with the Senate, and next week we will be able to fully cover the entire story of that issue's development and resolution.

Council Decides Referendum

by Peter Clarke

On Sunday, October 20, Council made a hasty effort to approve a ballot for the upcoming fee referendum. O'Connor presented a loosely worded proposal to serve as a basis for discussion and council moved to committee of the whole.

The irrepressible Martin Ware (Graduate Studies) was the first to speak. Ware informed council that he was speaking on behalf of the President of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students who, presumably, represented the feelings of Dalhousie's Grad Students. Ware pointed out that all Dalhousie Students paid the same amount in union dues, but that some groups of students did not gain equally from union services with others. In particular he noted the case of Graduate and Professional Students, who do not use the SUB extensively. The largest amounts of money, Ware claimed, are spent on the SUB and the various services that operate out of it. Ware asked that a new structure be established to distribute money in other directions particularly to Grad Students and Lower Campus Students.

Michael Zed (Dentistry) must have heard the words from Lower Campus because he immediately leapt into the fray. Zed agreed with Ware, saying that the ballot should show Lower Campus Students that opportunities could exist to return their fees to them in services.

It was argued by members of Council that the

priority placed on communications in the 'B' proposal would be of benefit to all students. Zed denied this using The Gazette as an example. The Gazette he claimed was of little use to Lower Campus students. Certain members pointed out that to some minds the Gazette was of little use to anyone, regardless of race, creed, colour or faculty, thus communications had been granted a priority on the Ballot.

In any case, allowing for the irrationality of certain councillors' opinions, debate (for lack of a better word) continued. Ware tilted at a few more windmills and eventually a compromise was hammered out. O'Connor rewrote the original proposals to the satisfaction of all present. They were passed as they appear below:

FEE REFERENDUM BALLOT

Proposal A
to maintain present level of activity, especially Union help for student organizations, and work in areas such as housing and student loans\$7.00

Proposal B
Proposal A, plus providing support for non-SUB capital projects such as house on lower campus, FM radio station; strong support for student organizations; improvement in quantity and quality of all communications media\$12.00

Proposal C
Proposal B, plus a fund for major capital projects

(eg. student owned and operated social centre on lower campus); improved all-faculty academic affairs program, based largely on the major societies such as Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students ..\$17.00

Proposal D
major cutback in union activityNo increase

PART-TIME STUDENTS' REFERENDUM

Are you in favour of part-time students becoming members of the Dalhousie Student Union at a compulsory fee?

The second major debate of the evening came over the Employment Resolution presented to Council. The resolution is a written policy statement establishing procedures and a standing committee to deal with the appointment and salary negotiation of permanent staff.

Ware again was the first to address the motion. He warned council to beware (no pun intended) of efforts to perpetuate and expand the bureaucracy in the Student Union. Ware also pointed out the danger in adding further to the already massive power of the Executive, but his major point of contention was to question the need for confidentiality of salary levels as provided for by the resolution. He went on to propose an amendment to the resolution deleting the section dealing with confidential salary levels,

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STORM HITS SYDNEY

by Sue Monaghan

The damage estimates for Sydney due to the storm, Sunday, have run as high as three million dollars. The regular news media has focused attention particularly on the plight of the Nova Scotia Power Commission and Maritime Tel. & Tel. Mention has also been given to the business section on Charlotte Street, which suffered the destruction of its display window areas.

However, the greatest damage was to be found in the Whitney Pier area, where roofs were blown off the MacDonald Heights Housing Project during the storm. To date, thirty-six families from this project have taken refuge at the Sydney Academy building under the care of the Provincial Social Services Department. There are well substantiated rumours that the tragedy occurred because of extremely poor construction, as well as to the effect that an investigation of the Public Housing Project's construction may develop.

The GAZETTE will keep its readers informed of further developments in upcoming issues.

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