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YOU and the Student Council

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You pay your tuition and you join the Union. Many students are unaware that \$44 of their total tuition fee makes them members of the Student Union—the "responsible student government of Dalhousie."

Governing power of the Union is in the hands of the Dal Student Council. Council is elected yearly by all Union members. It consists of representatives from all faculties.

Student organizations recognized by Student Council are voted annual budgets for their activities. These organizations are expected to toe the Council line if they are not functioning in what the Council believes is a satisfactory manner, political and/or financial pressure is exerted to make the organizations mend their ways.

The Student Council acts as the link between students and administration, and has the ability to convey student wishes and needs to the administration.

Students themselves are the only ones who know what is wrong with the way they are being controlled. They have a unique and valuable contribution to make to the University administration and have the power to make their demands felt. Two student representatives are nominated by Student Council to be members of the University Senate, along with University President and Professors. "To this body is entrusted, by statute, the internal regulation of the University".

If the student is not satisfied with the way some aspect of campus life is being conducted, he can report it to his own faculty member of Council personally, or he can mention it at the weekly Council meeting; open to all students.

This year's Council members are:

President: A. Randall Smith

Arts Reps: Nick Pittas

Pam Etter

Geri Sadoway

Science Reps: Murray McCutcheon

Scott Swinden
Peter Cook
Law Rep: Hugh Cowan
Med Reps: Dorothy Woodhouse
Mike Daley
Health Rep: Linda Rideout
Nursing Rep: John Haquoit
Commerce Rep: Neil Sharpham
Dentistry Rep: Tony Ballard
Pharmacy Rep: Bev Blakeney
Engineering Rep: Dave Bell
Members-at-large: Bob Daley
Bruce Gillis
President of the Treasury Board: Bill Smyth
Graduate Studies Rep: K. Ngarajan
Shirreff Hall Rep: Derryn Crowston
Secretary Daphne Shedd

What your Council is doing should be representative of your interests. Its decisions will affect you. The Gazette will be covering its meetings to keep you informed about what work it does this year.

Athletic facilities for non-athletes

Are you the fellow who tried out for the football team but found your beer gut interfered? Did you try out for the girls' basketball team and discovered a broken diet slowed you down a little more than you thought? If so, there is still hope for you. Your mecca is the Dalhousie Athletic Department.

These facilities offer you physical slouches help in order to bring you back to the pre-Metrecal days when the men were slim and wiry and the women never heard of Playtex girdles.

The facilities are impressive. They include the gym that can be converted to a Badminton court, two cross-court basketball courts, or two cross-court Volleyball courts. In the downstairs section of the gym there are facilities for Judo, Wrestling, and Weight and Circuit training. Upstairs there is a Squash or Paddle Ball court. The dressing facilities

are more than sufficient for all users and the training room can be used by all for any athletic injuries. For the hockey enthusiast Dal has a hockey rink with seating capacity for 2000.

Other facilities include two football fields, two tennis courts and an all-weather track. Any student can use these facilities, you don't have to be a member of a varsity team. For any team sport inter-mural leagues are formed in which members for example, of the Commerce Faculty compete against members of the Science Faculty. In order to make these teams all you have to do is show. For individual sports such as weight lifting you can use the equipment whenever it is available.

The athletic program is designed so that there is a wide variety of programs to choose from. For the women it ranges from Swimming to Bridge and

Cribbage and includes such things as Tennis, Cycling Races, Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball. The men can compete in such inter-faculty sports as Tennis, Flag Football, Harrier (whatever this is), the Little 500 Cycling Race, Soccer, Volleyball, Badminton, Squash, Archery, Basketball, and Hockey.

It is impossible to describe all the facilities in detail. The best way to find out when and where the above events are taking place is to contact the sports representatives for your particular faculty or go to the Athletic Department on University Avenue.

Remember, eight months of university is a long time. Why not try relieving your tensions in the Gym rather than the tavern? You'll enjoy it and it will help face those mounds of books.

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