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Bikers and Howe Hall residents brawl at strip bar

BY JOSEPH LAMBERT & GINA STACK

Two Howe Hall residents were sent to hospital following a bar brawl with bikers at the Lighthouse strip club on Saturday night.

One student required 27 stitches to his face, while the other received five stitches to close his wounds.

The fight was prompted by a Howe Hall resident (who wishes to remain anonymous) taking to the stage during an intermission. With encouragement from his friends, he danced and removed his clothes.

Upon exiting the stage, he and the other Howe Hall men in attendance were confronted by the manager.

According to one sober patron, the manager and three bikers "got into a huddle" while the Howe Hall resident was leaving the stage. The

manager, backed up by the bikers, then asked the rowdy students to leave the premises.

In response to the request to leave, one Howe Hall student asked, "Why?" He put his beer down, turned to leave and was met by the fists of a goateed biker who, according to the sober patron, "went berserk".

"Chairs and tables were flying," said one student.

The Howe Hall residents were from Bronson and Smith Houses.

Howe Hall President Shawn Key says that the trip to the Lighthouse was not an official event and had been organized by friends between the two houses.

Key said that he feels badly about what happened to the residents.

"It was pure, senseless violence," said Key.

"I talked to the guys involved and

asked what happened. They were watching the ladies and drinking and they were just drunk and joking around.

"Two guys came up [to the resident who was dancing on the stage] and one guy sucker punched him and a big brawl ensued. It seems that the bouncers didn't do much.

"When they got outside they called the police. Rumour has it they [the bikers] were Hell's Angels, but we don't know and the police didn't seem to care," said Key.

One Howe Hall resident at the club said that the fight was unexpected, as most patrons appeared to enjoy the drunken

performance. He said that the spontaneity of the attack made it "totally unfair" for the Howe Hall residents.

Several frosh squad members in attendance tried to free their fellow students from the melee, but they were hampered by the bouncers. One squad leader said that the

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Last Tuesday, Dal University temporary employees protested lay-offs. (See News-in-Brief p. 3) Photo by John Cullen.

Stronger voice for Dal students

BY DANIEL CLARK

Last Monday saw students win not one, but two battles in Dalhousie's faculty controlled Senate.

The major issue of contention during the discussion heavy meeting was the University Governance Document. The Document is a report which sets out the procedures for the hiring and performance review of the University's highest officials including: the President; the Vice-Presidents; and the Deans.

The students won their first battle after Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) president Chris Adams proposed that students be allowed a seat on the critical committee responsible for reviewing the performance of the University President.

Pat Ryall from the Faculty of Science agreed.

"The students are different from other constituencies in our community; as they are effectively our employers," said Ryall.

"Legally, that is not true. Politically I agree with you, but legally the responsibility of our employment is held by the Board of Governors (BOG)," disagreed University President Tom Traves.

The Senate Secretary, Ruth Bleasdale, quickly rallied to the

students cause.

"The Student Union, while a lower life form," argued Bleasdale sarcastically, "are still a governing body of this University and their membership on the committee is important."

"The DSU is not a governing body of this University," Traves countered. "They are an important constituency, yes, but there are only two governing bodies: the Senate and the BOG."

Adams finally amended his motion so that while students would have a voice on the Committee they would not have a vote, and the member would have to be drawn from the contingent of student senators.

The motion passed by a very slim oral vote. Although parts of the report were sent back to Committee, the DSU is still pleased.

"It was important that Senate finally addressed the issue of student representation on such a critical issue," commented Adams after the vote.

The second student victory was won after a longer battle. During recent weeks, student reps led by Adams have fought for a seat on the Senate Steering Committee. This Committee, arguably the most important at Dalhousie, is responsible for delegating priorities

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Classrooms at Dal not up to fire code

BY MARK REYNOLDS

Classes that don't meet fire code are currently in use in the Arts and Administration Building.

According to the provincial Fire Marshall rooms 234 and 216, the larger classrooms in the Arts and Administration Building (A and A), do not meet fire code standards. Because of their size, they are required to have second exits.

"We have an order to provide a second set of emergency exits," admitted Bill Lord of Dalhousie's Physical Plant and Planning.

Despite this fact, Lord said that as long as there is no serious danger to persons in the building, the Fire Marshall is allowing the building to remain in use until the planned Arts and Social Sciences Building is completed.

"He [the Fire Marshall] hasn't pushed us," said Lord.

"As soon as we do a major renovation [in the A and A], we will be required to bring it up to standard."

"The existence of a fire code doesn't mean we're liable."

The A and A building was built in 1951. The Fire Code has been changed many times since then. Lord said that the cost of the required renovation work to bring the entire building up to code would be prohibitive if undertaken immediately.

"We receive \$1.4 million every year for renovation and alterations, and every year \$12 million worth needs to be done.

"The fact is, the situation isn't serious; the code is situational."

Dalhousie Student Union president Chris Adams is more

concerned.

"If students are at risk, it's something the university should remedy immediately" said Adams, adding that he plans to speak to Facilities Management about the issue.

Brian Crocker, Dalhousie's legal counsel said that if a fire was to break out in the Arts and Administration building, the University would not necessarily be liable for any damage or injuries.

"If we're negligent, we're liable" said Crocker.

"The existence of a fire code doesn't mean we're liable."

Crocker, who said that he was unaware of the details of the A and A building, said there are loopholes to the current fire code.

"Fire codes reflect what's necessary in new buildings, they don't require old buildings to be up to code."

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"True courage is to do without witnesses everything that one is capable of doing before all the world."

— La Rochefoucauld

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