

Strip-Tease protested

by Paul Clark

Petitions are being circulated on campus protesting the Engineering Society's plans to once more bring strippers into the McInnes Room for their second annual "Stag and Stein" night.

David McCann, representing the Newman Society, said he has organized the petition campaign because he thinks having strippers at the Stag and Stein is a misuse of Dalhousie students' money,

who subsidize the event.

"Paying strippers to elicit sexual responses is an exploitation of people, along the same lines as prostitution."

Engineers feel their rights are being challenged, he said, but actually they are taking away the rights of students who do not want to pay for this event.

Keith Wellband, president of the Engineering Society, said his society condones the performance.

"If they want to ban this, they should ban any books in the bookstore concerning anything else that may appear offensive to them," he said.

He said he did not believe stripping exploited the women involved. "They're performing at their own disgression, it's their own business".

Wellband denied allegations the engineers are a crude group of people for enjoying this kind of entertainment.

"Engineers are people. There are an equal number of other groups who take in exotic dancing. They're just a good spirited group."

McCann said there are about 30 or 40 one page petitions now circulating and estimates they now have about 500 signatures protesting the event.

He plans to take the petition to the March 2 student council meeting and ask council to cancel the event. Last year he said the Newman Society launched a last minute petition against the Stag and Stein, collecting about 250 signatures, but was unable to persuade council to cancel it.

McCann is also protesting the inclusion of five pictures of the strippers in last year's yearbook.

Student Council president Dick Matthews said he could not say how other councillors felt about the event, but said

he was against it.

"I've made it clear to the engineering rep that I don't think it's a good idea to have the Stag and Stein this year."

Matthews said last year's Stag and Stein had a huge turnout and made the Engineering Society a lot of money.

Dave Grandy, last year's editor of *Pharos*, Dalhousie's yearbook, said he only included the pictures of the strippers in the yearbook at the last minute when he had a number of empty pages to fill.

"I looked at the photographs and decided I could get enough which weren't gross."

He said the ones he chose were mostly artistic and not "girly" kinds of photographs.

Asked if the photographs he decided not to put in the yearbook were a lot worse, he replied, "Oh yes . . . oh yes. They were just horrible photographs."

Charges Fly

but they had me wait in an outer office", said Mrenica. "The council chairperson then appeared and said he had been called to chair a meeting of the disciplinary board. It was my first indication what the whole thing was about. Then external vice-president, Janet White, came out looking for a copy of an old student union constitution and I asked her what the whole thing was all about. She would not tell me at first, but I pressed her and she finally told me why I was there."

Mrenica said she was very upset at not being told the reason for the meeting.

"I didn't learn why I was

there until five minutes before the meeting," said Mrenica. "Then when I went in they told me the whole meeting was in camera and that a complaint in camera has some problem surrounding it. asked who had brought the charge against me they said they could not tell me and they would have to have a request of that sort in writing first."

Mrenica also said the whole question of the board being incamera has some problem surrounding it.

"There are some constitutional problems with the way the whole meeting was run", said Mrenica. "Besides, they can say they were in camera if they want, but I was not in

camera and have no intention of being so."

Since her membership was revoked, Mrenica has filed an appeal and was granted a re-hearing at a meeting open to the student union membership.

In other developments in the story, an editorial and a cartoon concerning the incident were removed from the *Picaro* by the order of Student Union president Paul McNair. McNair said the meeting was in camera and it was illegal to print anything about the meeting.

The editorial was replaced by a 'dear Abby' column which some member of the newspaper alleged is also illegal because of syndication rights.

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