

Council opens '75 with booze

by Roger Metcalf

Liquor Prices:

Warren Meek (Pharmacy) opened Council's first meeting of 1975, held Sunday, January 12, with questions regarding Liquor pricing at Dalhousie. Meek claimed that prices in Grawood and elsewhere in the Union were higher than those charged at Saint Mary's and Mount Saint Vincent. Meek asked that a committee be established to inquire into the situation and determine whether there were explanations available.

Barry War (Treasurer) was not aware of whose prices could be justified. He added that there was constantly a barrage of questions regarding Liquor prices, a lot of which never got answered and felt that the committee would be a good idea. He hoped that it would settle the question once and for all. The motion was passed and members were appointed to the committee, the report in should be before Council in a couple of weeks.

Day Care:

Martin Ware (Graduate studies) presented to council the report from the Day Care Committee. The report summarized the activities of both the University and the Student Union in relation to day care and discussed the growing need for infant day care (2 years and under) at Dalhousie. It recommended that the provincial government either increase its subsidy for infant day care or that it enact legislation to allow family daycare to qualify under the present subsidies. Warren Meek (Pharmacy) asked why infant daycare presented problems that the two to four year old bracket did not. Ware replied that it was simply a matter of cost. Provincial legislation required a one to three supervision ratio for the infant bracket and only a one to seven supervision ratio for the two to four year old bracket. The provincial subsidy of six dollars a day however was the same in both cases. Dan O'Connor (President) asked Ware to define the goals of the Coalition for Better Day Care. Ware indicated that the group was interested in securing more government money for Day Care Centers and improving the programs of existing centers. They are working particularly hard to eliminate the discrimination against single parents in the existing government program and in doing away with the cut-off point for subsidization. O'Connor then asked if Ware felt it wise for the union to join an organization such as the Coalition for Better Day-care. Ware said that the question was entirely political, the group did good work but that some people felt that their tactics were too radical. Ware's opinion was that Dalhousie should contact other universities in the area and approach the

coalition as a group. Council then passed a motion accepting the report and approving it in principle. Mr. Ware was thanked for his work in preparing the report.

Grants:

Bruce Russel (Arts) presented two grants for the approval of council. The first was four hundred dollars to the commerce society passed without any problems, but the four hundred and seventy five dollars for Law Society involved a lengthy debate. Apparently the Law Students Society has originally asked for over thirteen hundred dollars, but were now prepared to settle for something around eight hundred. Russel and his grants committee were only willing to recommend four hundred and seventy five. The Law students society sent in four of its heavies to win the favor of council, all to no avail. Russel opened the debate explaining that the Law Society had come to the grants committee asking for \$1375.00, when they had only budgeted for a grant of \$700.00. Russel said he felt that the request was irresponsible. Robert Banford, President of the Law Students Society, was given a chance to explain. He said that the grant had historically been in the area

of \$700.00 and thus they had budgeted for that amount, Banford claimed, however, a detailed program had been worked out in the event that the full grant was received. Banford went on to describe the activities sponsored by the society. He pointed out that many of the activities such as the Lecture and Debating program would be of interest to the entire student body. O'Connor addressed the motion indicating that the Law Society was not the only funding source for the Lecture program. He pointed out that last week's amnesty International Speakers were co-sponsored by the Student Union to the tune of one hundred dollars. O'Connor thought that if the Law Society approached alternate sources of funding and made efforts to raise additional funds from within the society, then the \$475.00 grant would be sufficient. Martin Ware (Graduate Studies) spoke on behalf of the Law Society. He said that the Society had traditionally provided an excellent program and that such work should not be allowed to stop due to insufficient funds. Ware proposed an amendment to raise the

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Dal Women Organize

by Dorothy M. Broderick

On Monday, January 13, approximately forty women met to form a Dalhousie Women's Organization. The purpose of the group, as stated by Sue Sherwin who chaired the first meeting, is to bring together all women on the Dalhousie campus to discuss mutual problems and initiate projects. Women students, staff, and faculty are eligible for membership.

The group identified areas of immediate concern and discussed long range issues. It is essential that the speakers Dalhousie sends out to Nova Scotia high schools to give advice to students and guidance counsellors be alerted to the sexist nature of much counselling being given. There is a need to make professors understand that the sexist put-downs of women students in the classroom is unacceptable and the idea of a Grievance Committee on campus was discussed. Such a committee would not only attempt to handle situations within the classroom but see that women employees of the university were treated fairly. In conjunction with the status of women on the Dal campus, it was felt a statistical survey may be necessary to identify where the women are and what position they hold.

It was suggested that a Women's Office, located in

the SUB, could serve as a clearinghouse for information, maintain a speakers bureau list, and provide counselling. Greater use of the Ombudsman's Office was suggested.

To help educate people to the issues involved in the women's movement, the group discussed planning a display of materials for the Killam Library, holding a film series, and establishing a Women's Studies Programme.

One participant observed that many of the women and men on campus are seriously lacking in their understanding of human sexuality and that more formal education on the subject was needed. There are sources on the campus, both formal and informal, on the subject but a central listing of them would be helpful.

The group will try to produce a special supplement for the Dalhousie Gazette on the roles and status of women on the campus.

The last item of business involved a discussion of the role of men in the group. The consensus at this time is that men will be excluded from the business meetings but will be welcome at public programmes. As the group solidifies, the policy will be subject to re-negotiation.

The group will meet again on Wednesday, January 22, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 410 of the SUB.

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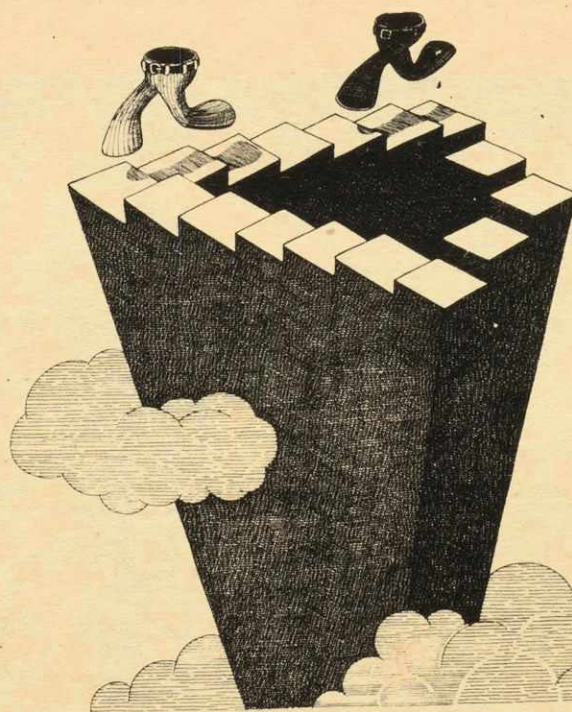
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