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Council pats executive backs

by Helen M. Spinelli

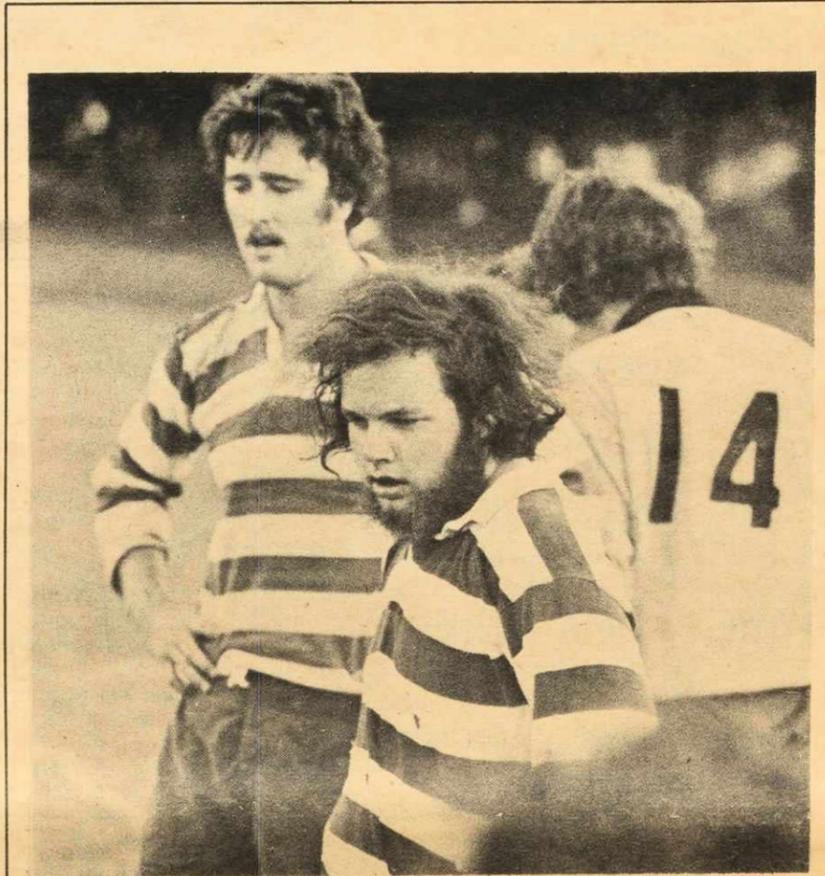
The last Summer Student Council meeting was held Sunday the 14th of September. The first important item of business was introduced by Bruce Russell, President of the Student Union, asking Council to support efforts of the Carleton Campus Committee to establish a student lounge area to serve primarily the students of Carleton Campus. The main discussion centered around whether the facility should be exclusively for Carleton Campus students or be used by other students at Dalhousie. It was left that the facility, when established, will serve primarily Carleton Campus students but other Dalhousie students will be permitted to use the building. The motion was carried unanimously and this newly formed committee will be submitting recommendations to Council for premises and funding.

Peter Green, interum Graduate representative and Chairman of the Grants Committee then submitted four recommendations to be approved by the Council. All grants were adopted, which gave Howe Hall residence Council \$650., Energy and People Conference \$250., the Tupper Chorale \$225., and the Ecology Action Centre \$300. Mr. Green pointed out that the societies could re-apply later in the year to the Grants Committee for extra monies needed because there is \$4,000 more dollars in this year's Grants budget. Mr. Green also mentioned that the Committee tends to be frugal with first requests so as to have money for the many other societies at Dalhousie needing funding.

The next item on the agenda was to accept the NUS, National Union of Students, report which has been forthcoming since last May. Normally it would not be necessary to report on such a routine motion but the nature of the ensuing discussion makes it worth commenting upon. After a brief discussion of the report Lynn Fitzgerald, Arts Representative, thanked Bruce Russell for all the hard work he and

the rest of the executive had done during the summer on student aid. (re. GAZETTE Sept. 8, issue). The other members of Council then graciously chimed in with their notes of thanks for the extra monies granted by the executive's labours. Needless to say there was no mention of three other people who worked relentlessly during the summer pouring out press releases and radio programs on student aid. Namely Mary Pat MacKenzie, editor of this fine weekly, Peter O. Clarke, past editor of the GAZETTE and presently a member of Senate, and Jim McLean, past Business Manager of the GAZETTE and presently chairman of AFS. We at the GAZETTE will forgive this oversight in backpatting but rest assured it will not soon be forgotten!

New business was the next agenda item. Pharos, the yearbook 1975-76 budget and the income statement for the year ending April 30, 1976 were readily approved by Council. An election to be held Oct. 8th was also approved by Council to fill vacancies of two graduate students; one Education, one Transition Year, and one Howe Hall Council representatives. The last motion of new business was an amendment to the Dalhousie / Mount St. Vincent University agreement regarding Prescription Drug Service. This amendment would allow Mount St. Vincent students to use the prescription drug service without paying any additional fees. Every Mount student pays \$7.75 to the Dalhousie Student Union for the use of our facilities. The revenue from these dues is approx. \$10,000. and the use of the prescription drug program by Mount students will cost approx. \$2,500. The discussion on this agreement tended towards whether it would be worthwhile, considering the relationship between the Mount and Dalhousie for the past three years has not been very good. Mr. Green noted that it was obviously to the Mount's advantage to enter into this agreement. He pointed out that Mount students pay \$7.75 to use facilities that cost a Dalhousie



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student \$50. Mr. Green asked Ann Delicat, vice-president internal affairs at MSVU, if she would speak to the motion. Ms. Delicat stated that the agreement would definitely be of benefit to the Mount students and she would have to reserve any further comment pending more information about the agreement. Apparently Ms. Delicat was on notified a half hour before the council meeting that this motion was to be on the agenda. The discussion ended with a call for the vote and the motion passed with ten votes in favor, one opposed and three absentions.

There were six appointments made at this meeting and they are as follows: Helen M. Spinelli to the Senate Reform Committee, Lynn Fitzgerald and Alan McHughen to the Arts and Science Committee on Markin, Dave Grandy to the Council of Student Services and Warren Meek as Chief Interim Returning Officer. The motion to elect delegates to the AFS / FEA, Atlantic Federation of Students, Conference was tabled until the next Student Council meeting to be held Sunday September 28, at 7 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers, SUB.

Weldon expansion

by D. Moulton

Last September the 4th Estate published a letter written by President Hicks to the Dean of Weldon Law School, R.St.J. MacDonald, concerning expansion of the law facilities here at Dal. Hicks claims in the letter that "Members of the government of N.S., including the Premier, have expressed their dissatisfaction to me and at least one member of the Board of Governors, and (I think jokingly but half seriously) the Premier even suggested that another law school should be started in N.S.!" The reason for this dissatisfaction seems to be (as cited in the letter) that "alumnae are currently finding difficulty in having their children admitted to the faculty of the law school in general".

After the publication of this letter the issue was not brought forth again (with the exception of a few articles printed in the Estate and the Ansul) and had apparently been given a quiet and quite hasty funeral. But behind the scenes adamant opposition was building which recently surfaced to haunt the "expansionists."

Al Herfst, Vice-President of the Dal Law Student Association, has been conducting various surveys to determine precisely the percentage in favor of expansion and these definitely show that percentage to be exceedingly low. Although the upper echelon of the N.S. Bar Association appear to be in favor, the rank and file members are decidedly against. Results from a questionnaire sent to all N.S.

barristers show 80% to be anti-expansion. The law school itself opposed the proposal 20 to 1.

With such obvious opposition it would seem the expansion issue would be readily dismissed. Yet it hasn't been. So where is the pressure coming from to keep the proposal under constant consideration? (Because if not for such strong opposition expansion might easily become reality.)

President Hicks stated in a later 4th Estate interview that there was no pressure being exerted while in the publicized letter we are informed. that the government is dissatisfied-they want expansion. And they want it badly enough that the "half serious" threat about opening another law school has been magnified to such an extent that Hicks (in yet another 4th Estate interview) claimed expansion necessary to prevent the building of another law school! To further

intensify this ludicrous proposal St. F.X. undertook a survey to determine the feasibility of the plan. It becomes more and more obvious that some government thumb is

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Dal ID any good ?

The school year has begun in earnest. Already the complaints have come flowing in about Bookstore prices, rip-offs, and - a new twist - the asking of backup identification when you are writing cheques for your books. In addition to the waste of time this is causing, the line-ups have not yet begun to form. The problem of having to wait in two lines to ascertain whether you are a Dal student and it's safe to take your money should become worse next week.

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