

DFA contract could be 'really scary'

by Paul Clark

For the first time there is a legal document spelling out what the Dal faculty owes to students in terms of time and performance, said Dick Matthews, president of Dal's Student Union, speaking about the Dal Faculty Association's (DFA) new contract with the Board of Governors (BOG).

"We now have a means for complaining if we feel we aren't being given a fair shake", he said.

Matthews was apparently referring to articles 15.10-15.15 of the contract that specify the teaching responsibilities of faculty members. The Committee to Administer the Collective Agreement and the Grievance Committee will presumably ensure that faculty members live up to their obligations stated in the contract.

Matthews also spoke about article 24, the "Financial Constraint" provision which requires that "efforts be made to increase the revenue of Dalhousie University" before faculty members' salaries are cut, before the budget is cut in specified ways which would affect the faculty's work and before faculty members are laid off or their employment terminated.

"Look how the clause is worded, it seems to me tuition is one of the few things the University has direct control over and seems to be the first avenue they would seek to increase revenue", he said.

"It's really scary", Matthews said, "if we come to that kind of a position".

He said, however, Dal would have to be in a "very, very critical state" before any such

measures would be invoked.

Matthews wouldn't say whether he voted for or against the contract.

He criticized the contract's length, saying either party could find a minor infraction in it and "grind to a halt the whole University".

John Graham, a member of the Senate, disagreed the contract was good for students, "I don't know of anything in the contract which is beneficial to students, though I suppose some people think there are".

He said students have a much better chance of having their interests protected through a "strong Senate".

"On Senate students have a direct input and would play a part in the policy making", he said.

If there is a situation of constraint, then the "only flexible revenue source" will be tuition, Graham said.

"It sets them (students) up in not a very healthy situation."

Susan Sherwin, president of the DFA, said she "would be surprised if this article would affect tuition more than past practices".

"I might be wrong", she said, "but I don't think so. This wasn't the spirit of the contract".

"Students and faculty are what this university is all about", she emphasized.

She said it wouldn't be economical for the BOG to raise tuition because enrollment would decrease and, besides, there are alternative ways to raise revenue.

For example, the administration "can be forceful with the provincial government".

Grants Committee a giveaway?

by Marlene Peinsznski

Graham Wells, vice president of the Dalhousie Student Union, said the members of the grant committee are not giving out money as judiciously as he would like them to.

His two main criticisms seem to be with the funds allocated to the debating and political science societies.

After much debate, the council passed a grant of \$850.00 to the debating society. When the cheque passed the treasurer's desk, however, it was for the amount of \$950.00. The extra \$100.00 came from a conference grant which doesn't have to be passed by council. The treasurer refused to sign the cheque until council had been notified of the additional funding. Jim Wentzell, head of the grant committee, justified this amount by citing the tremendous amount of public rela-

tions that Dalhousie receives through the debating society. Wentzell eventually agreed to withdraw the extra \$100.00.

The other heated issue is the political science societies request for funds. Their \$300.00 budget for the previous year was cut to \$200.00 for this fiscal year. Wells said this was because the \$300.00 grant had doubled the previous year's grant and the society still showed a deficit of \$170.00. The deficit was moved to this year's budget. Wells also said the political science society should have first appealed to the arts society for funds but failed to do so.

Jim Wentzell, head of the committee, replied to Wells' criticisms by saying that the student council has the power of veto and could have prohibited the passing of the grants had they disapproved of them.

"I don't think the current administration has put enough pressure on the government, I hope the coming up one can", Sherwin said.

She also said she thought the current administration's

objectives were wrong, not giving the highest priorities to students and faculty members.

Dalplex's operations cost one million dollars a year, she pointed out, so it certainly

isn't true the present administration doesn't have money.

"Maybe they (the administration) should do something more honest", Sherwin said.



Engineers "raid" King's last fall

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Engineers billed for \$535

by Tom Regan

The University of King's College has sent the Dalhousie Engineering Society an itemized statement of \$535 for damages caused during the engineer's annual raid on King's College earlier this fall, said Dave Auld, campus police chief at King's.

The \$535 includes damages to all of the campus police jackets and two broken windows in the administration building.

Auld said the letter was sent more than three weeks ago by the dean of men's residence, Tom Curran. King's has not yet received any reply from the engineers.

Auld said the matter is now out of his hands and it is now up to the administration to take action against the engineers.

"There is not much I can do from here on in," said Auld. "I

don't have the authority to make the engineers pay. I would imagine that if the engineers do not reply soon then President Godfrey will talk to the dean of engineering. We have pictures of the event this year and a lot of people can be identified."

President Godfrey said he was thinking about going to the dean of engineering if he doesn't hear from the engineers.

"I will be writing a letter to the dean if there is no word by the end of the week," said Godfrey. "I am anxious to stay out of it as much as possible, but something will be done. Why should we pay for damages caused by outsiders. The university can't afford to lose that kind of money."

Keith Wellband, president of the Dalhousie Engineering Society, said the engineers had received the letter but that

as far as he was concerned the whole matter is still under discussion.

"We asked for an itemized list of damages but what they sent us was not done well enough", said Wellband. "We intend to send the list back and ask for more detail."

Wellband also said the society was not responsible for the actions of a few taken outside the society.

"The raid on King's was not a society event," said Wellband. "It was not organized by the society. If 2nd or 3rd year students 'follow tradition' and organize a raid on their own, we are not to blame. And I can't say that even if they were engineers we can help them pay for damages. If we did that we would be liable for damages for every stunt committed by anyone calling himself an engineer."

New Printers for Gazette

by Martin Cohn

The Dalhousie Gazette has transferred printing services from Kentville Publishing to the Bedford-Sackville News, following a disagreement over censorship policy. Financial considerations also played a large role in the Gazette's decision to change printers.

Informed by Kentville Publishing that an allegedly libelous article would be censored from the October 25 edition, Gazette editor Tom Regan requested that the front page be left blank in the space effected.

Kentville Publishing, how-

ever, insisted that a replacement article be inserted, or the paper would not go to press, according to Regan. An unrelated replacement article was supplied, and the Gazette was published one day late.

Regan said, "Whatever their reason (Kentville Publishing) was, they should've been willing to let the censoring be public knowledge. Up to now, they've been very good with us, but what bothered me most was that they wanted to keep it quiet. They said not to tell anyone about it, and that if I made a stink about it, they wouldn't print the Gazette

anymore."

"Using Bedford-Sackville News will also be better economically for the paper," said Regan. "We will save money on transportation, distribution and some supplies. With the precarious financial state of student newspapers, we have to cut corners where we can."

Don Reid, assistant general manager for Kentville Publishing, declined comment. "I just think this story . . . should be dropped and let go. I don't think I'm going to say anymore."