

# Ombudsman wrestles loan hassles

by Mike Donovan

Late student loans, resulting in payment of a tuition penalty fee, are causing the most problems for the two ombudsmen at Dalhousie.

One of the student protectors, Steve Aronson, says that after October 29, some students from Ontario and Nova Scotia due to circumstances beyond their control, had not received their student loans. Thus they were required to pay a penalty of \$35 plus 9% interest.

"These students haven't the money to pay either the penalty fee or an additional 9% interest fee," he explained. "Students who obtain either a government loan or a bank loan after the penalty date will still be required to pay the penalty. The Business Office reasons that if they can get the loan now, they should have been able to get it before October."

Some students have reported

other difficulties. They obtained a bank loan prior to the penalty date of October 29 because they found that their government loans would be delayed past that date. And they were still required to pay the penalty.

With regard to other areas of conflict, Aronson says, "A lot of the time we help a person who feels he is justified in his approach. However the other party, the Student Union or the administration, feels they are justified in their attitude."

Aronson also emphasized that the Administration has been "most cooperative".

"Quite frankly, we have most of our problems with people in the Student Union organization," he added.

A questionnaire conducted by the Ombudsman's office indicates that students want a cutback in the employment of Campus Police. Aronson feels the Campus Cops are costing

more than the good they do.

"The Ombudsman's role as mediator is the least important," he said. "We play

more of a role as sources of information and barometers in the student community."

Ombudsmen Ian Chambers

and Steve Aronson are in their office room 315 A of the SUB — 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.



Ombudsmen Chambers and Aronson in action.

(Jack Novack/dal)

# Metro women organize for their rights

by Cheryl Sawler

Education of the Women's Liberation movement's members is the most important area of concentration was the general consensus at the organizational meeting held November 3.

"The most important thing is to reach out to the community and make people aware," one woman said. "You can un-

derstand your oppression to the nth degree, but that isn't much good until you start fighting back," said another.

The group also agreed some action is necessary to progress from theory to practice, by giving practical support to other causes. Two examples mentioned were the daycare program and the rights of Dal's cleaning staff.

The meeting was mainly an around-the-table discussion of the group's orientation. Many were unsure of what they wanted to do, but were willing to go along with the group.

Many structural matters were left undecided, such as how to establish the education structure of the group so that new members may come in without disrupting the process.

It was also suggested that a reading list be made up.

There have been Women's Lib movements at Dal before but they all disbanded for various reasons. Of the students, faculty and staff who were welcome to attend this meeting, approximately 15 turned up. The majority of these were new members, as well as a few from last year's group.

The group is planning to write a constitution and submit it to the Student Union in hopes of getting funds from them.

Although a permanent meeting time has not yet been set, they will usually take place on Wednesdays. Information regarding this will be available at the Inquiry Desk in the Student Union Building.

## Smith burnt up

# Pigs roast students again

For those of you who have found a memo from the Halifax Police Department in recent days, be alerted that in certain areas around Dalhousie (including Buildings owned by Dal), there are now one-hour parking zones.

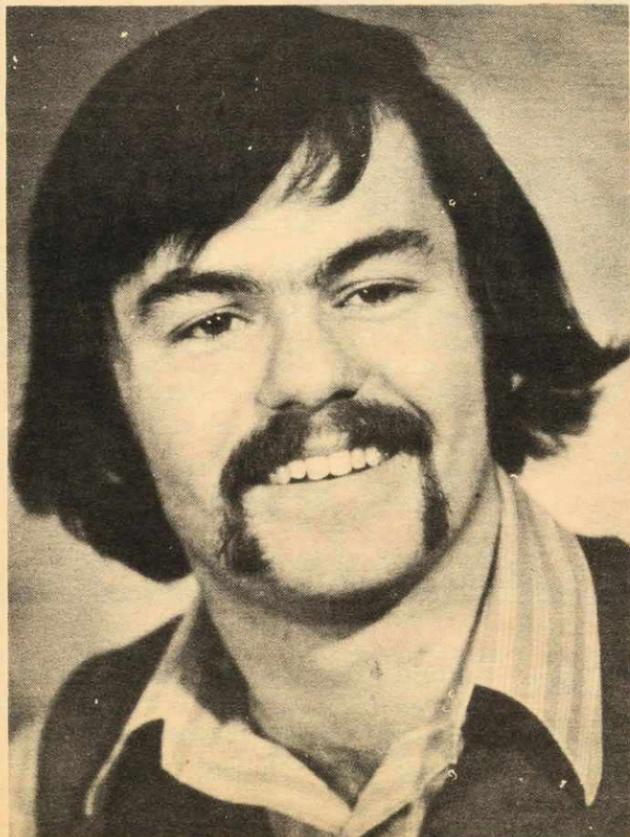
Late last week, the HPD, presumably on the orders of the City Traffic Engineer, began

ticketing cars parked in the new one-hour parking zones. The signs were changed without notice to anyone (except the traffic cops). These areas were formerly all-day zones.

Student Union President Brian Smith is very upset with the new regulations. He says "whatever the rationale, it's irrational." A meeting with

Smith, Mayor Walter Fitzgerald, and the City Traffic Engineer is planned for Tuesday.

Smith is particularly upset because no notice was given to anyone at Dal. If nothing changes as a result of this meeting, says Smith, then pressure will be applied through other channels.



*Who is this man?*

*What is he supposed to do?*

*What is he doing?*

*(See Gazette next week)*

## AROUND HALIFAX

**FRIDAY, NOV. 12 —**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 13**

8-Ball and Snooker Tournament. Registration deadline Nov. 11, 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Robert Lemieux on "Democracy in Quebec". 12:30, Rm. 115, Weldon Building.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 13 —**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 14**

Dalhousie Opera, "The Beggars Opera, Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, NOV. 15**

Atlantic Symphony Concert Series, Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

W. A. Monaghan on "Canadian Government Policies and Programs of International Development Assistance." Dunn Building, Rm. 117, 8 p.m.

**NOV. 18 - DEC. 4**

Neptune Theatre "The Servant of Two Masters", 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 19**

The Festival Singers, the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

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