

# Council to study proposals

by Nancy Ross

At the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) council meeting of September 30, 1979, a negotiating committee of five members of council was formed to study proposals made by Dalhousie Ass'n of Graduate Students (DAGS) concerning the autonomy of DAGS.

At the meeting a brief outlining proposals for political autonomy of DAGS was presented to DSU. These proposals are to serve as tools for negotiation according to a member of DAGS.

Concern about the lack of housing for graduate students was cited in one proposal. In another DAGS voiced their concern about differential fees and urged DSU to take a harder stand on this issue. Also many graduate students

children, so in another proposal DAGS said they were very concerned about provision of decent daycare centers. Also DAGS said they would like further clarification of graduate teaching duties.

Over the summer, members of DAGS thought long and hard about their relationship with DSU. Sheena Bastable, president of DAGS feels their association can work more efficiently on their own on issues concerning graduate students. They are a smaller group and have direct links with issues through DAGS council.

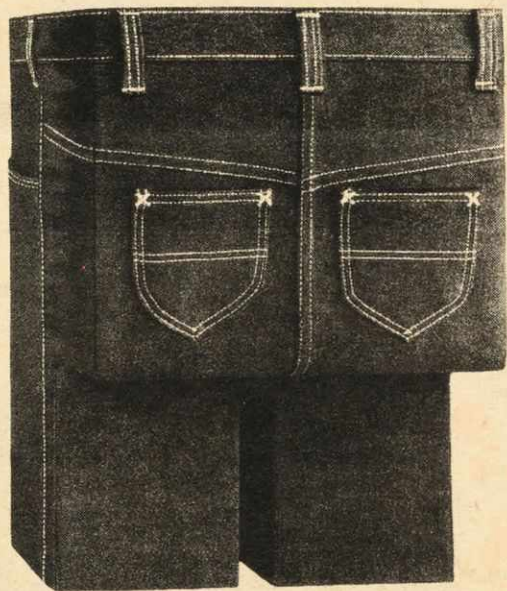
A graduate's whole way of life is different from most under-graduates. They have different interests and concerns.

For example most graduate students do not attend

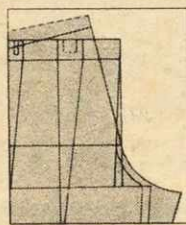
functions in the Student Union Building. "Graduate students are cut in that horrible line between being students and faculty," said Bastable. They need to be able to take of themselves and have the channels to settle their problems.

DAGS said that they could work through DSU but they could work more efficiently on their own concerning issues effecting graduate students. DAGS would join with DSU to fight in a united front in all issues concerning all students.

Dick Matthews, president of DSU views all these proposals as reasonable and understands why they are of such great concern to DAGS. Bastable says DAGS are prepared for compromises but she feels negotiations will be successful.



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## Council Briefs

# SUNS, DAGS and Security

by Sheila Miller

Major issues such as SUNS, DAGS and campus security were discussed at a quiet and poorly attended meeting of council Sunday night.

The four members who attended the SUNS conference at the Agriculture College in Truro reported it to be a success. The main topics of concern at the conference were: Student Aid Proposals and Changes in Unemployment Insurance. The Campus Committee for SUNS at Dalhousie hopes to recruit a dozen interested students to work to help educate the campus on issues like Student Aid, UIC Changes, the increase of costs and cutbacks. A Fall Campus Campaign called 'Accessibility' is being planned.

Siona Bastable, the President of DAGS, John McArel and Peter Rans, the newly elected graduate student representatives on council presented DAGS proposals or "tools of negotiation" to council. Siona said that DAGS was willing to work with DSU, but they wanted political autonomy, because it would allow them to work for their own goals such as Housing, Differential Fees and Day Care Facilities with more independence and efficiency. A negotiating committee with DAGS, of five members was struck to discuss various issues throughout the year. The members of the committee are Dick Matthews, Gerald Losier, Andras Vamos, Elva Hammarstrand and Mike Lynk.

Umesh Jain, a member of Campus Security at Dalhousie informed council of the new committee formed to investigate the abuse of alcohol on campus. This committee is an attempt by Security to ban all unauthorized liquor on campus. Liquor used for society parties or for private bars must be purchased through the Student Union. All societies and groups have until Oct. 31st to change their buying habits, or as Jain said, drastic action will be taken.

The motion to give the Orientation Directors a bonus above their honoraria for their commendable efforts during the first week of school was defeated. An honoraria review committee was chosen to look into the honorarias. Nancy Tower, as Treasurer, Gord Owen, Andras Vamos and Jeff Champion are on the committee.

Vamos reported on the Board of Governors meeting, informing council that Open Hours has been passed for all the girls at Sherriff Hall except for those in first year. Vamos also said that the Dalplex will be opened by October 19 with Covocation and that a decision of who will be the next President of the University will be finalized by Christmas.

Other reports came from SUNS, the Senate, Shinerama and the Orientation Committee.

The attendance from interested students needed to serve on non council positions on committees was disappointing. Chris Shaw and John Murphy were chosen to serve on the Sub-Ops Committee. Gil Whitehouse was chosen to be the Chief Returning Officer. Theresa Reno filled one position available on the Health Plan Committee and the other vacancy was tabled until the next meeting. The choosing for the positions available on the Course Evaluation and Sports and Recreation Committees were tabled until the next meeting.

The Science Representative Debbie Naugler resigned from council for the reason that she did not have enough time to devote to council.

Presently, there are eighty five hundred students registered at Dalhousie, a one hundred decrease from last year.

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