

## Holancin cries mismanagement

# Housing co-ordination needed

by Glenn Wanamaker

The need for a centralized authority to oversee the housing situation at Dalhousie is the major conclusion of a Howe Hall residence study.

John Holancin, President of the Howe Hall Residence Council and author of the report, found gross mismanagement in the financial operation of Howe Hall. He also reported that an in-depth study of Howe Hall's finances is difficult because "the sources that are available are so disorganized and misleading that it would take a cost accountant a year to put the situation in order".

Wages are among the financial discrepancies Holancin discovered. In 1965-66 total wages amounted to about \$45,000; in 1969-70, it came to about \$104,000. Holancin wondered whether there was in fact an increase in staff and, if there was, who approved such an increase. "It does not seem right that the residents of Howe Hall should have to absorb a \$100 increase to pay for such gross mismanagement," the study says.

An increase of about \$55,000 to almost \$89,000 paid on the mortgage and interest since 1965-66 was found. Despite the construction of Cameron House during this time, Holancin questions whether residents should be buying the building for the university and having about \$175 of fees going to this.

The cost of repairs and

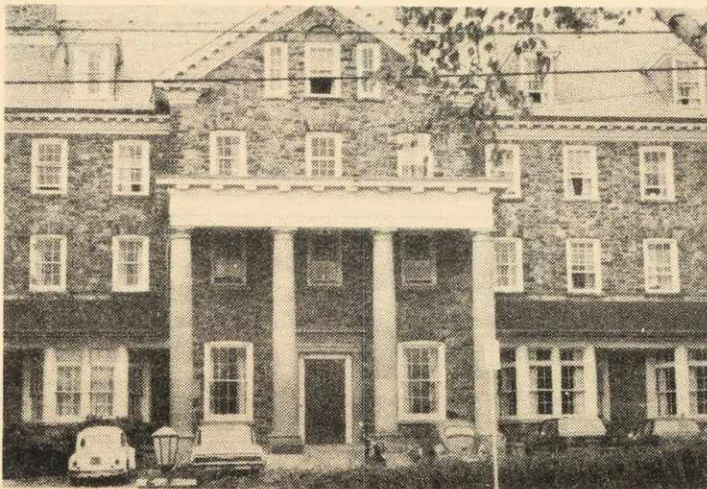
replacement has tripled since 1965-66 to \$60,000. Sundries have jumped from \$3,000 in 1965-66 to a projected \$17,000 for this academic year. Last year's cost for garbage pick-up, which is included in this category, was \$4,310. Holancin feels this cost is "excessive" and the garbage removal could be handled much more cheaply.

Holancin says that food costs in 1965-66 amounted to \$170,000 while the projected food costs for this year are \$228,000. In the Beaver Foods contract, payment is to be at the rate of \$1.91 per student per day. There are 216 residents making a total payment of \$170,000. Other expenses were reported by the Business Office, but Holancin says, "what was not answered is where the extra \$40,000 to \$60,000 (above the payments to Beaver Foods) is spent."

His report also made a few general observations. During the period 1965-72, fees for a single room rose from \$730 to \$1060. The percentage increase in operations in 1970-72 is 12.5%, a figure which is not in accordance with Statistics Canada cost of living increase.

Holancin noted that while "regular term fees have increased by \$330 in six years, the summer rental fee for rooms has remained at \$12 a week for Dal students. At present, a regular student pays \$17-18 a week for a room. Why are full-time students subsidizing summer rentals?"

Other points brought out by



Shirreff Hall — part of housing problem.

Holancin's study are the payments made for the Presidential suite and Student Health. The report states, "The Visitors Apartment is approximately five times the size of a regular single room in Bronson or Smith House. The payment . . . is \$1,066 for 12 months. A furnished apartment of that caliber would cost at least \$250-300 per month on an open market." It is also unclear whether other services are included in this fee.

A transfer payment of \$10,000 from Student Health, termed "the most striking sign of mismanagement on the books", is received for the use of the equivalent of 38 beds. He estimates that a payment of \$30,000 would be much more reasonable, and instead of Howe Hall residents subsidizing Student Health, the cost "should be borne by every Dalhousie student".

The major recommendation of the Residence Council is the hiring of a cost accountant to run all university housing. This person, says the report, "would be responsible directly to the Vice-President (Administration). The Deans should be answerable to the Residence Manager for all expenditures concerning improvements, additions, etc., and all purchases should be made by this individual after due requisitions have been submitted."

They also recommend that expenditures should go through the business agent and thus bulk purchases could be made. In

essence the Council recommends a centralization of residence finances and operations, a move which would eliminate inadequacies and mismanagement.

With 2070 students in residence, \$15-18 million worth of residence buildings, and a \$4-5 million operating budget, Holancin feels there is a great need for some method of control.

The report is presently before a subcommittee of the Student Affairs Committee. The subcommittee is comprised of Communications Secretary Jim Kayne, Dean Irvine of Shirreff Hall and John Holancin. Kayne feels enough time has been wasted in sub-committee meetings.

"The Student Union", says Kayne, "has allowed enough time for investigation and we feel that any responsible person would see the need for a business manager."

Kayne also stated that there will be changes in the present management structure. "While the jobs of certain people may be affected, it is in the best interests of the student body that we implement a more effective method for housing administration."

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most of the objections to the Discipline Committee's original recommendations came from the head of the department in whose course the proxy was discovered, and from two of the more senior members of Senate.

Dr. Tingley of the Department of Mathematics felt that if such issues were not severely dealt with, Senate action might be interpreted as really being "no action at all."

Dean McLean of the Faculty of Dentistry and Dean MacDonald of the Faculty of Health Professions seemed particularly hung up on loss of school prestige and the students taking Senate action as a licence to cheat.

McLean felt that Senate, by taking a "lenient" stand, may influence some students to establish a pattern of cheating. He also stated that the "records of Dalhousie may be interpreted by others as something less than what they are now."

McLean did not elaborate as

to whom "others" were.

In a vote that was much too close, the resolution adopted by Senate read: "that the student be required to withdraw from the class in question, and no notation for the reason be placed on the student's record."

Professor Flint then moved that the Vice-President (Academic) and the Secretary of Senate consult with the

chairman of the Discipline Code Committee regarding the need for guidelines for academic discipline proceedings, and, if necessary, to strike a committee to study the situation. This committee would be required to report to Senate no later than the March meeting of the body.

This resolution was passed unanimously.

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