

SMU faculty revolts

The faculty of St. Mary's University voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to hold a referendum on a motion of non-confidence in SMU president Owen Carrigan.

The faculty union, currently involved in contract negotiations with the administration, voted unanimously at a general meeting to hold the referendum among all faculty. Almost half of the SMU faculty attended the meeting.

Victor Catano, president of the SMU faculty Union, said faculty members felt Carrigan was responsible for a lack of trust between themselves and the administration. He emphasized the non-confidence motion is not related to the current contract negotiations, but the result of several years of continuing problems which, in his view, were because of Carrigan's administration.

If Tuesday's meeting is any indication, Catano felt the outcome of the referendum should be a foregone conclusion. If that is the case, he said "any honorable administrator would resign." He suggested that if the referendum voted non-confidence in the president and no resignation was forthcoming, the administration

would have to live with an uncooperative faculty.

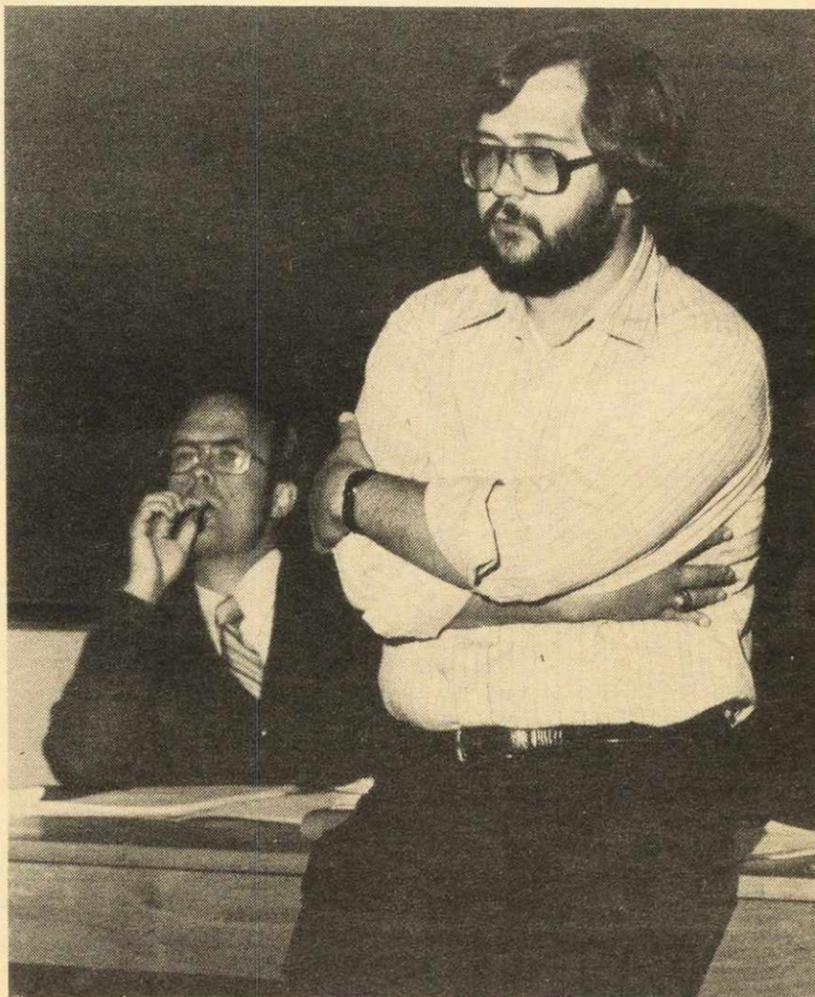
The faculty is concerned about St. Mary's, Catano said. "We must build an atmosphere of trust on this campus." He said the faculty has no plans to take any action that will affect students or the university at least until the results of the referendum are formally known.

Meanwhile bargaining between faculty and administration has gone to conciliation and Catano expects some sort of agreement within the next few weeks.

The SMU faculty union has been without a contract since May when an initial agreement was worked out with the administration over a two week period.

Catano said however, that agreement was dropped when Carrigan instructed the administration negotiating team to retract its part of the agreement, noting that the agreement would have given faculty some say in the appointment of university academic administrators.

The main issue now, he said, is bad faith on the part of the university. The faculty is prepared to moderate its position to see the matter settled.



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Victor Catano, president of the Saint Mary's Faculty Union, addressing a general meeting Tuesday where the faculty decided to hold a non-confidence vote on SMU President Owen Carrigan. The faculty has voiced concern that Carrigan is a cause of a lack of trust between faculty and administration.

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Dal Admin. appropriates Commerce house

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Without prior warning the Dalhousie Administration has taken over the Commerce Society House at 1247 Seymour Street. The president of the Commerce Society, Mike Williamson, walked into the society's house to find that it had been taken over and renovated for use as offices for the Public Administration Department.

John Scheibelhut, Director of Business Administration, said "that

due to budget cutbacks, shortages of office space and faculty increases together with a desire to centralize certain facilities, the commerce house was therefore acquired." The commerce society was given Scheibelhut's old office on the fifth floor of the Central Services building. Despite its "picturesque view" the facilities are inadequate for anything but clerical purposes.

According to Williamson, the commerce house provided a multitude of services to commerce students including a study area for M.B.A. students and an area for students and professors to get to know one another on an informal basis. The house was also used for commerce society social functions on the weekends which provided a chance for people to make new acquaintances, especially those new students who would otherwise have a difficult time meeting others.

Scheibelhut is of the opinion that the commerce house was only used for beer bashes on Friday nights and therefore the cost / use expenditure was not justifiable. Arrangements have been made for the commerce society to make use of other places on campus on all evenings except Fridays to hold their parties. One such place has been booked for a Wednesday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m.

It appears that further acquisitions are to be made by the university which tends to reinforce the rumors about the future of the

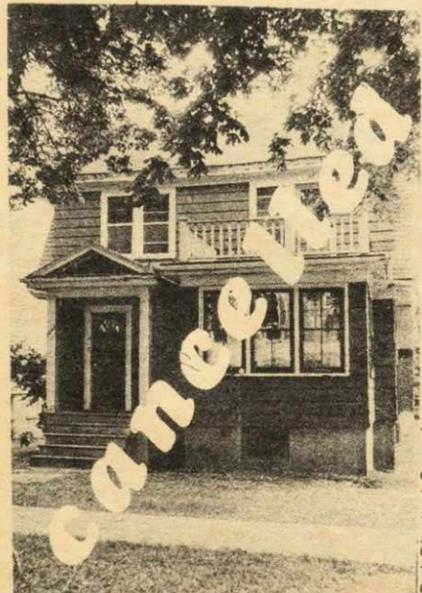
Law Society House also located on Seymour St.

As far as can be ascertained, there are no avenues of appeal open to those whose houses have been acquired for administrative pur-

poses. Due to the severe shortage of funds and facilities it seems unlikely that even if there was an appeal method, most decisions would end up favoring the continuing acquisition of houses from the societies and fraternities.

The Engineering Society at Dalhousie has lost their common room in the Dunn Building. The room, which was the centre of both social and academic activities, has been

made into classrooms. Weekly meetings were held there, as well as initiation events. Next week's **Gazette** will carry further information.



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Dalhousie Commerce Society members returned to campus this week to discover that their house has been turned into offices for the Public Administration Department.

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