

# No doze or else

By GEOFF STONE

A growing number of students at Dalhousie are being forced to stay overnight in the Life Sciences Centre in order to pre-register for classes.

This past Sunday and Monday nights, over a hundred students brought their homework, stereos and blankets to spend a sleepless night in the LSC. They were there to sign up for psychology and biology courses the next morning.

With University regulations concerning loitering, students were not allowed to sleep, with the threat of being thrown out by security guards. If the students "looked busy", they could stay overnight in the hallways.

Students began getting into lineups early Sunday and Monday nights. The lines extended for around forty to fifty feet.

The students said that this was the only way they could get into these classes, and some spent both Sunday and Monday night in lines.

The students were not happy about the situation for registration, "There just aren't enough courses for the students." The

students were also annoyed at how limited classes and ad hoc registration procedures have made things this desperate, "This is going to mess up my whole week, it's crazy."

There are even more problems for students signing up in two different courses, they just aren't able to be on both sides of the campus at once, "I'm sitting here in biology watching my life go down the drain in psychology."

The students felt there should be a right for them to take a course, so that students wouldn't have to fight for what they are already paying for.

A fourth year student who happened to be around said he had never had these problems when he was in first and second year.

While the mood outside psychology and biology was quiet and relaxed, the students were not happy about the system, "I hope the University remembers that if things get any worse, students just aren't going to take it anymore. Then there are going to be problems, big problems."

Many students said they plan to do the same next year, and that the problem will only get worse.



Students spend a sleepless night outside the biology lounge in the LSC. Are classes enough to ruin your sleep for? They think so. Photo by Ariella Pahlke/Dal Photo.

# Clark throws bone

By ERIN GOODMAN

In response to pressure from the Dalhousie Women's Faculty Association and the Committee on Multi-cultural issues, President Clark has created a part-time advisory position for women and minority group issues. But Jane Parpart, President of the DWFA, doesn't feel that the position will answer the needs of the disadvantaged groups on campus.

"Our main concern is whether or not this has been set up in a realistic way that will do any good," she comments. The part-time position, advertised in the March 18 edition of the Dal News, calls for an advisor to assist the administration to further develop and apply policies to enhance equity in employment and treatment of women, disabled persons and members of cultural minority groups.

The role would involve recommending means of improving the effectiveness of employment equity policies at Dalhousie, identifying and proposing remedies for practices adversely affecting the working environment of individuals, and recommending what special advisory role and responsibilities concerning minority and women's groups can most usefully be carried out on a continuing basis.

Jane Parpart is surprised that the position, which she believes from a 'Women and Administration' workshop presented by Sue Sherwin, has been expanded from the role of a women's advisor to encompass minority and disabled groups as well.

"Although the DWFA certainly thinks this is a step in the right direction, there's a concern that the position covers too many different areas, all of which deserve to have the energy of one person," she says. "We suggest the need for three people."

Parpart would like to see one advisor appointed for the status of women, one for disabled persons and one to work with members of cultural minorities. She feels that an advisor dealing exclusively with hiring and promotion practices of women at Dalhousie is necessary.

"The few women on campus tend to be overworked, which

makes it difficult for them to prepare for promotion, and promotion tends to be slower," she says. "There are more women on campus beginning to move up the ranks, but it's an uphill battle and we certainly have no reason to feel complacent."

Another concern of the DWFA is the appointment of a person committed to improving the status of women to the job. "We are concerned that a feminist get this position," says Parpart, "not simply a woman. A feminist man would be preferable to a non-feminist woman."

Janis Jones Darrell, chair of the Committee on Multicultural Issues at Dalhousie, says her group has been negotiating with Dr. Clark since September 1986 for a direct link to the administration. The committee's main emphasis was on multi-cultural students on campus, and at that time, Clark showed interest in multi-cultural concerns.

"His suggestion was that there would be a presidential advisory committee," says Darrell. On March 10, the group was first informed of the proposed appointment of an advisor for women and minority groups. "We were quite surprised with the end product," says Darrell. "Our original focus was quite different from the way it finally came out." She expected that the position would deal solely with the interests of minority groups.

Ms. Darrell is concerned that the job may be too large for one person to effectively deal with, and says, "They're putting the person in an impossible position. There has to be some way of sharing the job among three people."

Cathy Martin, director of the Micmac professional careers program at Henson College, would probably agree with her. Ms. Martin is one of only two Micmac women working at Dalhousie, and she says, "The minorities seem to make up the majority of people in this province... the university should be sensitive to minorities."

Martin was not aware of the creation of an advisory position for minorities, and is concerned that the matter isn't being properly addressed. She says, "It seems that lip service is being paid to

this need, but to only provide a part-time position for twelve months seems to be impractical."

She believes that the part-time nature of the job is due to budget cutbacks and comments that all programs for minorities on campus are underfunded. "There's definitely going to be a need for a full-time position." She also feels that the job is ill-defined and not properly geared towards affirmative action.

"When you look at the role of this person, it's to recommend, identify and recommend again," she explains. "Anybody can sit around and identify problems, I'd like to see more about recommend and take action."

Another concern is the size of the job, which she feels is too large and diverse for one person to handle. She feels that a committee could more easily represent the concerns of each group, and would like to see emphasis placed on educating the university community and public on minority issues.

Dean Marriott of Student Services handles the interests of disabled employees on campus, and he feels that the needs of women, minorities and the disabled on campus will be adequately met by a single advisor. Says the Dean, "I think that would be more efficient and probably more effective to look at various special needs under one umbrella."

He also feels that the advisory position should be loosely-defined and part-time during the first appointment, and cites its main objective as being the assessment of need for future action. A committee of advisors, he believes, would result in a lack of consistency, and create the difficulty of dividing up resources between members.

"I doubt that it needs to be full-time," he says. "It's the type of job that needs to be defined... and then the whole thing should be reviewed."

But first, the university must find suitable applicants willing to divide their time between three distinct groups demanding employment reforms. Would Cathy Martin take the job? "I wouldn't take it," states the director flatly.

# Zayid takes it

By GEOFF STONE

Caroline Zayid and Ian McCarthy were elected easily after two ballots early Friday morning to the position of President and Vice President of the Dalhousie Student Union.

Also elected at the time were Sherry Golding and Michael Dunn as student reps on the Dalhousie Board of Governors.

The elections results came as an anticlimax after the ballot counting took nearly six hours to complete the first ballot.

The final result after the first count had Zayid/McCarthy 49.7% Dolan/Morrison 20.4% and Power/Tarlton at 29.8%. A second count gave Zayid/McCarthy the victory.

The race for BOG rep was closer, with even showings for all

three candidates. Golding and Dunn were victorious with 1093 and 844 votes respectively.

The percentage of students voting rose slightly from last year. Around 16% of students voted with some polls having as low as two students voting.

An informal survey conducted by The Gazette gave 20% of the people saying they voted. Most of the Dal students said they thought the low turnout was caused by the size of the campus, candidates not talking to students, and 90% thought it was because the Student Union is not seen as representing students.

Less than half the students had heard that Zayid/McCarthy were elected and 90% of the students did not know that their presidency was being contested for election violations.

## POLL RESULTS

POLLS: 1)SUB, 2)Tupper, 3)Life Sciences Centre, 4)Arts and Administration, 5)Dalplex, 6)Grad House, 7)Killam Library, 8)Fenwick, 9)Shirreff Hall, 10)Howe Hall, 11)Dunn Building, 12)Weldon Law Library, 13)Hancock Hall, 14)Dentistry, 15)Burbridge Building, 16)Forrest Building, 17)Ardmore Hall.

POLL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
President ZAYID(elected)	193	87	82	69	25	11	76	14	59
POWER	118	17	35	26	18	3	44	4	101
DOLAN	63	19	44	21	23	1	21	5	46
<b>1st Ballot</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Final</b>
									<b>%</b>
	73	13	50	2	5	26	15	18	818
	19	7	68	0	11	1	16	3	491
<b>12:30 am</b>	56	12	2	0	6	4	7	6	336

Board of Governors Final

Golding (elected) 1093 votes, Dunn (elected) 844 votes, Ogdén 749 votes.