

# E D I T O R I A L

Trouble seems to be a very integral part of the Dalhousie Student Union Building; at the present time staff morale is at a low ebb.

Conflict in the line of authority is the most pressing issue. Responsibility for maintenance and operation of this building lies with the Operations Officer. John Graham, General Manager for the Student Union in all its implications, is responsible to the Union Council for everything that goes on in the building. Then there is a Student Council appointed SUB Affairs Secretary who is the student responsible for the happenings in the SUB.

Under this impressive, if confusing, array of higher officials, are the actual maintenance people. And they appear to be getting crunched from at least two directions. The building superintendant threatened to resign during the last few weeks over the constant orders and work load. Canada Games people and the media moved into the SUB with a vengeance in the middle of August and naturally the building had to be prepared for the onslaught. Offices were cleared of unnecessary furniture and the effects of the people who inhabit those offices during the regular term.

Interference from many courses added to the already confused state, so that some things were not properly marked. When the Canada Games people moved out again, chaos reigned. There was not enough time to clean up and reorganize before students were back in their offices demanding to have everything as it had been.

When employees are ordered to do more than is feasible in a given period of time and harrassed to be faster when they are doing the best they can to meet the situation, they understandably become completely fed up with the people they work for and the jobs they have to do. Apathy and outright antipathy defeat the purpose of the Student Union Building.

Possibly the worst feature of the discontent is that much of it is caused by the student factor in management. The SUB Affairs Secretary would do well to review the situation and see what can be done to improve it.

The old saying "Don't tell a man what to do when he knows what he's doing" proves again that old sayings are often more than just old sayings.



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