

Rink in trouble

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Several years after construction the Open Air Rink was still not out of trouble. On January 13, 1927 the Rink Committee reported that it had instituted several economies, and that the university had made an extraordinary grant of \$100.00 towards the cost of operation. The Council then decided to have a January dance to raise money. This is the first time that money was the public reason for a dance. Previously the only announced reason has been improvement of students' social life.

Also on January 13 a GAZETTE editorial criticized the student organizations that were content to sit and take money from the Council without putting in some work of their own to raise funds and make plans. The Dalhousie Amateur Athletic Club (DAAC) was pointed out as the chief example, while the Glee and Debating organizations were seen as the exceptions.

It was announced early in February that Avis Marshall, past Vice-President of Council, was the first editor of the Dalhousie year book. The decision had been made by the senior class. It was planned that the books would be ready by April 15. Many leaders of the Council and societies were participating in the effort to get a year book going.

The real proof that the year book was off the ground came when the Council was asked to donate \$150.00 which would ensure that all costs were paid when it was added to the money that had been raised already. The President, Fred McInnes, spoke in favour of the grant, saying that although it appeared the Council could afford it, the year book was so important the money could even be borrowed. The Money was given without opposition. The Council dances were making small but regular profits now, and at least three or four a year were held.

Council began the first of many discussions

about the invitation to join the National Federation of Canadian University Students (NFCUS) which had been founded recently. Council took no position on joining or assisting the organization. When the GAZETTE suggested changes in the constitution that affected it, President McInnes used the opportunity to suggest that it was time for a new formula to determine Council representation. A committee was formed to review the constitution, with each Faculty represented on it. The Committee was also asked to study Ronald Hayes' proposal for the creation of an Honor Society.

The review committee worked quickly and a week later it presented Council with two alternatives. Under one each Faculty was guaranteed two seats on Council, and total membership would be 19. Under the other total membership would be 12. Both preserved the basic principle of representation in proportion to population of students in the Faculties. Since the Council officers were chosen from among the representatives a decrease in membership would mean a smaller choice. After a long debate the Council decided to cut its membership to 12, despite the opposition of most executive members.

Another innovation was the guarantee that there would be at least two women on Council - one from Senior Arts and Science, one from Junior. Senate would have to ratify the amendments, and it was decided that if Senate dislike the 12 system it should be asked to approve the 19. However, there was no objection from Senate although it did suggest that each Faculty be guaranteed at least one representative to avoid the problems of strict proportionalism. Under the new system Arts and Science had five reps, Medicine had two and there was one each for Freshmen, Commerce, Engineering, Law and

Dentistry.

Further amendments permitted earlier appointment of the GAZETTE officials. Council gave enthusiastic support to the proposed Honour Society, which was named in honour of Jimmy Malcolm (B.A. '03) who had been Captain of the football team and who drowned soon after graduation in an attempt to save a friend.

GAZETTE had predicted an increase in interest in the Council elections and this seemed to be proven when there were thirty-two people nominated for the twelve positions. For the first time ever the newspaper printed in advance the names of all the candidates to permit students to check opinions and qualifications. Interest focused somewhat on the race for Freshman Rep, where two leading members of the present Council, Murray Fraser and Murray Rankin, were facing off. During the election campaign the newspaper signalled an issue of the future by calling for an increase in the Council fee to \$10.00. When election day came the students returned five members of the outgoing Council to the new one. Murray Rankin won the Freshman seat and only the minimum of two women were chosen.

The year book's were all bought two months before the distribution date, guaranteeing that the first year would be successful. When the new Council met to elect its officers J. Gerald Godsoe was chosen President. The other officers were also experienced members due to previous terms. Godsoe had been Secretary-Treasurer for two years. Under his guidance the Council had emerged from the disastrous debts run up during construction of the rink. The new Council decided to reduce the membership of the Executive and Finance Committees, and to merge them with the officers. This created a group with membership identical to that of the Council Executive of the '60 and '70s.

Physicians' Finances

A short course in business management for doctors in solo or group practice will be given at Dalhousie University next month.

Organized by the Division of Continuing Medical Education of the Faculty of Medicine, the course will be held on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6 and 7 in the 15th floor conference room of the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building.

It is the first of a series of four courses on the practical aspects of the business side of medicine. Each will cover a number of selected topics, including accounting, financing, records, office organization, associations, investments, building, planning and financing, taxation, staffing, role or allied health professionals, partnership, group practice, and holding and facility companies.

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in the proper environment for social reinforcement to occur. Also, he tends to give less reinforcement to others, and reciprocal actions result.

If you are depressed, what are some things you can do about it? First, you can try to analyze the situation in your own mind. Can you identify what is making you depressed? What is missing in your life? What are your self-statements? Are you sure they are realistic and objective? If you can make such a self-analysis, then steps needed to remedy the situation may be evident. You may need to alter some of the things you are saying to yourself, or develop your social skills, for example. It

is very helpful if you can make yourself look at one thing at a time, rather than jumble your problems all together.

To get yourself "going" in overcoming your depression it may be helpful to force yourself to do an activity which you previously enjoyed. You may well get enjoyment or reinforcement from that and things may snowball from there.

If you are unable to make any headway by yourself, then talk things over with a friend. Sometimes just talking about something en-

ables you to gain new insights. Possibly too your friend can help add objectivity, or generate new alternatives. If a friend is not around, or you are not satisfied with your progress, then talk with one of the psychologists at the Student Counselling Centre. They will help you explore some of the relevant variables in your situation and work with you on coping with the current circumstances. This should also provide you with expertise for handling, or preempting future "downs."

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grant to six hundred and fifty dollars. Mark Crossman (Commerce) spoke against the amendment, he warned Council that the Grants committee had only sixteen hundred and forty-five dollars left and several other groups to deal with. The amendment was defeated and the Law Society had to be satisfied with the lower figure.

Odds and ends:

Some promise came about for a varied Entertainment program when council authorized the use of the Other Entertainment Revenue for Musical and Dramatic Productions. Apparently Pier One's artistic director will be hired to put on a production using Dal Students.

Council was told that CKDU was not yet broadcasting in Fenwick and the Residences because of problems in ordering transmission equipment. It took the university so long to provide the necessary building blueprints that the equipment was no longer in stock. The end of the month

Talk It Up!

Voluntary, free, non-credit conversation groups will welcome all interested (students and others) in practicing and improving their spoken French in an informal atmosphere.

Meetings will be held 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in Room B258 (Killam Library basement). To participate, simply come and introduce yourself (in French or in English!) to the group leader from Monday January 16th on.

Note: The Dalhousie French Club also offers French conversation on Friday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Blue Room, Cameron House, Howe Hall.

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