

McGill Daily editor fired

MONTREAL (CUP)—After three hours of debate, the Students' Council of McGill University Tuesday night fired Mark Wilson, editor of the McGill Daily, the campus student newspaper. The reason given was that Wilson had not registered at the university as a student.

During the meeting, students' council members made it clear they disagreed with Wilson's editorial radicalism.

Wilson pointed out that it was impossible to be a student and at the same time do a competent job as editor of a university daily.

When a councillor suggested at the meeting that a referendum be held on Wilson's status, the Daily editor told the council to "stop screwing around" and make up their minds. The council voted 9-4 to fire him. Wednesday night, the council met and appointed law student Chris Portner as interim editor of the Daily. Portner, a moderate, apparently has the respect of both the council and the Daily staff.

Portner has declared he would be "very much more comfortable" if the Daily staff remained to work under him, but following a staff meeting the staff resigned.

They will meet Sunday to decide if they will forward one of their own number to apply for the permanent editorship of the paper.

Applications for that position close next Wednesday.

The staff had told Tuesday's council meeting they would not work as a collectivity for an interim editor who was not of their own choosing.

Wilson said there are at least seven college newspapers in the country edited by full time non-students—none of them daily papers.

But he said that if the Students'

Council was determined to keep what he called "the hypocrisy," he might sign up as a part-time student.

Although McGill students last year voted approval to a new constitution, it has not been approved by the university's Academic Senate, and the campus is still legally bound by a constitution which states the Daily editor must be a registered student.

Three issues of the Daily have been published so far this year.

Phone directory improved—scheduled for November 1st

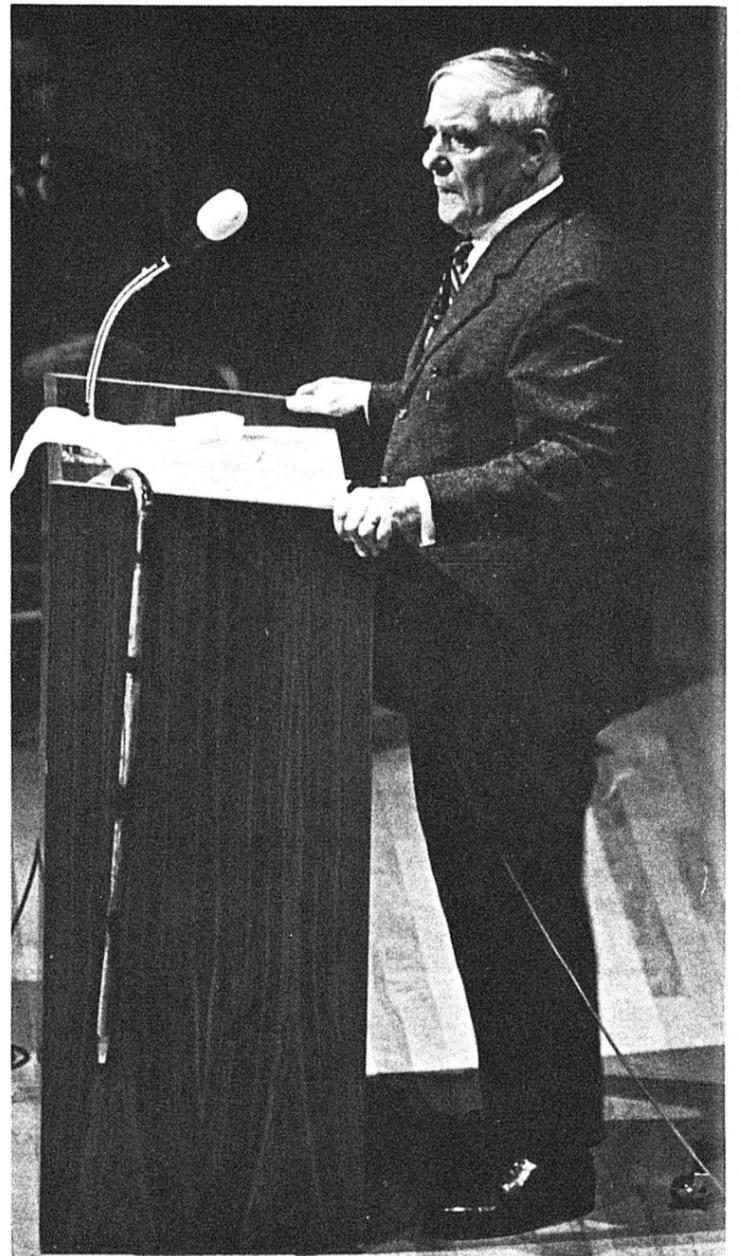
This year's telephone directory, scheduled to be available November 1, promises to be an improvement over last year's. Last year's had mistakes varying from dark illegible pictures and poor alphabetizing to photos with misplaced names.

Although the general format will be similar, the cost is to be considerably less. Last year's cost was \$4,000 because of contractors' expenses, while this year it will be approximately \$2,000. This difference is due to a change in construction methods.

The students' union has under-

taken more of the work itself with the final binding being done by National Student Yearbooks Ltd. The alphabetizing will be done by computer methods, thus minimizing errors and the possibility of darkened photos appearing will be lessened by the standardizing of each photo, page by page. Also included this year is an improved quality of cover.

L. White, director of this year's telephone book, says the trend will not stop here. The yearly edition will continue to improve itself until eventually it will pay its own expenses.



"PHYSICS HAS A LARGER AND LARGER INFLUENCE on human civilization," said visiting Russian scientist Dr. Peter Kapitza at the Rutherford Memorial Lecture. Dr. Kapitza's lecture covered "Electronics of High Power" and dealt with the methods and problems involved in the production of high amounts of electricity.

Committee begins study of student-controlled housing

The Graduate Students' Association Housing Committee is beginning a feasibility study on its proposal for student-operated housing on campus.

Dennis Cann, Chairman of the GSA committee, expects the study will be completed within a month. The graduate students are being assisted by architect Peter Hemingway who has been appointed prime consultant for the project.

The principle of student-operated housing was given favorable consideration by the Board of Governors earlier this year.

The proposal calls for a diversified housing complex on a site north of SUB, including bachelor, one and two-bedroom apartments along with room clusters providing as many as four bedrooms.

It is hoped the low-rise structure would provide housing for 600 people including single graduate students, some childless married couples and senior students in the Faculties of Law and Medicine.

The GSA committee will also study the building operation, maintenance and caretaking, lease, parking and co-ordination with the other U of A housing.

It is expected the Graduate Students' Association will operate under a lease-back self-supporting arrangement from the university. The estimated cost of the complex is about \$4 million.

The earliest date for completion of the housing units is the fall of 1971 and, in all probability, not until the following year.

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