



student union hierarchy

The community. The university. Two entities.

Community action. Social events. Two orientations.

When will the university realize and accept the fact that it must participate in the community and accept responsibility for what it does?

This four-page supplement on the hierarchy of the Dalhousie Student Union is basically an attempt to increase understanding of what this university is all about.

The questions we asked were straightforward — to let people know as simply as possible what these people think of this "union" of students and this university.

Council members will be interviewed next week.

The raison d'être for this supplement is that we feel this Student Council and this university are not serving the interests of students as a whole. To understand why they are not serving our interests, it is necessary to understand what these structures are and how they operate.

The "flow" chart is the summation of what we believe to be the real power structure in our "union". There is an obvious contradiction between our flow chart and the one that is contained in the constitution.

This article and the ones to follow will explain why there is this contradiction between theory and reality. Hopefully, there will be results. We will also be submitting a brief to the Committee on Alternate Government (which needs student members).

Up until now, The Dalhousie Union of Students has been a misnomer. To be effective, it must take on the aspects of a union, not a corporation.

a few notes . . .

There are four student representatives on the Board of Governors but:

"The representatives nominated shall be subject to approval and appointment by the Board of Governors."

— constitution regulation #27 (3)

By-Law 1 (2): "Nothing in these By Laws shall be deemed to contravene the authority and responsibility of the University Board of Governors and the Senate."

The Internal Affairs Secretary, Communications Secretary, and the SUB Affairs Secretary are appointed by a committee of council.

The Student Union executive (constitution regulation 5) are (a) the President (b) the Vice-President (c) Treasurer and (d) two council members, appointed by council.

The SUB Operations Committee is made up of the SUB Affairs Secretary and an even number of students up to eight.

There are two elected students on the Senate.

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