

Council Briefs

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The last Grant awarded this year went to the Sodales debating club, which received \$150. A motion to raise the grant by \$25 was defeated. Dan Edgar, Engineering rep, commented, "Everyone else who comes here, (for money) we kill, so why should we raise the grant?" \$185 now remains in the fund.

Andrew Lynk, Arts rep, noted that there was a void of the "anti-calendar", the teacher evaluation that used to be published with Student Union funding. He felt students should be warned against professors who were unintelligible or who expected skills in first year level course other than those mentioned in the calendar. Keith Evans replied that it would require \$6500 to fund an adequate evaluation and council was only able to fund previous guides to the tune of \$2000. It was suggested that the Ombudsman handle most academic complaints and that societies supply her with information on poor teaching and teachers.

Tony Kelly, Secretary and Co-ordinator of AFS, spoke to Council about the March 30 protest demonstration against cutbacks and the decline of education quality. Council voted to establish a committee to organize students for the demonstration.

Kelly also made an appeal for support of the case of Acadia student, Peter Sutcliffe, who is suing Acadia's Board of Governors for fees kept when he dropped out last term. Sutcliffe lost his first case but has good

chances for winning an appeal. Kelly was delighted to find that council supported the case by donating the \$185 left in grants. Several council members grumbled that the money should go towards publishing the *Gazette*.

Dalplex received a commitment of \$350,000 in principle from council. (the terms of payment to be worked out) Dave Angus, vice-president of Dalhousie History Society, raised the question of whether students should bear the cost of a project that potentially profits administration. Council members argued that athletic facilities attract more students and provide student employment. They felt part-payment would give students more political leverage against the administration.

Council announced that the Drug Plan referendum results were approved in a general meeting of students last Friday before the forum with Premier Regan and George Mitchell. The \$4.00 increase won by a vote of 11-0 with one abstention.

Under new business, Engineering rep., Dan Edgar, moved to bar the students responsible for the pieing of Robert Sampson and Premier Regan from the SUB for one year. Gail Rudderham, Student Union treasurer, called the pieing a serious offence and felt such punishment should be applied as the incident reflected badly on Dalhousie students.

Amidst cries of "whips and chains" and "more pies", the motion was put to a vote and defeated by a 14-2 count. A subsequent motion asking that the piers be given a special Student Union award for markmanship was dismissed by the chair as "frivolous".

Parking problems

To alleviate the problem of fewer parking spaces at Dalhousie, the University Parking Committee has held talks with the City of Halifax to release the lot of land behind the Fire Hall and Civic Hospital on the corner of Robie Street and University Avenue. The City is interested in leasing up to forty-five spaces to Dalhousie as soon as the exchange of two minor parcels of land with the Children's Hospital is concluded.

There are two other small areas being looked into at the present time; one is an area surrounded by Robie Street, University Avenue, and Edward Street for up to 30 automobiles behind the houses owned by the university, the other is near the corner of Robie Street and Coburg Road which would accommodate 15-30 cars.

The University Parking Committee is an advisory committee appointed through the President's Office. The committee consists of representatives from faculty, the student body, administration and staff, and reports through the Vice-President of University Services.

In September, 1977, when this committee first met, there were 2,205 parking spaces available and 2,080 regular permits were sold—approximately one-half to students and the other half to faculty and staff. Daily parking, at 75 cents per day, was available at two locations - Sir James Dunn lot (565 spaces) and Cohn lot (154 spaces). The spaces in the paylots are included in the 2,205 total.

Due to a recent land transaction between Dalhousie and the Province of Nova Scotia, Dalhousie has lost the Paradise lot (80 spaces on February 1, 1978 and the remaining 80 on June 1, 1978) as well as all sixty-five spaces in the Physiotherapy lot. The new dental complex will also absorb the 138 spaces in the Furrest and Pharmacy lots in the near future.

Of the 363 spaces lost, or to be lost in the near future, approximately 120 spaces were occupied by employees of the Victoria General Hospital and Grace Maternity Hospital, therefore, by the end of June, Dalhousie will have lost 243 spaces which have regularly been occupied by faculty, staff and students.

The committee is aware that the squeeze is on the Carleton campus permit holders, and they emphasize that more will have to be made of the lots off University Ave., such as Glengary Apts., Law Building,

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