

Council Crushes Residents

By Andrew Cochran

Howe Hall residents were defeated in an attempt to add a voting representative to Student's Council at its last meeting, September 22.

A strong and spirited delegation turned out to support the proposal, but their efforts met with qualified opposition. The group maintained that the residents are a cohesive body, and were in fact "the main core of the campus", delivering the "greatest support of any students group on campus".

It was added that the 420 in Howe Hall and the 400 in Sheriff Hall were largely responsible for the election of many of the present council members. Furthermore, it was by stated one of the residents that Mr. Gillis in campaign for Student Union President was "all for the idea of a voting member (from the residence) on council".

President Gillis denied the statement, and this was met by several cat-calls and expressions of disapproval. One of the audience was heard to say, "things are different now that he's elected!"

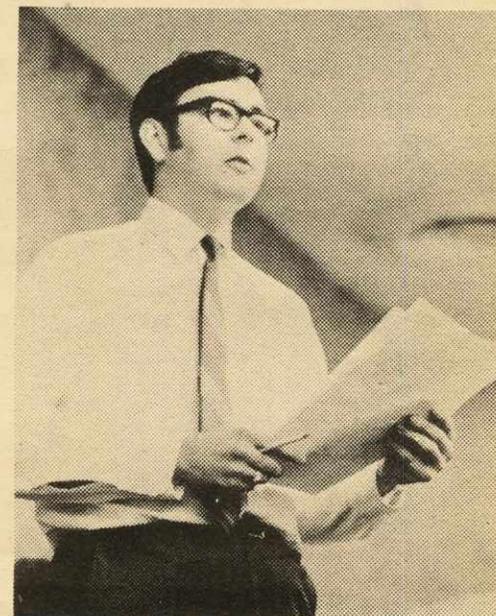
Most council members could not see how an additional voting member on the Council could more directly influence its decisions. The suggestion was extended that the group might better serve their ends by putting to use their efficient organization and seek out their faculty representatives on crucial matters.

At this point, the discussion became more than one of making an addition the Council membership; it evolved into the whole question of the problem of Council representivity and the need for constitutional revision.

Larry Fredericks graduate student's representative proclaimed that in his opinion the Council was "not really representing people on campus" and the "constitution was out of touch with reality". He went on to propose the need for a complete change in the basis of the Council's structure. To the resident students he said, "in terms of a democratic structure, you're at a fantastic advantage: your represent would probably really represent you!"

Law rep Bob Hamilton agreed with Mr. Fredericks' position, and posed the question "Are we really representing the university?"

These opinions seemed to gain general support from the other members, but at the same time it was felt that granting the requested voting member would not really aide the cause. Therefore the motion fell to defeat by a vote of 5 for, 10 opposed, 4 abstentions. Yet the principal involved was accepted, in that it was decided that definite moves would be made to interpret the role and representivity of Council to the student body, with hopes for sweeping constitutional reforms.



NO DICE!

By Julie McMahon

University president Dr. Henry Hicks is not enthusiastic about a recent council decision to withdraw the names submitted by the council for appointment to the Board of Governors.

In a telephone interview with the Gazette Dr. Hicks commented that he had not heard of the motion previously, but that the Board could not be asked to reconsider new candidates if a decision had already been made.

He pointed out that it is up to the Student Union to decide what authority is to be granted to its executive and the Board would not involve itself with Council deliberations.

At a joint council meeting last year, this year's council and its predecessor approved the following names suggested by their executive as the union's appointments to the Board - John Graham, Student Union general manager for a three-year term; Bruce Gillis, Student Union president, for a one-year term; and A. Randall Smith, last year's Student Union president, also for a one-year term.

Although council president Gillis agreed with Dr. Hicks that once having obtained guaranteed seats, Council could then choose its own procedures of election, he said he had contacted the Executive Secretary of the Board, Mr. D. H. McNeill, who had informed him it was unorthodox but possible to change the names of candidates for the Board. Gillis told the Gazette that he had made a number attempts to contact Dr. Hicks but was unable to get a hold of him.

Hand In Hand

A motion was passed at the last Senate meeting approving a preliminary proposal for cooperation between Dalhousie and Mount St. Vincent universities.

A more legal document will be presented later for approval of the Senates, Boards of Governors and Presidents of both institutions.

One part of the agreement states that "Mount Saint Vincent sees itself as a multi-faculty college in the University of Dalhousie..."

The agreement also says that the Mount will remain a woman's college "insofar as emphasis and residences are concerned" but "co-educational insofar as use of facilities, courses and activities are concerned."

The agreement is an attempt to prevent duplication of facilities and to allow mutual access to the resources of both universities.

The agreement is for an initial period of five years from September 1969.

The Mount will continue to offer the same degrees, but cooperation will be exercised in the B. Sc. programme in nursing and the B. Sc. and graduate courses in Home Economics.

Students fees will be paid to their respective Student Councils with the stipulation that a student may voluntarily, pay the fees of both and receive the corresponding privileges.



Housing Action

Dalhousie's Graduate Student Association distributed pamphlets on campus Tuesday, calling on students to work together to fight housing and parking problems at Dalhousie. The pamphlets which were distributed throughout the campus called on the Student Council to involve itself in the crucial issue of housing.

The leaflet criticized landlords who rented poor accommodations to students, realizing that they had a "captive audience" in students. Dedicating itself to the cause of working with the rest of the student body on the problems, the Grad Students Office and asked those who wished to become personally involved to sign up for an or-them in the Grad Students Office and asked those who wish ed to become personally involved to sign up for an organizational meeting of students interested in combatting the current situation.

Where?

The overcrowded condition of the Dalhousie campus was brought to the fore again on Monday night when, at the Student Council meeting, Richard Rogers of D.G.D.S. informed council that D.G.D.S. was in need of a permanent theatre and rehearsal area. Rogers painted a gloomy picture for the future of D.G.D.S. if a suitable space was not found soon.

D.G.D.S. requires a room large enough to present a full production in, yet small enough so as not to lose contact with the audience. The room must have a minimum of obstructions, such as pillars, but a full thrust stage was not felt to be necessary. Provision for the permanent mounting of lights is one of the main requirements.

The McInnis Room is ideal for D.G.D.S. work, but it is not always available, as it is used by many other organizations for diverse functions. It was suggested that Room 1 in King's College be used, but this would entail the moving around of chairs and lights every evening. It is also impractical to use either the cafeteria or the conversation pit.

Council expressed an understanding of the situation and agreed to investigate the feasibility of other sites.

Alderman Concerned

Dalhousie's rapid expansion has at least one Halifax alderman worried.

Hedley G. Ivany is not opposed to the university expansion - "I know Dalhousie has to expand but I think some long-range planning should be done in consultation with the city's planning board" he said.

Dalhousie has been gradually expanding into what was once a strictly residential area and is attempting to persuade the Halifax planning board to rezone sections of Ward Two.

A week-ago Wednesday, Dalhousie approached the city planning board to have a residential section of Ward Two, bordering on South Street, rezoned for institutional and park use so a six-story heating plant can be built on some land recently purchased by the university.

"Admittedly Dalhousie is one of our (Halifax's) biggest industries . . . But how would you feel if you had worked and saved for 20 years to buy a house and then learned that a sugar refinery, a ship-yard or Dalhousie was going to build a six-story heating plant with two 200 foot smoke stacks along the back of your property" the Ward Two alderman added.

"I supported Dalhousie when they wanted to run their tunnel under the streets and opposed the City Council's plan to charge the university extra money for replacing the pavement when they promised to repave the streets themselves" Alderman Ivany said.

"But, something has to be done. Our residential areas are just being cut up like meatballs... and there just isn't enough serviced land to go around."

(Serviced land is land with sewers, water and electricity supplied)

Now, due mainly to the housing shortage "The city is being forced to go out into the rough and service unserviced land. . . and it is estimated it will cost the city some 90 million dollars to service land over the next few years." Ivany continued.

According to alderman Ivany, uncontrolled university expansion will aggravate the present problem if some joint long-term planning is not done between the university and the city.

However a solution to the problem may be forthcoming. A meeting has been planned between J.G. Sykes, the university's director of planning and development and the city planning board to discuss the university's long-range expansion program.



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