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Publication still in danger

Ansul escapes budget cut

by Peter Doyle

By a vote of 37-32, the editors of the Dalhousie Law Students publication, the Ansul, narrowly escaped a motion which would have requested them to return \$600 of \$1000 alloted by the society to the publication.

Perhaps however, this merely saved the Law Society a legal debate as to whether or not the editors would legally have to return the money.

One Law student was heard to say, "Whether or not we can, doesn't affect the validity of trying to get it back."

"I think we would have definitely contemplated refusing to return the money", stated co-editor Veryan Haysom. He, with Dennis Patterson, has attempted to make the publication more relevant to both the Law students and the community.

Incoming Law Society President Fred Sagel, in moving the narrowly defeated motion, spoke loosely of money being "improperly spent".

Criticism of the editors centred on the fact that

although money had been allocated to the Ansul on the basis of five issues being published, only one had actually been distributed. The editors assured those present that one issue was presently at the printers, that several technical problems had beset them, and that the third and fourth issues would be out before the final examinations were over. The fifth issue would be finished in the summer.

Last year the Ansul and the law Society faced a similar dilemna in that a promised fifth issue was not in fact completed.

A few minutes prior to the Law Society meeting the third year class held a brief entente, at which class president Frank Borowsky hinted about "some money being available as the course of the (Law Society) meeting continues". The money, it was alluded, might be made available to the annual drunk — the Third Year Banquet — if the third year class attended the meeting. A warning was sounded of a possible "conspiracy" of first and second year people to block the

move

At the meeting, Borowsky moved that the Ansul budget be reduced even more drastically — down to \$200, stating that "considerable harm has been done to the reputation of the Law School".

But when it was alleged that the reason behind the attack on the Ansul concealed a bid to push more money into the Third Year Ball, a loud outcry was raised from the section of the room containing mostly third year people.

The problems of the Ansul however, are far from over. Law Society President Sagel is unlikely to be sympathetic to the publication and allegedly favours encouraging law students to do work on the new Dean's International Law Journal.

Many Law students question how much support the Ansul will be given by the new Dean and the old editors point out with misgivings the lack of student participation in the present publication.

Library restricted

Student protest, 18 arrests at U of T

by Bruce M. Lantz

Toronto City police arrested 18 people at the University of Toronto last Sunday night after about 30 students had occupied the Senate Chambers.

Two of those arrested were the newly-elected President of the Student Administrative Council and the editor of the Varsity, U of T's student newspaper. All are now free on bail.

The occupation was in protest of a decision to refuse undergraduate students and the general community access to the stacks of the 14-storey John Robarts Research Library. This building, constructed with provincial assistance on the basis of square feet of floor space per student, is one of the largest "poured cement" structures in the world.

In ratifying the decision made by the Library Council, the Senate was ignoring nearly 4000 petitions demanding free entry. Two days previous to the occupation the students had occupied the library and remained there all night.

The demands of the students were simply that the stacks be opened to the general student community. Since the arrests, these have been expanded to include the dropping of charges against those arrested and the firing of acting president Jack Sword, who called in the police. Sword was the man who got a court injunction against the Wacheea tent community at U of T last summer.

In removing the occupants of the Senate Chambers, the police

broke open the chamber doors and kicked one student in the head.

University officials have claimed that a restricted stack usage policy is necessary because "the stacks would be overcrowded and the undergrads would be likely to misplace books as they glanced through the stack collection".

About 4500 students at the

25,000-student university will have full access to the library's stack collections. Other students will have to order books from the stacks, using the card catalogues as their sole source of information.

At this time the plans of the students are not known but a mass meeting will be held to decide on a course of action, probably a mass occupation.

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General admittance to the new John Robarts Library at U of T has been refused, resulting in massive protests and the arrests of 18 persons following an occupation of the Senate Chambers.