

## Council briefs

--meeting of Sunday, January 23rd.  
February 16 was formally set as the date for both the council elections and the AFS/FEA and NUS referenda.

Council voted to do nothing for SUB employees who work after the buses stop running and so must pay for taxis.

Council members debated for one half hour on the merits of receiving free passes to the Winter Carnival Ball. Carnival committee members only allotted eight free tickets to council, since the remainder of tickets are to be sold, or given to committee workers. Most council members felt that they should be entitled to go since they are allowed \$100 worth of activities, free of charge.

Mike Sherar, speaking for the Grants Committee, informed council that \$150 is to be given to the Women and the Law Association; \$160 to the Arab History Society and \$325 to the Public Administration Society. The Rugby Club was refused a grant due to lack of plans and the Biology Association was denied \$400 because the Science Rep requested it not be taken out of the Science Council budget.

Appointments made at this week's council meeting were Robert Sampson to the Ombudsman Review Commission; Dan Edgar to the Energy Commission as well as being approved as an interim engineering representative.

The Dalhousie Student Union agreed to "actively lobby the government" for increased wages in the Young Canada Works program. Maritime School of Social Work students, Joan Conrad and Jeff Hawkins, approached Council with the proposal saying that the wages did not allow students to save the required amount of earnings for a Canada Student Loan. The lobbying will be handled through External Affairs.

Mansour and MacKinnon were ratified as editors of the **Gazette**.

## Council gets freebies

by Nigel Allen

Despite the fact that their complimentary tickets weren't budgeted for, student council members will have free admission to all Winter Carnival events, including the ball Feb. 4, as a result of 45 minutes debate Sunday. Unlike carnival organizers, including the council executive, who get free admission to everything themselves, councillors will have to pay for their beer mugs at the Bare-Bear Beer Bash this Saturday, carnival chairman Kamal Chopra said Monday.

At Sunday's council meeting, Chopra protested that the Winter Carnival budget, drawn up with the help of treasurer Patrick J. Stewart, could not stand giving \$10 ball tickets to all councillors. "We'd lose \$500 if all council participated in all events," he said.

Normally, council's free admission comes because while the student union sells enough tickets to fill the room (in the case of the ball, the McInnis Room) to the maximum number allowed by fire regulations, it lets in a further 10 percent non-paying "float", which is the maximum they can get away with. But Chopra said Sunday that he had given complimentary ball tickets to carnival committee members, the student union executive, and senior administration people as a "traditional common courtesy". Admitting all student council, he claimed, would put the attendance over the 10 percent "float".

Council remained intractable, insisting that the \$100 worth of

entertainment passes were theirs by right, as honoraria (councillors receive no cash salaries), and Monday Chopra mentioned that he was considering putting 250, rather than the fire limit of 260, tickets on sale. Cutting back by ten tickets will cost \$100 in unearned money.

Council treasurer Stewart was asked why the budget hadn't provided for council complimentary tickets. "The day I structure a budget around 32 council freebies," he replied, "is the day I leave office." Stewart will receive free admission to all council events, and, unlike councillors, will receive a free beer mug at Saturday's beer bash. For the ball, he'd "rather have too few freebies than too many."

Emotions ran high at the council meeting Sunday, with councillor Ken Langille, who has used none of his \$100 entertainment allocation, protesting that councillors deserved free Carnival passes as a "matter of principle." After 45 minutes of debate, council chairman Sandy Ball said "let's put an end to this" and ended debate.

Monday, Chopra, complaining about council's "lust for freebies", said of council "if they want to nitpick, I'll nitpick back." Evidently anticipating future trouble with council, he spoke Monday of the chaos the carnival would fall into if he were fired the day before carnival started. Several times, he returned to the point that council could be impeached, as it almost was in 1971, and disparaged council as "self-serving, lustful and stupid."

Returning to the question of the Bare-Bear Beer Bash at the Halifax Armouries (Manege Militaire d'-Halifax), Chopra proudly noted that the bash will be the largest event ever sponsored by the student union. "We've banned raincoats to stop beer fights," he noted, "and we'll have a Halifax policeman outside the door, and SUB staff inside."

## U.P.E.I. Newman conference

This past weekend at U.P.E.I. students from the Atlantic Region participated in the Atlantic Regional Newman Conference.

The Halifax Universities, Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent and Saint Mary's were well represented. The theme of the conference, "Faith on Campus", was discussed and presentations from the Universities and the discussion groups were given.

The guest speaker was Brother Anthony, a hermit from Rodgersville, New Brunswick, he spoke on prayer and scripture. Brother Anthony is a former medical doctor who worked in missionary communities around the world.

The thrust of the Conference was to demonstrate to the delegates the faith and love of God shown by people like Brother Anthony and Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

The delegation from Dalhousie requested to host the Conference in 1978, this request was accepted by the delegates with the recommendation that Dalhousie be assisted by the Mount and Saint Mary's Newman Clubs.

If any reader is interested in the Newman Conference they should contact the Chaplaincy office, in the SUB, for information.

# What in God's name are you doing?

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If they persist, if they make you feel like some dim-wit robot programmed by someone else, maybe you should bless the questions, take advantage of the time-out, and think.

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