

GAZETTE issue unresolved

Action taken by Council on entertainment; course evaluation budget passed

by Doug Mitchell

On Thursday, February 15, the present Student Council held what was to be their final regular meeting. As the GAZETTE issue was to be discussed, the Council chambers were filled with spectators. Council began by disposing of grants recommended by the Grants Committee. The African Students Society received \$300,

Frontier College, \$400; the Commerce Society, \$375; and the Transition Year Programme, \$300.

The office of the Internal Affairs Secretary was then abolished, with transferral of duties from this position to the Vice-President.

The budget presented by the Course Evaluation Committee was then unanimously ap-

proved. Course evaluations, to cover all undergraduate courses in the Faculty of Arts and Science, will be carried out some time around the end of March. Expected cost is around \$3000.00.

Arts Rep Peter Dwyer then brought up the topic of the entertainment conference to be held in Cincinnati the week of February 20. Dwyer questioned why Brian Smith, President, and Stu Barry, SUB Affairs Secretary, were both going to this conference, while Lennie Edmunds, the newly appointed Orientation Committee Chairman, was not.

Dwyer pointed out that the purpose of the conference is to view bands who might be asked to play at Dalhousie in the future. As such, he maintained that it was only logical that the Orientation Chairman should go.

Dwyer further noted that the choice of who would attend rested with the Executive. When he approached Vice-President John MacKeigan about the matter, MacKeigan didn't even know about the conference.

Smith denied that the final decision had been made by the Executive. He maintained that the choice had been made by John Graham, General Manager, in consultation with Clem Norwood, Director of Operations. After further debate, Member-at-Large Dan O'Connor moved that Smith and Barry be removed from the conference list, and that Lennie Edmunds should go in their

place. Only Member-at-Large Carter opposed the change.

Finally, the matter which brought most of the spectators to the meeting, the GAZETTE editorship, was brought up. The present editor, Ken MacDougall, offered to resign. Council rejected the offer by a vote 7 to 5.

Before the vote was taken, however, things reached extreme emotional peaks during periods of the debate.

Gary Blaikie, the Treasurer, asked MacDougall why he was offering his resignation. MacDougall replied that he felt the former GAZETTE staff was throwing out red herrings to students. The former staff was maintaining that he was unqualified, yet he had been able to put out an issue, and would be able to gather qualified advisors to teach staffers anything he might not know.

He drew attention to the fact that the revenue for the first issue was in excess of \$720, the highest figure ever recorded by the paper.

Former staff member Bob Pottle asked why it had been necessary to call in a member of the Scotian Journalist staff to assist in the layout. MacDougall replied that this was not true, and that the paper had been written and laid out by his staff.

Dan O'Connor, seeing nothing was being resolved, asked the members of the GAZETTE if they would consider working with MacDougall on the GAZETTE, if Council were to accept his resignation. Former

editor Wanamaker, speaking for the GAZETTE staff, stated that what they were fighting for was a change in the constitution, which would give GAZETTE staffers the right to choose their own editor. As MacDougall's resignation would only have returned the matter to Council, they could not agree.

Lynanne Sharpe, Pharmacy rep, questioned the validity of many of the 1,000 signatures on the petition circulated by the GAZETTE staffers. She felt that many people have a tendency to sign petitions without really knowing what they were signing. A spectator countered this, questioning how many votes cast during Council elections were valid under those terms. The validity of the signatures should not be questioned by Council, he maintained.

Many of the Council members appeared to be seeking some sort of compromise, yet felt that accepting MacDougall's resignation would be pointless.

After the offer to resign was defeated, debate degenerated, and Tom Carter moved that the meeting be adjourned. Amidst cries of "What about other business?" the motion narrowly carried.

Members stated afterward that the meeting should have continued, so that some other course of action could be pursued. As such, the matter is now being left up to the new Council to resolve.

Yoga course evaluated

by Andrew Ware

In the first part of January, 1973, yoga was offered for the first time in the history of the school of Physical Education at Dalhousie. The offering was on a tentative basis and was aimed at giving Physical Education students a basic introduction to yoga.

Over eighty P.E. 105 (Scientific Foundations of Physical Activity) students received one lecture and one practical session from Mr. Jim Khona, professional yoga teacher in the Halifax area.

After the sessions were over the students were asked to evaluate their reactions on three questionnaires. The students were asked not to indicate their names which may have contributed to the moderate returns—a little over 50 percent. However, the responses can be considered as giving valuable information on student reaction for future proposals.

The students felt that the introduction to yoga had been extremely interesting and stimulating to them, that the sessions had been extremely well planned, organized and conducted, that the subject matter had been extremely relevant and meaningful to their purposes, and, finally, that they had felt strong personal involvement during the two lectures and had gained many new insights.

Evaluating the instructor, Mr. Jim Khona, on another questionnaire, the students expressed the following opinions. The instructor was perceived as extremely well prepared, and very relaxed and natural in his presentations. The students noted that he was quite easy to understand, quite broadminded and respectful towards them. Finally he was seen by the students as extremely friendly and there was a unanimous verdict that the students would welcome the

instructor again should the opportunity arise.

Students also responded freely to predetermined questions.

1. To a question of their reactions to the yoga sessions, over 90 percent of the responses were favourable. Typical reactions were "enjoyed very much"—"very interesting"—"impressed."

2. To a question whether yoga should be offered as a credit course at Dalhousie University, only one student expressed a negative opinion. Typical reactions were "yes"—"sure"—"why not."

3. To a question on whether they would themselves take part in yoga if it was offered, 90 percent of the students responded favourably. Typical reactions were "certainly"—"possibly"—"yes".

4. Finally students were requested to express any other feelings they had on yoga. Some of the responses are as follows: "Great, the best exercise I ever got"—"Would be great to have it as a course"—"Good class, really enjoyed it."

In summary—it seems that the students reacted in an extremely favourable manner and unanimously felt that yoga should be offered as a credit course in their curriculum.

It is to be hoped that the expressed needs of these students will be met by Dalhousie University soon.

Any student or member of faculty who wishes to procure a copy of all the original data concerning this survey, should contact Dr. Jukka Laitakari, assistant professor of Health Education, at the School of Physical Education.

Law Society holds elections

The Law Students' Society held its annual elections for officers and the model parliament on Thursday, February 15. The turnout was about 70 percent. Jim MacPherson was elected President, Tammy Dunnet, Vice-President and Bob Bamford is the new Secretary-Treasurer.

In his campaign, MacPherson emphasized greater stress on academic matters by the Society. The quality of law students' classroom experience, input into a review of course structure and re-

evaluation of one hundred per cent final exams were the specific items mentioned. He also stressed a series of wide-ranging confrontatory discussions to replace the present program of speeches by political and legal figures. Seminars with members of the Halifax legal community and an evaluation of Domus Legis (the law house) were mentioned.

Tammy Dunnet's main proposals were a stress on the new Law Students' Council, a Friday afternoon cocktail, and more funding of the Society by the Student Union. She sees her primary job as accessibility. Bob Bamford suggested a

monthly raffle to raise funds, and takeover of Domus by the Society.

In the model parliament elections, the Socialist Party led the polls with 86 votes, getting 15 seats in the house. The Conservatives were a close second, getting 14 seats. The Royal Canadian Monarchist Party (R.C.M.P.) and the Newfoundland and Cape Breton Federalist Alliance Party have 11 seats each. It would seem that a coalition government is in store this year. This will be the second year that there has been a coalition. Last year the Conservatives were put into power by an alliance with the R.C.M.P. against the Liberals.

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