

Citizens condemn condominium

by Alan Adams

A proposed 30 unit condominium to be constructed by the Armour Group of Halifax on the Jubilee Boat Club property has initiated neighbourhood concern and protest over the project.

J.D. Solomon, Co-Chairperson for a Citizens Committee protesting the condominium, said "it's not the developer, it's just that it is a large development" in an area zoned as prime residential. He added "the site is essentially too small for the development. It will disturb the view."

Fellow Co-Chairperson, Margaret Haliburton stated "the area should be zoned as park and institutional." She added that the use of the only public access to the North West Arm will be hampered by the development, "not to mention the loss to tourists." Haliburton said the view of the Arm will be obstructed by the structure.

The President of the Halifax Home Owners Association, Margaret Stanbury, said the association is "strongly opposed" to a condominium in that area. She said she hopes the city "won't give in to a builder just to make a few tax

dollars. (Halifax City would receive over \$55,000 in taxes as compared to a little over \$5,000 they presently receive from the property.)

The Citizens Committee is also concerned with the depreciation in value of area homes by the presence of the apartments. J.D. Solomon said "if this area goes then everything goes."

The Citizens Committee has circulated a petition to residents in both the immediate area of concern and neighbouring streets. Haliburton explained that a 91.1% response against construction came from the immediate residents while 95.6% of neighbours signed against the construction.

Halifax City Manager, Paul Calda, has endorsed the proposal. In a report to the Mayor and City councillors Calda stated "The neighbourhood will be completely residential if the Jubilee Boat Club is replaced by the development and hence more stable. . . the proposal provides family-type accommodation and therefore will be compatible in character."



R.A. Prime, the Manager for Armour Group concerned with the project said a revised proposal has been formulated and brought to council. He explained the new proposal

"moves the condominium westward 45 feet, therefore not obstructing the view of the Arm." Prime added that because of the nature of condominiums "it will in-

crease the value of their property, not decrease it." Prime feels the proposal "has been viewed by citizens who probably do not know what has been proposed."

SUNS heats up at Churchpoint

CHURCH POINT, N.S. (CUP)—Representatives to a weekend conference of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) decided they would have information days in February on issues facing students. At the meeting, hosted by the Université Ste-Anne, delegates voiced concern about pending tuition increases.

"We must find out what students know about tuition increases", said SUNS chairperson, B.J. Arsenault of Acadia. "And then we should tell them what they can do about them."

"Students don't want to pay higher tuition", said Mike MacDonald from the College of Cape Breton. "They're angry and we must give them an outlet."

senate wants

Longer academic year

A Senate motion to extend classes to December 22 next year was tabled this week. According to the motion the University Almanac would read class time and the exam period would be extended one academic week in the fall term more than this year.

Although student representatives on Senate agree with the need to add an extra week to the academic year they feel it should be tacked on at the beginning of the term rather than extended into the Christmas break.

Senate representative Norm Epstein said, "it would make more sense to start the year along with all the other universities rather than students to have to lose employment opportunities over the

The information days will be organized through on-campus committees and then reviewed at the next SUNS plenary. SUNS is awaiting the funding announcements from the provincial government before plans for spring action will be made.

Delegates felt unable to take a stand on the provincial government's possible implementation of differential fees for foreign students. Although all but one student at the conference felt personally opposed to the higher fees, they felt their campuses should first be educated about the issue before SUNS takes a position.

SUNS will, however, carry out an information campaign to "dispell the myths about differential fees."

break because they will not be available until such a late date. Most students finish work at the end of August or early September," he said.

Epstein and other student Senators have initiated a petition they hope to present as a survey at the next Senate meeting, slated for February 12. The survey states: "We the undersigned students believe that it is in the best interests of all concerned to have the Almanac commencing one week prior to the previous year's, rather than ending one week later at Christmas break."

Student council members will be speaking in favour of the petition in their classes, he said.

"We have to look at where the government is coming from with this idea", said Gene Long, Atlantic Fieldworker for the National Union of Students. "The increase in fees would only be a drop in the bucket. There is a systematic attack against keeping foreign students in the country", he said.

A three-person committee was established to prepare a brief on student aid. "Tuition goes up and student aid stays the same", said Jim Healey from St. Francis Xavier University. "We need to take a hard line on this." SUNS will soon be receiving nominations for a student rep on the student aid committee of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

The conference approved a budget of \$675 to carry out this year's work. SUNS will be asking for grants of \$100 from each of the province's institutions. Delegates also agreed to place their account in a credit union rather than in a bank which invests in countries with oppressive regimes, such as South Africa and Chile.

SUNS decided to send Arsenault as their representative to the early February National/Provincial meeting where plans will be made for a coordinated cross-country spring action. "This is the first time in the history of student unionism students will move together", Gene Long told the SUNS delegates.

The organization voted to recognize both the National Union of Students and the New Brunswick Coalition of

Students and to work with these organizations on common interests.

Delegates voiced disgust about the absence of Dalhousie University at the meeting. This is the second conference that Dal, the largest institution in the province, has failed to send a representative.

At a Dalhousie council meeting Sunday night, president Michael Power said that

four people were selected to go but all had backed out for different reasons.

"Our non-attendance is not due to specific or malicious policy", Power said. "SUNS can be assured of some sort of commitment for action."

The next SUNS plenary will take place at St. F.X. in Antigonish, the weekend of March 2.

GAE demo

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Over 20 people protesting censorship and discrimination in Canada picketed the office building housing the Halifax offices of Canada Customs on Tuesday. The protest was organized by the Halifax Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE).

GAE spokesperson Robin Metcalfe said the demonstration was held "to protest censorship and discrimination in general." He added that gay people are discriminated against more than others because of their sexual orientation. Metcalfe cited a 1977 Gallup Poll which showed that "a majority of Canadians support including sexual orientation in the Human Rights Code." He added that gay

people are not protected by human rights legislation at present.

Metcalfe said the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Halifax's two daily newspapers discriminate against the gay movement. "CBC Radio refuses to run public service announcements (PSA's) for gay groups, and the Chronicle-Herald and Mail-Star even refuse to put our announcements in the classified advertising section."

The demonstrators were treated to a street theatre presentation by GAE which depicted three ways in which censorship affects the gay movement.

