

GAZETTE STAFFERS AT CUP CONFERENCE

At the Atlantic Regional Conference of Canadian University Press held last week-end at St. Francis Xavier University, delegates approved a fee increase for the members of CUP and suggested various means of increasing co-operation between the national office and the member papers.

Delegates from Dalhousie were Mickey McEwen, Managing Editor, Gerry Levitz, Sports Editor, Sheila Russell, News Editor, Ed Schwartzberg, CUP Editor and August Visman, Staff Reporter. Of the five motions made at the conference and passed unanimously, four were made by the Gazette.

CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Friday night the assembled editors were addressed by Brian O'Connell, Public Relations Advisor at St. F.X. Mr. O'Connell discussed the problem university newspapers face in an age when "communications are falling down everywhere. There is a general lessening of interest in the paper."

Mr. O'Connell mourned the passing of the "academic bums" who have been driven out by more rigorous academic standards. Left behind is the more serious student who is unwilling to devote a lot of his time to the paper.

The entire student body should participate in the student newspaper, said Mr. O'Connell who advocated the opening of the columns to students who are not on the staff. He also advised the editors to "make your paper a happy blending of objective reporting and subjective opinion."

"You have a two-fold obligation," he told the editors, "to the students in general who are paying for the paper, and to the group of intellectuals on your campus, however, small that group may be."

FEE INCREASE

At Saturday's session, Roger McAfee, national CUP president addressed the delegates on the matter of a proposed fee increase for

member papers. At present, CUP is meeting its expenses, but does not have enough money to pay the salary of the national president. Under the new scheme, CUP will be able to guarantee the national president at least \$1700 a year. The new plan will mean an increase of \$70 for the Gazette; the fees will be \$175 for membership and \$70 for the travel pool. The delegates unanimously approved the increase in fees to be effective next year.

The conference also recommended that CUP extend an invitation to the SMU Journal to become a member paper of CUP. Dalhousie made motions which advocated increased co-operation on the part of the member papers in sending copy to the national office. This resolution followed a discussion on the quality of the CUP copy which papers have been receiving this year.

NFCUS AND CUP

The relationship between NFCUS and CUP was outlined by the national president for the benefit of some editors who were concerned that CUP might become the publicity organ for NFCUS. "NFCUS has never at any time tried to influence or control CUPU. Co-operation between the two is tremendous and yet there is no suggestion that we have to pay back any favours. NFCUS realizes that CUP is the only organization that can tangibly hold Canadian University students together."



What's that about sex Roger? — Dalhousie delegates to the Atlantic Regional CUP Conference at St. F. X. last week-end joke with Nat. CUP Pres., R. McAfee, seated centre.

SWEATERS, DANCES A PROBLEM

Council Thursday established two committees to investigate dances and sweaters.

A committee of two will work with Dave Geoge in investigating the question of Friday night dances.

At present there is no system for regulating the length of these dances, or the admission price.

"We don't regulate these dances at all," said Council president Al Robertson, "They can have an orgy there as far as we are concerned right now."

Councillors Carol Quigley and Graham Reid were appointed to submit to the committee a record of how much they have made.

SWEATERS

Jim Cowan and Dick Thompson the committee which will investigate the whole problem and ensure that council has control over the running of these dances.

Societies which have held dances this year are being requested to investigate the disappearance of two sweaters.

The sweaters were among the ten purchased for the cheerleaders last year, and which were discovered to be unsuitable. They were subsequently to be sold and the money from the sale given to Council. However, two of the sweaters remain unaccounted for and Messrs Cowan and Thompson have been delegated to find them.

WINTER CARNIVAL

Mr. Ken Gowie, Director of Athletics and Physical Education at Dalhousie assured Students' Council last Thursday that arrangements will be worked out with the Winter Carnival committee for the use of the gym in February.

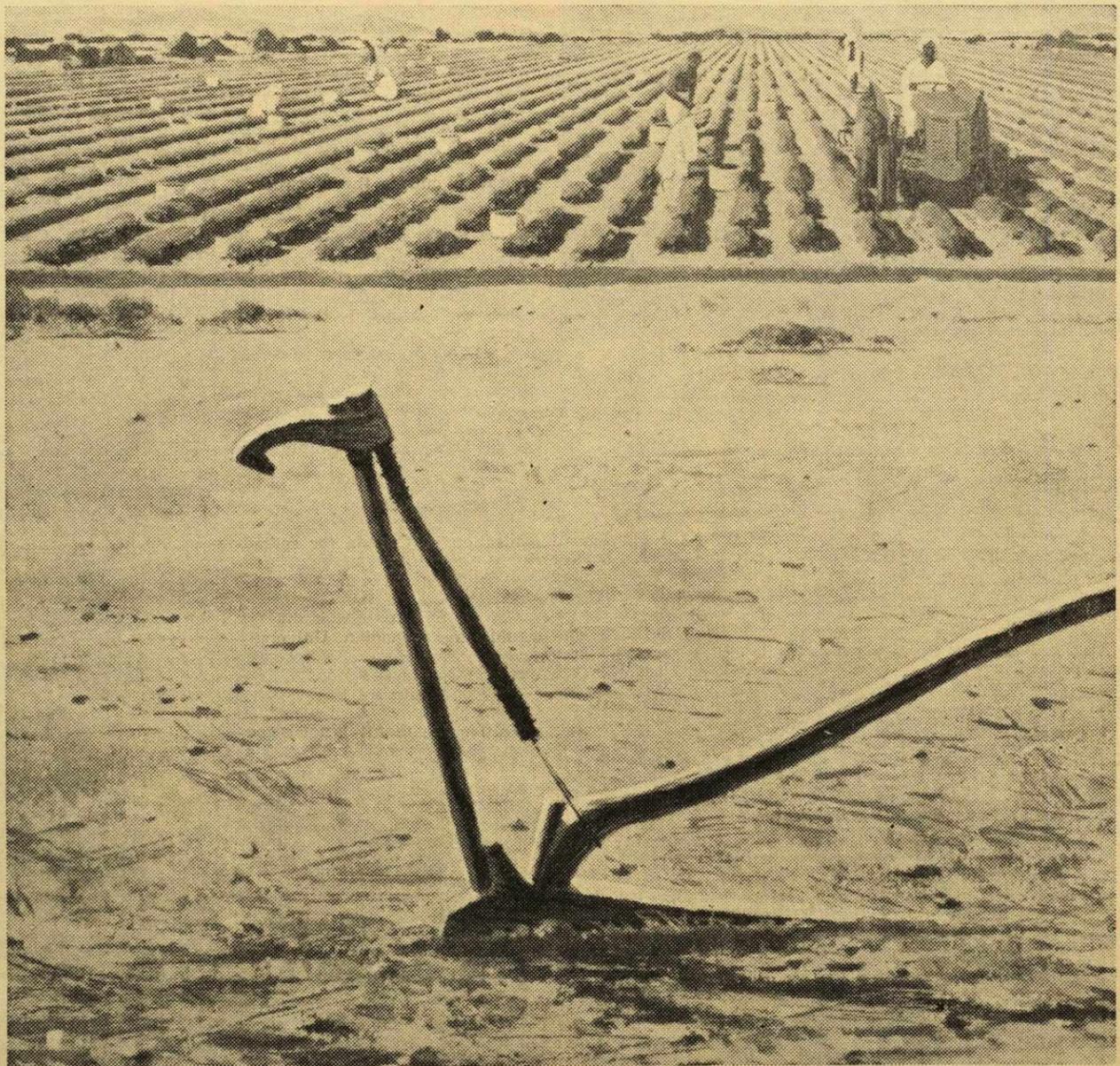
Mr. Gowie told the Council of the problems he faces in allowing the students to use the gym for carnival purposes, thus pre-empting the athletics program. The "limited facilities of the gym have to be used for non-athletic activities also, Mr. Gowie pointed out. However, these events should be planned far enough in advance so that the athletic program can be rescheduled.

The Athletic Director told Council what is presently being done with the gym. It is being used five and a half days a week. He pointed out that frequent cancellation of athletic activities detracts from the success of his program.

"Every effort is being made," said Mr. Gowie, "to facilitate the desires of all groups for the use of the gym." However the expanded athletic program might force cancellation of non-athletic events. These cancellations can be avoided if the interested parties give the department sufficient notice.

The more the gym is used, the more the university becomes aware of the acute shortage of facilities. Mr. Gowie said that under the university's new expansion program no provision has been made for improving the gym. By 1967 when 5000 students will be attending Dalhousie, the problem will be even more aggravated. Mr. Gowie plans to inform the administration of this difficulty.

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