

# The rules of Bureaucracy

by Alan McHughen

Everybody complains about the Bureaucracy of the Union. However, if we play the rules of Bureaucracy, it is the most efficient system.

One of the main reasons the general student body doesn't involve itself in the workings of the Union is that the Bureaucratic system has not been used properly, and as such, is boring and inefficient.

In order to make the Union interesting and efficient, we have to play the rules according to whatever system is in use. Since we have a Bureaucratic system, we should follow it, and not mix in all kinds of different rules. Under the rules of Bureaucracy, there is a line of authority, similar to the Chain of Command in the Military system. In this Union, the top of the ladder is the Student Body. Since it is inefficient for the Student Body as a whole to meet and decide policy, an election is held, where the students choose Representatives to make these policy decisions concerning Student Affairs. This is the Student Council. Due to the size of the University, there are just too many decisions for twenty-odd members to discuss and decide upon. It is quite impossible for Council to decide things like what group will play on Saturday night, etc, so we have organized various commit-

tees and departments to implement the policy decisions of Council. Included in these are some full-time and part-time Professional and Semi-professional people, right down to the student working part-time in the cafeteria. Everybody hired by the Union is responsible ultimately to Council and the Students. Each department has its own line of authority, creating a largely branched mess. However, they all have certain amount of control over an area granted them by Council.

Lets take an example of student who has forgotten his-her card and is confronted at the door of the SUB. The CP on duty has the power to keep the student out. An appeal by the student would go to the Night Manager, who may overrule the CP. If a number of students turn up without cards, the Night Manager would inform the Director of Operations of the problem. He may rule that nobody without a card gets in. (Notice we're getting away from the individual cases and concentrating on a problem area, involving a number of people). If there gets to be an epidemic of card-forgetting, the Director of Operations would inform the SUB Operations Board, comprised of Council members and non-council students, and they would look into the problem, and try to

find a solution. They may decide that students without cards could be admitted if somebody with a card vouches for them. This would be reported to Council at the next meeting, and Council would vote for or against the recommendation.

This make-believe problem went through the "proper channels", is efficient, but can take months. Notice that the individual case doesn't make it past the second link in the chain. It would be absurd if Council were to rule on whether or not the original student should get in. They should, however decide whether or not the students as a whole should.

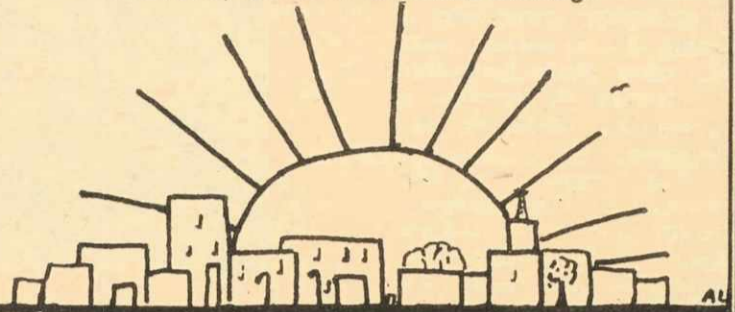
The loophole in the system is that Council is responsible to the Students, so, if an individual student has a problem, it should be presented to a Council member to look into it.

To use another example, a student may ask "Why is the music so loud at Pub Stop?"

Since this is a legitimate question, the reverse procedure starts, the member finds the SUB Ops Board, and ask them. This goes down the line until somebody can answer it. In this case the Entertainment Director would say that the bands like to play at their own level. The answer

# 1975 STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 1975 Student Handbook, published by the Dalhousie Student Union, is **NOW BEING PREPARED**. The deadline for submitting material is Monday, April 7. Send to: Editor, Student Handbook, c/o Dalhousie Gazette, Student Union Building.



You can earn your

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

with a major in Transportation

at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. UBC has the largest business school in Canada and one of the most prestigious faculties in North America. Our graduates are in demand.

Scholarships, fellowships, and research assistantships (as much as \$5,000) are available for well qualified students. Preference will be given to students with undergraduate degrees in economics, engineering, computer science, mathematics, or the physical sciences.

For information write:

Prof. Karl M. Ruppenthal  
Director  
Centre for Transportation Studies  
University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, Canada V6T 1W5

# Acadia wins debating tournament



by Stephen Campbell

On Friday and Saturday, the 14 and 15 of March saw the Dalhousie debating society, Sodales host a debating tournament. Universities from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland participated with a total of ten teams involved. The opening exhibition debate on Friday evening featured a lively clash between the University of King's College and St. Lucy's Debating Society from Acadia University.

On Saturday, March 15,

the competition debating proceeded all day at the Weldon Law Building on the Dalhousie campus. The final debate in the early evening featured the two high scoring teams which consisted of Peter Bryson and Torry Kirby from the University of King's College and Randy Dickenson and Dan Parker from Acadia University.

The winning team from Acadia received the Henry Hicks trophy which represents the champions in the

tournament. Mrs. Hicks, besides this presentation also presented Thomas Curran with an award for top speaker during the competition.

It was generally thought that the tournament was a success both from a debating viewpoint and from a social view. The president of Sodales, Dan Soulis has said that he hoped that this tournament will be the starting point for a renewed interest in debating at the university level in the Atlantic provinces.



Want a Cheap Thrill?

Come up to the Gazette Office



**FITNESS IS FUN!**  
FIRST VISIT IS FREE

- SAUNA BATHS
- SWIMMING POOL
- TURKISH STEAM
- WHIRLPOOL
- GYMNASIUM
- JUICE BAR
- HAIR DRYERS
- EUCALYPTUS ROOM

Call 429-9020