

Meaty Council meeting in dining hall

by Michael McCarthy

Elections to fill vacant Council positions, more grants, and SUB reports were on the menu at Sunday's Student Council Meeting, held in Cameron dining room in Howe Hall.

Mary Lou Hames was voted into the Senate seat left empty due to Martin Baker's resignation. Atula Joshi filled the Arts Rep chair vacated by Hames when she left the Arts faculty.

The Economic Society and Pharmacy Society received \$350 and \$500 respectively, as recommended by the Grants Committee. The Dal-Tech Chinese Club was granted \$450 to assist in their cultural events, such as the Chinese New Year. There was a lengthy discussion of the suggested \$250 grant for the Dal Swim Team. After listening to the team's proposal of training camp/international meet in Cuba, council upped the amount to \$500.

Treasurer Kevin Feindel announced that there have been consistent cash shortages in the games room, totalling \$600 in the last month alone. As a result, the games room manager has resigned, and the staff have been put on probation.

Good news from the Greenwood shows that it has already made \$13,000 of the budgeted \$20,000 profit for the year. This compares to last year's \$4,814 total profit.

Councillors were told that vandalism in the SUB since May 1 has resulted in \$6,880 worth of damages. John Logan added that replacing cafeteria trays which people take out of the building and don't return is also expensive. He coupled a plea that people leave the damn things where they belong with the revelation that he knows from personal experience that the trays are totally useless anyway, and he can't imagine why anyone would want one.

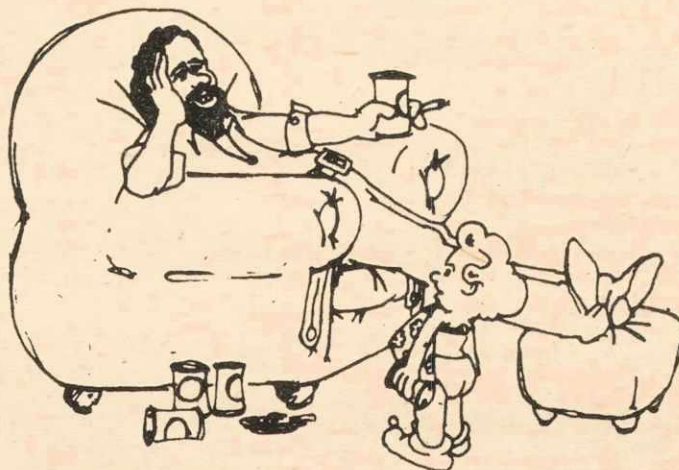
A report from Dave Rideout of the Bookstore Committee declared that the Bookstore does not make excessive profits. Last year they made \$50,000

which was 3½ per cent of gross sales. All excess profit goes into the university general fund, anyway. Neil Erskine wanted to know why there aren't any supplemental texts in addition to those required for courses. Rideout answered that the store doesn't know which ones to buy; that the professors are not cooperative in this; and that there is a very limited space available.

Erskine, CKDU station manager, gave an impromptu report on the station's current situation. He estimated CKDU will surpass its projected ad revenue in a few weeks. The station should be hooked up in Fenwick over Christmas, and research is ongoing into how to improve quality of transmission and possibly extend it to the Dunn building.

The Executive announced that the student handbook will be ready Nov. 26. The yearbook will be completed within the week, and will be available in mid-January.

Peter Rans gave a report on the recent Canadian Federation



"What did you do in the great student movement, Uncle Gordie?"

of Students (CFS) conference, which passed a number of controversial motions relating to students politics, and human rights. A summary of the recent Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) conference was also given. The major issue was whether or not members of that provincial body should join the CFS. Acadia and St. F.X. were opposed to the idea which John Logan said reflected the politi-

cal retardedness of their respective ill-prepared councils. A referendum on whether Dal students should join CFS will be held at Dal during the election period in March.

The Entertainment Committee reported that Steak and Brews will be switched to Thursday (from Friday) in January in an attempt to up attendance from 100 people per week. Money

will not be made no matter how many attend, but the committee suggested it may be a worthwhile service to students (cheap food and live entertainment) even with the current \$150 loss per week.

It was agreed holding meetings outside the SUB was a good idea, and the next Council meeting will be in Shirreff Hall after Christmas.

Bioresources seeks plasma donors

by M.L. Hendry

Bioresources, a clinic where people donate blood plasma and receive a small fee for it, is presently operating on Coburg Road in Halifax. Connaught Laboratories Limited, a Canadian manufacturer of biological health-care products, established Bioresources Incorporated in 1980 with the aim of achieving Canadian self-sufficiency in the supply of both blood plasma and blood plasma products.

Plasma, the liquid part of blood, is about nine-tenths water and one-tenth proteins. Suspended in the plasma are red blood cells to carry oxygen to tissues of the body, white blood cells to seek out and destroy disease-causing agents, and platelets which allow blood to clot after an injury.

Plasma donors give blood in much the same fashion as Red Cross donors, except that after the blood is extracted the needle is left in for ten minutes while the blood is broken down into plasma and red blood cells. The red blood cells are then returned to the donor via the same needle. This process is called plasmapheresis, meaning "plasma withdrawal." A healthy donor -- and only healthy donors are accepted -- will replenish the lost liquid within 48 hours and, unlike whole blood donors, is able to donate plasma several times a week.

The plasma is sent to Connaught's Dominion Biologicals in Truro where proteins are extracted and made into serums used in hospitals to establish blood types. Rh immune serum, used to prevent Rh disease in

children whose mothers have Rh negative blood and whose fathers have Rh positive, is manufactured from plasma donated by Rh negative women.

Because plasmapheresis is more complicated than donating whole blood and because it takes up to two hours to complete, Bioresources donors are paid a small fee.

Bioresources is licensed by Health and Welfare Canada and by the Nova Scotia Ministry of Health and follows a stringent procedure to determine the suitability of donors and to assure maximum safety.

Staff of Bioresources includes two physicians, a registered

nurse and a nursing assistant. According to Mr. Theril Andrews, Bioresources Halifax General Manager, a relatively small number of plasma donors are needed here and therefore they don't expect Bioresources will have much of an impact on Red Cross clinics in Halifax.

Dr. Joseph Johnson of Dalhousie Student Health offers his endorsement of both the procedure and the people, saying plasmapheresis is "as safe as any medical procedure" and "the people are excellent."

Members of the Dalhousie Student Union executive have been invited to visit the clinic and may become plasma donors in the near future.

Deficit takes on dimensions

by Cathy McDonald

Senate's second session debating methods of alleviating Dalhousie's deficit situation, plunged into some figures giving an explicit description of the magnitude of the problem.

Professor William Jones, Chairperson of the Senate Financial Planning Committee, outlined hypothetical solutions of across the board salary cuts, student levies and cuts in non-academic operations.

After the endowment funds have been manipulated to reduce the annual deficit by \$2.5 million, Jones said the 1982/83 deficit could be \$7 million, with salary increases, inflation and interest rates all rising by reasonable amounts.

An example of a hypothetical solution is increasing tuition fees by \$1000 per student to make up the \$7 million, which "would hardly be realistic" said Jones.

Jones continued his exercise, showing that if all 2500 employees took a cut in pay of \$2500, or in non-academic staff took a cut of \$2000 and the 800 faculty members received \$4375 less, the result would make up the deficit.

Jones then listed savings from cutting non-academic activities. By cutting operations where the university incurs a loss, namely the Arts Centre, Art Gallery, film, music and theatre programme, learning resources and audio-visual programme, Institute for Public Affairs, the University Press, the residences, athletics (Dalplex), the Awards Office, student council, Health Services, and other student services, the total saving would be \$2.2 million, or about one-third of the deficit. Jones explained that many of these activities receive funding from outside the university, and his figures only

include the amount Dalhousie kicks in to help finance the operations.

Jones presented these figures to give Senators an indication of the financial magnitude of the problem. He was not suggesting these kinds of cuts should be considered, but hoped to stress the importance of not amending or reducing the effectiveness of the report. The report presented to the Senate, dealing with freezes on replacing faculty and restricting new appointments, among other things, would in its entirety save the university \$1.5 million.

Considering that \$4.2 million of the deficit will be accrued from interest charges on the university's debt, one senator said it is understandable that a number of faculty members "look askance" at any proposal to cut even \$800,000 by restricting academic positions.

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