

# Campus residences elect council

Tuesday night, after a week of bustling campaigning, Shirreff Hall residents elected a new council for the 78/79 academic year. Gerry Geldart, a 2nd year nursing student, is the new President. "I hope to be able to integrate more of the Hall's activities with the university community as a whole," she said. Geldart also stressed the importance of close co-operation between the dons, the Dean and the members of the Residence Council.

Her Vice-President, Susan MacMillan, is a 1st year Commerce student. Next year's Secretary will be Mary Jarrat, also a 1st year commerce student and Perla Arzetti, a 1st year Arts student, is the new Treasurer. All four women will have the task of co-ordinating the many aspects of residence life and of representing the 430 women who live there. Nancy Tower is the new

Student Union rep. for the Hall. She plans to push for better lighting and improved security on campus. The new council is due to take over in early March.

At Howe Hall, Dick Matthews was chosen as the representative on the Dalhousie Student Council.

Andrew Beckett was elected treasurer and Roy Williston, sports rep. The three other council positions were earlier filled by acclamation—Andras Varnos, president, Karl Hantho, vice-president and M. Rory Waite, secretary.

Spud Marsh was elected president of Bronson House, Chick Lewis is the new president of Henderson, Michael A. Ojoluck at Cameron House, Michael Brooker at Smith House, and Alan MacPherson at Studley.

**Maurice R. Thompson**  
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# Increase for student loans and bursaries

by Daniele Gauvin

"My government is conducting negotiations with the federal government for alterations in the Canada Student Loan Program", said provincial Premier Gerald Regan in Tuesday's Speech from the Throne. The announcement confirmed what education minister George Mitchell told Student Union President Robert Sampson in a three hour meeting Monday. Sampson had called the meeting to discuss 'campus' issues including tuition and student aid.

The Sampson / Mitchell discussion centered on the proposals made by the Advisory Committee in its negotiations with federal authorities. The committee's recommendations include a 45% increase in student loan and bursary limits. This increase would mean loans and bursaries of \$2,200 and \$1,200 respectively. These increases would "ensure that those Nova Scotia students who need assistance in order to complete their university training can be accommodated", as stated in Tuesday's speech. The proposed figures represent an allotment of up to \$75 per study

week, thus solving the problem of nursing students and teaching assistants, who have longer academic years than most students.

Another proposed change concerns the level of income at which parents are expected to make a contribution towards educational costs. The present level in Nova Scotia is \$10,000, substantially lower than the \$15,000 level in New Brunswick and in P.E.I. The Advisory Committee has recommended that the level be increased to \$17,000.

One change soon to be effective is the processing of loan demands. In the past, grant distribution has been generally slow and inefficient. Some students have been receiving their bursary checks after payment deadlines or not at all. The Appeals department has been slow moving as well, due to understaffing. Mitchell claimed to be unaware of the situation, and promised to make immediate improvements.

Sampson said that he also discussed the possibility of having a student representative on the MPHEC. The student would be



chosen from recommendations from the various student union presidents and would join five other members in establishing guidelines for the financing of higher education.

The Atlantic Federation of Students has been actively engaged in placing a student on the MPHEC and is adamant that any student chosen for the body be chosen by and be accountable to Atlantic students. Sampson, who has failed to attend the last two meetings of the N.S. caucus of AFS, has been pursuing his negotiations independently.

Sampson announced that Mitchell and Premier Regan plan to face students on the tuition issue sometime in March through a forum to be held at Dal. The forum will be to clarify the government's position on education. As stated in the Speech from the Throne, "In the past year the aims and policies of education in Nova Scotia have been directed towards encouraging a much greater degree of excellence in our students and to provide them with the habits and skills which will create citizens of strong character and equipped to handle our competitive age."

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