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Fenwick Towers

It's almost ours

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The housing crisis at Dalhousie may be alleviated next year. The Board of Governors has all but approved the purchase of Fenwick Towers for a co-ed residence, to house 812 married and single students.

The board is waiting for the Building Committee's feasibility study before officially committing itself. Other problems involved in purchasing Fenwick Towers are finances and the vastness of the project. The university previously submitted a proposal for a residence on Paradise Lands, but it was rejected by Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Who did not have enough money. It had gone to St. Mary's University for an academic-residence complex.

Since 1967, Dalhousie's enrollment has increased by 67% with only a 45% increase in housing. This housing increase

includes the purchase of Quinpool and Ardmore Halls, a co-ed residence on Paradise Lands, and houses surrounding the Dalhousie campus.

Andy Winstanley, president of the Student's Union said when the Fenwick Towers proposal for a residence came up, it appeared to be extremely feasible as a financial investment.

"The more we looked at it, the better it got," Winstanley said.

"It appeared more flexible, cheaper and could accommodate students immediately. Thus the proposal was submitted to the Board of Governors rather than the previous proposal of Paradise Lands residence."

"In January, when the student union and the board met to discuss the proposal, it was quite obvious from the tone of the Board of Governors, that the real debate was whether or not to even build a residence," said Winstanley.



photo by Stephen Wright

At the board meeting held February 11, a hurdle was passed when the board realized that a residence was necessary.

Residents will be charged \$17 a week, but may pay their rent in two installments during the academic year.

After an extensive investigation by architects and engineers, rumours concerning faulty construction and sewers backing up proved false.

The board would like to see student nurses from the Victoria General and the

Grace Hospitals use available space in the building.

Winstanley predicts that the building will not be crowded and that floor space will be adequate. Recreational facilities include a swimming pool and sauna baths.

Winstanley believes the proposal is extremely important "for the simple reason that it guarantees there will be no housing crisis next September or for the next two or three years."

Discipline — subject for debate

ON FEBRUARY 8, THE SENATE FINED math graduate student Greg Neumann \$250 for "disrupting" two classes in December.

Neumann taught two Transitional Year Program (TYP) math classes to everyone's satisfaction until November 20. On that date a communist speaker was introduced to a joint meeting of Neumann's classes and some other TYP students.

The math class was cancelled and students could leave at anytime. Several left during the lively discussion which followed. Some students complained to TYP director Dr. Pillay that they did not want to hear political speakers.

Pillay informed Dr. Tingley, who was responsible for the TYP math program. On November 23, Tingley told Neumann that no speakers could be introduced without the TYP director's permission. He asked Neumann's assurance not to repeat this without permission. Neumann said he had not known this rule and asked time to consider giving this assurance.

Tingley refused and dismissed him as a TYP instructor.

NEUMANN KNEW OF NO METHOD to appeal this decision. He ignored the firing and returned to teach math nine days later, on December 2. Tingley arrived and asked him to leave. He refused. Teaching this class constituted one of the two "disruptions".

On December 4, Neumann returned to teach again, but discussed the situation with Pillay and others, instead.

The same day Neumann also visited a Math 100 class taught by Tingley to "quietly observe" it. Tingley insisted that he leave. He did, but returned five days later to explain his position and distribute leaflets. Neumann would not allow Tingley to speak for ten minutes, after which he left. This was the second disruption for which he was convicted.

Tingley and Pillay's formal complaints asking for quick action "to ensure that his activities of this nature are discontinued" were eventually referred to the Senate Discipline Committee (SDC).

In the meantime on December 14, the Senate Council passed the resolution on "Obstruction of academic and other activities". The Senate's intended to discipline any activities of "deliberate

disruption".

The SDC, consisting of three professors and two students, conducted an investigation January 13 after informing Neumann of the charge earlier in the month.

IN ITS FOUR-PAGE REPORT, the committee acknowledged Neumann's dismissal as instructor, but considered it outside its jurisdiction. Two charges of name-calling and one of "disruption" were dropped, but the two "disruptions" already noted were proven to have occurred, resulting in the recommendation of the fine.

Neumann, Tingley and Pillay presented written and verbal arguments to back up their cases. Tingley and Pillay discussed details of "what happened", while Neumann used Marxist-Leninist terms to accuse Tingley and Pillay of using bureaucratic rules for political repression.

The Senate Council discussed and accepted the SDC's report in private on February 1. The Senate members present on February 8 (about 30), accepted the whole report.

The report was delivered verbally with

a paragraph stating that the SDC did not consider Neumann's dismissal to be its concern, omitted, Neumann took his opportunity to reply, verbally. A scant

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BOMB

Dal SUBians were left somewhat shaken last Sunday when it was learned that a bomb scare had been called in to Dal Radio. As you can see no bomb exploded, nor were any suspicious packages found.

The call came at about 3:45 Sunday afternoon and was taken by Dave Snow at Dal Radio. The building was immediately evacuated, while police made a thorough search.

Eight men from the Halifax Police Department, led by Inspector Storm, searched for about an hour; but found nothing. Police have no leads as to who called in the scare.