

Differential fees, tuition increases

•Council passed a motion Sunday night to oppose differential fees, which it considers "de facto racist."
 Arguments in favor of the motion included the fact that most foreign students are from underdeveloped countries with inadequate post-secondary institutions, that foreign students enhance the cultural milieu of Canadian universities and give the university an international reputation, and that students hold misconceptions about international students.

•Council also passed a motion opposing tuition increases in Nova Scotia.

•Elva Hammarstrand, health plan committee chairperson, recommended that the health plan be dropped entirely, because of so many complaints on the J. Ingles plan. However, council decided there are no acceptable alternatives at present.

•The winter carnival report was presented by Allan Goodwin. He said he felt the carnival went well, except too many people were on Fiona Perina's guest list and were getting in free. Goodwin was thanked and his honorarium granted.

•The graduation report was accepted. It recommended that the coordinator of graduation activities be appointed earlier this year to allow for more planning time.

•No reports were available from the community affairs or the housing secretaries, who will be asked to appear before council at the next meeting to explain their apparent neglect of duty.

•All the regulations of the constitution committee report, were accepted including one to set up a Malcolm Honour award committee to decide on annual awards for students who have made outstanding contributions to student activities.

•President Mike Power and finance committee members Joe Wilson, John Murphy, Keith Evans, and Jim Prentice were elected to sit on the DAGS/Dalhousie Student Union negotiating committee for a new contract.

•Dave Woods moved that council request the administration to install smoke detectors/fire alarms in all university housing. The motion was passed.

•Denise Soucy-Roberge moved, "Be it resolved that the DSU send a resolution of support to the students of L'Universite de Moncton for their struggles against cutbacks, namely tuition increases, inadequate student aid, rent increases, and changes in UIC legislation."

Council passed the motion after, "rent increases" was deleted because some councillors argued they were not really cutbacks.

Lecture

Drift at Dal

Dr. John Tuzo Wilson, one of Canada's leading geophysicists and an early proponent of the now widely accepted 'continental drift' theory, will be giving a talk on science and society at the Dalhousie SUB on Monday, February 26. This lecture, which will be free and open to the public, is being sponsored by the Dalhousie Science Society, an organization to which all undergraduate science students belong.

Wilson's contribution to science has been so great that he has been awarded the Vetlesen Prize, the "Nobel prize of the earth sciences". He was a University of Toronto professor for almost 30 years and was principal of that university's Erindale College for seven years. He is well known for his diverse interests and outspoken ways; among the books he has written, two are about China, and he is a strong advocate of a no-growth economy, believing that the end of the availability of cheap power necessitates economic stability as a goal for the modern world. Dr. Wilson has devoted much of his time to travelling and lecturing, and is now the Director General of the Ontario Science Center.

In addition to speaking on science and society (the exact title of his lecture has yet to be announced), Dr. Wilson will be giving a talk to those interested on his interests in geology on the following night. This lecture is being

sponsored by the Dalhousie Department of Geology, which is splitting expenses with the Science Society to cover the costs of bringing Dr. Wilson down from Toronto.

This is the first public

lecture that the Science Society has sponsored. If it is attended well, similar activities will likely follow. The 1st lecture will take place at 8:00 p.m. in the McInnes Room, Dalhousie SUB.

Calgary classes in hallways

CALGARY (CUP)—Years of budget restraint at the University of Calgary has left facilities there strained to the point that some classes are spilling over into hallways.

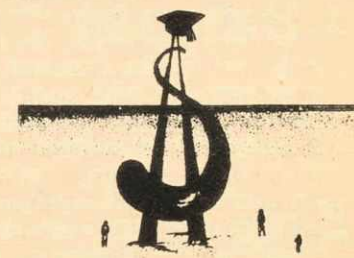
This is just one of the findings of a report prepared by the Education As A Right (EAR) committee detailing the effects of cutbacks on the U of C campus. The report, released February 2, documents cuts in staff, equipment, shortages of space and overcrowding of classes.

"We have finally gathered concrete evidence of cutbacks," said John Graham, student council executive and EAR committee member. "This is helpful in showing the effects, and in refuting the government's position that there have been no cutbacks."

The humanities faculty was particularly hard hit, according to the report. Full-time academic staff positions were cut by seven per cent, and full- and part-time sessional instructors were cut by 45 per

cent and 43 per cent respectively.

The report revealed there has been no net increase in the number of faculty for the faculty of management studies, even though enrolment has increased rapidly.



And the medical library will have to cut at least \$12,000 worth of periodicals this year, the report said, because of insufficient funding.

The committee spent six months polling department heads and deans about the adequacy of facilities and funding, the availability of courses, and changes in enrolment.

Students heartless

by B. Stoughton and D. McMillan

Did you know that more than 90% of the university population is from another planet? How did we come to this startling conclusion, you ask? Well... since you are so interested, less than 10% of the university gave blood at last February's blood donor clinic. By simply calculating the mean of the median of the standard deviation of the central tendency of the students and allowing for wind chill factor, it is obvious that most students have no heart. Ah, the wonders of research. But are these statistics valid and reliable? We hope not.

In November, due to the strike, the blood donor clinic was held at the Red Cross Society on Gottingen Street. With confusion and bussing, we made a very poor showing. Dal Nursing Society challenges you to compete for the coveted Bloody Cup on February 28 and March 1. We want you to out-donate all other faculties (calculated by percentage, not by actual numbers). Show you have a heart! Come up to the McInnes Room, students and faculty, on the 28th and 1st between 11:30 and 3:30 p.m. or between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.—we'll be waiting for you.

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