

# Council Briefs

by Valerie Mansour

—meeting of Sunday, October 16.

Council members agreed that they should not become involved in the distribution of Student Buying Cards. The Cards, created by an American company, list five local businesses willing to offer discounts to Dalhousie students. Fiscal damage has been done to *Gazette* advertising so many council members felt that they should not sanction the deal. The executive was approached by a representative of the company in mid-summer and, despite the objections of a *Gazette* staffer at that meeting, they did not attempt to stop the transaction from taking place. A representative of at least one of the businesses has told the *Gazette* that they are not advertising in the paper because the money they would usually allot for university advertising has gone toward this card. The card, although a service to the students, deprives the student union of money. The company will be handling the distribution itself.

A motion was tabled to hold a referendum on the matter of smoking in all Student Union facilities. Council reps are to approach their students for opinions on this matter.

A discussion on the National Union of Students (NUS) Conference which took place in early May was finally held. A council motion was defeated asking the Dal delegate to change his opposing vote on the question of having a bilingual member on the NUS Central Committee. The delegate to that conference, Robert Sampson, had voted against the motion because of the restrictions it would place on applicants who would be good candidates but are not bilingual.

Sampson was asked by member-at-large, Peter Greene, how he voted on a motion supporting independence for the student press. Sampson presumed he voted against the motion, but could not remember for sure.

Student council decided to support an Enquiry into Human Rights in Chile, a conference being held in Toronto later this month. Council will either donate \$200 or send Harvey MacKinnon, Dalhousie Overseas Student Co-ordinator, to the conference. Dal is joining a growing list of sponsors for the conference who oppose the military dictatorship in Chile.

Harvey MacKinnon approached council to add its name to a list of organizations urging delegates at the Progressive Conservative Party Convention next month to vote against Robert C. Coates as president of the party, due to his support of the racist government in South Africa. Keith Evans, a Young Progressive Conservative member, informed council that Coates, as president, could not initiate policy and would not be very influential. Most councillors felt that, although they disapproved of



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*The Dalhousie Student Council has banned smoking from their meetings. Those who cannot last out until the smoking break, half-way through the meeting, find other items with which to pass the time.*

Coates' stand, it was not up to them to tell delegates how to vote.

The grants committee recommended that \$500 be given to the Chinese Students Association for their activities this year. Council approved the recommendation.

Engineers were awarded \$100 honorarium for their float in the Joe Howe Parade.

It was agreed that King's students would pay \$5.00 for the use of the Dal SUB.

Tom Mann was elected to the council executive to fill the post vacated when Chris Gallant resigned.

Council agreed to pass a motion asking for approval to be given for overnight parking between Henderson and Studley Houses at Howe Hall.

## Dalhousie supports Chilean Enquiry

by Bill Richardson

Dalhousie Student Council voted last Sunday to support the Canadian Enquiry into Human Rights in Chile. Council has decided to send either \$200.00, or Harvey MacKinnon, overseas student co-ordinator, to the conference which will be held on October 29 and 30 in Toronto.

Vincente Palma, a Chilean who escaped from the secret police in Chile and now resides in Canada, was overwhelmed by the council's decision.

"Wonderful; it is the first great step by Dal students and their council to help the people in Chile gain a democracy, and to support the Chilean movement for Human Rights," he said.

Since the overthrow of democracy, four years ago in Chile, the Military Dictatorship has imprisoned and executed thousands of Chileans fighting for democracy. Human and Civil Rights have been pushed aside and each day more people are added to the list of "missing persons" kidnapped by the secret police.

The United Nations General Assembly has put forth strong

resolutions against the ongoing violations of human rights in Chile. In Canada, many people have also pledged their support to the conference and have placed pressure on the Canadian Government and Industries investing in Chile.

In mid-November, the 32nd session of the U.N. General Assembly will again take up the question of human rights in Chile.

Following along this line, the purpose of the Canadian Enquiry is to expose the nature of the Chilean dictatorship and its continuing acts of "terror" against the democratic forces in Chile.

Witnesses will testify about their own experiences at the hands of the military junta, as well as the experiences of friends and family.

Findings of the Enquiry will be compiled into a report for the U.N. Assembly session on Chile, and for lobbying for the Canadian delegation to the U.N.

At this time, it is necessary for the United Nations to not only condemn the junta for its gross violations of human rights, but they also must impose sanctions on the regime until democratic freedoms and human rights are restored.

### Contract Talks Stalemated

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that the members are dissatisfied", Mersereau said, "but they will have until the next meeting to consider the situation." The next DSA meeting will be held in the McInnes Room, Oct. 26, between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m.

Will they strike?—"There are other alternatives to strike action," Mersereau replied. No conciliator has been called in by DSA at the present time, and the final decision regarding strike action will rest with the members.

salary being between \$8000 and \$8500.

Alan Cameron, Director of Personnel at Dalhousie, declined comment while the contract was still being negotiated. Cameron said that "although there are some particular problems at this present time, I'm sure they will be worked out."

There was a DSA membership meeting the week before last in which the university's offer—an what it would mean—was presented to the members. "Indications are

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