

## Dal Union Approves NUS Increases

The Dalhousie Student Union is one of the first NUS/UNE (National Union of Students) members to approve payment of increased fees to the national organization.

The October 1974 NUS General Meeting agreed that members should increase their fee from 30 cents a student to a dollar per student.

The increase is designed to permit much more research and fieldwork by NUS, leading to a more effective programme as federal/provincial negotiations on education heat up.

On most member campuses the fee increase will be decided by a student referendum. This was not necessary at Dalhousie because of the financial breathing room created by the Union fee increase resulting from our October fee referendum.

A referendum at Carleton University recently gave overwhelming approval to fee increases for NUS/UNE and for the Ontario Federation of Students.

Due to the low revenues generated by 30 cent fee, NUS/UNE had asked its members to make a special contribution to cover the costs of the 1974-75 operations.

At the same time as the Students' Council here approved the fee increase, it also approved a special donation of \$500 to NUS/UNE.

Dalhousie students, and the new union executive, will soon have an opportunity to see for themselves the workings of NUS/UNE.

The National Union's Central Committee is meeting at Dalhousie March 14

to 16. This committee, which serves as an executive, meets about eight times during the year, between the semi-annual general meetings of NUS/UNE members.

The meeting to be held in a week will be the first one in this region since the 1973 Annual Meeting, which was also held at Dalhousie.

The report which resulted in the Dalhousie Council's vote of additional funds for NUS/UNE made

it clear that the national organization has not yet emerged from troubles which have hindered it for much of its 2½ years' existence.

However, the Dalhousie Council agreed with its delegates to NUS/UNE that we should continue to support the National Union of Students while making sure that it moves towards fulfillment of its original promise.

## CKDU To Get Tubes Soon

As our school year draws to a close, many of you may be wondering what happened to the sounds of CKDU, your university radio station. We hope this article will answer that question.

It seems as if problem after problem has come up against those who are working so diligently to bring the CKDU sound to you. Starting late last year, a loss of building plans was one of our first major problems. After that was solved, we sent letters to students of the residences announcing that we would be on the air within the first two weeks of February. But as fate would have it, our most serious problem then arose. Three transmitters, the most necessary part of our on-air broadcasting, are still in a warehouse in Pennsylvania. These transmitters are all set for shipment to us except for one part - tubes that make them work. The tubes are at

another firm in Pennsylvania and no amount of calling, questioning or complaining has done any good. The transmitter firm has promised to get the tubes installed and the equipment sent out "as soon as possible" but we're sure you all know how large companies run.

As soon as the transmitters arrive, it will take approximately two days to hook them up and we'll be on the air, but until then we hope you will bear with us and take an active interest in the future of CKDU. Applications for people interested in joining the station are available at the enquiry desk or from CKDU on the fourth floor of the S.U.B. There are many openings in the various departments and you're sure to find something that will interest you, so please fill out an application or come on up and visit us in room 420.

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with student representatives, and receive student papers, they do not want any student participation in the actual decision-making. They are proposing the kind of participation that students had within universities before the mid 1960's.

An indication of why students participation is refused, and why the federal/provincial work is kept confidential, is a late January leak that the task force might recommend a large increase in student tuition to be matched by increases in loans.

Such increases are opposed by student organizations because the result would be restricted access for lower income students. The students favour increases in bursaries, not loans, while a method is found to weed out underserving upper income students.

It is suspected by many student leaders that the governments wish to transfer the cost of post-secondary education from government to the students, regardless of the effects upon the education system and access to that system.

Another example of government confidentiality hindering student organizations is the current proposal for an increase in student loans from a maximum of \$1400 to one of \$1800. While there are now indications that this increase requires only formal approval by the federal Cabinet, nothing is official.

Accordingly it is difficult for students to lobby provincial governments for use of the increased loan ceiling in a manner that does not restrict access. In Nova Scotia, for example, there is fear that the result would be even higher loans, and smaller bursaries.

The outcome of government confidentiality and slow movement could be a severe decrease in enrollment for 1975-76, with the low income students leaving first, and the low enrollment being used as justification for further government cutbacks.

The next few months will be a crucial period for students, as their local, regional and national representatives attempt to discover what government is doing, and then to steer the governments in a more pro-student direction.

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