

Over five years ago the Student Union proposed the creation of a Student Discipline Committee. A recent case of alleged shop-lifting in the SUB revived concern over the handling of students who commit non-academic offences on campus. The Student Union has once more voiced its wish for a non-academic discipline system.

The concept of a student discipline committee composed of students was endorsed, as part of a complete new discipline system, by a Senate committee 4½ years ago. Since then the Senate Discipline Committee has been

established in the manner necessary for the proposed system to work. The academic side of the system was put into operation over a year ago. What happened to the non-academic side?

A Senate committee has been working for almost 4 years to prepare a comprehensive code of conduct. The difficulty of drafting a satisfactory code to cover this area is well-illustrated by the time taken already. Completion does not seem in sight.

During the 5 years of delay students committing non-academic offences on campus have been dealt with by

whoever caught them. There has been no uniform procedure in operation, no open means of deciding what discipline is appropriate. Even though most offences could come under the Criminal Code most student offenders have not been tried in the courts because Dalhousie, like all property-owners, can decide how to treat most offences on its property.

Under the law and its practice, Dalhousie has the right to deal with student offenders without resorting to local police or courts. However, Dalhousie is also a university community, composed of three main groups — students, faculty and ad-

ministrators. All three can and should have considerable responsibility over matters affecting them primarily. Questions of general concern should be dealt with by all.

Few matters are of such direct, primary concern to students than the disciplining of student offenders. Students suffer most from their fellows' damage. That is why the Student Union since February, 1968, has supported the giving of original jurisdiction over

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student offences to the students, through the Union.

If we are to be responsible for conduct of their lives, both here at Dalhousie and after leaving; if we are going to gain maturity from our university experience; if student offenders are going to be disciplined by their peers in a fair, open, uniform way, if any of this is going to happen, an essential step is that the basic principles proposed and endorsed in 1968 be put into effect. If, once a student discipline committee is operating, it becomes apparent that a comprehensive code of offences is necessary, then will be the time to enact it. Until then, the uncertainties and injustices created by the lack of any system must be taken care of.

CAMPUS DISCIPLINE

Committee on housing formed . . .

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was taken up with Entertainment and charges of patronage and abuse of position by newly-appointed Entertainment Chairman Peter Greene. (see story p. 3) Greene was ordered to submit to Council a proposal of how he intends to operate the entertainment program over the next year.

A proposal written by SUB Affairs Secretary Bruce Evans concerning a new policy for Night Managers in the Student Union Building was brought before Council by a member of the GAZETTE. This proposal, which was not previously communicated to Council, would make the Night Managers responsible to the SUB Affairs Secretary, The Entertainment Secretary and the Vice-President. The new role for the Night Managers, was agreed to by the three Night Managers, according to Evans. However all three stated that they certainly did not agree because their appointments would be political appointments and they would be responsible to a political body.

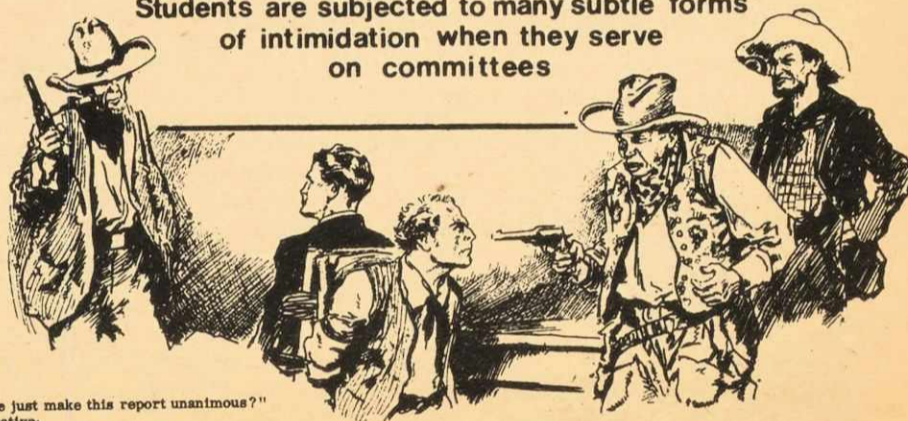
The new proposal was to go

into effect April 1, though Evans denied this, saying it was going to be reviewed. However, the new proposal stated that it was to go into effect April 1, and already posters were printed advertising the positions of Night Managers or SUB Affairs Managers as they were to be called. The matter was then dropped when Evans said the whole proposal would be reviewed and brought before Council before being instituted.

Science rep Bob Pottle informed Council of the fact that Fenwick residents were being told to pay extra days rent if they were planning to stay past April 22. When the leases were signed, the school term was to end by this date, however the exam dates were changed and most students will now be required to pay extra rent. Many residents of Fenwick have already begun to plan action against this extra rent. Council approved a motion delegating its powers to those members of Council who are residents of Fenwick for the purposes of resisting extraordinary rent payments beyond the 31-week period.

The Applications Committee had another busy night

Students are subjected to many subtle forms of intimidation when they serve on committees



Committee Chairman:
"All right, why don't we just make this report unanimous?"
Defiant Student Representative:
"You'll never make me sign, sir."

recommending several more appointments. All the recommendations were approved by Council, including Stu Barry as Treasurer, Martin Felsky as Director of Photography and Allan Johnston as Editor of Pharos. The Second Hand Bookstore will be operated next year by the Commerce Society.

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Campus Police made its first report with several policy recommendations. The Committee made two relatively minor ones; to minimize city police in the SUB and to decrease the number of CP's at SUB events. The Committee

recommended as a major change the setting up of a Judicial Board. The Report was approved in principle with the major policy-making to be done during the summer.

The Grants Committee gave up some money to various organizations, including \$250 to Larry Steinberg to attend the World University Service Committee seminar in India this summer, \$255 to the Pharmacy Society for a conference, \$222 for the Energy Conference at Dal this weekend, and \$25 for the Public Administration Society.

The position of Chairman of

Graduation was created with Jim Simpson being appointed. He was also ratified as President of the Class of 1972-73. The Report of the Communications Secretary Gerald Clark was also approved.

Notice was also given of the National Union of Students conference to be held at Dalhousie May 4, 5, and 6. Council decided to make application for membership to join NUS.

Before adjourning, Council delegated its powers to the Summer Council, which essentially is the Union Executive. All that is needed for a meeting is a quorum of the Executive. The Union Executive comprises the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretariats, plus reps Les Grieve and Arch Kaiser.

FLASH!

There have been late developments regarding the story on page 10 on the proposed Environment Protection Act. Environment Minister — designate Glen Bagnell proposed two amendments. One would make it clear that a polluter can be convicted even though the government cannot prove that he intended to pollute. The other will allow private citizens to use the common law and criminal law rights to sue polluters against C corporations. Access to expertise and information on the existence of pollution remains closed.

A Retraction

In the March 23 issue of the GAZETTE, on page 9, in the article "Council completes appointments," it was stated regarding a student, "However, he was also known to have made a habit of pilfering records." There was no foundation for that statement, and it is retracted. The GAZETTE apologizes for any injury that may have been caused.

Course evaluation

Any students who have extra comments about their courses that they were unable to put on the course evaluation sheets are invited to fill the comments in on the course report forms available at the Enquiry Desk in the SUB.

Also, credit must be given to the members of the Course Evaluation Committee. Most of

them will have put in over 35 hours of volunteer work to make sure that the evaluation happened. The members are Debbie Henderson (Chairman), Patrick Cooke, Peter Dwyer, Mike Evans, Barb Franks, Charles Gosling, Peter Mason and Lynanne Sharpe.

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