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What, me an entrepreneur?

The right hype

By TOBY SANGER

Former student union vice-president Reza Rizvi returned to Dalhousie this term to put into practice some things he learned while studying for a commerce degree — and trying to stay out of politics in the process.

Rizvi, who was vice president internal last year, opened his word-processing business, *The Right Type*, early this month in an office on the second floor of the Student Union Building after the space had been empty for six months.

After first submitting a proposal for the space in August, Rizvi waited until December before this year's council decided to rent him the room for \$150 per month. Beaver Foods, the conference centre, and other typing services also put in bids.

Rizvi hired DSU community affairs co-ordinator and Students' Union of Nova Scotia chair Barney Savage to help him administer the service on a part-time basis, a move which has promp-

ted conflict of interest allegations. But Rizvi denies there was any patronage or conflict of interest on the part of himself or Savage.

"Barney was not involved at all in the decision-making (about renting him the space)," says Rizvi. He says he didn't expect to be offered the space at all and adds he didn't approach Savage about the job until after the decision was made.

Sandra Bell, Rizvi's successor as vice-president this year, says "Reza was not the first choice (of the SUB operations committee, but) the Word Factory took up another offer (for an office) by the time they made the offer to them."

She adds, "I had my own concerns about him moving in but he doesn't want to be any more involved (politically) than we want him to be involved."

Rizvi, who expects to lose money in the first two years of operation, claims "I'm basically doing it for the experience."

The Ritchie solution:

Cutting costs; losing profs

by TOBY SANGER

After receiving final reports on cutting staff positions from the controversial Ritchie management study, the university now claims the only way to balance the budget is by cutting the number of faculty at Dalhousie.

A freeze on new appointments and non-replacement of some faculty who leave are among the measures proposed to cope with a budget deficit, senate members learned Tuesday.

If these procedures are implemented, it will be the first time these steps will have been taken at Dalhousie, says Dalhousie Faculty Association president Marcia Ozier.

In accordance with its collective agreement, the DFA and senate have 30 working days to make comments before the university can proceed with the limited faculty cuts.

Further measures the university could take include a total freeze on replacement appointments and non-renewal of virtually all but tenured positions.

President Howard Clark says these moves are justified because Dalhousie has a higher faculty/student ratio than most other Canadian universities. With salaries accounting for 72 per cent of the university's expenses, Clark claims it will be impossible to balance next year's budget without these cuts.

Budget books released earlier this month plan for general cut-backs of 4.25 per cent, a further levy of one per cent for a redistribution fund, and the paying back of about \$250,000 in department deficits from 1986/87 — totalling cuts of 5.5 per cent which must be absorbed during 1986/87.

If inflation rises above the projected level of two per cent, the cuts may be even more severe.

"The continuing expansion of the scholarship explosion must lead to the adoption of new ways of mounting programs with a limited number of faculty members," the president told senate.

"There are no easy solutions. This is not the budget I hoped to present as a new president."

During the two-hour meeting, some senate members questioned the administration's accounting procedures, suggesting the nominal deficit could be reduced through more appropriate book-keeping methods, including the transfer of costs of running the development office to the Capital Fund budget.

"Our accounting procedures have tended to put money into the capital budget rather than the operating budget," says economics professor Mike Bradfield.

"Faculty have, in the past, reason to be jaundiced about the administration's motives . . . (they) have a right to be suspicious . . . but that was under a different administration."

Underlying Bradfield's comments is the suggestion that the administration is exaggerating the financial problems of the university to pressure departments and faculty into accepting further cuts.

Clark says the budget is being used as a management tool to reflect the priorities that come out of planning, but rejects the suggestion it is being used as a bargaining tool against the faculty: "No government is going to take a lenient view because you're running a deficit on your operating budget."

He says, however, if faculty cuts result in improved methods of offering programs, "it might be a blessing in disguise."

No cheap backdoor

King's student union has finally struck an agreement with administration over spending the extra \$15 it has charged each student since Dalhousie's student union signed a similar agreement.

Two years ago, Dalhousie's student union signed an agreement with the administration to contribute \$15 per student to the Campaign for Dalhousie in exchange for a guarantee restricting the rate of increase of tuition fees.

The two groups agreed to spend the money on renovations and furniture for the students' lounge.

The project is expected to cost \$42,000, to be financed by three years of the levy with a one-year matching contribution from the administration.

Treasurer of King's student union, Ian Taylor, says they didn't need to reach an agreement freezing tuition rates because their tuition is tied to Dalhousie's.

"We could benefit from the agreement without paying into it."

He says King's administration started charging the extra \$15 last year so "King's would not be a cheap backdoor to Dalhousie."