

Bakers want bigger slice

By TOBY SANGER

Most Dalhousie student union executive feel they are underpaid for their efforts and say they'd like to see their honorariums indexed to inflation.

A survey of salaries and responsibilities showed sharp differences between the DSU executives.

President Jamie MacMullin says he receives a \$8,800 honorarium for his work which involves mostly sitting in committee meetings and writing letters. He estimates he spends 40 hours a week at his job, including time spent at receptions and doing research on special topics.

"I tend to think there should be some indexing for the three officers (president, executive vice-president, and treasurer) and for the other executives," suggests MacMullin.



Jamie MacMullin

Executive vice-president Sandra Bell puts in "at least 84 hours a week" for her \$8,800, also spending much of her time in meetings and doing paperwork.

"It's impossible to spend part-time hours in here," she says although she's only being paid for 20 hours a week during the school year.

"No one can say we're in here for the money."

Both MacMullin and Bell are now part-time students, taking only one course each this term.

Treasurer Sean Casey, who also makes \$8,800 for his appointed position, says he also didn't apply for the job because of the money, but admits he wouldn't have taken the job if there wasn't honorarium involved.

"When I got the job, I didn't even know how much it paid," claims Casey.

"The main reason I took the job was that I was bored stiff being a full-time law student."



Sandra Bell

Casey, who is still a full-time student taking five courses this term and six last term, says he puts in "between 15 and 50" hours a week during the school year and spent 40 hours a week working on the finances during the summer.

"I think what I was paid in the summer was fair but during the school year the stipend is a bit low."

Other executive positions including the vice-president academic, the vice president external, and the community affairs co-ordinator are paid honorariums of \$2,100 for their work during the school year.



Sean Casey

Casey says the two vice-president positions are underpaid because they "put in almost as many hours as I do during the school year."

Community affairs co-ordinator Barney Savage suggests the v.p. external and v.p. academic should be employed for the summer "to ensure that adequate research is done in these two areas".

He adds: "I don't think the three officers of the union should all get paid the same. The president and the vice-president should receive more than they do at present but it's easier to be a full-time student and the treasurer."

Savage, who also spends otherwise idle hours as the chair of the Students Union of Nova Scotia, "isn't paid a cent" for the 20 hours he spends a week doing work for SUNS.



Barney Savage

Casey, Bell, and MacMullin all agree that the grants and communications chairpersons should receive an honorarium. "Both require a great deal of commitment and they aren't paid at all," says Casey.

Other council members only receive consideration on their resumes for their time.



Mark MacLeod

At \$17,000 per year, CKDU station manager Mark MacLeod is one of the highest paid student-types on campus. His salary is over twice the \$7,000 paid to the lowly *Gazette* editor. Six other full-time positions at CKDU are paid between \$8,000 and \$14,000 per year, with some of the money coming from government grants.

Student executive salaries at Dalhousie are low compared to some other Canadian universities, including the University of Toronto, where student council president Iggy Pitt is paid \$15,000 a year.

But a recent survey of salaries at American universities make them look quite generous. Topping the survey at \$7,000 (U.S.) was the honorarium for the president of the University of Iowa.

Treasurer Sean Casey is now distributing a questionnaire for student councillors to survey their views on the level of honoraria at Dalhousie in preparation for the 1987/88 budget.

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hospitals, elementary and secondary schools. The universities' association estimates a 35 per cent hike — or \$85 million — is needed to restore per student grants to 1979-80 levels.

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia has its own gripes with the MPHEC. A SUNS brief to the commission complains of the silence which greets each government's routine chopping of the recommendations down to size.

"The lack of MPHEC outrage at the government's funding decisions gives the picture of a special interest group which shoots for the moon in the hope of getting near it instead of a group of university experts which makes suggestions for funding keeping in mind the fact that governments face low rates of revenue growth."

But the AAU's Ozmon is sympathetic. "They're in an awkward position," he said. "They're there to advise. They're not an advocacy body — they're not geared to that. In a sense they self-destruct every year (after publishing a financial plan)."

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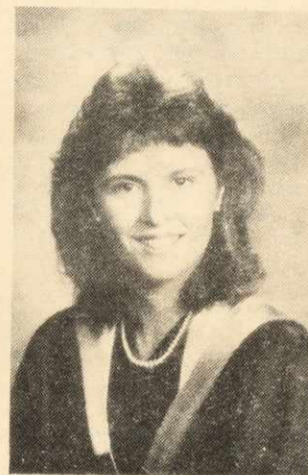
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