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Smoke

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lating a campus-wide petition which gathered over 1300 signatures in favour of the removal of the LSC's smoking section. The list was comprised of Professors, staff and student signatures.

It is now March, 1991, and is there any concrete evidence of administrative acknowledgement of this student-voiced concern? No. Evidently change will be a long time in coming.

Although Dalhousie Administration claims to be considering alternatives, the process has proven to be very slow. Both Eric McKee (494-2404), the VP Student Services, and Bill Lord (494-2470), the Director of the Physical Plant, have suggested to the student leaders that the SUB be made a smoke-free environment in order to demonstrate our seriousness regarding the issue. (Since this suggestion, the Student Union council has promptly commenced an examination of this issue.) Rumour has it that Bryan Mason (494-3862) is the member of Administration responsible for the resolution of the smoking issue.

This article's purpose is to inform the Dal community of the lack of progress made on this issue. Regretfully, we can only report that the Student Union council, the Dalhousie Science Society, and the University Environment Committee have passed motions supporting the petition. This demonstrates that there is student concern and support on this important, but largely ignored issue. According to Bill Lord, nothing can be done "overnight", and at a recent Senate meeting, Dr. Clark (494-2511) stated that financial restrictions (?) are the biggest burden. We suggest that Dalhousie Administration follow the precedent set by the Sir Charles Tupper, Dentistry, and A & A buildings, which are entirely smoke-free, and that they therefore take immediate action.

As we wither away in the administratively-induced asphyxia, we remain extremely choked and disillusioned by the system. With Administration claiming to be at a loss for an adequate solution, perhaps the student body can catalyse this process by voicing their suggestions to any member of the Dal Administration. As students, maybe we can pick up the slack and make a change.

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