

## Campbell exit justified

# Shape up or be shipped out

by Dorothy Wigmore

Ken Campbell should have been fired from his position as Special Events Chairman for the Student Union long ago, if reliable sources are correct. Apparently he has been providing problems for the Student Union during some of his seven years around this campus.

But Campbell is not the only one who should be singled out for this honour among the SUB's student staff.

The instigators of this action — principally vice-president, Jim Hearn and Communications Secretary, Jim Kayne, should also have their effectiveness questioned.

These two in particular are noted for rarely performing their duties in their respective offices. Hearn is difficult to track down, and apparently has been doing little Council work. He is rarely accessible in his office. If he was easy to reach, perhaps he could have dealt with some of the problems of student staff before they reached this point.

Kayne is also guilty of not performing his job, mainly by not fulfilling his own defined function. He promised Communications Board members — Pharos, GAZETTE, Photography, Radio and Office Services — that he would come around to see them at least once a week during the year.

But the GAZETTE, for one, has not been honoured with his presence on more than three occasions since September.

Kayne also has not acted as a co-ordinator and relayer of information to the Communication Board members.

Something must be done about these people and others who are abusing their positions. They and others, earn money — money we pay — for the jobs they are supposed to be doing.

If they don't smarten up, or if they have caused too much frustration and confusion, their resignations should be requested. If they show that they intend to carry out their functions responsibly during their remaining two months in office, they should be put on some kind of parole.

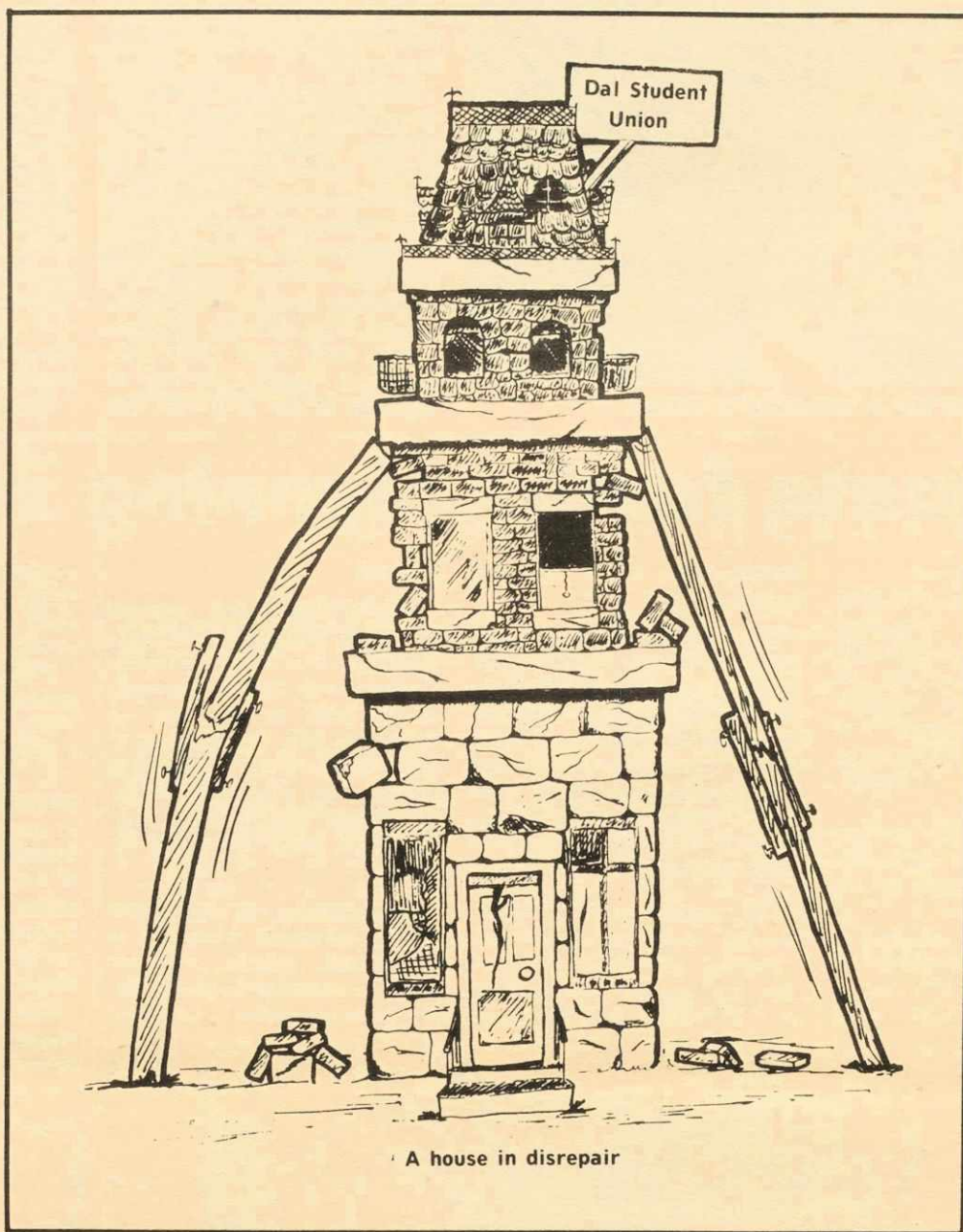
Since it is so difficult for students to discipline students, perhaps the permanent staff of the SUB, who are ultimately responsible for its operations, could take a hand in the problem, at the request of Students Council.

That would deal with immediate problems, but it still, as in the firing of Ken Campbell, does not get to the root of the problems with SUB student staff, and Student Union executive members.

One problem is the lack of job definitions. Defining jobs would mean that some measure can be made of a person's performance. Political hassles are less likely to occur under a definite job description set-up.

Another problem is that most of the student staff and SUB executive are appointed or elected in March.

They often do not have the job during the summer, and as former SUB Affairs Secretaries have testified, they lose interest in the job if they are away from it during the summer. They also lose touch with what



their particular department is doing.

This could be remedied by paying student staff and SUB executive a nominal salary during the summer, in order that they have a chance to do some preparatory work for the next academic year.

During the academic year, providing they

are performing their job adequately, they would receive the larger salary.

For the present however, something must be done about the incompetent and irresponsible people working, supposedly for the students, in the SUB. It must be done now, before more damage is done.

## Soc students being screwed

The Sociology students are being screwed. But something can be done about it within the Soc faculty, as well as in other areas of this university.

The liberal faculty, as was pointed out in the last GAZETTE, are going along for the ride with the right-wing faculty members. Tenure appears to be the main reason for their reluctance to speak up and take a stand. But they will soon discover that they, like the students, are going to be used and left out in the cold, if they don't speak up now.

The liberal and left-wing faculty members of the department must take a stand on student participation in their faculty immediately. To not do so, is to create their

own demise. Taking a stand means they are doing something not only for themselves, but for the Sociology students, and the principle of democratic participation in general.

The Soc students must stand behind their course union and fight for their rights. Other students and hopefully other faculty members from different departments, should also support the Sociology Students' Union in their efforts.

If they don't, one of the few democratic forms in this university will die, and likely not return. The precedent would be set to deny any sort of parity and democracy in other departments and areas of the university.

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