

# Conference Promotes Paramedical Unity

by Bev Yeadon

The first "Inter Health Professions Conference" was held at the Tupper Building on the weekend of Jan. 9.

The conference, otherwise known as the Paramedical weekend, involved all Halifax students studying in areas pertaining to health and was run entirely by the students. It is interesting to note that the field of Social Work which is not commonly associated with health professions was represented, thus exemplifying one

aim of the conference increased communication between paramedical disciplines.

The theme of the conference was "The Changing Role of the Health Team". Activities began on Friday night with a skit satirizing many aspects of the medical world. The main character in the skit made the rounds of the different health organizations, represented by individuals studying in those fields. The journey took in everything from dentistry to psychiatry and played to a packed house. A hoot-

enany followed in which many Dalhousie students participated.

Saturday's events began with a buffet luncheon followed by panel discussions. The three discussions ran concurrently and all the panelists met afterwards in a general discussion.

In the later meeting the three panel chairmen summarized the results of their respective discussions and the panelists invited questions from the audience. Miss D. A. Campbell, one of the organizers, said she was "pleased with the amount of audience participation in the discussions!"

D. A. Campbell and Joel Kirsch, both of Dalhousie, were active in initiating the conference and Mark Goldberg, also of Dalhousie, provided leadership as chairman.

Those participating from Dalhousie included students of Medicine, Nursing, Science, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Physiotherapy, Social Work and Pharmacy. Non-Dalhousie participants came from Nursing, Lab Technology, x-ray Technology and Nuclear Medical Technology. The latter came from the Institute of Technology and local hospitals.

Miss Campbell said she felt the weekend was "generally a success". She also said that she thought the conference pointed out the "desperate need for more communication between those involved in the health professions" and that as a result of the conference positive steps were being taken to develop lines of communication.

# Council cop-out Three More Resign

Three more resignations came this week in the stampede to the exits which has been plaguing Council since early in December. At the meeting of January 12, Council officially accepted the resignations.

Liz Cusack, Sherriff Hall representative, resigned because she was disappointed by a lack of effective action of the part of the executive.

BY Julia McMahon

Due to a non-confidence vote at a Commerce meeting, Daphne Shedd offered her resignation. Miss Shedd was defeated at a meeting of 18 out of a possible 250 constituents.

D. A. Campbell decided to vacate in order to give the new Nursing representative a longer time to adjust to Council. Miss Campbell felt that the new member would be elected by acclamation by the Nursing faculty in the general election.

Miss Campbell refused to disclose other reasons, which are explained in a statement slated for release by the Nursing faculty yesterday (Jan. 15).

Other resignations have not officially been accepted, as in the case of the medical representatives, who are waiting for forth-coming by-elections.

With very little time left in the year to work, Councillors are attempting to get something constructive done; but as usually happens, they become entangled in lengthy discussion consisting mainly of semantics.

An aura of disappointment and general failure to communicate are apparent at the moment.

# Carleton Council Asks to be Dissolved

OTTAWA (CUP) — Baffled by their dual role as service organizers and student politicians, student councillors at Carleton University Tuesday (January 6) agreed to ask their constituents to vote them out of existence.

By a 12-3 vote, the council agreed to hold a referendum January 19 and 20, at which students would approve the creation of two separate and distinct student organizations: one concerned with university social activities, the other concerned with university government.

At the same meeting, seven members of the eight-man council executive resigned.

"It was impossible to run both a highly professional service organization and deal with complex political

questions at the same time, in an ad hoc situation," council ex-president Lorenz Schmidt said.

"The power balance between the university representative structure — known as NUG (New University Government) — and the student council was eroding the credibility of both and made it hard for students to realize there is a concentrated drive of any sort going on."

The council executive hopes students will approve a plan creating two student organizations: a five-man "board of directors" elected to control social activities of the students' union, plus a "grand council" composed of students elected under the recently-instituted NUG to the departmental levels of university government.

# York Pres Hopefuls Withdraw in Mystery

TORONTO (CUP) — A miffed candidate withdrew his name from the race for the presidency of York University Monday (January 5), with allegations that "rumor, fabrications and slander" are being used to influence the outcome of the selection.

John Saywell, arts and science dean at York, said any ambitions he might have had to become president of the institution were "more than offset" by rumors and slanders circulating on campus and by the "haggle over the procedure" of choosing the president.

Saywell did not explain the nature of the rumors, the fabrications or the slander, but university sources say his stand favoring faculty power makes him unpopular with the board of gov-

ernors, composed largely of businessmen. Charges have apparently been raised that as soon as the names of presidential candidates were revealed, some members of the board began phoning senators advising them whom to support.

The procedural haggles apparently result from a split within the York senate, with one faction favoring election of the new president by board of governors alone, while another, including Saywell and student senators, wants an open decision with the senate having the major say. A compromise accepted by most senators has the senate vote for the new president by secret ballot, with only the board chairman and the presidential search committee seeing the results.

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