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aware of its content . . . council has absolutely no power with respect to changes in union fees. The only proper means of changing the fee rate is by special resolution."

King's constitution under section 16 (h) states, "The union shall authorize the administration of the university to collect from each student a fee set by the union and called a student's union fee." It is unfortunate that Mr. Robertson does not realize that in our constitution, unless it specifically states that a certain issue can only be passed by special resolution, then council does have authority to act as it wishes.

This fact has been confirmed by our student union lawyer to us. Mr. Thompson and the rest of council were informed of this by Union President John Wiles at one of our recent council meetings. Hopefully, Mr. Robertson will verify his information before falsely criticizing someone again. Previously to writing this letter, I approached Mr. Robertson about his mistake, but he refused to discuss the matter with me at the time. I hope he will find it in himself, in the near future, to apologize to Marc Allain and Trent Thompson.

Brian Fisher
Student council rep.
Chairman
Constitutional Committee
King's College, 1977-78

AFS communicating?

To the Gazette:

I believe that the Atlantic Federation of Students has done very little to ameliorate the unstable economic situation faced by the students of Atlantic universities. I have heard little or nothing about any lobbying for greater financial aid from government. Surely the students who accepted this organization in last year's referendum have a right to know about its actions or inaction? Did the AFS prevent a five percent tuition increase last year? Will it be able to lessen the threatened increase this year? We, the students, do not know. How can one be expected to support an organization which is so secret about its problems and failures? The AFS must trust the students for some support or fold.

On the other hand, support for the AFS, which seemed to be promised in the referendum, has failed to materialize. Have all the students who voted in favour of the AFS graduated and moved to Toronto? Individual action is no longer sufficient to more governments. Students must unify their efforts for the stabilization of tuition fees, and the maintenance of reasonable fee increases. The Atlantic Symphony Orchestra makes louder music than the South Halifax Jug Band. The students have been given the instrument for their deliverance in the AFS, yet they fear to use it. No blame can be laid. Better lines of communication are what's really called for.

Kathi Racine,
Arts and Science 2nd year

Not my fault

To the Gazette:

an open letter to A.F.S. membership

At the fall meeting of the Nova Scotia caucus of A.F.S., I was appointed co-ordinator for student aid. This position entailed (at least) collecting materials from the student representatives on the government appointed boards involved in

the assessment of the student aid program.

Peter Mancini is the representative on the student aid advisory committee and Robert Sampson serves on the review board. Neither of these two individuals at any time advanced to me any materials or information concerning student aid. (although Peter did say he would)

This apparent lack of cooperation has, to say the least, hampered my ability to function as a coordinator and as a consequence the membership has voted my removal from this position.

This decision seems to be rather ill-founded and absurd since at this time Peter and Robert continue to be the student reps on these two government cabals and will probably still fail to supply any information to the new co-ordinator.

Another black mark against me was that I was not in attendance at two caucus meetings in the past. This was not due to any inaction on my part, but principally because I was never informed of any meetings in advance.

Some conclusions:

- 1) Robert and Peter have been remiss in their duties.
- 2) A.F.S. staff-membership communications are poor
- 3) The caucus failed to consider all the facts before arriving at a decision.

Thank you,
Ex-coordinator of Student Aid for the Nova Scotia caucus of A.F.S.
Shelly Jones

Creates limitations

To the Gazette:

At a Faculty of Arts and Science Council meeting, (2 February, 1978) a motion was passed that reads as follows: "that the report containing the proposed amendments to Degree regulation 5.2.1.5 be received by Council and recommended favourably for adoption by the Faculty." Embodied in this statement is an amendment to current curriculum regulations that would, in effect, prohibit students in B.A. or

B.Sc. programmes from enrolling into a variety of courses in various different University departments. According to the minutes of this meeting students would be limited to "those departments of the Faculty which offer programmes leading to the degree of B.A. or B.Sc." It seems that this new regulation, if implemented, is specifically directed towards the exclusion of Education courses; we feel that this sets a dangerous precedent.

According to the 1977-78 Dalhousie University Calendar, Degree regulation 5.2.1.5 reads "Students may choose electives from any of the classes listed in the Arts and Science Calendar, . . . subject to the restriction that "Selections in Education are limited to a maximum of three classes from the Education Foundation offerings (Education classes with numbers below 4500)". Such a restriction is reasonable since Education classes with a number greater than 4500 deal with professional development—teach-

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