

Wallet



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Dalhousie President Tom Traves spoke to the DSU council at the start of Monday's meeting. Tyler Russell, a representative of the International Development Association (IDA), voiced concerns to Traves similar to ones he raised at the open forum.

At the forum, Russell said that he wondered why the Union should donate money to a project they have no written guarantees about. A defensive Dr. Graham Taylor, Dean of the Arts and Social Sciences Faculties, replied that students will have representation, but that the committees weren't made up yet.

"We're not against the building," Russell assured.

"We're not against you. We [the IDA] just want something on paper."

DSU president MacKay said that he had been verbally assured that the student representation on the building committees would be no less than two students on a committee of eight to ten people.

Russell replied, "We just want the 'verbally' on paper."

Michael Cross, a Dal History Professor, said at the forum that, "Students are buying a pig in the poke."

"It's ludicrous that students should have to buy representation," said Cross.

Dean Taylor replied that it was his understanding that students would have representation on the building committees anyway.

President Traves confirmed this during Monday's council meeting.

"If the Student Union makes a contribution, they will participate in the planning of the building. If they don't...they will participate."

Lewis Jacobsen, a student at Monday's meeting and an ex-councillor, questioned whether it was a good idea to contribute any money at all.

Jacobsen cautioned council that the university has been progressively asking for bigger and bigger contributions from students over the past few years. He added that Dal has been asking for student money to do things that the university used to do itself.

President Traves and Dean Taylor both indicated that the reasons for directing the money were twofold: to up the quality of the new building and give a good impression to donors.

"Potential donors to the Capital Campaign are more likely to make their pledges when they see that this project has the endorsement of the students at Dalhousie," Taylor wrote in a letter submitted to council Monday.

Traves concurred with the Dean saying that donors would be

encouraged by the fact that students voted to contribute money towards the Capital Campaign last year and then decided to direct a substantial amount of the money this year to the ASSB.

The President spoke against using the money for many small projects. He pointed to the last Capital Campaign in which money was directed into projects so small, there's virtually nothing to show for the money having been spent.

"You can make a big impact here, as a big project rather than a little impact with 50 little projects," Traves said.

Traves also indicated that the donation of the Union would have a direct impact on the quality of the ASSB.

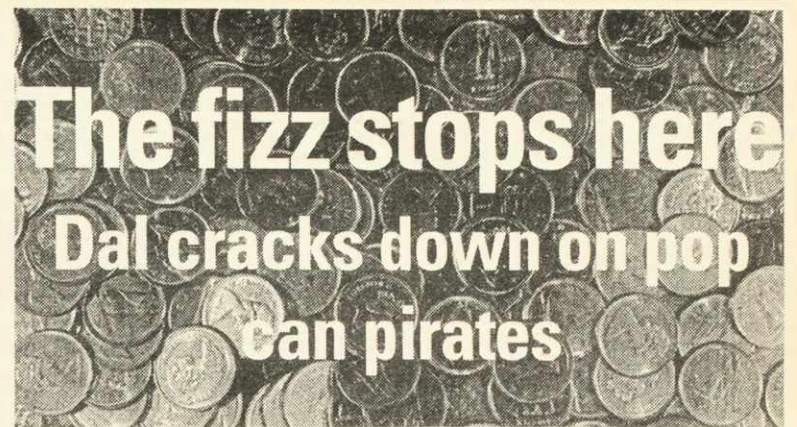
"The more money you have, the more facilities, and bells and whistles you can put into it," he said.

Dean Taylor reiterated this point in his letter, stating that the contribution would provide, "an opportunity to integrate into the proposed building a number of features that will significantly enhance the quality of undergraduate education and student life at Dalhousie."

The features would include up to date language labs and multimedia technology built into the ASSB.

DSU president MacKay looked at the donation as a way of improving the Student Union's pull on campus.

"By putting our money where our mouths are, this gives us a great deal of credibility," said MacKay.



BY MATT BURNS

Across campus, pop cans are disappearing. Students, staff and neighbourhood residents are carting off cans in record numbers, and Dalhousie's administration is attempting to put a stop to it.

Last April the provincial government imposed a 10 cent deposit on aluminum pop cans, five cents of which is refundable. The deposit was created in an effort to encourage more people to recycle. The policy, however, has had a negative impact on Dalhousie University.

Last year, without the new policy in place, Dalhousie collected 30-35 per cent of all possible deposit revenue according to the head of custodial services at Dal, Mike Murphy. He says that this year the University has only been able to collect 25 per cent of the cans sold on campus. This has resulted in decreased revenue for the university.

Murphy says that the problem is two fold. First, students and citizens living around Dal are more aware that they can profit from an organized collection of cans.

This practice is nothing new. Bottle drives are often organized to serve a dual purpose of recycling and fundraising. However, when those cans are taken out of the recycling containers at Dal and put into a private collection the Dal recycling program becomes significantly more expensive.

The act of removing cans from Dal property is an illegal offense, according to Murphy. Nevertheless, it is a difficult offense to monitor.

The second problem is that the custodial staff collect cans for personal benefit as well. There are only two staff members who regularly service the recycling containers at Dal. With the addition of paper and cardboard to handle from the many buildings on

campus, the recycling staff are assisted in their task by other custodial workers.

According to Murphy, a small pocket of these staff take up a private collection of their own. The result has been a tightening of the restrictions on can collection for staff. Workers can now only collect cans for personal use on paid lunch breaks. Custodians can also accept cans from patrons, but cannot remove cans from recycling containers. Custodial services says that it hopes that the incentive for staff to assist in the program will be maintained without a further loss in revenue for the university.

Murphy believes that this is still not enough. He has sent two memos over the past six months to the various buildings around campus suggesting ideas that will ease the burden of collection for staff while raising more revenue for the recycling program.

One of his ideas is to have people bring their recyclables down to a designated floor for collection. Murphy says that too much of the recycling staff's time is wasted going throughout entire buildings collecting cans. A designated collection spot on the ground floor of each building would save staff time. It would also lessen the reliance on other custodial staff and subsequently reduce the hoarding problems that have been witnessed in the recent past.

Murphy also wants students and others alike to understand the fragility of the program. The program is already understaffed and will not be able to survive on a return subsidy of only 25 per cent. Students and staff alike will be encouraged to put their cans in the university dispensers to increase deposit subsidization. This will in turn increase the number of dispensers on campus.

"It needs to start now to create a positive atmosphere," Murphy says.

This is how your council members voted this Monday on the motion to give the university \$1 million towards the new Arts and Social Science Building. Comment them on a job well done... or give 'em hell. It's up to you.

- NO**
 Alix Dostal - Arts Rep
 Terence Tam - Arts Rep
 Ian Carr - Arts Rep
- OTHER**
 Bridgette McCaig - Nursing Rep
 Abstain
 Christina Rideout - Social Work Rep
 Absent
 Dianne Levesque - Science Rep
 Absent
 Curtis Cartmill - Board of Governors Rep (Unable to vote—Chair)
- YES**
 Atreya Basu - Engineering Rep
 Brad MacKay - President
 Brian Collins - Commerce Rep
 Cam Fraser - Member at Large
 Carman Barteaux - VP Community Affairs

- YES (continued)**
 Chris Adams - Senate Rep
 Chris Lydon - VP Academic/External
 Daniel Clark - Senate Rep
 David MacGillivray - DAGS Rep
 Fred Redden - DAGS Rep
 Jessica Madison - Science Rep
 Jessica Michael - Science Rep
 Jim Rossiter - Law Rep
 Katherine Hannah - Executive VP
 Kevin Chisolm - Physiotherapy Rep
 Kevin Lacey - Member at Large
 Mark Scott - Howe Hall Rep
 Mary Brindle - Medicine Rep
 Michael Murphy - Treasurer
 Nadine Harrison - Occupational Therapy Rep
 Paul Ross - SAPHERK
 Sue Garner - Shirreff Hall Rep
 Tanya Thomas - Eliza Ritchie Rep

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