

AFS / FEA funding defeated

The Dalhousie Student Council Sunday 5 December defeated a motion to give \$2000 to the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS/FEA) for emergency funding.

Council was divided rather sharp-

ly on support for FEA/AFS.

Arts Representative Bernie Mac-Donell told the Council "I think there are two basic groups here, and the people in the middle who will make the decision."

A compromise amendment giving a lesser amount totalling \$750 was defeated by the two extremes, when both agreed that it was not an acceptable way of resolving the question.

AFS/FEA Secretary Don Soucy and Mount Saint Vincent Vice-President External Diane Wright were present at the meeting to speak in favor of emergency funding for the organization.

Several council members suggested that since Dalhousie might not approve a \$1.00 per capita fee in the spring, council should not be funding an organization of which it may no longer remain a member. They also suggested that Dalhousie was capable of doing the work that they were asked to contribute money towards.

Student Union President Gord Neal told Council "There is some talk of holding a referenda on NUS/UNE and AFS/FEA in the spring and switching our \$1.00 from NUS to AFS."

Many councillors also argued that without a detailed budget they could not decide if the \$1,000 loan and \$1,000 grant were acceptable. Soucy challenged the idea that the organization did not deserve support because they lacked a detailed budget.

He reminded Dalhousie that they had originally assumed responsibility for producing the budget.

At a special FEA/AFS conference 27 November, delegates voted to raise membership fees to \$1.00 per student effective the fall of 1977. Delegates also voted to seek emergency funds of \$7500 by 15 December to have the organization functioning at capacity during fee referenda in the spring.

Soucy felt that since Dalhousie represented 1/4 of the student population in the Atlantic provinces, Dalhousie would be prepared to contribute 1/4 of the funds, rather than the 1/10 that the compromise would have been.

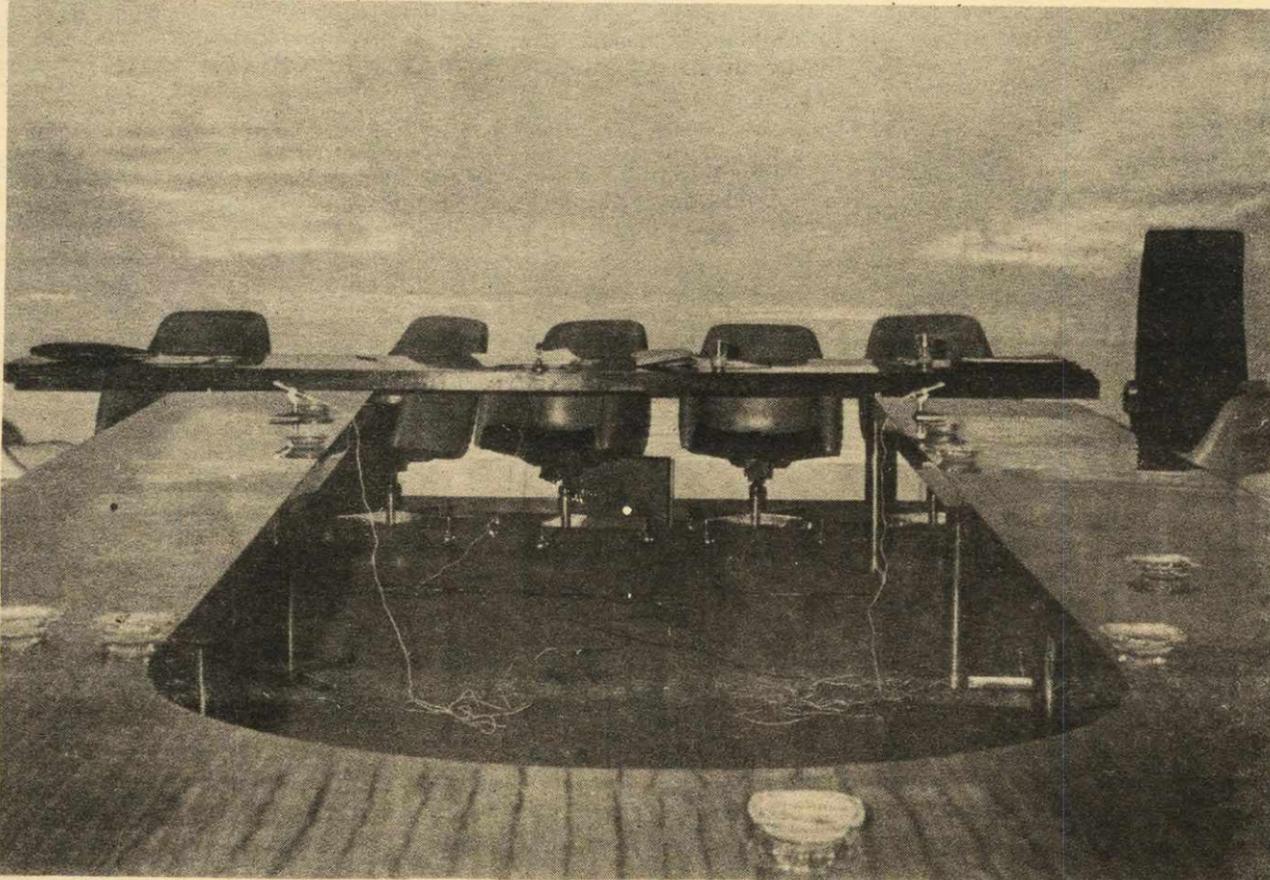
After the motion to contribute \$2,000 was defeated Soucy commented "The main problem is the constant referral to AFS/FEA as 'they'; the failure to realize that it is not 'they', but an organization of the post-secondary students in the Atlantic."

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The aftermath of Sunday's Student Council meeting.

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Gazette boycotts CBC ads

The Dalhousie Student Council voted 9,3,1 last Sunday night to "financially, morally and in every other way, support the Dalhousie Gazette boycott of CBC Radio advertising."

The decision was the culmination of three months of work by staff of the Dalhousie Gazette to publicize a boycott against CBC for discrimination.

"I don't support discrimination, I don't care how much it costs" Dalhousie Student Union President Gord Neal stated Sunday night when he spoke in favor of the boycott.

At a Student Council meeting two weeks earlier, councillors were

hesitant about supporting the boycott due to the apprehension that the Gazette would lose a large amount of money. Dalhousie Gazette Editor Allan Zdunich resigned when council voted to have the executive consider the matter. Zdunich termed the council decision an attempt to interfere with editorial freedom.

The resignation was withdrawn by Zdunich when he was advised by Neal that the matter would not be considered by executive since it was an internal decision of the Gazette.

On 30 November the executive decided to discuss the matter, and recommended 3,1,0 that council order the Gazette to print the

advertising from CBC.

At the 5 December meeting the decision to print CBC Radio advertising was rejected together with a suggestion seen as a compromise: printing the ad with news copy adjacent to it outlining the policy CBC is engaging in.

CBC's local station CBH Radio was (and still is) refusing to let the Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE) use its Public Service Announcements air time to announce group meetings and the advice line (Gayline).

The Dalhousie Gazette had begun the boycott of CBC ads when it

learned that this refusal to air PSA's was part of a national policy of CBC Radio. (See accompanying article.)

Council reacted strongly to charges that CBC was discriminating and from the outset it was evident that the Duggan motion supporting the boycott would pass.

Only three council members voted against the motion, it was these same three: Anne Gillis, Mike Sherar and Keith Evans that had voted to order Gazette to print the ads submitted by CBH when the matter was discussed in the executive committee.

CBC anti-gay policy

"The CBC policy regarding gay organizations is under review" Vivian Forbes told the Dalhousie Gazette on December 3.

Forbes, speaking on behalf of the corporation, added "The corporate study is still underway. By the end of the year the study by a group of senior corporate officers should be completed."

The review of CBC's policy towards gay organizations was initiated when the GAE (Gay Alliance for Equality) filed an

intervention against the license of CBH radio. GAE charged before the CRTTC (Canadian Radio, Television and Tele-Communications Commission) that the organization was the victim of anti-homosexual discrimination by the management and staff of CBH radio.

After three years of unsuccessfully attempting to have CBH air Public Service Announcements submitted by GAE, members of the organization decided to file an

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