

# DAAC up for comment at council meet

A proposal to change the status of the Dalhousie Amateur Athletic Club is being studied by the students' council.

DAAC representative Steve Brown told council's last meeting the council should grant the club more autonomy.

Mr. Brown said this year's executive of the club felt DAAC should become a sounding board for student opinion on university sport.

In recent years, the main function of DAC has been to administer interfaculty football, basketball and hockey, soccer and other sports.

Council members noted the apparent ambiguity of the DAAC charter. Although the student's council is constituted as the final student authority, some members of the DAAC executive interpret the DAAC charter as ruling the club responsible to the Dr. Kent through the athletic director.

Former DAAC executive members have apparently recognized the authority of the council.

However, Ken Gowie, this year's athletic director will invoke fully his authority.

But observers feel the council will be cautious in releasing any of its authority over student organizations.

At present, council has final word on which teams partake in the intervarsity sports program as well as the level at which Dalhousie varsity teams will play.

### SOUNDING BOARD

Mr. Gowie -- and members of the DAAC along with him -- have said the club should be "a sounding board" for student opinion.

They also feel DAAC should be in control of advertising for all Dalhousie sports.

Mr. Brown told council the executive members feel the club should be "a motivating organization and not just one of an advisory capacity."

To support their submission for autonomy, the DAAC executive has pointed out that the council does not budget for their money.

### UNIVERSITY T.V.

In other council business, W. Fedoryck was appointed to represent the council on a committee representing five universities in the Halifax area for the television program "Scope."

The program will be broadcast over CJCH's television channel and will concern university life.

### SWEATER PROBLEM

Council also dealt with the infamous cheer-leader sweater problem.

Last year, a council member bought 10 sweaters for the cheerleaders for \$7 each. Council granted the money.

The problem? Other cheerleaders didn't approve of the sweaters. Last summer, a cheerleader sold the sweaters at a \$30 profit.

Council approved money for the new sweaters, costing \$21.95 each.

### INSTITUTE WANTS MORE MEMBERS

Chemistry and Chemical Engineering students are invited to join the student chapter of the Chemical Institute of Canada at a special rate of \$2.00. This includes the monthly periodical, "Chemistry in Canada". Further details may be obtained from John H. Blakeley, Rm. 49, Chemistry Building.



"Look Ma, I'm a neophyte!" New girls enter portals of Delta Gamma at the candlelight service Oct. 1. (Photo by Purdy)

## CAMPUS POLITICAL LEADERS TO ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Leaders of the three political parties on campus last week announced their desire to foster increased political awareness on campus this year.

Randy Smith, president of the Progressive Conservative Club, and Liberal Club President John Myers made a joint statement of their aim to encourage "non-partisan political discussion" among students.

"Only half of the student body" said Mr. Myers, "is concerned enough with the responsibilities of citizenship to vote in a campus election."

To remedy this situation, the Liberal and PC leaders wish to institute a program of debate, discussion and question periods to consider basic political problems. Explained Mr. Myers, "One important function of such discussion would be to acquaint people with party policy, for how can people join political parties if they don't know the issues at stake?"

David Graham, interim secretary of the New Democratic Party

Club expressed his willingness to co-operate with Mr. Smith and Mr. Myers, seeing in their proposal a means of combatting the way "students have become disinterested in politics".

All three leaders shared the opinion of Mr. Smith that "the prime purpose of campus politics is not to advance the cause of particular parties, but to acquaint the university with political problems in general."

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staff and invited everyone "to get to know them". "Next to your lecture notes", he predicted, "the library collection will be your greatest aid to success at Dalhousie."

The President then introduced the deans of the faculties who in turn introduced the new members in their faculty. No degrees were conferred.

### APPLICATIONS

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E.H. Carr, F.L. Schuman, Erich Fromm and Quincy Wright. Each delegation will be required to submit a paper on a prescribed topic. Council will send one delegate, or two, if they will share the extra expenses for the trip. Applications should be in the Council office by October 15.

The second Laval Congress on Canadian Affairs is scheduled for November 20 to 24 in Quebec. The Congress topic is "Canada and her Economy" and among the speakers will be Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, Tommy Douglas, James Coyne, and "Le Devoir" editor, Gerard Filion. Two delegates will be sent from Dalhousie, and applications should be in by October 12.

Applications to attend the conferences should state briefly the student's reasons for wishing to attend the conference and his qualifications.

Reports to the Council of the Students and to The Gazette will be expected from each delegation on its return.

Ancient Egyptian dice specimens found in the ruins of Thebes indicate that, even in those days, some of the little cubes were being "loaded" to make cheating easier.

## Handbook due for release this week

Bob MacDonnell, Editor of the Student Handbook-Directory, announced Saturday that the new Handbook will be available this week. The appearance of the Student Directory is scheduled for the third week in October.

Release of the Handbook, originally planned for registration, was delayed by the preparation of the Students' Council Constitution which was revised last year. The Handbook, published by the Council of the Students, is designed to acquaint students with their constitution and with the various clubs and societies on campus.

To permit an earlier appearance of the Handbook this year, the Student Directory is being published separately and will fit inside the Handbook. Information on Dalhousie's 2500 students must be received from the Registrar before the directory can go to printer.

Mr. MacDonnell explained that both the Handbook and the Directory will appear earlier than last year, when the information was not in the students' hands until November.

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