

# Council Briefs

by C. Ricketts

The question of whether or not the Student Union will oppose the conditional sale of the Hart-Butler property is still up in the air.

Student Union president Peter Rans read letters to council from Dalhousie Faculty Association president Om Kamra and university Vice President Finance Robbie Shaw at the March 13 meeting.

In his letter, Kamra explained the DFA supported the sale of the property because of Shaw's assurance of alternate housing for the 40 women displaced by the land sale, and the guarantee that alternate parking facilities will be made available. Student Council was unhappy when the DFA registered support for the conditional sale, which it viewed as endorsement of the sale of student housing, contrary to student interests.

The Student Union and the DFA are generally mutually supportive.

Shaw's letter stated "every effort would be made" to find accommodation for 30-35 female students, by using two houses on the Dalplex site, and another three houses on LeMarchant Street currently used by the French department.

VP Internal John Russell said this meant there was no effective increase in housing facilities since three houses already contain people who would be displaced by the female residents.

Board of Governors rep Atul Sharma noted this did not fulfill Council's demands for alternate housing, and asked council if it would proceed with legal action to block the rezoning action.

Rans said the university's actions

fulfilled the "legal definition" of council's request, "but not the spirit of what we've asked for." He said he would relay Council's concerns back to Shaw and consult the Student Union's lawyer on the matter.

Dalhousie will be paying more into the Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) as a result of approving a fee increase from \$1 to \$1.50.

Student Union vice president external Tim Hill said the fee increase was decided at the last SUNS meeting in January, during the organizational revamping. He said it would increase the SUNS budget from between \$27,000 to \$34,000, depending on the coming year's membership.

Previously, the budget amounted to only slightly less than \$20,000 annually. Additional money from the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) allowed the provincial organization to employ a part-time executive officer this year.

Dalhousie currently pays in excess of \$32,000 to CFS in annual fees, \$3 per student to CFS' political wing and \$1 per student to CFS-Services.

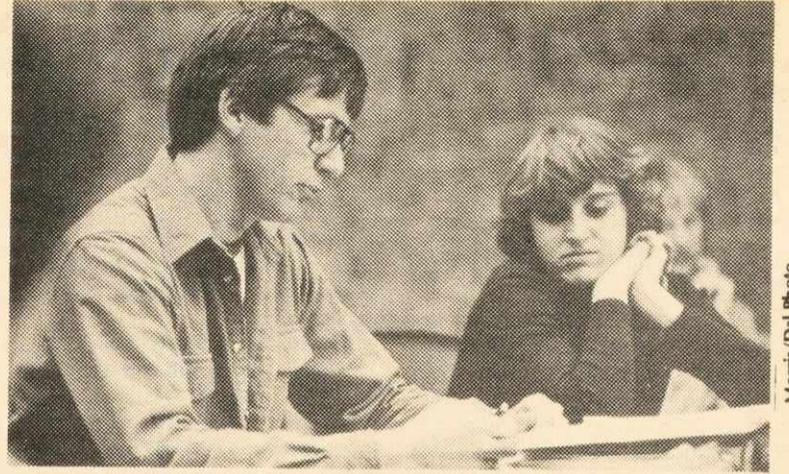
CKDU's FM Task Force presentation proved not to be as controversial as anticipated.

Task Force chair Keith Tufts and CKDU station manager Derrick Daniels relayed to council the events of a meeting held with council executive late last week. A proposal arising from the meeting was to send two people to Ontario on a fact-finding mission at other university FM radio stations, and

have Patrick Negel, director of the Carleton FM station, come to Dalhousie for four days.

Daniels justified the expenditure of \$4000 as being a "worthwhile insurance policy" to ensure the process of going FM would be accomplished in the best possible fashion. He equated costs of three per cent of one year's operating costs as reasonable in terms of prevailing market rates.

The CKDU report was accepted for further discussion, with most councillors present expressing a desire to hold a referendum on CKDU-FM in late September or early October.



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## Students set to educate public

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is calling for a National Week of Mobilization on Higher Education from March 21-25. Events across the country will be designed to draw public attention to Canada's desperate need for a quality planned education system.

Universities in Nova Scotia will participate by staging a symposium on post-secondary education at Dalhousie on March 23, National Student Day.

Student Unions of Nova Scotia (SUNS) will be sponsoring the event. Student Union president Peter Rans is co-ordinating the symposium and describes it as "an attempt to explore, publicly, the serious questions affecting the current and future operation of our post-secondary system."

A series of four panel discussions will examine financial restraint and its implications, student aid, stu-

dent employment and unemployment, and the future of higher education. Each panel will consist of student, faculty, university administration and government representatives.

Included among the panelists are Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission chair John Terry, Andy Carras from the Ministry of Education, and Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, president of St. Mary's University.

SUNS chair Eric Walker considers the symposium's timing appropriate because of the grave financial, qualitative and accessibility problems now facing post-secondary education in Nova Scotia. Walker stated further the symposium could be viewed "as the opening of the public dialogue envisioned with the appointment of a provincial Special Commission of

Inquiry into Post-Secondary Education."

On the national level, CFS called for joint talks between governments, teachers, support staff and students on the federal plan to limit education funding in accordance with the six-and-five restraint program. CFS Executive Director Diane Flaherty and CFS researcher Bruce Tate made the request after meeting with Secretary of State Serje Joyal March 14.

The Secretary of State is responsible for education funding at the federal level.

The SUNS symposium is open to the public and press, and will take place in the SUB's Green Room. It will begin at 9:00 am Wednesday March 23. Further information can be obtained by contacting Peter Rans or Peter Kavanaugh at 424-2146.

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