

Member-at-Large
By MAUREEN PHINNEY
Are you anxious to serve your student community? Do you want to fill a vital position in your Student Union? If so, why not become a Member-at-Large for the Dalhousie Student Council?

According to Dennis Ashworth, Student Council President, the function of the Member-at-Large is "to provide an objective, non-parochial view of campus affairs at council meetings."

"Council representatives from specific faculties naturally have a narrower, more subjective outlook on campus issues," said Ashworth.

Since the function of the Member-at-Large is so non-specific, his actual duties tend to be somewhat vague-so vague that they are not listed in the Student Council Constitution.

Yet this position is so valuable that each year's Council has two Member-at-Large, who share in representing the Dalhousie students as a whole.

Still want to be an MAL? Great! Yet oddly enough the total number of applications made for both positions last year was only eight. This may have been due to the fact that not too many people hold the proper qualifications.

The first member must have been on Council the previous year. "This establishes a certain continuity between this year's Council and that of other years. After all, we wouldn't like to be stuck in the position of not knowing what went on last year," commented George Munroe. One person (Randy Smith) applied for this position.

The second MAL is supposed to be a newcomer-mature, socially active, infusing fresh young blood into the organization.

Last year seven applied. Applications go before an applications committee of three; the chairman, (Council Vice-President), one other member of the present Council, and one retiring member. They elect the applicant who, in their opinion is most capable of filling the position. And so a new MAL is created.

When asked to comment on this procedure Gazette Editor Kim Cameron stated, "It strangely resembles the electoral system of Czechoslovakia."

Viet Cong at Dal

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Three representatives of the National Liberation Front of South Viet Nam will arrive in Montreal Tuesday (Sept. 26.) to begin a tour of Canadian campuses.

The visit is sponsored jointly by the Student Christian Movement and the Canadian Union of Students, in order that Canadian students may become acquainted first-hand with the position of the NLF in that war, and may personally question the rationale behind the NLF's actions in the war."

During the 31st CUS congress a motion was passed instigating a program of Viet Nam awareness.

The NLF representatives are scheduled to visit the University of Waterloo and the University of Calgary, and arrangements are presently being made to visit other campuses.

They will stay in Canada for approximately two weeks.

This is the Gazette Centennial... Canada's Oldest Newspaper is 100 years old



In a surprise move over the summer our University has provided a platform for potential Messiahs, Hitlers and other well meaning orators to facilitate the message. Notice the rapture of speakers and audience.

Council considers the need for student power

By HUGH FRASER

In a brief passed by the Student's Council, the night of Monday, September 25th., the president of the Student's Council, Dennis Ashworth demanded four student members on the Senate.

The four student members would include the president of the Student's Council, another member of the Student's Council,

chosen by that body, and one representative each from both the graduate and undergraduate student bodies. The students would serve as members of the Senate for one year only.

The motion to install student power in the Senate was passed unanimously.

Ashworth noted, in introducing the motion, that there seemed to be very little reaction among the faculty, either for or against the proposal, considering the im-

portance of it.

A verbal tussle erupted during the debate on the Application Committee Report, which concerned the appointment of a chairman for this year's Fall Festival, Harry MacDonald, a third-year law student, applied for the position as chairman of the festival but his program clashed with that already outlined by the representatives of the Canadian Union of Students, who had planned their program for over six months.

An extended debate resulted over the idea to hire a band the Friday night of the Fall Festival week-end or to allow students to build floats for the parade the next day. Ken Nedd of CUS pleaded for retention of his program which included the hiring of a first-class band on Friday night of the Fall Festival.

Harry MacDonald, only Fall Festival Chairman candidate, said that a dance that night would delay the building of floats, re-

sulting in no parade the next day. Both sides later agreed to a proposal that the floats for the parade be built before Friday. The band would still be employed for the dance.

Randy Smith read the Priorities Committee Report, which suggested a priority list for the different campus organizations, as an aid to the treasurer, when he works out the budget. Smith emphasized that the priority list was only a guideline for the treasurer and not a dogmatic as-

sertion of the relative importance of the various extracurricular activities.

Education Society Elections were scheduled for Wednesday, October 11. Nominations close Oct. 4.

A Student Discipline Study Committee was created by the council with Frank Wilson appointed chairman. The committee's duties will be to examine how to handle our own and study the question of student police for Dalhousie.

A Calendar Review Committee was also created to discover whether courses advertised in the University Calendar in the spring were still held the following autumn. The onus of checking upon the individual courses offered was relegated to the different members of the Student's Council. Each faculty is checking its own courses.

Green-eyed Temptress "Seduces" Panel

"Let the bells ring and the banners fly, The Queen's on her throne and soaring high."

Once again the "Frosh function", crowning of a freshette Queen, has come and gone, leaving in its wake the "I knew she would's" and "I THOUGHT she wouldn't's. AFTER meeting Nancy surely most of the responses must be "I knew she would". THE new Queen is first year Arts student Nancy MacDonald from Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Green-eyed, sandy-haired, Nancy was chosen from five hopefuls including Sue Brownlee, NANCY Nichols Jeri Sodoway and Candy Brookbank.

Each girl was interviewed by a panel of judges made up from the various faculties. Pictures were taken of girls in class apparel on the site of the new Student Union building. Coffee followed at the home of Barb Lynch, the organizer of the event.

Pretty five foot four Nancy was escorted to the formal dance held in the rink by handsome six foot six Tom Beattie, her blind date for the occasion. Like most Frosh Nancy seemed quite impressed by the glamour of it all. She plans to major in either Russian or French and then to enter the diplomatic service. What does Nancy think of Dalhousie? SHE thinks its "terrific".



Campus Queen Nancy MacDonald (upper right) poses with other contestants (from left) Sue Brownlee, Candy Brookbank, Nancy Nichols and Geri Sodoway.

Dal not alone CUS Urges Academic Democracy

LONDON (CUP) -- In a high priority resolution, the CUS congress urged democratization of academic government and a general program to develop awareness among students of their right to participate in the government of their universities.

The resolution adopted the syndicalist idea that "the individual in any human community has the right and the responsibility of active participation in the decision making of that community."

Student governments are encouraged to seek reform of the

structures of university government so that all members of the academic community -- student, faculty, administration and employees -- fully participate in decision-making.

Fernan Carriere, Editor-in-chief of the University of Ottawa's weekly French-language LA ROTONDE, charged that congress delegates were unaware of what CUS priorities should be. "The priority of the union should be the implementation of awareness programs on campuses where students are sufficient-

ly aware to start acting," he said.

The resolution might have been better directed, he felt, towards increasing awareness among student leaders at the congress rather than among students on local campuses.

Another resolution, proposed by Toronto and Regina, called for open decision-making in all matters relating to university education.

"Open and free discussion is an essential element of education," the preamble declares. "The resolution also calls for students to refuse to participate in decision-making bodies "which routinely follow a policy of secret decision-making."

Lecture on Africa

Economic development in Africa will be the topic of a three-part public lecture series to be given at Dalhousie University on Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1.

Guest lecturer for the series, sponsored by the economics department, will be Fredrick F. Clairmonte, of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

All three lectures will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Room 215 of the Chemistry Building. Topics to be discussed will be, The African Economy and Deterrents to the African Agricultural Development on Oct. 30; International Economic Relations and Industrial Growth in Africa on Oct. 31; and Development Planning in Africa on Nov. 1.

Another Berkley?

Students demand full membership in Dal Senate

Dal students are demanding a greater role in the decision making processes on campus.

In a thirteen page brief to the Senate Dennis Ashworth, Council President, outlined the problems of present student participation and demanded student representation on the university senate.

Students now sit on the Book-store, Parking, Athletics, and Cultural Affairs Committee, Opportunities for student-administration consultation are open; formal representation in the major forums of policy (Senate and Board of Governors) is not.

Much of the tension outlined in the Duff-Berdahl report on "University Government in Canada" can be traced to a lack of meaningful position within the university government for the students.

Informal consultation by the university government will not suffice. On most occasions this consultation is limited to an affirmation or protestation of a decision already made by the administration. Student representatives have no opportunity to take a meaningful part in actual decision making.

Consultation has been confused

with concurrence. Meaningful participation, Ashworth said, is mandatory.

The Duff-Berdahl report supports the student's claim for participation, but for superficial and erroneous reasons. The Commissioners feared that refusal of student demands would lead to "some variations of the Berkeley disturbances."

Instead, some recognition should have been made of the common pursuit of truth and knowledge in which the faculty and students are engaged. Since students are integral members of the academic community they have a legitimate claim to participation in university government.

A true student is neither a passive recipient nor a consumer of learning; they are active participants in the educational process. To achieve this end students must be treated as valued members of the academic community.

Both the Administration and the student body would benefit from student consultation. Ashworth feels that the "frankness of the student's thinking and approach and the directness of his concern can provide unique insights into policy formulation and add to the creative interchange that shapes our educational policy."

In addition student involvement would lessen misunderstanding of many decisions that are reached. Knowledge of administrative problems would make unpopular decisions more palatable.

No large scale student takeover is desired. Rather the students wish to supplement the decision-making bodies' deliberations with a student viewpoint.

Many objections to student participation have been raised in the Duff-Berdahl report. The Commissioners fear that "the rapid turnover in student leadership...would make a consistently

high quality representative unlikely."

This reservation is ludicrous. As Ashworth noted rapid turnover in leadership has nothing to do with the quality of leadership.

A second objection was raised: additional time demands on already busy student leaders. However, as Ashworth pointed out, enough students would be available to give their time and energy to work in the interests of the university. One last objection was forwarded - lack of experience. This is a limitation admittedly: it is not a barrier. Three proposals have been made by Ashworth to the Senate Committee:

- (1) four students should sit on the Senate.
(2) The President and Vice-President of Council could automatically become members.
(3) An additional two students, one from an undergraduate faculty and another from a graduate faculty should be members.

This request for increased participation is based neither on a desire of the students just for power, nor is it based on terms of expediency. It is justified by a belief that students can, as the brief outlines, contribute meaningfully to the university and that, as integral members of the university community, students have a legitimate claim to participation within university government.

Refusal by the senate of a partnership based on mutual confidence and respect will not provoke riots but will perpetuate a system which now provides an incomplete educational experience for its students and its graduates within an undemocratic framework.

Jesuit Priest at McMaster Switches faiths

HAMILTON (CUP) -- Father Anthony Stephenson, a Jesuit priest and associate professor of religion at McMaster University, formally severed his connection with the Roman Catholic Church

In a ceremony in Toronto, Father Stephenson was inducted into the Anglican Church, an institution which accepts the Roman Catholic priesthood orders as valid.

By becoming an Anglican, Father Stephenson automatically excommunicated himself from the Roman Catholic church and severed his ties with the Jesuit order, from which members may be dismissed but may not resign.

Father Stephenson said he changed faiths for theological and ecclesiastical reasons. But I still have "the greatest respect for the Roman Catholic church and the great Jesuit order," he said.

The noted New Testament scholar said he intends to continue in the university teaching profession but will leave McMaster at the end of the 1966-67 academic year for another university.

Seats, no nominees

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- No nominations for student senators have appeared yet at UBC.

The senate, the university's highest academic body, decided to allow students into their sanctum in a meeting last May.

The move came after years of lobbying by students and proponents of academic reform. UBC is one of the last universities in Canada to admit student representation to its governing bodies.

Nominations for the positions have been open since the first day

of registration. Elections are planned for or before October 31.

Under ground rules established by the senate, any student candidate would have to have attained at least second-class standing in a full program of studies in the winter session preceding his election.

Undergraduates will elect three senators. The candidate getting the most votes will hold office for two years. Candidates placing second and third will be a senator for a year.

Red Brand Beefs

Your troubles...our worries

By CHRIS LOBBAN

What's your gripe? High prices in the bookstore? Unpaved parking areas? Freshmen? Date shesherow? Don't keep it to yourself! Tell us about it. We'll share your secret pet hate! Maybe we'll help stamp out capitalist double dealing and subversion! Don't delay - The longer an institution goes on, the deeper its roots go and the harder it is to change! Help yourself to a better campus NOW! And watch this space for things your colleagues dislike. We want to help you but you must tell us your gripes.

Here are two favorites:

FROSH WEEK: There have been complaints from many of the upper classmen about the restriction on hazing of Frosh. Understandable, because they themselves were hazed, but there are two reasons why the issue of the Gazette this year, is that the idea of the Orientation is to make the freshmen feel welcome to the University, to produce happy students who are proud to wave the flag, and who do not feel that they

have been run into the mud. The second reason is that in the past year, the Administration isn't going to shell out a lot of money on de-humidifiers etc. (The SUB will be completely air conditioned I'm told). However, it should be possible to install a couple of fans! The heat in the canteen and in the hall nearby is certainly oppressive at times!

Another point raised is that the canteen is dirty. However the head waitress says that cleanliness comes in every morning and the place certainly BEGINS clean! Any trash that accumulates on the floor (as it certainly does) is the students' fault and it is their responsibility to use the trash cans that are supplied.

As to speed of service, well there's only so much room and all that can be done is to hope that the SUB will have larger facilities.

Do you have a complaint? Write it down and bring or mail it in to the Gazette office in the Arts Annex. (No personal sob stories, please -- Auntie Maude looks after those!)

THE CANTEEN: There are several beefs about this, one in particular being that there is no air conditioning there. Well, since the SUB (Student Union Building) will be opening next