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New Deal for Deprived Students

Long ignored by this university, Nova Scotia's underprivileged may be about to get a fair shake.

A proposal from two Graduate Students at the university, which would enable Nova Scotia's underprivileged youth an opportunity to attend university will probably receive approval from the faculty Council at its meeting later this month.

The programme would enable those who couldn't normally attend university an opportunity to enroll in a one year transitional course of study, after which they would be considered as qualified to attend Dalhousie. Hopefully, according to proponents of the scheme, they would be admitted to Dalhousie on full scholarship.

Psychology Graduate Student Terry Kemper and Sylvia Norton, a Grad Student in Biochemistry, first approached the then Dean of Arts and Science, Dean James, with their plan in April of last year. James agreed that such an effort must be made and persuaded faculty Council to set up a Committee to look into the matter and work out a detailed proposal. The Committee, consisting of 3 professors, Kemper, and Norton, is expected to present its findings to Faculty Council at its next meeting.

If approved, the transitional year programme could begin as early as January with an initial group of twenty, half of whom would be high school students from the general or vocational program and half students who had dropped out of school or who had graduated but decided to work rather than go to university. They would all be from underprivileged areas but according to Terry Kemper at least in the beginning the emphasis would be on black and Indian students from Nova Scotia's depressed communities.

The curriculum for the transitional programme will include courses in reading and composition, an optional math course for those planning to enter science, an irregularly scheduled cultural program, and a community relations seminar. The seminar on community relations is considered to be the vortex of the entire transitional year, at least according to Mr. Kemper who told the Gazette that the expectation was that these students could return to their communities armed with useful and relevant information to enable them to assist their communities with particular community problems. The community-relations seminar would include weekly discussions with representatives of various social welfare agencies, as well as various graduate school departments.

The initial cost of the programme will likely be about \$50,000 and will include the hiring of a full time director for the school.

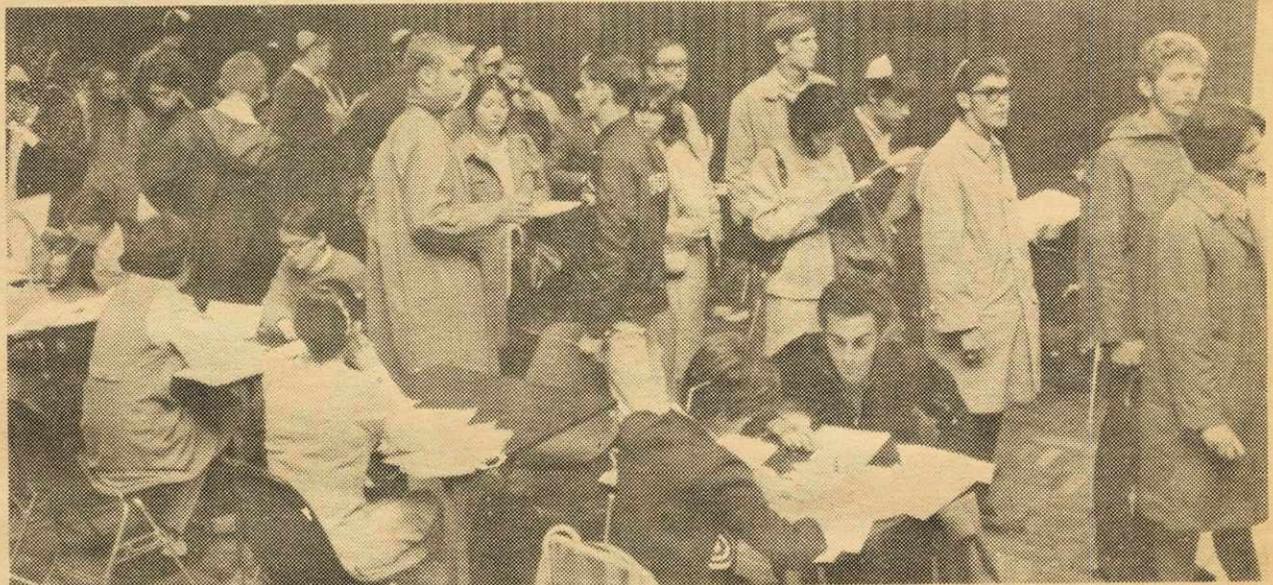
Although it represents a short range solution to the problem of the denial of educational opportunities to Nova Scotia's impoverished, Kemper was quick to point out that the university is not the only stumbling block for the poor. Because of the educational system which impedes their progress, very few ever get as far as university, he pointed out, and added that the real solution must come at the grade and high school levels.

Exec Raps Reds

At their September 8 meeting, Council Executive members heard complaints from Dal students who had been apprehended while selling communist literature. They stated it to be their "democratic right to disseminate political material"; while the executive countered by stating it to be contrary to the SUB Operations Policy. President Gillis ruled the group should apply to Council for official recognition as a campus organization. This, he said, would enable the group to legally distribute their material within the realm of the Student Union. To date, one meeting has been held to this end, with another slated for Friday.

DAL RADIO:

3rd year Arts student Gary Dubinski was appointed interim director of Dal Radio, subject to the ratification of the council. The operation had previously been closed by SUB Affairs Sec'y Dave Stevensen due to lack of management.



Private Club... Membership Restricted.

SUB Operations :

Stevenson Confesses

David Stevenson, SUB Affairs Secretary, has admitted that the minutes of the Operations Board were altered, as reported last week in the Gazette.

The matter was extensively discussed at the last meeting of the Council Executive, September 8.

When questioned by Executive member Tom Mitchell as to the validity of the article which appeared in last week's GAZETTE, (SUB Operations Board: Whose Toy?) Stevenson simply replied, "It's true."

He went on to relate that it was most difficult to get enough members of the board together to meet throughout the summer, and certain matters had to be settled.

He conceded, "changing minutes - that's bad", and added, "I don't like to make decisions myself".

Responding to a barrage of questions, he maintained that it was a "committee decision", and his "personal opinion had to be put aside for the good of the students".

Further queries by executive members brought out

the fact that there had been other applications for the right to hold the SUB summer dances. He told the meeting, "two campus groups applied previous to my appointment". When asked if they were contacted in regard to the matter, he stated, "I don't believe so, no". At the same time he declined to disclose who had told him that R&B Syndicated entertainment could handle the dances all summer.

Mr. Mitchell summed up the matter by saying "I don't think sincere enough efforts were made to insure the interests of others." Kirk MacCulloch, member-at-large, termed the matter "an object lesson for the future", and asked the board to make specific recommendations to council.

Latest word on the matter is that Operations Board Chairman Stevenson is tapering off his activity in order to devote more time to studies, and that Eric Button, Assistant SUB Affairs Secretary, will be handling more responsibility.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous executive meeting have not yet been duplicated for distribution and filing. Obviously this could herald disorganization and inaccuracy, and much displeasure was expressed to Mr. Gillis.

GILLIS AND CUS CONGRESS:

Those members of the executive who had not attended the Congress were most anxious to get an indication of the actual happenings and implications of the conference. And an extended discussion which focused on protocol in dealing with the matter, it was deferred to council.

ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE:

A dispute concerning student use of the new Arts Center seems quite possible. As it presently stands, the drama department is attempting to have exclusive use of the facilities. Provision has been made for student representation on this committee, but again a decision on this matter was delayed until council gives it consideration.

SUB OPERATIONS BOARD:

The situation exposed in last week's GAZETTE was discussed in great detail. For details, see separate story.

WINTER CARNIVAL:

\$7,500 was unanimously approved for use by the Winter Carnival Committee. Discussion centered around the pros and cons of hiring a "big group" for the event, but no firm resolution was derived.



Minute Mutilator Stevenson