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Hiring procedures questioned

by Valerie Mansour

Positions of members-at-large and treasurer were the topics of a heated discussion at council Thursday night.

After considerable debate it was agreed that the application deadline for treasurer of the Dalhousie Student Union will be open until April 15th.

So far, only one other applicant, Robert Rideout, a vice-presidential candidate in the last election, has applied. Gail Rudderham and Sheilagh Beal who both applied before the deadline was extended are still in the running.

Rumours to the effect that Sandy MacNeill, Electoral Officer for this year's election, is running for the position are still being heard around council. However, MacNeill was selected as a member-at-large for council at Thursday evening's meeting. Also selected at this time was Peter Greene, presidential candidate in the council election in February.

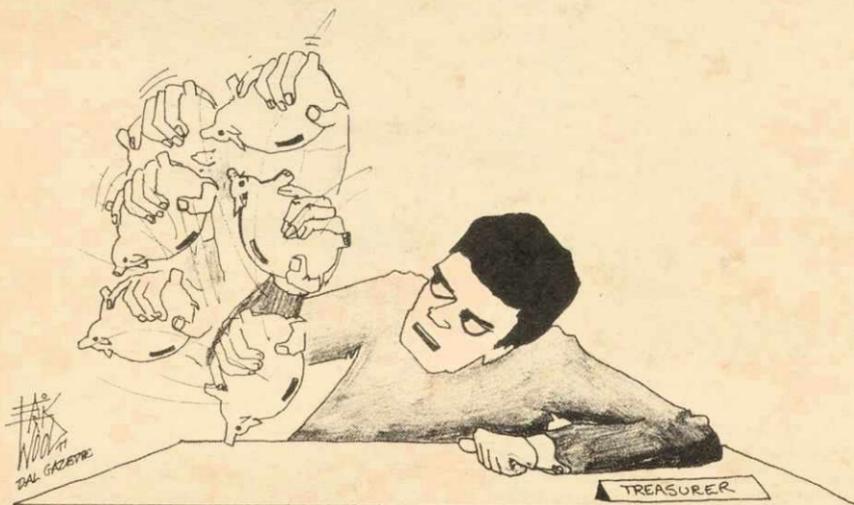
Seven people had applied for this position and the recruitment committee of Peter Mancini, Dan Edgar and Tom Mann recommended Mac-

Neill and Paul Zed. Council members then nominated Greene and the ensuing voting results were Zed 7, MacNeill 8 and Greene 9.

Paul Zed was not present at the meeting to speak to council and told the *Gazette* that he feels 'shafted' by council. Assuming that he had the support of council, he feels that the only reason he is not now a member-at-large is because Mancini failed to inform him of the meeting. Zed said, "I applied in hopes that the application would have been treated equally before council." If you look at my past record, you'll realize that I don't miss meetings, and the only reason I wasn't there is because no one told me about it.

Mancini says he assumed Zed knew about the meeting and commented that, 'If I recommended him, why wouldn't I want him to show up?'

Another candidate for the position, Norm Epstein, arrived late and told council that he did not understand that he could have spoken of his qualifications to the council.



NGRC intervention

by Donna Treen

The National Gay Rights Coalition, NGRC, filed an intervention on April 5th, against CBH's request for a licence to re-broadcast all AM programmes on a new FM station.

The NGRC recently represented the Halifax Gay Alliance For Equality (GAE) at the Montreal hearing.

Encouraging word was received by local GAE spokesperson, Robin Metcalfe from the NGRC representatives who had been questioned at length by the CRTC commission. The results have not yet been released, however.

The NGRC is encouraging gay groups across the country to file interventions at the upcoming CBC radio licence renewals in Toronto,

Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

The interventions are being filed because Gay groups are not allowed to air Public Service Announcements (PSA), such as notice of the existence of a Gay Help Line, on CBC radio stations.

As of January, 1977, the member papers of Canadian University Press (CUP), have been boycotting CBC radio advertising. The organization feels that gay people are being discriminated against and wish to support them in their cause.

When asked if the boycott has done any good, Metcalfe replied, "Yes, it shows more support for this issue and new people are beginning to realize that this is not only an issue that gay people are fighting against."

Grawood to expand

by Christine McLean

Expansion of the Grawood Lounge has been proposed by the Executive Council of the Dalhousie Student Union. As a result \$1,000 was allotted the Atlantic Business Consultants firm (ABC) to study feasibility of the proposal.

Decision will be made following the ABC market survey and a financial analysis to be undertaken by the council itself. Student president-elect, Robert Sampson, says, "Personally, I think that the expansion will take place this summer under my administration."

Bob Rideout, vice-president of ABC, explained to the *Gazette*, "The student survey will involve a random sampling of 500 phone calls to Dalhousie students as well as some personal interviews. We are mostly looking into food service and entertainment. We want to know what students feel the Grawood should be." ABC will also study demand by major clubs and societies eligible to use the proposed extension.

John Graham, manager of the SUB, has forwarded architect's plans to the council for study. He says, "The room will hold 100 people. It will serve as a meeting room or social centre." The multi-purpose room designed will facilitate excess demand on the present Grawood seating capacity as well as be available for outside bookings.

Graham explained that architectural difficulties involving fire escape regulations necessitate expansion into the area now occupied by the *Dalhousie Gazette*. Donna Treen of the paper points out, "We want more office space, but we don't want to go to the basement. We'd be isolated down there. Up here we can nab people on their way to the Grawood."

Several possibilities exist for relocation of the *Gazette* office. Graham cited the recently vacated College Shop space. Bob Rideout stated that the second floor alumni office is also under consideration. However, no decision has been made.

Report arrives

The long awaited MacDougall report has finally been released. The three member grievance committee who dealt with the firing of former SUB night manager Ken MacDougall, was initially to have the report ready on January 7.

Ken MacDougall was, in October, awarded \$700 compensation for what the committee termed 'unjust firing.' In following the constitution of the Dalhousie Student Union they found no substantial evidence of misconduct. MacDougall had attempted to form a union amongst the Grawood Lounge employees so that they could act against the decreased working hours in the summer. This 'willful misconduct' was a main point on which the

student union justified his firing.

The grievance committee, set up at MacDougall's request, consisted of Halifax Lawyer Mildred Royer, as chairperson; Barry Ward, lawyer for the Dalhousie Student Union; and John D'Orsay, a Dalhousie sociology thesis student. Since MacDougall's firing in June, they met four times. The committee dismissed all complaints about MacDougall neglecting his duties. There were claims to his being abrasive with staff and students but all incidents were found to be justifiable.

The committee's decision was unanimous, but the report was delayed because of the chair being out of town on business.



Grawood goes rejoice! With expansion plans in the air, next year will probably see the end of those long weekend line-ups and the start of some entertainment other than our trusty juke box.

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