

Complaints on teaching

Task force taking briefs

The long awaited Task Force on the Quality of Student Life has emerged from the underground. After some private investigating by the 15 members of the committee, they are now accepting submissions from both campus organizations and concerned individuals, who need not be students if their submission is relevant to the study.

The deadline for these submissions is February 18. This was not the time originally scheduled, but according to Chairman D. Ray Pierce (shown at right) the delay was due to "snowballing". Once problems were identified there were people to be contacted and documentation that had to be done. Following this the

problem had to be checked until the committee was satisfied that there was a legitimate problem warranting extended investigation.

Pierce admitted that there was a lot of detail demanded in the writing and submission of a brief. He stated that "This is necessary to prevent cheap submissions that just gripe and offer no constructive criticism."

According to Pierce the major finding of the task force so far has been a general dissatisfaction with the academics at Dal, particularly with regard to teaching. There have been several submissions, however, which expressed satisfaction with the way certain things are, including the Dal administration.

The committee is also examining the question of tenure of professors and is accepting short briefs on the methods of selection of professors.

The Task Force report will be published March 15 and copies will be sent to Student Union President Brian Smith and all organizations concerned. Following this the report will be presented openly for comment and criticism from students.

The Task Force has the power to stay alive until such time as it feels its recommendations have been carried out. Pierce stated that this was necessary to avoid having important suggestions shelved. He cited a study on undergraduate studies done a few years ago which did not

have such powers. "They suggested some very pertinent changes in the academic structure at Dal but because they didn't stay alive it was ignored. That won't happen with us."

The following is a brief account of the rules regarding the writing of submissions to the Task Force. Copies of the guidelines may be picked up at the Inquiry Desk in the Student Union Building.

The deadline for written submissions is Feb. 18/72.

Organizations and groups should supply five copies, while individuals are required to provide three.

Written submissions must be typed on one side only of 8 1/2 x 11 paper; they must be numbered by page; the first page must contain the name, address

and telephone number of the organization, group or individual making the submission; the document must be signed by an authorized officer in the case of an organization, or by the individual in the case of a private submission.

It must be indicated whether the people concerned wish to speak to their submission and if so, a time and place.

Those wishing to make oral submissions should write to the task force stating their name, address and phone number, their year and faculty and the subject(s) on which they wish to speak.

All inquiries and submissions should be addressed to The Chairman, Task Force on the Quality of Student Life, Dal SUB, University Ave.

Fenwick still intact

by Don Retson

Once again rumours are circulating around Dal that Fenwick Towers is falling apart, due to certain flaws in its structure.

One person, not wishing to be identified, told the GAZETTE that portions of the building would have to be torn down and reconstructed during the summer.

However this rumour started, there is absolutely no truth to it, at least according to those officials responsible for Fenwick's management and upkeep. Morley Middleton, manager of the building, and John Graham, general manager of the Student Union, said that such rumours may have arisen from observations made of damages inflicted on the building.

Fenwick's openness and the swinging reputation it has acquired as a result have made it a mecca for party crashers and souvenir hunters. While most visitors enter and leave the building without causing any trouble, a few enjoy leaving their calling card, such as kicks in the walls, stealing lamps, etc. One tenant accused "the hooligans from Howe Hall" of being perhaps the most guilty of such infractions.

The result of such actions has

been another rumour — that all visitors to Fenwick must now be signed in and out by tenants.

On January 7th several complaints were received by Andy Winstanley (former Student Council president and now night manager of Fenwick) of excessive noise and general misbehaviour of some of the people in the building. Winstanley responded to the complaints by asking certain individuals to be signed in by the tenants they were visiting.

Middleton denied that such actions were contemplated beforehand, and would not be used again unless the situation warranted it. In the future, use of such tactics would be left to the discretion of the officials in charge of the building and then used only as a last resort.

Both Middleton and Graham justified such "precautionary restrictions" in light of the damage done to the building in the past. They also stated that it is the only way to ensure a degree of privacy to Fenwick tenants.

Several people from both inside and outside the building have already been required to pay for damages. Those who refused to pay for damages would face harsher penalties.

It should be pointed out that

most tenants who live in Fenwick do so because of its liberal regulations regarding visitors. Although asking tenants to sign in guests on weekends may help cut down on damages in the future, most tenants are opposed to such a move on a permanent basis. They claim that this would make Fenwick another Shirreff Hall where visiting regulations are much more rigid.

As a closing thought, Middleton pointed out that despite occasional checks, "Fenwick is still the most open apartment building in Halifax, and hopefully will stay that way."

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