

Shirreff Hall speaks out

One of the major problems on campus is the lack of communication between the Student Union and the students, especially those in residence. Whose fault is it? Residence people (speaking for Shirreff Hall, but also true at Howe Hall) are blaming those at the Union. They appear to be able to justify the blame. Was it not last February, when campaigning was at its peak, that we heard Bruce Russell and Ann Smiley place top priority on the lack of communication between the Union and the students, especially those in residence. (He was speaking in Shirreff Hall at the time.) We have met Mr. Russell at one of our residence meetings. He had shown interest enough in the residence to attend the meeting. We assume Ms. Smiley is part of the silent majority, for we have yet to meet her.

To what extent has the Student Union tried to promote communication on the campus, and in the residences? After seeing everyone working together Orientation Week, it appeared that the new president and vice-president of the union had begun to fulfil their promises. (Remember, appearances aren't everything.)

I can remember two major proposals "If elected" were going to undertake. One was to "hold Union meetings in areas on campus outside the Union building..." The Union deserves credit for fulfilling this promise. A meeting was held in Shirreff Hall in late November. Shirreff Hall can be credited for the apathy shown on the occasion. (Not more than ten people from the residence attended the meeting!)

The other proposal was mentioned at the residence meeting attended by Mr. Russell. One would

have found the situation comical if he/she had attended the meeting. The meeting was held in November and Mr. Russell stood at the head of the meeting and apologized for the delay in the broadcasting of CKDU in Shirreff Hall. But "... the problem is being looked into thoroughly and we hope CKDU will be broadcasting in Shirreff Hall in a couple of weeks..." The humor of the situation does not arise from the fact that it is now January and there is still no sign of CKDU, rather that these words were almost quoted from his campaign speech last February. At that time, "... it might be possible that CKDU will be set up and operational by April, but you can be assured that it will be here when you return in September..." (It's O.K. Bruce., we all know it's not your fault, now don't we?)

Everybody is always ready to blame someone else, but who is responsible for the lack communication between the residence and the S.U.B.? Has Shirreff Hall attempted to improve the situation? ... Half of the people in residence have never been to the S.U.B. The other half may have gone because of a major event, i.e. Oktoberfest or Winter Carnival. Residence people don't have cause to go to the S.U.B. during the day, therefore they are unaware of the activities at the building. There are posters up outside the building telling of upcoming events, but an Arts or Science student living in residence does not even pass the S.U.B. during the day.

Oh yes, the Gazette is printed weekly and delivered to the residence. And it contains all the events taking place at the S.U.B. in the next couple of weeks. But does everyone read the Gazette? Being in residence, I know not too many

people want to pick up a Gazette to see three pages of the paper taken by letters written between John Cheyne and Bruce Russell. Nobody objects to having these articles published, they probably mean something to a lot of people. The Shirreff Hall Column might not mean anything to those at the on the Gazette staff or to those at the S.U.B., but there are 430 girls in Shirreff Hall to whom it has meaning. More girls in the Hall are now reading the Gazette because there is something in it that concerns them. Once they have a Gazette they may even turn a few pages to see what else it contains. Chances are that they may stumble over the entertainment section. If it sounds interesting they may drop over to the S.U.B. to inquire further. If not they're at least aware of the happenings on campus. (At least with the Grad house.)

I've heard varying comments concerning the Shirreff Hall Column. "... The Howe Hall Column was one thing, but now the Shirreff Hall Column, that's something

else... "I can see no comparison between the two. The column does not contain falsehoods as have appeared in the Howe Hall Column. Not wishing to call Mr. Dave Chadee a liar, he has a tendency to make statements from which his sources appear to be questionable.

"The Shirreff Hall Column leaves a lot to be desired." Well. Mary Pat, nobody's perfect. I agree that the article may not be one of your better articles (or even close), but it appears that the residents are trying to get involved in the activities at the S.U.B.

After all, Mary Jo Belowski was invented for a purpose. (Am I correct, Mary Pat?)

Ed note: The gazette has no idea who Mary Jo Belowski is so we cannot comment why she exists. Betty Jo Bialowski was a contributor to the letters column of last year's gazette but the reason for her invention is also beyond our comprehension-you might check with the creator of "Fire Sign Theatre".

Housing issue at Howe Hall

by Dave D. Chadee

Howe Hall has survived yet another year of existence from its inception many years ago. both the president, Jim Maddox, vice president, Peter Bloxham and the writers of the Howe Hall Column welcome back all the students from their Christmas vacation.

Jim Maddox, who vacates his office as President in five weeks, contemplated the question of major issues and said "The primary issue which arose in my term as President has been housing. The University should take care of the people they have- because if a 50% turnover is to be made policy- there is already a shortage of bed space in Halifax. What would happen to the people who are forced to leave? The other problem is that "to run this place, i.e. Howe Hall you got to live here to know what happens".

Peter Bloxham's idea on how to solve the problem of University policy being adopted while students are on summer vacation could be solved by having a Howe Hall representative available 12 months of the year. Jim Maddox agrees with this idea because "the university could adopt policy with some consultation with the students of Howe Hall." The policy does not affect the university except accommodation-wise and financially.

One of the major accomplishments of the residence Council was achieved through the hard work of Howe Hall Rep. Keith Evans, who circulated a petition against the Age Policy of the S.U.B. Action was taken and the policy was changed. So, with some effort other problems could undoubtedly be ironed out.

Study of drawings

MICHAEL SNOW IS PROBABLY CANADA'S MOST INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS ARTIST. He will be in Halifax this week to open Dalhousie Art Gallery's First annual Drawing show, scheduled to be on display in the main gallery Dalhousie Arts Centre from Friday, January 9 through Wednesday, January 28.

Mr. Snow was asked to prepare and select an exhibition of drawings produced by artists he finds of particular interest. The result is the FIRST DALHOUSIE DRAWING

SHOW; a study of drawing as a medium used by five contemporary Canadian artists who do not exhibit these drawings regularly. The exhibition includes the sketch books and notes of Dennis Burton; drawings by Joyce Wieland (Michael Snow's wife), John Meredith, sculptor David Rabinovitch and painter Ronald Martin. In addition the exhibition includes some of Michael Snow's drawings from the 1950's selected by Dalhousie Art Gallery Director Bruce Ferguson, as a point of reference.

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