

# Council decides External affairs axed

by Valerie Mansour

Dalhousie Student Council has voted for the removal of the external affairs position. Council members decided on Sunday evening that this post would not be worth the money invested in it. Rather than hiring someone new to fill the position, members want President Gordie Neal to handle external affairs and let his vice-president Anne Gillis take care of the more trivial matters. A broadening of the legislative body seems apparent as council insisted that the work be spread around. Rather than all problems and complaints be taken straight to the president, people should be directed to the representatives in charge of their respective departments. Members voiced the opinion that student council executive is spending their time in the wrong ways.

The ban on eating and drinking has officially been lifted. President Neal made this announcement at

## LaPierre marathon

Ed LaPierre, a former Physical Education student at Dalhousie, will soon run eighteen miles from Halifax. He is attempting to raise money for the Tobar Ch-pi-hi-zi Sport and Education Club in Tobar, Tanzania, East Africa. The club, in existence for approximately eight years, organized sports activities and educational events for youths aged seven to twelve.

LaPierre decided on the project after listening to CJCH DJ Dave Wright advertising the club. Wright is now overseeing the project for LaPierre.

LaPierre once visited in Uganda and worked with the YMCA there, just before Idi Amin began ruling the country. Upon his return here he worked setting up committees for Bangladesh, but now prefers to support activities where he is sure where his money is going.

So far, response has been excellent and Ed LaPierre hopes it continues. He is planning to run between November 15 and 25. People wishing to sponsor him can mail contributions to Dave Wright at CJCH, 2885 Robie Street.

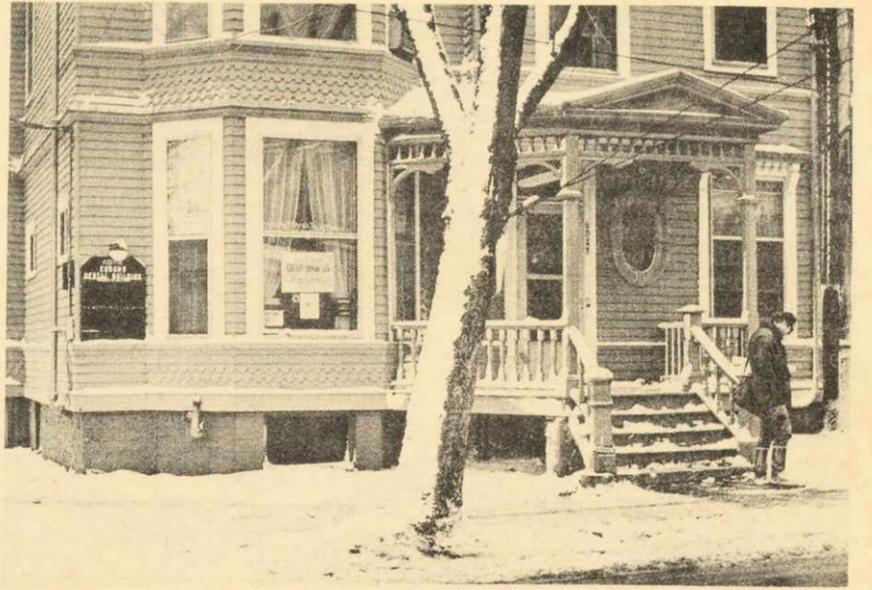
The money he raises will be used for sports and craft materials for the children's club.

the council meeting and informed his members that their part of the deal is to initiate a clean-up campaign. Paul Zed is in charge of this committee which will encourage students to properly remove their litter.

Council also decided against investing their money in the Halifax Metro Credit Union. A very spirited debate was held concerning this issue, but members decided that was too much of a risk for such an investment. The Credit Union's financial stability is presently questionable.

The Grants Committee Chairperson, Michael Sherar, presented a list of financial grants to be approved by council. The Indo-Canadian Student Association will be awarded \$200, South African Information Group \$200, Alpine Ski Club \$175, Dal Chinese Association \$300, International Student Association \$275, the Dal Newman Club \$150, and the Atlantic Jewish Association.

The Atlantic Federation of Students was allocated \$600 to get off the ground. Recently at the AFS conference in Sackville, Dalhousie and the N.S. School of Art and Design proved to be the greater voices in the region for this



organization. Members appeared to be confused as to the distinction between AFS and the National Union of Students.

At this meeting council members also voiced opinions on the fact that they only can go to events which cost \$2 or less in order to use their \$100 worth of free activities. Members have found that they have little opportunity to use their passes and would prefer that the passes be useful for any events, no matter what the cost.

It was also mentioned that the idea of council receiving a college

credit for their work be looked into. This being done on some campuses in Canada, and due to the educational value and time council work takes, members feel it would be deserving.

Bernie MacDonald again spoke to council and urged them to get out and really support National Student Day.

The meeting was held in Shirreff Hall in order to generate more interest from students, but very few took advantage to watch council in action.

# 24 hr health services available

by Trish Aikens

Very probably there are those of you who know nothing about medical services at Dal. Such services do exist. In fact, they exist on a 24 hour basis, every day of the week. The main entrance to the Dalhousie Health Centre is located almost directly across from O'Briens drugstore on Coburg Road, in Howe Hall.

All those services which a general practitioner can provide, plus psychiatric help, are available at the Dal Health Centre. Dental care, specialist services and optometry must be sought elsewhere. There is no cost for medical services, provided the patient has some insurance such as M.S.I.

There is no need to worry about confidentiality. The doctors have no responsibility to inform the University of anything and there is no communication with a student's parents. It is up to the student to tell

his or her parents of any problems he/she may have. But it is necessary for a student to be honest with the doctor. In some cases, a patient may have been treated elsewhere and then come to the clinic asking the doctor to treat the side effects of drugs that he/she doesn't even know the patient is taking. Even with the expertise gained by experience over the years, the doctors cannot do their best without co-operation from the patients regarding case histories.

The health centre is both a clinic and an infirmary. There are 13 beds located in 6 double rooms and one single room. The occupancy varies, sometimes it is 1/3 full, sometimes 2/3 full but rarely to capacity. 6 general practitioners, 6 nurses, 2 psychiatrists and a doctor of preventative medicine work at the health centre devoting their time and energy to you the student. So take care of yourself and take advantage of the health services Dal has to offer.

## In Halifax Women to confer

A four-day national conference on current and future Canadian research on women will take place at Seton Academic Centre, Mount Saint Vincent University from Thursday to Sunday.

The conference has attracted prominent women scholars throughout Canada, as well as a sprinkling of male academics who have studied women's issues.

At the plenary session Friday at 8:00 p.m., Lorene Clark from the University of Toronto will discuss the treatment of rape and rape victims within the Canadian justice system. She is co-author of a recent book entitled *Rape: The Price of Coercive Sexuality*.

Other prominent women scholars who will participate in the conference include Dr. Pauline Jewett, president of Simon Fraser University; Professor Margaret Gillett of McGill; Dr. Lorna Marsden from the University of Toronto; Dr. Lorraine McMullen from the University of Ottawa; Dr. Naomi Black from York University; and Dr. Magrit Eichler of the Ontario Institute Studies in Education.

Conference sessions will consist of three workshops and the presentation of papers on women in literature, in social movements, in society, in the labor force, in culture, in communities and in social policy. The workshops will consider women's studies programs, feminist criticism, and research funding.

There will be a concentration on issues involving research of women in Atlantic Canada during the Saturday sessions. The last day of the conference, Sunday, will consider the future directions for research on women.

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