

Council Briefs

by Wayne Hall

In what could be described as record time, Dal student council whipped through most of the agenda of its first meeting this semester, last Sunday September 17.

Council voted to accept the resignations of last year's Senate representative (Keith Citrine), Board of Governor's representative (Bob Sampson) and Member at large (Tom Mann). Council also voted to accept the final reports of the heads of Community Affairs, Photography and Intro DAL. The minutes of the summer council meetings were ratified without question. Prompting chairperson Sand Ball to caution the council members about doing their homework in the future!

New Health Plan

Council president Mike Power introduced a new health plan to replace the existing one. Faced with a possible deficit of \$30,000, Council voted almost unanimously to adopt the new plan, which has many new benefits but also a major catch (see article p. 3). The motion however did not pass without some debate. Council member Chris Harris suggested more time was needed to study the plan. Suspicions were also raised about possible breach of contract and the escalation of fees by the new company. Council decided, however, to approve the plan because the student union was losing \$250 a day on the old one.

AFS referendum

Power also introduced a motion to hold a referendum on whether or not the Dal Student Union should stay in the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS). He stated that Dalhousie was having problems with the organization and that other universities were holding similar referendums.

Council member Denise Roberge, who also sits on the AFS executive, spoke against the referendum stating that at this time it would place a strain on the organization's limited resources.

Because most of the councillors were unfamiliar with the organization Roberge spent considerable time explaining the reasons for its existence and answering questions that councillors had regarding what Power said were "problems" within the organization.

After much debate the motion passed and the referendum scheduled to coincide with council by-elections on October 25. A subsequent motion to pay AFS fees on a pro-rated basis was also passed.

By elections

A motion to open nominations for a by-election to be held on October 25 was approved. Positions open for nominations are: Arts, Science, Grad studies and Senate.

Committee Heads Appointed

Members and heads of committees were appointed. They include: Fall Festival Co-ordinating Committee—Jamal Shopur; Grants—Peter Baltzer, Peter Mack, Chris Wencell; Recruitment—Peter Baltzer; Senate Discipline—Chris Harris, Norman Epstein; Campus Security—Nancy Tower, Joe Wilson; Sports and Recreation—Keary Fulton; Yearbook—Sheila Mills, Neil Levin, Janet Cameron.



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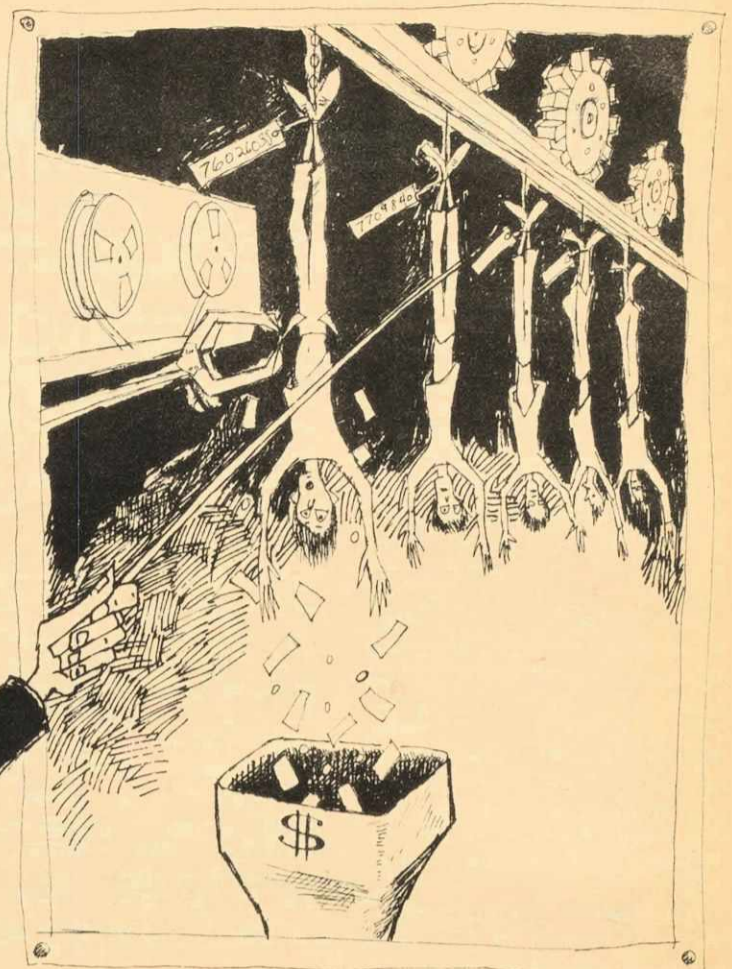
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REGISTRATION, THIS YEAR, WILL BE MUCH MORE EFFICIENT.



KINGSTON DAL GAZETTE

Letters

Part-timer fed up

To the Gazette:

I am writing to protest the "Royal Runaround" given by the registration office to part-time students. In my own case, I came to register on the 18th of August and was immediately told that I was late for registration, asked to fill out a form, and told to pay ten dollars in one breath. I asked to see someone regarding courses, and was answered with a blank stare. Someone suggested that I try the history department since that was my interest, but they were unable to help me since I hadn't been accepted yet. I had taken the whole morning off without pay and hadn't accomplished anything.

The 18th of September arrived and I still hadn't heard from the registrars office. On making inquiries, I learned that a transcript had failed to arrive from another university. They suggested that I come see the dean of admissions to work out the problem. I came up after work about 4:15, and waited my turn to see the dean. He immediately accepted me on approval, which was what I had asked to have done the first day. I then had to rush to the history department to get course approval, and then back to the late registration office. I arrived at two minutes to five which didn't go over too big with the clerks. When I asked if I could post-date a check until Friday, I was told that I couldn't register if I didn't have all the

money (\$165.00 fee, \$5.00-late registration). I proceeded to write a rubber check for which I didn't even receive a receipt.

In conclusion, I believe the attitude toward part-time students is going to have to change. The system as it now stands, consists of a small flyer sent around in a local newspaper showing courses offered. The choice of courses is select and regular business hours are kept. I hope that not too many people who have much experience and much to offer the university have not been turned away by the "ROYAL RUNAROUND".
Kathleen Clarke

Dal shows spirit

To the Gazette:

On numerous occasions throughout the history of Dalhousie University there have been complaints about our lack of spirit or about apathy at universities.

We were delighted with the terrific turnout on Saturday and Sunday for the Dalhousie Tigers Soccer Team's first two games. It was estimated that in excess of 600 Dal students and faculty attended the game on Saturday and about 400 spectators were present on Sunday.

This support by the Dalhousie student body was

greatly appreciated by the team members, the coaching staff and officials of the Athletic Department. This support was stimulated by the fine efforts of the orientation committee and specifically Allie MacDonald, captain of the Dalhousie hockey team, and other team members who organized a "pep rally" for the occasion. Our special thanks are extended to Allie and the rest of the committee.

Very shortly, with the completion of the Dalplex and a new ice arena, Dalhousie will have the best sport and recreation facilities in the country. Dalhousie students will enjoy a place to participate in as well as a place to support our Tigers in well needed playing facilities.

We are looking forward to an exciting sports season for Dalhousie. We look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,
H.K. Bellemare
Head of Athletics
& Recreation Services

First victim

To the Gazette:

It is with much regret that I inform my family and friends that I am forced to leave my native province which I love deeply. Having a P.C. government elected in Nova Scotia is more than I can take. I bid you all farewell, and if after four years things change for the better, I'll be back.

Regards
H. MacKinnon

In last week's housing story we mentioned that Housing Secretary Janice Ferguson was out of town visiting her home in New Brunswick. Janice does not live in New Brunswick and was called home because of urgent personal matters. We regret any embarrassment that our mistake may have caused.