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This year marks the beginning of the fourth term of office for the Ombudsman at Dalhousie. The office was originally established on an experimental basis in 1969-70, with the Ombudsman and an assistant being appointed jointly by the University Senate and the Council of Students, and approved by the Board of Governors.

The resolutions establishing the office were worded very broadly. Their tenor was that the Ombudsman was to have access to all persons and records in the University structure, with the sole exception being those of Students Health and Student Counseling, unless with the consent of the students involved.

The Ombudsman is empowered to deal with any problems in the University. As a result of the organizational structure this has divided itself into two levels of intervention. Since most of the organizations in the University structure have established procedures and bodies for dealing with grievances and subsequent appeals, thereby granting to the individual access to those making decisions that affect him and others - the

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Ombudsman's first role is that of an intermediary. In such a role the Ombudsman informs those who come to the office, what avenues are available to them and often facilitates contact with appropriate authority.

If the aggrieved individual, whether he/she be a student, a member of the academic staff or an employee of the University, is still not satisfied that he/she has been justly treated, it is the role of the Ombudsman to conduct an impartial investigation into the matter and report his /her findings to those concerned. This is the second role of the office and is resorted to if no equitable remedy can be attained.

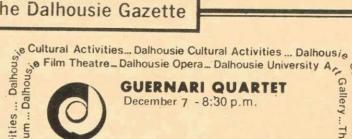
The office is not to be seen as an advocate for the aggrieved party, but rather as an objective observer, exercising his/her discretion in deciding when to accept the individual's complaint



and when he/she should intervene. Although the office has no diverse powers ities of enforcement it can bring a . case before the Vice-President, the President and, ultimately, the Board of Governors. If the matter is still not resolved to his/her satisfaction the only other resort is the media.

As its inception and up until the present year, the Office of Ombudsman was perenially filled by Law Students, in both the senior and junior position. However, this year the Assistant Ombudsman is Wilma Broeren, a graduate student in the Political Science Department. Ms. Broeren in her three brief years at Dalhousie has worked for the Dalhousie Gazette and has represented both the Arts Students and Graduate Students and Student Council. Her involvement in these and other extracircular activ-

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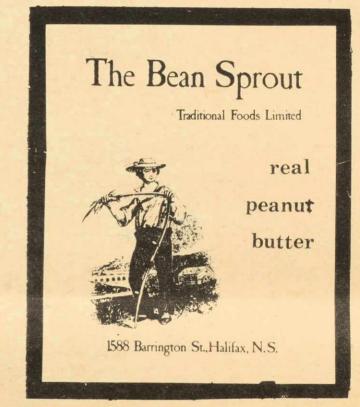
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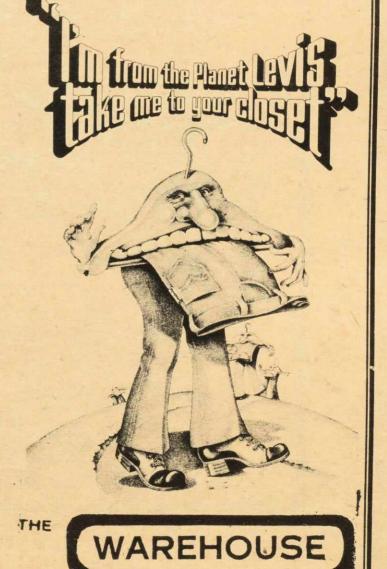
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Women come out on top

MONTREAL (CUP) - A Women's Collective at McGill University has been awarded half the newspaper budget of the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) after an open meeting which voted to reverse a decision of the society's executive. Earlier in the year the Women's Collective had approached the executive with an application to edit the ASUS newspaper in Free Press.

The executive had rejected their application saying that the paper was for all students, and that it would be unacceptable to have only women working on it.

Instead they gave the editorship to David Ress and an all male staff. The women protested this decision saying it had been made undemocratically, and suggested that a paper run by them would be at least as democratic as one run by

To resolve the issue an open meeting of the society was called. More than 200 students attended the meeting and voted overwhelmingly in favour of annulling the executive's appointment of Ress, and to "award the editorship of the Free Press to the Women's Collective.'

Shawn Leary, representing

the Collective, met with members of the ASUS executive and David Ress after the meeting and reached a tentative "two-paper" solution for the Free Press.

This agreement calls for two separate papers, one edited by the Collective and the other by David Ress, to be published alternatively with a minimum budget of \$3500 each.

The ASUS executive will meet next week and present a definitive proposal to the Collective for ratification.

The Collective hopes to have a completely female cont'd. pg. 2

Deadbones Chances Decompose

The evidence and legal arguments were presented last week in the civil suit of Brian Deadbones vs. the Board of Governors of Dexter University, President Howard Hill and Vice-President L.H. Speedy. Lawyers for the defense contended the tenure was denied to Dr. Deadbones because of his propensity to draw mustaches on the paintings in the Arts and Administration building. Brian countered with facts brought before the court that President Hill is an arrogant old fool who doesn't wash his hands upon leaving the boy's room. The judge interjected that this evidence was inadmissible because the Supreme Court building doesn't have a boy's room and proposed to adjourn so he could go to Squash Square and use the electric wee-wee room that was recently

After a recess both lawyers returned, eager to sling mud. Mr. Fuddlehead scored an early point by executing the difficult behind the back sling and hitting the court clerk squarely in the cleavage with three pounds of imported ooze from Truro. The defense countered by pouring a bucket of shit the length of the courtroom and plopping it in Howard the Magnificent's face. Witnesses were then brought forth to testify that L. H. Speedy picks his nose at cocktail parties. Speedy denied this, saying that he only seemed to be picking his nose but was actually searching for gold. The tense courtroom scene was interrupted when Dr. Deadbones farted and the walls turned blue. Pres. Hill tried to top this, but all he could accomplish was a meek imitation by cupping his hands in his armpit. Of course, to do this he had to

remove his shirt. At this turn of events, the court clerk decided that all of that mud in her blouse was uncomfortable, and proceeded to go into an elaborate strip-tease at the front of the courtroom. The judge lit a cigar. Mr. Fuddlehead objected that this was improper and that there should at least be some music. The judge gave him the finger, which I guess meant that the objection was overruled. One of the junior lawyers, seeing his chance to make an impression on his peers, threw up. Meantime the clerk reached the end of her show and the end of her clothes. At this point, the judge decided to adjourn for the day, and asked the clerk to meet him in his chambers for consultation.

So ended another day in this case which is important in the legal annuls of New Scotland and promises to drag on for years