

Gazette Favors Prohibition

In late October, 1920, the Students' Council was completing its work on the annual budget while developing new rules for student-sponsored dances. Senate was concerned about dances, as it had been in past years, and now it wanted only Dalhousians to attend, plus strict closing hours and a limited number of dances. The Council was willing only to restrict admittance to male students. This reflected growing student concern about the number of outside men at Dalhousie dances.

On November 3 the GAZETTE welcomed Nova Scotia's vote in favour of Prohibition, saying, "it leaves no doubt as to the necessary place Prohibition has in the integrity of our nation." The Council came under attack for not giving the major women students' organization enough money for the annual dance. However, the members ignored the criticism and gave permission for the dance. The reason was that many students would not be able to attend, although other motives were discovered.

Led by Angus L. MacDonald, the Council asked the Senate to rescind its punishment of two students for damaging a desk, since the student constitution gave the Council jurisdiction over discipline at Dalhousie. A few days later delegation from both groups met, and Senate quickly agreed to the student request. This reaffirmed the custom that had been followed since the 1912 reorganization of the student government.

On December 2 the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Club was officially reorganized by the Council after its wartime hibernation. There was an executive of 15 members. On December 8 Professor H.L. Stewart used the GAZETTE to urge student support for "The Dalhousie Review", which was then forming thanks to his efforts. On

the same day the Students' Council took steps to inform all of the college societies about the Review. It also dealt with the desk damage case and gave the DGDC a preliminary grant of \$25.00.

A January 10, 1921 Council meeting saw action on a request for aid in collecting the fund campaign subscriptions. The request was passed on to the societies. Dalhousie students had pledged a total of \$3,100.00. Within a few weeks GAZETTE's zealous efforts to help the collection forced the campaign's business manager to point out that he realized students deserved lenient treatment.

Early in February the campus YMCA's annual report stated that the handbook's \$140.00 deficit meant it must receive Students' Council backing or degenerate. The heavy loss came despite the most advertising it had ever carried. The post-war enrollment boom pushed costs out of the Y's reach. It had been supplying the handbooks for over 20 years. On February 1st the mock Parliament opened with H.P. MacKeen, the future multimillionaire, as Premier and Angus L. MacDonald, the future Premier, as Leader of the Opposition.

On February 13th the Council responded to a Glee Club request by allocating funds for the purchase of new Dalhousie song books. The Student Union still has a copy of that 1921 edition. The meeting's routine business included permission for an extra Dalhousie night at the Arena during that winter's program and a committee to investigate damage to chairs in a classroom.

Late in the month GAZETTE began beating its old drum for the amalgamation of all Nova Scotia colleges. This time the proposed University of Nova Scotia would be modelled on the University of Toronto. GAZETTE took its strong pro-merger

stand in the early 1870's and never really relented.

The 1921 Council elections caused more than usual excitement, since some groups in Arts and Science were unhappy with the established leadership. It was the first year that an all-candidates meeting was held on the day before the voting. The role of women in student government was no longer an issue, and on voting day four were elected. The new President of the Law students was Col. Keilor MacKay, who would one day be Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

A March 9 GAZETTE editorial pointed out that Dalhousie had no hall large enough for all its students, and urged quick construction of the planned gymnasium so that the lack could be remedied. It welcomed the provision of student offices and social areas in the basement of the new Arts Building (which is now the Faculty Club). This would relieve pressure on the Murray Homestead which was still the only student run facility on the Studley campus. On the Carleton campus the Munro Room still served student purposes after 32 years of use. The dream of a new students' building had been forgotten, as was the \$20,000.00 collected for it in 1914.

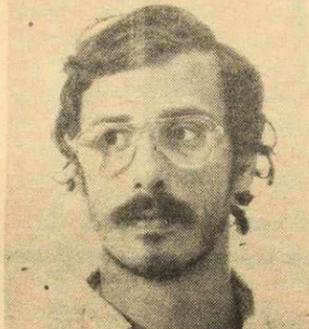
The new Council, although it would only take office in September, met on March 15th to elect officers and start planning. The new President was outgoing President of both the YMCA and the Athletic Club. It was not surprising that the first moves were to help pay handbook costs and to increase athletic practice times. A Murray Homestead investigation was also started.

The next day GAZETTE asked for a week of study time to be given between the end of lectures and the start of exams. The practice of no break was termed an evil which deserved to be remedied.

Council Closes Dal Radio

by Peter Clark

On Sunday, September 29th, Council shut down the operation of Dal Radio and left its future in the hands of a special committee. President, Dan O'Connor, moved that "The Dal Radio Regulation (of the constitution) be suspended and a committee be formed to administer the station for one month." O'Connor explained that "Radio has been going downhill for the past two or three years and was now just a seventy thousand dollar plaything that a few people played with. Communications



Secretary, Stan Beshunsky-Smith, added that Dal Radio were planning to go Carrier Current sometime in the new year and that a lot of work would have to be done if they were expected to conform to the CRTC standards. As the situation is standing now, he argued, Radio would not be able to qualify.

Mark Crossman (commerce) spoke in favour of the motion saying that he was unfamiliar with the workings

of radio but that they seemed to pop up with one problem



or another at each Council meeting and he felt something should be done to straighten them out.

Chris Hart (science) indicated that he had been involved with radio over the past two years and agreed that it needed massive reorganization.

The committee is composed of the President, the Communications Secretary, the Technical Director, the Station Manager and a council member. Chris Hart was elected as the Council representative serving on the committee.

Earlier that evening council passed several amendments to Regulations affecting Photography, Gazette, Radio, and the Grants Committee. The action taken here seemed to be a bit of moving in both directions at once. On one hand council allowed the Grants committee a little extra financial freedom. They may now give Grants of less than \$200.00 without the approval of Council. On the other hand however, disbursement of Staff Salaries (a

token honorarium paid to staff members) in the Communications Department would now be subject to approval by Council. A short debate arose when representatives from the GAZETTE complained that Council interference in the administration of their budget could tend to intimidate staff members and influence Editorial freedom. GAZETTE claimed that council already had enough control as it is Council who grants the GAZETTE budget. As well the Treasurer through the request/purchase order system has control over how the money is spent. Any further interference it was said would be walking on dangerous ground. O'Connor argued that at present it is the Editor who decides how staff salaries are to be divided up and this was just a move that would assure that no injustices are done. Council took O'Connor at his word and voted in favour of the motion. There were only a few dissenting votes.

Next an interim report was made by the Arts and Science reps on council concerning formation of Arts and Science Societies. No recommendations were made but a full report was promised by the October 6th meeting.

Don Hains a graduate student at Dalhousie was appointed Chairman to the Co-op Housing Committee. Mr. Hains gave a short rundown

on his housing experience gained from working with co-ops in Kingston, Ontario. He discussed some exciting possibilities for Dalhousie. All interested people should contact Don Hains, 1638 Henry Street. 422-6952 (after 6 pm).

Shortly there was a motion on the floor requesting support for the Ojibway Indians Warriors Society, which brought about the only extensive debate of the evening. I must say it was interesting to see council engage in a genuine ideological battle for a change.

O'Connor opened the discussion of the Ojibway Warriors Society by noting that the only backing they had when they came to Halifax was from the local chapter of the Communist Party of Canada (marxist-leninist)

Martin Ware (graduate studies) dismissed O'Connor's C.P.C. — M.L. comment as irrelevant and asked if the Ojibway group in any way represented the mainstream in Indian struggle.

Wayne Gillis (law) seemed only too happy to answer that question claiming that Louis Cameron formed the Warriors Society a few years ago, when he and a few of his friends did not agree with the way things were being done. Gillis insisted that Cameron represents a small minority of a small tribe of Indians and he in no way reflects the in-

terests of the mainstream of Native peoples.

Martin Ware, in an emotional appeal, indicated support for the issue. He noted the dispossession of native peoples throughout Canada. Ware felt that a failure to support Louis Cameron or any like him would alienate Native peoples right across the country.



Martin Ware,

O'Connor branded Ware's approach as 'knee-jerk liberalism'. He said it would be laughable if Dalhousie Student Union supported every Indian group that came along solely on the basis of the Union's general support for the Native Peoples' Struggle for Land and Hereditary Rights in Canada.

The motion was postponed indefinitely. A second motion was prepared to have the Community Affairs Department and Wayne Gillis prepare a report to council on how best to support the native peoples' struggle for land and hereditary rights.

The meeting ended around 11:00 pm. all in all a long night with much accomplished.