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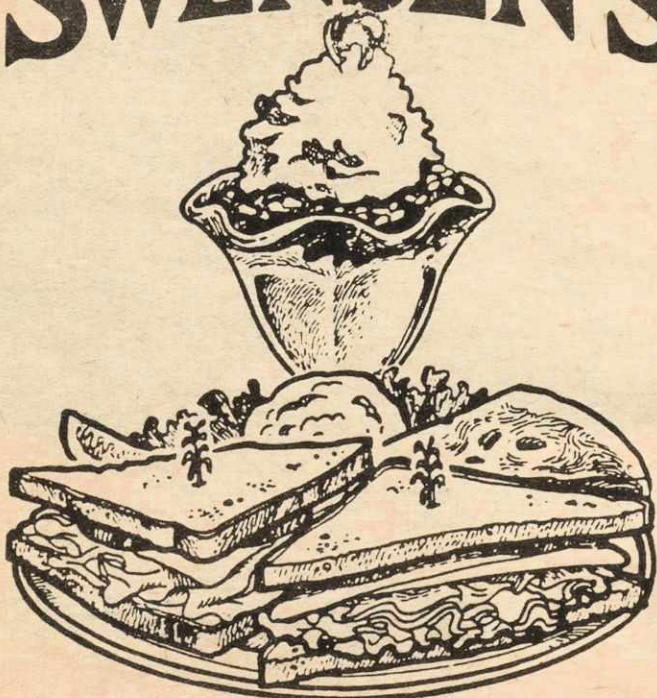
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Council Briefs

by Michael McCarthy and Ken Burke

During last Sunday's gruelling 7-1/2 hour-long meeting, a new Chairperson was chosen to replace Peter Kavanagh, who gave notice of his resignation after being elected Executive Officer of the Student Unions of Nova Scotia (SUNS). Bill Walsh, a returning student going for his M.B.A., was elected Chairperson over Jim MacDougall, who had transferred to Dal from the College of Cape Breton.

Walsh is in the first year of his M.B.A. program, and had previously spent seven years working full-time teaching and working with handi-capped people. He felt he would have enough time to devote to the job, and "had no biases going into the situation". Walsh's election was near-unanimous, with only one councillor voting for MacDougall.

At Sunday's Council meeting, concern was expressed as to the safety of bicycles on campus.

Vice-president (academic) Neil Erskine questioned John Russell, the student union's vice-president (internal) on the safety of bicycles at Dalhousie. Erskine felt a decision made by Summer Council to place bike racks in view of the Cohn parking lot security guard was a good idea, although the plan in implementation was not working out as originally expected.

One of the racks had, in fact, been taken from the lot and carried a distance down University Avenue. The other rack had been moved to a corner where it would be virtually impossible for a guard to watch it closely.

Russell responded that he had been "dazzled by bureaucracy on the issue", talking to many people and becoming frustrated with what little good was done. Russell acknowledged the urgent need for better bicycle security, as "There are teams that travel this campus in vans and cars and throw bikes in," he said.

Erin Steuter was appointed to the position of Member-at-large on Dal Student Council, Sunday, by gaining more council votes than Terry Nehiley, president of the 1982 graduating class.

Her concern over the Security situation at Dalhousie figured strongly in her selection, coupled with what John Russell termed as, "having specific ideas with what could be done with the job".

When Council set to the business of approving what Summer Council had done, three motions were singled out to be discussed anew at the next council meeting, on October third. They concerned:

- a motion expressing support for the expelled students at U de Moncton,
- the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students' contract with the Student Union,
- the "tiger" issue.

The motions will be brought before full council because at least one councillor would not approve of the manner in which Summer Council had dealt with the issue.

At the next meeting, Council will re-debate the motions and reconsider their status.

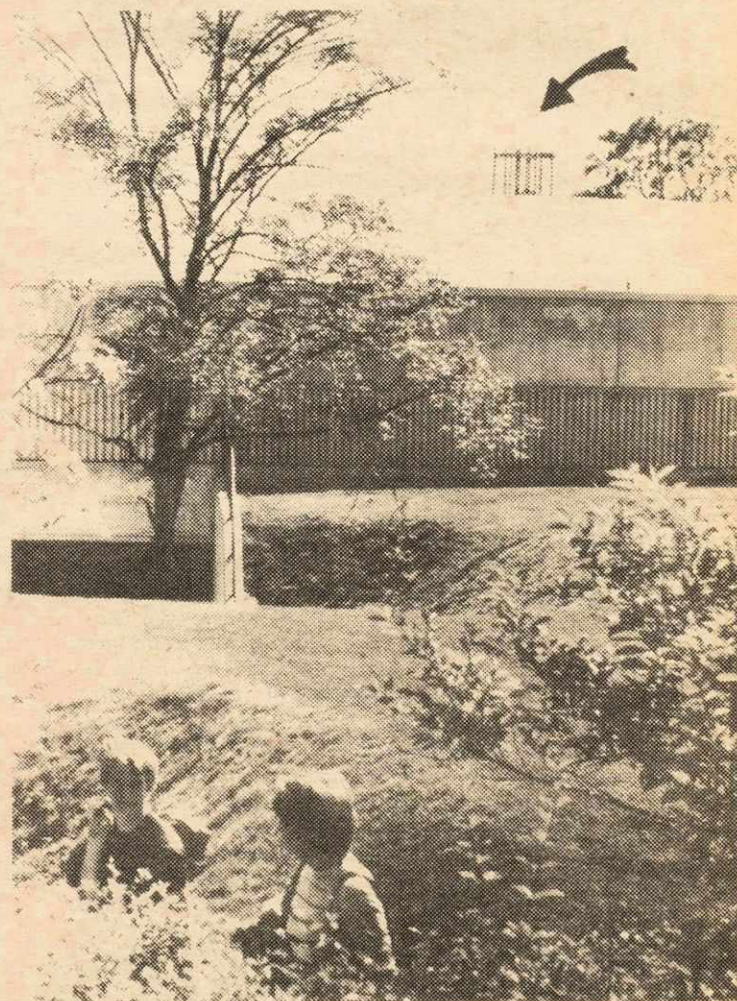
Uranium Mining

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to the possible health effects resulting from accidental contamination of the environment. The opposition groups fear tailings from processed ore might seep into lakes and drinking water, thereby poisoning the population with radon by-products from uranium "yellow-cake" residues.

The uranium enquiry stems from public uproar over mining exploration last year in West Hants county, Nova Scotia. A company formed by Dome Petroleum and Aquataine of Canada discovered uranium ores near the town of Vaughn, by Windsor. Ten other companies were exploring the province for additional deposits at the time.

Presentations to the enquiry began last March, after Judge McCleave was named to the commission by Premier Buchanan in January. More than 180 individuals and associations applied to present briefs during the first stage, which Judge McCleave designed along similar lines to enquiries carried out in British Columbia. The first phase focuses on public presentations to identify the issues surrounding uranium development.



Remember the stolen Jungle Gym? Well, it's safe and sound now after being found atop the Dalplex roof. An organization "to free Dalhousie students" has claimed responsibility for the feat. What will be their next target? The University waits in fear.