

Don't sign the cheque yet

Council may reject fee increase

by Dale A. Rissesco

Although the majority of those who voted in the Athletic Fee Referendum were in favour of the twenty-five dollar increase, the referendum is expected to get a lot of opposition when it goes before the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) for ratification this Sunday.

Nobody quite knows who initiated the quest for this increase, says Joe Morrison, DSU vice-president, external. He believes it came from the administration.

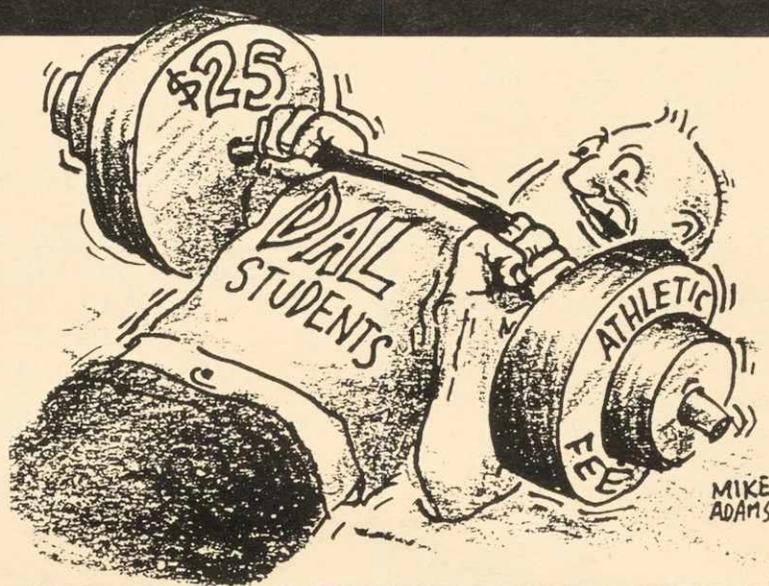
President Howard Clark formed the President's Advisory Committee on Athletics to look into the Athletic Department's problems. This committee did a survey to see if students would be in favour of an athletic fee. Morrison says the survey was "fudged" because it asked leading questions and there were discrepancies in the results.

Members of the athletic administration attended council meetings, which Morrison says is unusual. "It is a rare occasion when the administration shows up at a council meeting.

Morrison says because there is no definite proposal for distributing the money, he wouldn't be surprised if the money ends up in places where it shouldn't.

Morrison says the main problem with the referendum vote is that it is not tied to a deal to renegotiate the tuition-fee agreement, which expires in three years. The six-year contract between the DSU and the administration limits tuition hikes to the inflation rate. Without this deal, the university's vice-president of finance, Bryan Mason, could increase tuition fees when the contract expires. Morrison expects Mason to do this.

Lara Morris, referendum returning officer, said she did not believe the council would ratify the fee because it was not tied to tuition. Although more than the required eight per cent of the student body voted, and 70 per cent of them approved the \$25 fee, there were not enough voters who said "no" to the option to tie the fee to the tuition deal. Morris says eight per cent is also required and the numbers don't add up to that



amount.

Morrison wants the fee to be tied to tuition, and says if the administration wants it badly enough, it should be willing to extend the tuition increase agreement.

Tony Martin, Director of Athletics and Recreational Services, said since the students passed the referendum, the council should ratify the athletic fee.

Committee formed on undergrad education

by Heather Hueston

Last month's Symposium on Undergraduate Education is moving into the next phase. A Committee on Undergraduate Education is being set up and should meet "soon", says its chair, political science professor Dennis Stairs.

"We want to move quickly so we can have out recommendations ready by the end of May," says Stairs. The Committee must draft a statement of objectives on undergraduate education (to be approved by faculty and Senate), suggest how undergraduate areas can be changed to meet objectives, and suggest steps on how to improve student life.

Symposium recommendations called for accessibility,

quality, higher standards, and stronger student identity at Dal, to name a few.

Stairs says some issues can be acted on quickly, during the summer months, without senate or faculty input, such as student orientation. He points out that registration has been revamped but that it was already in the works.

Outgoing Dalhousie student Union president Caroline Zayid will sit on the committee until replaced. Zayid, who was on the Symposium planning committee, says she is glad the momentum won't be lost. She says the committee, with its mix of faculty, administration, and students, "fills a gap" and is good to have around when an issue comes up.

No help for the naive

by Brian Macdonald

A new peer counselling program will probably not take effect until the fall of 1989, says student council vice-president Ian McCarthy.

"It's too late to organize for next year and we want to make sure we do a good job on it," said McCarthy.

The idea came out of the recent symposium on undergraduate education, but by the

time council discussed it, students were too busy preparing for final exams.

Supporters of the idea think it will make the first year of university easier for the student. "Students in their first year at Dalhousie are offered very little personal direction in matters such as registration, housing, or just finding someone to talk to," says Council president Caroline Zayid, who hopes peer counsel-

Sign of Spring?

Flashers on campus

by Gazette Staff

Dalhousie's Education Building flasher is back.

But the man, who shows up every summer, may not be the only one exposing himself to students and staff. Security Director Max Keeping believes there are at least two, and possibly three, different men baring all to passers-by on campus.

"My concern over it all is, you never know what is going to trigger them to become violent. You stand there and laugh, or make a snide comment . . . you never know just what in blazes is going to trigger people," Keeping says.

Three separate incidents have been reported to Security in the past three weeks.

On March 18, a man standing in room 116 of the Education Building tapped on the windowpane when he saw a woman go outside. He was naked from the waist down and hid his head in the curtain.

A flasher has plagued the department on Friday afternoons for the past two summers, Keeping says.

In early April, a man in a 2nd-floor window of the Life Sciences Building by the Psychology Department was masturbating as students walked by.

And the latest incident, yesterday morning, involved an 18- or 19-year-old white male riding a bicycle. He drove up the road between Shirreff Hall and the Life Sciences Centre, flashed some students, and zoomed off.

AIDS ~~CENSORED~~ Survey

by Ellen Reynolds

The correct answers to an AIDS survey of students and staff seems to be for Dalhousie eyes only.

The university administration on the grounds that the answers are too explicit.

Rosemary Gill, chair of the Dalhousie University AIDS tion's publication, the *Dal News*, is refusing to publish the survey Committee, was told by the *Dal News* staff that the issue was "under advisement", but it has since been decided not to publish the survey.

"I personally don't find the answers offensive. I think it's very important that people get

this information," says Gill.

Stuart Watson, acting editor of the *Dal News*, says it was a policy decision and that the *Dal News* will still cover the survey as a news story.

"I know it's sensitive material," says Gill, "but it is difficult to have a questionnaire about sex without being explicit."

Gill says the *Dal News* has problems specifically with the "Risky Behaviours" section of the survey, which describes various sexual activities and rates the risk of contracting the AIDS virus.

The correct answers will be published in a supplement in next week's *Gazette*.

confused or upset
 about the new registration process?

Take this opportunity to find out more.

Air your comments at an Open Forum for students on Friday, April 8th, 12:30pm

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