



*Council Exec picks delegation - Bad Choice !*

## Executive Ignores Council Deserts FASC Conference

by Gerald van Gorp

By sending President Bruce Gillis and Treasurer Don Robart to represent Dal at the Federation of Atlantic Student Councils conference Dec. 29 - Jan 4, the Council Executive completely ignored an earlier decision passed unanimously by the Students' Council.

Gary Walsh and Martin Langille, co-chairman of the FASC liaison committee had prepared a brief for Council recommending that all committee members be sent to the conference. The brief showed considerable enthusiasm for Dal's role in an Atlantic federation and was passed without dissent at the Nov. 10 meeting.

When contacted by the Gazette, three members of the Council Executive - Dave Stevenson, Rosemary Marchant and Don Robart said they had no knowledge of the passing of the brief.

When asked why Gillis and Robart were chosen as delegates, SUB Affairs Sec. Stevenson said, "We wanted to send someone who could figure out what was going on. There are a lot of discrepancies in their (the FASC) budget."

### Dal Delegates Disappear

However, Dalhousie's dele-

gates made little overt effort to "figure out what was going on". Gillis and Robart attended only one afternoon session (a discussion on Women's Liberation) during the week-long conference in Fredericton.

Conference reports show that the proposed Atlantic federation may offer some real benefits to Dal students. Services provided include half-price fares on Eastern Provincial Airways and academic tours of other universities.

Most of the representatives from other universities have shown an eagerness to participate in such a cooperative. By unanimously accepting the committee brief which favoured joining the FASC, the members of the Dalhousie Student Council expressed a similar enthusiasm.

If Council's decisions are to be carried out, the members of the liaison committee should be permitted to continue their investigation of Dalhousie's possible contribution to an Atlantic federation, including providing responsible representation at FASC gatherings. By overruling Council's decision and sending Gillis and Robart rather than the committee members, the Executive provided Dal students with NO representation.

## FASC: Up To You

By Ed Pottie & Wendy Johnston  
FASC Fieldworkers

Gillis could only stay for a day, so you know it had to be good.

The Federation of Atlantic Student Councils held a conference on "Organizing for Student Involvement", over Christmas in order to learn from the mistakes of CUS.

The organizing approach developed at the conference emphasized people attacking problems which appear most important to them and which they are willing to work toward solving.

However, students today are not unified in their recognition of the wide spectrum of problems as they affect students individually and as a group.

Thus, the general goal of FASC will be to establish a sense of community life and a sense of unity among students which will serve to bring them to an awareness of this common end and make them better able to deal with it.

As immediate and pressing problems are articulated and solved, the student community learns the process of recognizing its own problems and mobilizing to solve them without abrogating the democratic rights of other people.

In doing so, the campus develops a sense of identity, awareness and community.

This differs from CUS in that the

problems are not those defined by student council people, delegated to conferences once a year, who may or may not see the problems as other students see them.

In addition the problems will not just be attacked on paper, but by actions that concerned people deem necessary to solve them, or to ameliorate the situations.

Obviously, the most important part of FASC is the campus liaison group who maintain communication links with the other Atlantic campus liaison groups, the executive, the fieldworkers and mainly with other concerned students on their own campus.

If you have a specific gripe which you are willing to work on and think other people could be interested in, you can contact Martin Langille, Gary Walsh and/or Liz Cusack.

Some of the problems concerning people on other campus which were mentioned at the conference were: housing, unemployment, student rates on EPA, orientation, Atlantic studies, daycare centers, campus bookstores and information booths.

FASC will not make policy on issues on each campus, nor will it work for change on campus. It will provide information, resources and fieldworkers.

The rest depends on you.

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