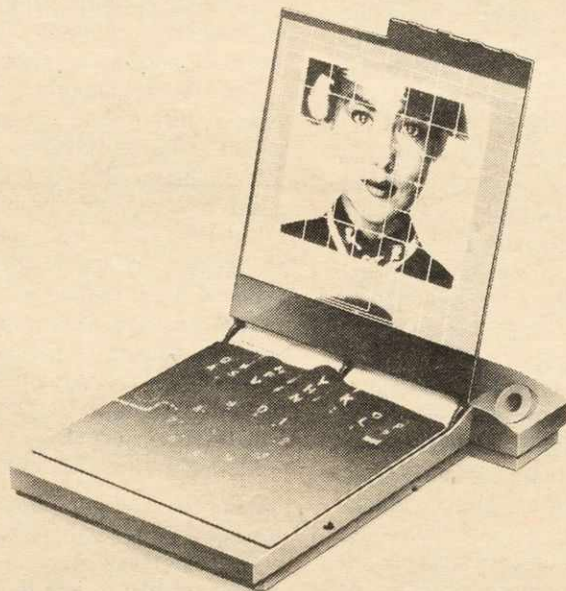




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SOUND AND VISION.

This year marks Sony Corporation's second annual international student design competition, created to encourage students around the world to contribute their talents to promoting global communication through design. Congratulations to Canada's Wilson Tang and Albert Shum who, out of 800 entries from around the world, won third runners-up with their version of the television phone—the TAK-tile COMMUNICATOR.

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Labour

The internal organization of any union is paramount to its success. The Dalhousie Student Union is no exception to this.

An effective internal organization enhances the activities of the union and the benefits it provides to its members.

During Cochrane and Dow's campaign a stress was placed upon the internal functioning of the DSU. In particular, a more efficient and communicative student government was promised.

"... what about the average person that lives on-campus or off-campus that doesn't know what goes on? How is a person supposed to be involved in a tuition agreement, in programming, and communications if they are not being informed?", Cochrane told the Gazette last spring.

However, attending council meetings and reading the minutes leads one to the conclusion that changes have not been made.

Cochrane and Dow have initiated round table discussions at council meetings to encourage communication between student representatives and the executive. They have also maintained good communication channels with the Administration and other governing bodies at Dalhousie.

However, the round table discussions consistently focus on parties and purely social events and are void of discussion concerning other student issues; for example, tuition fee increases, cutbacks to university programmes, and labour relations.

Further, communication with the average student, contrary to Cochrane and Dow's campaign promises, remains inadequate.

Minutes of council meetings are poorly organized and impossible to decipher. For example, one set of minutes declares the DSU is "in favour of strike but not in a strike position for another two weeks."

In addition, the executive is no longer required to make bi-weekly written reports (instead reports are given quarterly). Clearly this does not improve DSU communication to students.

Cochrane and Dow emphasized student participation during their campaign, but this year's DSU has had trouble filling numerous council and appointed positions (see chart).

The remaining vacancy of the Course Evaluation Co-ordinator position is of particular concern.

During the campaign Dow called the Course Evaluation Guide "worthwhile" and said, "... we want the students to know what the courses are like, what the professors are like. They have every right to know."

Efforts to find a Co-Ordinator began in September. By the middle of October the necessity and cost of the Guide was questioned by the DSU executive and to date there has been no initiative to provide this service to students.

The obvious conclusion is that internal organization has been poor and can not make the grade. F

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DSU Appointments

Position	As required by Constitution	Date of Actual Appt.
Winter Carnival Ch.	Oct. 1	Nov. 4
Orientation Chair	Nov. 4	Not yet appointed
Handbook editor	Dec. 1	Not yet appointed
Grad Week Chair	Jan. 1	Not yet appointed
Recording Secretary	Sept. 15	Oct. 14
Student Council Ch.	May 1 or Oct. 1	Nov. 18
Course Eval. Co-ordinator	n/a	Not yet appointed