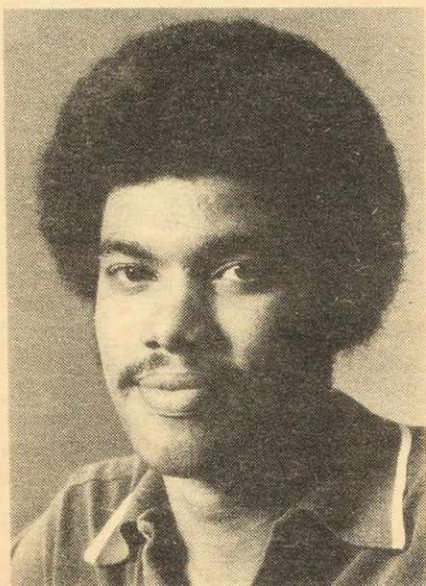
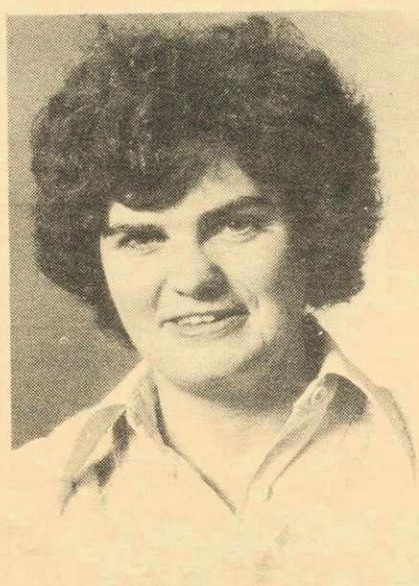


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University tenants unprotected

by Ron Norman

Barbara Beach, the new Student Union housing secretary, received support in principle from the Student Council at their meeting Sunday, February 15 for the drafting of a brief which she hopes will be presented to the Nova Scotia Residential Tenancies Board later this month.

The brief is in response to an amendment of the Residential Tenancies Act. The new act does not provide the University community with the same protection afforded the other tenants in the province. The University has been excluded, in addition to some other forms of housing such as nursing homes, from the amended act.

Previously, the University has not been mentioned under the Act, but the interpretation of the Act would have led one to believe that the university was included.

TA's seek standardization of work and pay

by Diane Robinson

A meeting was held Monday evening, February 16 in the Arts and Administration building by the Dalhousie graduate teaching assistants (T.A.'s) to discuss the frustrations that they have encountered because of the absence of standardization in the amount of work required for a certain amount of pay.

In order to achieve a standard, an explicit definition of a T.A. as an employee is needed. The meeting's initial purpose was to gauge T.A. support for the concept of forming a collective bargaining unit which would, in its organization, provide the T.A.'s with their required standards. With only about 15 of the 250 T.A.'s present at the meeting, John Cheyne, who is president of the Graduate Students Association, and who chaired the meeting, said that the possibility of the unionization of the T.A.'s is rather distant.

Ruling out the possibility of unionizing the T.A.'s, the meeting then moved on to discuss the second

When Barbara Beach was asked why the University had been excluded from the new act, she replied: "When I spoke to Allen (L.J.V. Allen, the provincial coordinator of the Residential Tenancies Board) he said that they considered it (ie. the business of the exclusion of the university and some other forms of housing from the amended act) in about five or ten minutes. They really didn't consider the ramifications of excluding the universities because our first instinct is to think of the university as a seat of learning and not as a landlord."

Barbara went on to say that the university has provided no formal appeal procedure within its administrative structure, hence students are in need of the protection which the Residential Tenancies Act can afford.

"Dalhousie," she said, "is very

option available to the teaching assistants for their realization of specific standards.

As it now stands, the 250 T.A.'s at Dalhousie receive scholarships or stipends that vary from \$400 to \$2000. In return for these sums varying amounts and types of teaching assistance are required in practically all departments of the Arts and Sciences, and, in a few cases, the Medicine Faculty.

T.A.'s are paid partly by these faculties and partly by Graduate Studies. Standard terms of employment do not exist, and in many instances the duties of a T.A. are regarded as an unimportant part of graduate studies. Yet, when a T.A. chooses to opt out of these duties he/she is faced with the withdrawal of their scholarship.

On the whole the combination of stipends and salaries tends to leave Dalhousie teaching assistants now the average in Canada.

The DAGS Council will continue to seek rectification of the various problems affecting T.A.'s.



Barbara Beach the newly appointed Housing Secretary. Photo / Grandy.

different from other universities in that it is an incredible landlord. It owns so much property, and in so many different forms: university houses, apartment buildings, high-rises, low-rises, residences, co-ed residences; it's amazing.

"There has to be some protection for all those tenants because they are tenants of Nova Scotia and are entitled to some sort of protection."

Barbara also stated that according to John Graham (Dalhousie housing director), Dalhousie University is the most benevolent of landlords. John had cited incidents at Fenwick Towers where students were two and three months behind on their rent because of their bursary cheques not coming in, etc. According to Barbara, John said that the university has never taken any action against those people.

However, Barbara did say, "That's not to say that some day when John Graham leaves that they're not going to get someone in that position that is going to start throwing people out of Fenwick for those reasons. Just because the problem has not arisen to this point is no reason why we should not have the protection."

"Another argument is that just because we are covered by the act

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