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## Hazard and Annoyance

There is no doubt that the university has made considerable improvement during the past months in the roadways running throughout the campus, but most of this is overlooked by annoyed motorists—students and faculty members alike—who drive up behind the Men's Residence expecting to find their way into a legitimate parking zone, only to find their way blocked by formidable bulk of a three-ton truck.

The average driver will probably sit quietly for a minute or so, hoping that the driver of the truck will appear shortly. But nothing happens, except that the driver of the car ventures a timid blast or two on the horn of his vehicle and starts to become a little hotter under the collar. Probably by now he is thoroughly annoyed but reconciled to the fact that he must back his car up a considerable distance, possibly more than fifty yards, in order that he may turn about and find another route to his parking zone.

One solution to the annoyance would be to prohibit parking on the south side of the roadway behind the Residence, in order that cars may pass trucks which are calling at the cafeteria for one reason or another. If that suggestion is not practical then some other procedure or location for the unloading and loading of vehicles should be found.

Besides being a nuisance to the driver, backing up a car any considerable distance is a hazard to any students who may be walking on the roadways.

## Student Council Report

by ALAN MARSHALL

The Students' Council held a meeting on Thursday, October 9, in the Common Room, for the purpose of approving a budget for student activities. The meeting began around 7.30, and ended at 12.45. That, by the way, is early, as budget meetings go. They have been known to drag on well in the small hours of the morning. Mr. Kerr presided, and Mr. Bernal Sawyer was secretary. Before considering the budget, a few small details had to be attended to. First came the minutes of the last meeting. Then came the question of the photographic supplies which the Gazette and Pharos can share. When the parties have agreed on just what supplies to share, the Council will probably approve them separately from the Pharos and Gazette budgets. Last came the problem of whether the Council should buy a press camera for the Gazette. In earlier years, Gazette photographers had their own press cameras; but this year's photographers don't have them. The Council deferred action on this one. They will probably buy one if a good second hand one can be found at reasonable prices, and possibly two. A photography club may be formed if the demand for photographers exceeds the supply. This business being settled (or unsettled, if you look at it that way), the Council got to work on the budget.

The executive had already considered the budget the evening before, consuming a large amount of refreshments at Bernal Sawyer's home. Before the evening was over, your correspondent wanted to follow their example, but that was impossible. We had to be satisfied with a seventh inning stretch. The executive had deleted all uncertain requests for funds not to be spent before Christmas, setting aside one-tenth of the estimated revenue for the purpose. Thus, many teams will ask for more money from the Council if they get into the playoffs. All this will be settled at a January meeting of the Council to revise the budget. There were a few genuine cuts, however, one of which (the Glee Club) was reversed by the Students' Council.

The expenses for Dal functions, elections, awards, N.F.C.U.S. and I.S.S. were approved without discussion. The gymnasium bleachers, costing \$1200, are all paid for. There was, however, considerable discussion of the request of the Mulgrave Park Association, composed of married Dal students, and holding social functions for its members, and parties for their children. The members pay their own dues, but the Student's Council chips in because married students pay council fees, but are unable to take part in many student activities. The vagueness of the agreement makes argument inevitable. The association asked for an increase. Aside for one hallow'een party, the need for the increase was not made very clear, although rising prices must have been at the bottom of it. Sally Roper, in particular, objected to voting in the dark. The request was approved, but this item in the budget will probably cause an argument in every budget meeting that considers it.

Gretchen Hewitt came next, speaking for Delta Gamma, the Dal girls' sorority. They sponsor an open house, "Co-ed Week", and compete in debating and for the Connolly Shield in dramatics. This came to about \$350.00, and was approved without much comment.

Then came a long stretch of requests for the Dal Girls' Athletic

Club, for which Margaret (Foo) Grant carried the ball. She took the first defeat of the evening. From now on, the girls will pay 25c for badminton birds except in tournament play. This places them on equal terms with the boys, who have been paying 25c for several years. Birds cost 37c now, and the Council pays the difference. Ping pong and archery sailed through without trouble (no wonder; \$1.00 for ping pong, \$6.60 for archery. Tennis, basket ball and swimming were approved with some deferments until January for the budget revision.

The Glee Club came in for the roughest ride of the evening, with Mr. Garson in the hot spot. He asked for \$2600.00 and the executive recommended \$2100.00. This was a large increase over last year, but the facts were obstinate, and could not be argued away. Some kind souls have swiped their tools (leaving a saw, for which the Glee Club is no doubt grateful). Someone even more considerate has sawn up two of their flats, putting them to use as decorations last spring, at a dance. The cost of costumes has risen, and last year's comedy, "Their Hearts were Young and Gay", was unusually cheap, which cannot be said for "French Without Tears", to be produced this year. Further they have been taking a beating on ticket sales. This led to discussing the sale of season tickets. Al MacMahon tried it once, and discovered that the amount of scrounging required was excessive, and advised Mr. Garson against it. But the Publicity Organization was willing to take it on, provided that it received the revenue. Mr. Garson was willing to settle for that provided that it received the credit for the sales. The Council decided to postpone the decision on the Glee Club budget until the end of the meeting, when the state of finances were more clear. On checking up the figures at the end of the meeting, it was found that with the full Glee Club budget, there was still \$1500 to spare, and so it was approved, without any reductions.

Publicity came next, and the Council heard more bad news. Not many of the instruments that were purchased several years ago can be found now, and some of those that are left are in bad shape. The band borrows from the Civic Youth Band the instruments it lacks for the players that have no instruments of their own. So Walter Atwood proposed buying several instruments along with his other expenses. It soon appeared that the band had suffered badly from the lack of padlocks. That won't happen in the future. The pieces are now locked up in the old book store quarters out of harm's way. The instruments, the mute (why a mute in a brass band?) asked Mr. Kerr, and a triangle were deleted on recommendation of the executive. The Council will likely order a complete inventory of instruments before buying any more (Sally Roper's suggestion). The whole business of destruction was very disturbing, as it meant a continuous drain on Council resources and a needless waste.

Mr. Jardine wanted to dip into the accumulated surplus in order to pay for the instruments, but was blocked by several obstructions. Parliamentary procedure apparently forbids the making of motions to spend out of a surplus; why, was not made clear; so he was ruled out of order on one of his motions. The Council was very reluctant to break precedent by cashing a large amount of reserves without authorization from the student body; and its constitutionality was in doubt. He moved that the Council buy the instruments, consulting the student body if required by the constitution, and was voted down by every one else. He made a mistake making the motion the way he did, since it placed him in opposition to those who did not

want to buy instruments, those who did not want to break into the accumulated surplus, and those who questioned the propriety of breaking into the accumulated surplus without consulting the student body, even if not required by the constitution. Mr. Jardine feels that the surplus is so large that the Council should start spending some of it. The rest of the Council does not.

The rest of the Publicity budget was passed with little comment.

Bill Haley carried the Dal Amateur Athletic Club through with very little discussion. The Council was getting very tired, and your correspondent rather bored. I tried to enliven proceedings by objecting to the purchase of seventeen dozen hockey sticks, but it was a useless effort. Apparently hockey sticks break like eggs. It seemed like a waste to me, but if sticks are broken, there is not much you can do about it. The games must go on. The executive deferred some expenses to the January revision of the budget.

Debating came next. Mr. Fraser for the Sodales presented this budget. It was larger than last year's, because Sodales intends to send or receive a debating team to or from one of the central Canadian colleges: Toronto, McGill or Queens, most likely. Several years ago, Hart House (Toronto) sent a debating team to Dalhousie. Mr. Fraser expected, I think, to run into strong opposition when he brought this proposal to the Student's Council, but there was none. His budget passed without objection.

Pharos and the Gazette came last. The Pharos budget presented to the executive allowed for printing by the "letterpress" method. At the Council, Mr. Hall suggested as an alternative, the "offset" method, which is \$1000.00 cheaper. The Council compared the two processes by looking at earlier copies of Pharos produced by the two different methods and found that the difference in appearance was not worth the difference in price; so the cheaper process was approved, although with a high grade cover. The Council has obtained permission from the University to raise the price to \$5.00, so that if the sales are good, Pharos should make a profit. If it does, it will be the first time in its history, but it all depends on the sales. This unexpected windfall so strengthened the budget that when the figures were added up, it was found that even with the full Glee Club budget included, the Council was still \$1500.00 to the good. So after the Gazette budget had been approved, the Council returned to the Glee Club budget and passed that, to the great relief of Mr. Garson.

The Council finished the odds and ends. It voted to pay the bill for the scores of Iolanthe that have not been returned. Publicity will undertake the sale of season tickets to the Glee Club performances. That brought the Council to the end of its business. The meeting closed at a quarter to one. That, by the way, is early for budget nights. It has been known to last until four o'clock in the morning.

## Letters To The Editor

### NOTICE

"No pop or milk bottles are to be taken to the two Common Rooms with the following exceptions:—

When forming a portion of a regular meal, bottles may be taken to the East Common Room, but are to be returned to the counter with the balance of the dishes."

Oct. 8, 1952

Dalhousie University,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
Oct. 7, 1952.

The above notice is posted in the men's residence. It is difficult to see the logic behind such a notice since it deprives students who bring lunches of a suitable place to eat. It compels students who remain on the campus all day to buy a meal at the lunch counter.

It will be noticed that to have the privilege of eating in the common room a full meal must be purchased. It is disappointing to realize that a monopolistic conditions such as these are permitted to exist. A more logical attitude is that a university common room be used by the students for their own convenience.

The situation has arisen several times where students were rudely treated and warned not to bring bottles into the Common Room when eating lunch. Because of the above regulation there is no provision made for students who prefer to bring their own lunch rather than to buy them at the lunch counter. This is a deplorable situation and should be remedied immediately.

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Editor,

The Dalhousie Gazette

I realize there are many problems in reporting the news and mistakes are bound to occur, so this isn't a letter of admonition. Rather it is a correction, to an article that appeared in the Gazette, that I feel necessary. It is in regard to the English rugby writeup of Tuesday this week, and a few lines on myself.

As I went to Mount Allison for two years, the four years stated in the article is an error. The last year we did win the Maritime Inter-Collegiate championship but I wasn't the captain of the team. I was captain of Dalhousie's rugby team last year which probably explains the mistake.

Again I wish to point out this is not an admonition but rather an error in reporting which I feel should be corrected.

Yours truly,  
Gordie McConnell

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