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## Old guard leave council

By ELIZABETH DONOVAN

THE INCOMING COUNCIL may be working at a disadvantage, if none of the current council and executive members return.

Dave McCann, ex-senate rep, says after six years involvement on council, he will not be returning next year.

"Just about everybody who is experienced on council is not returning. People like Jill Allen, ex-VP academic, are not returning—and she taught me all I know about senate politics," says McCann.

McCann says experience is going to be a crucial ingredient in future councils because other SUB management and the university administration will be going through major transitions.

"Members of the new council must quickly develop internal skills. Dalhousie is turning inward to correct its many faults and students can either lead this process or can be trampled on by it."

Neil Ferguson, DSU Treasurer, may be the one link between incoming and outgoing council members.

"I'm seriously considering reapplying," says Ferguson. "It was important to have continuity in the management of the SUB and the departure of the General Manager could initially make this difficult," says Ferguson.

Caroline Zayid, DSU VP external, says although she is not coming back next year she doesn't think the turnover is any more drastic than last year.

"If people do a good job—research and be consistent—they can make a real impact," Zayid says.

To smooth the transition for incoming council, the outgoing council hopes to leave an informational package detailing the projects that they have been involved in all year.

"As well we hope to provide general introductory material about council, senate, and faculty committees. Often university reps

are on these committees for years and this puts students at a disadvantage," says Zayid.

## Dal students pass tuition referendum

By KIMBERLEY WHITCHURCH

DALHOUSIE STUDENTS voted overwhelmingly in favour of a student union fee increase in a referendum held Feb. 19-21.

Of the 9711 full and part time students eligible to vote in the referendum, approximately 19.7 per cent cast votes.

Under a new agreement worked out with university administration, tuition fees will be held to a maximum four per cent increase in each of the next three years. For the following three years, tuition will rise between three per cent and eight per cent, depending on the cost of living in Halifax at that time.

Student union fees will be increased next year from \$83 to \$98. The \$15 increase will go to the university's capital fund drive. Student contributions to the drive will total about \$750,000 by the end of the six year term.

DSU president Alex Gigeroff says he is pleased with the record turnout at the polls.

"It's just about the biggest breakthrough any student union has made in this country," Gigeroff says. "It shows concern over tuition fees, and the long-term ramifications (are that) the provincial government is aware that we're responsible and concerned."

## Mount wants to be nuclear free

HALIFAX (CUP)— Mount St. Vincent University's student council wants the campus to be declared a nuclear weapons free zone as a symbolic protest against the build-up of nuclear arms.

The university's senate voted in favour of the motion in a meeting on March 4.

"We want to make a social statement and get the students of MSVU to address this issue," says Peter Murtagh, one of two council members who introduced the motion. "We are the first ripple of a tidal wave which will hopefully sweep the nation."

The university senate and the board of governors must approve the students' motion for the campus to be a nuclear weapons free zone and the council members say the two governing bodies will likely throw their support behind the idea.

Frank De Mont, the other councillor involved, says some students think the decision is insignificant, considering the

immensity of nuclear threat. "We won't have missiles located on campus, but you have to start somewhere," he added.

Said Murtagh: "Why should we be pursuing the arms race when we can be pursuing the human race?"

The motion has won the support of university administration president Margaret Fulton. "I'm proud of our students in showing this kind of responsibility," she said.

"You're the kids who have to worry about the future."

According to Rusty James, Dalhousie Student Union executive vice-president, the prospects for a similar move on Dal campus are not good.

"It would be difficult," James says, "seeing that we have our own nuclear reactor (the Slowpoke-2 research facility) here on campus."

James went on to say jokingly, "Council has money put aside to blow it up."

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