

# Council survives another meeting

by Marg Bezanson

It was another long night with Council, Sunday, November 26. The meeting began with the ratification of the membership of the Dalhousie Student Union in the Nova Scotia Association of Students Councils. There was some discussion concerning the inception of another film society that would show 35 mm. films. It was learned that the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium would not be

available for such purposes, so it was deferred to the Entertainment Committee. The budget for the yearbook was passed with the exception of the sum allotted for awards which was cut from \$700 to \$350. Several council members voiced the need, felt by members of the student body with whom they had spoken, for a Student Directory. However it was decided that at this point it

was not feasible to publish a directory, but a few copies will be printed for use at various places in the SUB. Some question was raised over the liberty taken by President Brian Smith to send a telegram on behalf of the student body to Memorial University supporting their student strike. Smith replied that it was necessary to take

this responsibility due to lack of time. The Council ratified his move, saying that it was sufficient that he brought it before Council to be ratified, and that such action should be continued in the future. Grants were the next item of business. Pharmacy, the Spanish Club, and the French Club all had their budgets passed with considerable cuts. It was decided that the people concerned with entertainment should present a resume to Council detailing their programs and proposals for this year. It was felt that there was a lack of information concerning this activity. Applications for members at-large were left open until one week after a constitutionally acceptable candidate has applied. Applications are also open for Chairman of Intro-Dal. A meeting of the Faculty Committee was announced for

November 28, at 11:30 in the Arts and Administration Building Board Room to discuss curriculum.

Dan O'Connor presented several proposals made by Task Force Committee on Communications for Council to ratify. However they were essentially all defeated.

A motion was passed to endorse the concepts referred to in the Course Monitoring Committee Report. Also the proposals made by the Sub-Committee on academic process were passed.

The Council moved on to discuss various other matters including campus police, office services, skating, Jazz and Suds, and The Gazette, out of which little was resolved. Information as to how to complain about campus police was given as well as an idea for outdoor skating on the football field was suggested.

## Recommendations approved

Council approved ten motions concerning communications as recommended by the Task Force Committee on Communications at its November 13 meeting. Following are the recommendations approved by Council.

1. That Council strongly recommends to the Committee on Alternative Student Government that it consider written job definitions for all personnel working for the Union in the SUB.
2. That the three secretaries work together to establish a concrete philosophy and procedures regarding each one's office and that the philosophies and procedures be presented to Council.
3. That a full-time staff member to assist the Secretariats, and to perform the functions of Communications Co-ordinator, be hired to begin

4. That the Committee on Alternative Student Government examine the philosophies and procedures of the Secretaries with the intent of dividing them clearly between two Vice-presidents, with subsequent elimination of the Secretaries.
5. That the Office of the Internal Affairs Secretary be phased out by the end of this Council term, with most of its present functions to be transferred to the Vice-President.
6. That Council requests the Alternate Student Government Committee have as a first priority the creation of a middle level of Student Union organization, between the Council and the students, as a means of increasing personal involvement and contact with the Union.
7. Whereas officers of

8. That distribution points to be used by all university newspapers be established, on the model of daily newspaper boxes.
9. That the Treasurer and the Director of Operations consider the financial feasibility of a motion that the 1971-72 Communications Report be implemented insofar as it deals with establishing a system of bulletin boards.
10. That a part-time employee be hired to carry out the new duties of Office Services.

## NDP elections held

by Don Retson

Five Dalhousie students were recently elected to executive positions with the newly formed Dal NDP Association.

Association Chairman, Ian Mackay told the GAZETTE the purpose of the group is "to make known and discuss policies of the national and provincial New Democratic Party on campus; to discuss and examine other matters of public policy; to spread the benefits of democratic socialism at Dalhousie and to work for the growth of the party

at all levels of government." According to the constitution of the Association, membership is open to all Dalhousie students as well as to non-academic staff who are members in good standing of the NDP. Students, academic and non-academic staff who are not members of the NDP may participate in the Association's activities, but as non-voting members. During the year, the Association will meet every second Wednesday in Room 316 of the SUB.

## 4th Estate back in court

by Glenn Wanamaker

The libel suit initiated by Le Chateau Men's Wear Ltd. of Halifax against the newspaper, The 4th Estate is going back to court.

A ruling by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court appeals division on November 23 reversed an earlier decision by trials division to dismiss the case.

Le Chateau alleges libel through two newspaper articles in March, 1971, on slum housing in Halifax. One item cited by Le Chateau was a photograph and the second was an illustration reprinted from the Dalhousie GAZETTE.

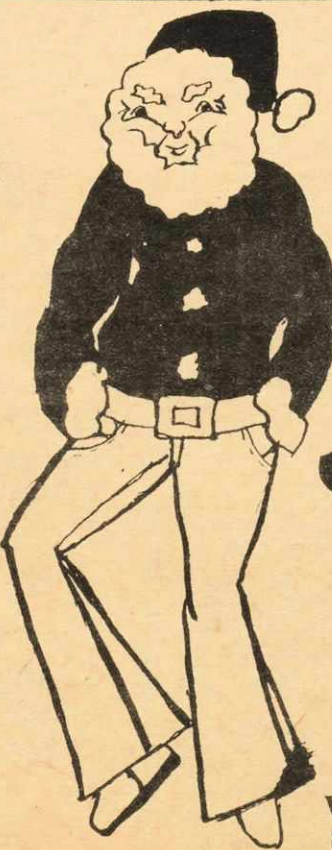
The case now goes back to the Supreme Court's trial division, but as yet, no date has been set for the hearing. Defence lawyer Brian Flemming says it is

unlikely the case will come up before February. Judge F.W. Bissett had dismissed the case October 2. Defence argued that since no defamation had been made against the company in its own trading field — men's clothing — no prima facie case of libel existed. Mr. Justice Bissett ruled that in order to sustain an action for libel "a corporation must be defamed in the way of its business."

Following the ruling, Le Chateau filed an appeal to the Supreme Courts appeals division. The decision to reverse the earlier ruling was unanimous by the appeal court's three judges, Chief Justice A.H. MacKinnon, Mr. Justice A. Gordon Cooper and Mr. Justice Thomas Coffin. They ruled that Mr. Justice Bissett should have waited until Le Chateau's counsel had presented their evidence before dismissing the case.

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