

# Council briefs

by Mark Simkins

## meeting of Sunday March 5. . .

Council decided to set up a committee to negotiate the contract between the student council and the **Dalhousie Gazette**, should the paper become independent. Robert Sampson, Andrew Lynk, and SUB Building Manager John Graham will work with three **Gazette** people to finalize the deal.

After heated debate, the Grants Committee obtained \$1000 from unallocated funds to cover a deficit. The committee received the funds despite Robert Sampson's disapproval. "Hold on, it's not a joke. I'm sure people here are intimidated by certain people," Sampson complained. The following grants were announced: Dalhousie Science Society—\$200, Indo-Canadian Society—\$200, Health and Physical Education Society—\$200, Chess Club—\$75, Project Ploughshares—\$200, Video Theatre Association—\$200, Dal Tolkien Society—\$175, Public Administration Society—\$250, and the Career Information and Psychology Counselling—\$300.

Council was informed that the University Senate is not declaring a holiday for Remembrance Day since November 11 falls on a Sunday. Most of the inside CUPE workers do receive holidays as part of their contracts, and many Med students would have an easy day as most hospital staff will get a holiday that Monday.

The Dal council voted to accept a \$10 fee from King's Students for their use of the Dal SUB facilities. Robert Sampson said that there was a good chance King's students wouldn't accept this figure.

Council voted to release the \$10.00 to candidates who were acclaimed to their positions. Council reps defeated a motion to have B.B. King tickets sold at a dollar discount in the SUB because it might mean hiring a ticket seller for them.

A brief was presented detailing the faculty of Arts and Science committees' decision to allow only one elective for education students. Council will be voicing its objection to this decision.

Janis Ferguson was elected as the new Housing Secretary.

Council will be represented at the Nova Scotia Caucus meeting of AFS in Wolfville this weekend by Bob Sampson and Dave Angus. No funds are available as they were to come from the unallocated fund which was turned over to grants earlier in the meeting.

Council members will be touring a brewery this week.

# Enthusiastic audience supports miners

A spontaneous collection was taken up Tuesday night at the Dalhousie SUB for striking coal miners in the United States.

Over 400 people attended a showing of **Harlan County USA**, a film about the United Mine Workers' attempts to organize in Kentucky.

After applause at the end of the movie, a member of the audience suggested that a telegram and financial contribution be sent to show support for the striking coal miners.

A telegram was sent to the miners' support committees, and the total of the spontaneous

collection, \$216.47, was forwarded Wednesday to the Miners' Support Committees of Southern West Virginia in Beckley and Morgantown, West Virginia.

Harvey MacKinnon, organizer of the event, said before the film began, "Showing this film doesn't mean there aren't similar problems going on here in Nova Scotia, but it's important to show support and solidarity for those anywhere."

**Harlan County** will be playing in Glace Bay and Sydney on March 11 and 15th.

The film was awarded an Academy Award for the best documentary feature of 1976.

## Gazette independence

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Upon paying their fees they will become a voting member of the **Gazette Publications Society**, a registered non-profit society responsible for the management of the student newspaper. It is not necessary to participate in the production of the paper to be a member of the society; one only has to be a student. Every member will have one vote, and can come to the meetings, which will be held at least bi-monthly, to assist in the decisions on the paper's operations."

The March 15 referendum will read: "You are currently paying \$3.50 from your \$51.00 student fee to financially support the **Dalhousie Gazette**. Student Council has unanimously approved in principle the autonomy of the **Gazette** from the Student Union. To financially support an autonomous **Gazette**, are you in favour of raising this fee to \$5.00 (this will increase your total

student fee by \$1.50)?"

The **Gazette** is presently on a poster and pamphlet campaign to explain the situation to the Dalhousie community. A committee of council and **Gazette** people is meeting this week to finalize the contract between the student union and the **Gazette**, including such items not usually the concern of the paper, like rent, and equipment ownership. Council president Robert Sampson and Vice-President Peter Mancini both voted against a motion to put the question of independence on the March 15 referendum, feeling that the fine details of the contract should be worked out first. However, most members felt there would be no problems and that everything could be cleared up within the week.

"I really think most people believe in the concept of an independent newspaper," said Mansour. "Convincing students that the extra \$1.50 is necessary will be the challenging part," she concluded.



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