

Faculty and admin square off at council meeting

By JOAN SULLIVAN

Representatives from the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the administration squared off at the last student council meeting this term.

"This is a classic labour vs management conundrum," said Robbie Shaw, administration vice-president (finance). The DFA have "a legitimate bitch" against the administration, Shaw said, but the administration's first priority must be reducing Dalhousie's \$11 million deficit.

"I almost had a heart attack" when the amount of the debt was calculated, he said. He also warned that the government grant could not be expected to increase more than 6 per cent, and any salaries increases must be kept below that.

Tom Sinclair-Faulkner, a member of the DFA's campus support committee, cautioned the student union against accepting statistics too easily. He criticized Shaw's prediction of a six per cent increase in the government grant, saying "the grant depends on the effectiveness of the administration in representing the university."

Wage increases were not the DFA's only concern. The administration is taking a "pension holiday," not paying their share into the pension fund because it has a \$12 million surplus. The DFA say this surplus should be used to increase the faculty's benefits and inadequate pension plan, and not used by the administration to repair its debt.

Shaw said it was "very human" to get upset about pensions. He said the Board of Governors had offered the DFA parity in the decision making for the fund, although the Board still wants final say.

"That was never brought to the negotiating table," Sinclair-Faulkner said. He reminded Shaw

that the Board had promised to make their meetings as public as Senate meetings. Board meetings are still closed and members are not allowed to discuss them.

Several councillors asked if a strike was inevitable, or if there were possibilities of reconciliation.

Sinclair-Faulkner said there was a "separation of priorities." Although there were obvious misunderstandings and both sides seemed polarized on opposite sides on the pension fund issue, the representatives all agreed they hoped to avoid a walk-out.

Student union president Alex Gigeroff asked if they thought the union's neutral position on the conflict was "responsible". Both sides said it had allowed a forum of open discussion and had probably helped to "let people know what the students think."



This wonderful drawing by Katie Fraser couldn't possibly be crammed into our Arts and Expression issue this week, but we thought it should run anyway 'cause it's real neat. Also our cover photo was shot by Dr. Ronald I. Carr. For more Arts and Expression see page 9.

Kings students drink South African sherry

By COLLEEN MACKKEY

John Godfrey, University of King's College president, serves Paarl sherry to students despite support for boycotts of South African products by Anglican Archbishop Huddleston and Nobel prize winner Bishop Tutu.

The university, which maintains strong ties with the Anglican church, gives South African sherry to students after Chapel services and at other King's functions.

"Sherry is part of the ethos—the sort of thing associated with Anglicanism," Godfrey says.

Kings students donate money towards the purchase of sherry after Chapel services. Godfrey assures people who may be con-

cerned about the Anglican church's connection to a South African product, that "the bucket is kept well outside the church."

He excuses the decision to buy South African sherry by saying, "Paarl is the best for the least that I can get in the dry sherry department."

Although refusing to drink sherry will not bring down the South African regime, he says he accepts the symbolic value of boycotts. Godfrey says he is now "suitably clothed in embarrassment" and will try to find another "politically acceptable, drinkable, economical sherry".

Godfrey objects to singling out South Africa. He says South Africa isn't any worse than some other countries with regard to its human

rights violations.

"There's a very funny racist argument about South Africa, 'These are white folks and we have higher standards for them.' If one applies standards they must be colour blind. This [criticism of South Africa] is a form of racism," says Godfrey.

Karanja Njoroge, Dalhousie's International Students Coordinator, does not accept Godfrey's arguments.

"This is perhaps the most myopic view," says Njoroge. "We single out South Africa because it is the only country in the world which has a constitutionalized racist policy."

He also objects to Godfrey's suggestion that there is racism involved with criticism of South Africa.

"We are not asking any more of South Africa than we are asking of Pinochet or the Hungarians. We are not asking because they are white to approach the problem in a more humanistic way," says Njoroge. "I don't understand why he [Godfrey] doesn't understand this. There is something inherently wrong with human beings watching the making of a state which is founded on racism."

He says if Godfrey's argument is accepted "then you can say that there was no justification at all for singling out Hitler."

Regardless of criticisms, Godfrey defends his views about boycotting by citing his visit to South Africa and participation in anti-apartheid demonstrations there.

Njoroge remains unconvinced. "Perhaps the worst enemies of South Africa and the anti-apartheid movement are people who have little knowledge and claim to know everything," says Njoroge.

Dalhousie's Bar Services also buys South African wine and cigarette-vending machines in the SUB carry Rothman's—a South African brand. □

Women's committee dormant this year

By SAMANTHA BRENNAN

The student union women's committee has failed to attract any members or even hold an organizational meeting this year.

"The Dalhousie Student Union Women's Committee exists to represent the interests of women at the university and to increase awareness of women's issues on campus," states the 1984 student handbook. Far from fulfilling these goals, the women's committee at Dalhousie no longer exists.

Caroline Zayid, DSU vice-president external and former member of the three-year-old committee, says although the structure already exists for a women's committee to begin work, no one has expressed interest in starting it up again.

Interest was really high the first two years but things started to wane last year, says Zayid.

DSU president Alex Gigeroff sees an important role for a women's committee within the student union. He says a women's committee could accomplish things like give out information at Orientation, establish a crisis centre on campus and organize activities for International Women's Day.

"Obviously I'm not the person to start it," says Gigeroff.

Christina Balas is one student who feels that Dalhousie is suffering from a lack of women's organizations. She arrived at Dalhousie after attending McGill university and says she was surprised to find that this campus doesn't have a women's centre. □

"I looked and looked for the first couple of days and then I realized there wasn't one," says Balas. She says her experience with the McGill women's union convinced her of the usefulness of a women's centre on campus.

Zayid says that while getting space for a women's centre was discussed two years ago "it has never been a big philosophical issue."

She says a survey of about 200 women two and a half years ago showed that most women were "relatively neutral" about having a centre at Dalhousie.

Zayid says that while she's heard of women's centres that work and of those that don't, she thinks it would be a good idea if women were interested in organizing one.

"I think that if there were an active group it would be a good idea," she says. □

Halifax women boycotting Chronicle-Herald

By WENDY COOMBER

Carol Kafer is boycotting the Halifax *Chronicle-Herald* until they remove "The Girls" cartoon from it.

"I cannot think of another cartoon in the newspaper that singles out a minority group and stereotypes them by their worst faults," said Kafer. "I feel that this cartoon picks on women unfairly."

Kafer, a graduate student at Dalhousie, has written to the *Chronicle-Herald* about the cartoon. The only response she received came from readers who defended the cartoon.

Nor would the *Chronicle-Herald's* managing editor comment on the planned boycott.

Kafer is not the only one boycotting the newspaper. The boycott idea was first publicized at a "Feminist Visions" lecture at Dalhousie last month to a crowd of about 900 people.

The woman who proposed the idea wishes to remain anonymous. However, she did say that the cartoon, which portrays two older women commenting on everything from grocery shopping to plumbing, had offended her for some time and after hearing the lecture she decided to do something about it.

Between her and Kafer, most media outlets in the city have been contacted and people notified. Kafer was interviewed about the boycott on CBC's Information Morning this week.

Kafer said the cartoon reinforces society's negative image of women. She also said most of the people she's spoken to have agreed to participate in the boycott, but she doesn't think the numbers will be enough to force the *Chronicle-Herald* to cancel the cartoon.

"Unfortunately, I think they'll [the *Chronicle-Herald*] probably do nothing," she said.

But she hasn't given up hope of seeing the cartoon eliminated from the newspaper eventually.

"I think 'The Girls' will end up going the way of Dodo," she said. "I think that as the readership changes people who are more socially aware will make up a larger proportion of the readership. Then that sort of cartoon will go because people won't want to see it." □

Last edition

This is the last edition of *The Gazette* until Jan. 10. We hope you have enjoyed our fall season and we look forward to publishing again in the spring. Good luck on your exams and have a happy, healthy holiday.

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