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COUNCIL TO UTILIZE SINKING FUND TO PUBLISH YEAR BOOK



The engineers will go to any extremes to get a bit of publicity. Here two boilermakers risk their mechanical necks on the girders of the new Building in the hopes of arousing a turnout for the Boilermakers-Ball.

Council of Students Passes Vote of Confidence on '49-'50 Year Book Committee; Plan for Book Approved

Juniors Decide To Hold Formal In Gym

The second meeting of the Junior Class was held last Tuesday in the basement of the Arts Building. About thirty members of the class turned out to hear the discussion relevant to the feasibility of a Junior Prom. Andy MacKay presided.

A report on the matter of a Junior Prom was given by the Committee appointed to look into the matter. The committee had arrived at the conclusion that a Gym dance was the only possible form of a Prom that there could be; and that only with a tremendous amount of co-operation from the class. A formal dance, be it in the Gym or elsewhere was out of the question.

The matter was discussed by the meeting which decided that a formal dance would be held in the Gym March 1. A committee of eight was appointed to make arrangements for the Prom.

A meeting of the Junior Class will be held sometime next week for the election of officers. A full turnout of Juniors is humbly requested.

Grads Must Have Photos Taken Now

The Year Book Committee has announced that all graduate photos that are to appear in *Pharos* 1950 must be taken before February 28th. All Studley graduates are advised to make appointments with Jack Dodge, photographer, immediately as the pressure of work may prevent them obtaining an appointment at a later date.

The Year Book Committee has rented gowns and hoods from the Business Office which will be available for the use of graduates at Dodge's Studio. The Committee has also been instrumental in obtaining a reduction of \$2.00 from the initial fee.

Forrest graduates are advised to make their appointments at Climo's Studio immediately. Mr. Climo has all the necessary gowns, hoods, and tabs for Forrest graduates, and has advised that early appointments are necessary if all graduates are to have their photos in this year's Year Book. Mr. Climo has agreed to charge the same low free as in previous years.

Cheques are expected for payment on Saturday morning, January 28. Please WATCH THE NOTICE BOARDS FOR HOURS OF PAYMENT.

The Students' Council at its meeting Tuesday night approved by a vote of eight to three a motion of confidence in the committee appointed to publish the 1949-1950 *Pharos*. This vote of confidence included in it approval of the plans drawn up by the committee in regard to the nature of the book and the means by which it would be financed.

What Student Council Did On Tuesday Night

1. Appointed a committee to consider the possibility of holding a Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic.
2. Approved DAAC budget for medical expenses.
3. Approved re-allocation of funds to provide a free skating period after the hockey game at the Forum Tuesday night.
4. Appointed Jan Robertson and Shirley McCoy to Awards Committee.
5. Approved Constitution of Society of Graduate Studies.
6. Approved Report of Personal Services and gave vote of thanks to Manager Bub Troy.
7. Gave vote of thanks to Betty Evans for the management of N. S. Open Badminton Tournament.
8. Heard Report of Publicity Committee and Allowed re-allocation of funds for purchase of photographic equipment.
9. Considered letter from the President of the University respecting the headline of the *Gazette* of January 20. The Council voted that the correspondence should be published in the *Gazette*.
10. The Report of the 1949-1950 *Pharos* Committee was considered. A motion of confidence in the committee and support of its recommendations was passed by a vote of 8-3.

Notices

Don't forget to be in the Chem. Theatre Tuesday at 12 o'clock to hear Dr. T. W. Isherwood on "What is the Christian Faith?"—a most vital and interesting question for the student of today.

The regular meeting of the Dalhousie Co-Vettes will be held in the Engineers' Common Room at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31. For those interested there will be a skating party if the weather permits and for everyone else there will be Bingo in the Common Room. All students' wives are invited to attend.

There will be an open house to all students on Sunday evening at 8.45 p.m. in the Men's Residence Common Room.

Speaker: Ross Hamilton, who will talk on "Student Thought Behind The Iron Curtain."

The vote of confidence was moved by Council Member Ned Banks (Dentistry) and seconded by Dave Jamieson (Engineering). The motion—Milne, Coles, McCul members voted as follows: For loch, Lomas, Campbell, Jamieson, Banks, and Doane. Against the motion—Mackay, Sawyer, and Doig. Abstention—Newman.

The vote of confidence was forced upon the Council when it was revealed that in order to publish the Year Book it would be necessary to dip into the sinking fund to an amount of not less than \$1,600, and this amount might be increased if anything went wrong with the committee's plans. It was pointed out that the Council was in a relatively unfavourable financial position at present and might have to draw upon the sinking fund to meet operating expenses of the current year. The possibility that the basketball team might reach the playoffs and have to be financed out of the fund was also mentioned. It was contended by members Mackey, Doig and Sawyer that to finance the Year-book out of the sinking fund this year would seriously deplete a fund that had been accumulated over a period of about nineteen years.

Other members of the Council pointed out, however, that the members of this year's graduating class had paid into this fund for a period of at least three years. This was denied by those opposed to the expenditure. It was argued that the members of this class had paid for Yearbooks for three years and to a graduate the most valuable book is that of the year of his graduation. Many of the members felt that a Yearbook should be published if it were at all within the power of the Council to do so.

It was also argued by the members that if a Yearbook were not published this year it would probably mean the end of Yearbooks at Dalhousie. Some of the members who opposed the report of the committee contended that it would be impossible to publish a year-book next year as compulsory fees could no longer be collected from students upon registration. They felt that the Yearbook was doomed anyway and the publication of one this year would do no good.

The adoption of the committee's report was also opposed on the grounds that a plebiscite of the student body was a necessary prerequisite to any expenditure of money from the sinking fund. It pointed out that several years ago the Council had gone to the stu- (Continued on page four)

A Lesson In Finance

The majority of the Council of Students is badly in need of a lesson in elementary finance.

As the story elsewhere on this page reveals, the Council, by an eight to three vote, approved a recommendation by the Year Book Committee to dip into the sinking fund by the extent of sixteen hundred dollars . . . this to help provide a total budget of four thousand dollars for the publication of the 1949-50 *Pharos*.

The Council does not seem to realize that sinking funds are not set up to provide current revenue . . . they are for capital and emergency expenditure or losses .

Those who voted for the motion seem to justify their action on the basis that this is emergency expenditure. In any business sense it is no such thing. Any forseen expense is certainly not emergency. If anticipated current expenditures cannot be met without delving into those provisions made for capital and emergency expenditures, then the anticipated expenditures should be cut.

We might as well expect the university to cut a room from the new Arts Building to cover operating losses at Shirreff Hall, as pursue the present policy.

That the Council should wish to publish a first-class year book is not strange. But when the time comes to pay for past mistakes, it should not jeopardize those features of stability which are still in existence.

Year books have been published for less than four thousand dollars. Covers have been found that cost less than eighty cents. Fewer pages and less expensive papers have been used. The Committee is no doubt incorporating some of these features in its plans. But if economy measures are not sufficient to bring cost within reaching distance of revenue, those measures should be extended.

If the Council insists on its policy, the matter should at least be put to a student vote. And the more sensible students will agree that expenditure must not exceed revenue.