

COUNCIL TIES UP LOOSE ENDS OF '59

by SUE HERMAN

An attempt to tie up all the loose ends of 1959 was made by the Students' Council at a long meeting Tuesday night.

The Campus Co-ordinator, Jim Boutilier, aired his worthy grievances, with the result that the entire matter of co-ordination will be brought to the attention of the student body. At present, notice is being given extremely late, if at all, causing Jim and his committee much extra and unnecessary work. Any group not having consulted the Co-ordinator and planning to hold a dance in the gym, who arrives to find the floor being warmed up with basketball players, can place the blame only on themselves. The feeling is the publicity should not be given to those who do not first book rooms, etc., with the Co-ordinator. According to those in authority, even this noble journal publicizes anything thrown into the office in a note, with no thought of checking with the Co-ordination Committee.

From all appearances, the Gazette may stop hounding the D.A.A.C. for their exclusiveness. Brian Chandler, D.A.A.C. president, put forth several new policies to be followed in future. Among those were included plans for a more extensive athletic program that will allow more participants, and an attempt to develop and stimulate interest in athletics throughout the entire university. They wish also to establish a continuity in management from year to year so that the incoming executive will have some knowledge concerning immediate business. Perhaps, most important, the D.A.A.C. desire the setting up of an advisory board to supervise the finances and assist in the realization of the aforementioned continuity. A committee

of two was appointed to aid the D.A.A.C. president in drawing up these principles.

Dave Matheson, co-chairman of the S.U.B. Committee, revealed that the Board of Governors is extremely interested in plans for a S.U.B. However, the Council has to have the necessary funds before land will be granted for the purpose. The Council approved a motion suggested by the S.U.B. Committee, that an architect be called in as a consultant to draw up preliminary sketches, an action that does not commit the committee to a contract. The basic requirement for a Students' Union Building have been listed as a Council office, Gazette office, Pharos office, S.C.M. office, one general office to contain N.F.C.U.S., W.U.S.C., Sodales and D.G.D.S. files, as well as a meeting room to one side of this. All who now starve past 6:30 p.m. will be extremely delighted to hear that the snack bar will be placed as close to the common room (N.B. a COMMON room—no segregation of the sexes!) as possible.

With the advent of exams, the thoughts of all, including the Council turned "exam-wards". A motion was made to approach the administration on the idea of using a number system, such as that used by Provincial examination boards, for examinations, rather than signatures.

The echo of the Merry Xmas greetings of the entire Council adjourned the meeting on a holiday note, in spite of the gloomy prospect of next week.

Liberals Restored To Confidence

"Very Confident of Victory" is Bob Radford, past president of the Dalhousie Liberals. At a meeting on Tuesday, Rick Kinley was elected succeeding president, to be backed by James Cowan as vice-president, and Sharon Connolly as secretary-treasurer. Four representatives were also chosen: Ann Hennessey for Shirreff Hall, Basil Cooper for Kings College, Dave Curtis for Pine Hill, and Bob Cooper for the Men's Residence.

Dennis Flack, executive secretary of the Canadian University Liberal Federation from Ottawa, visited the meeting in order to spark the club to active work and a lively election campaign before he returned home from Sackville, where he attended the Maritime Convention for University Liberals.

Dalhousie sent 14 delegates, three of which were undergraduates, to this Maritime Convention, where there were over 30 delegates attending from Nova Scotia alone. Talks by Mr. Pearson, with a following question period, formed the most interesting session material.

Asked about Liberal plans for the '59-'60 term, Rick Kinley said an effort was to be made to have several Federal and Provincial speakers; and voiced the hope that through better organization the club would be active throughout the year not just at election time. Incidentally, he suggested that, having missed the election last year by one 42 votes, the Liberals were very hopeful of a return this year.

PLAUTUS TO ENTERTAIN THE MASSES AGAIN

For its annual theatrical production the Classics Society at Dalhousie University has chosen an early Latin comedy of errors. The play, entitled **MENAECMI** or **THE TWIN BROTHERS** is one of the most amusing works of Plautus, a popular Roman playwright, who first entertained the masses during the third and second centuries, B.C.

Although the grim obstacle of exams stands in the way of pre-Christmas rehearsals, the latter are being planned for immediately after the holiday. Following a month of intensive practice, **Menaechmi** will be presented on the evenings of January 28, 29, 30 in the gymnasium.

While some casting has been done, it is not by any means completed, and the director, Dr. M. A. Usmiani of the Classics Department, is eager to meet with all students interested in testing their dramatic wings. Of the ten roles in the farce, seven are for males.

13,000 HALIFAX FAMILIES NEED REHOUSING

The Halifax Housing situation was discussed in detail by Alderman A. O'Brien at a recent coffee session in the S.C.M. office. In an informal talk interspersed by questioning from law and arts students, Alderman O'Brien revealed his own concern by the informative picture presented.

He began by describing some of the poor and crowded living conditions existing in the older part of city. If the standards of housing demanded by city ordinance were insisted upon, there would be 13,000 families to be rehoused immediately. Plans laid by the city, including the Mulgrave Park development, an area planned north of Bayers Road, and further developments planned within the next five years, would not cover this need.

Alderman O'Brien spoke from the assumption that the need could not be met under the modern capitalist system; his premise appeared to be prove correct by facts.

The plays of Plautus were characteristically boisterous, rollicking and based on Greek plots. **Menaechmi**, to which Shakespeare turned as a source for his comedies of errors, develops around a case of mistaken identity. A certain old merchant in Syracuse becomes the father of twin boys, so much alike that even their mother was said to have had difficulty in distinguishing them.

When the boys, named Menaechmus and Sosicles, were seven years of age, the father took the former on a voyage to Tarentum, the other son being left at home. Father and son arrived at Tarentum during a festival time.

Straying from this father, young Menaechmus is taken off to Epidamnum by a rich merchant who subsequently adopts him, gives him a wife and a dowry, and makes him his heir. The father, overcome with grief, dies at Tarentum.

Meanwhile, the grandfather in Syracuse, informed of the situation, promptly gave the stolen boy's name to his brother, who, upon reaching manhood, began an intensive search for the real Menaechmus. At last he comes to Epidamnum where the stolen twin has become enormously wealthy. The action of the play is directly concerned with the confusion resulting from the stranger being taken by everyone as their fellow citizen, Menaechmus. Ultimately the brothers recognize each other and happily return together to their Sicilian home.

When asked about the possibility of cooperative housing schemes, he said the only ones he knew of were for single family dwellings outside the city. Regarding present plans being made by the City of Halifax, he spoke of the comparison between cost of units such as that of Mulgrave Park and the amount citizens of the low income group could afford to pay. The actual cost per unit would be \$80 a month; DBS states that average wage in this area is \$3,000. Since 1/5 to 1/4 of family income should be spent for accommodation, this figure would be too high to meet. Some other action therefore must be taken.

Questioned finally about the possibility of integration in new developments, Mr. O'Brien noted that, while both city and federal housing authorities have said there has been no discrimination in their program, Negroes are absent from new developments such as Bayers Road."



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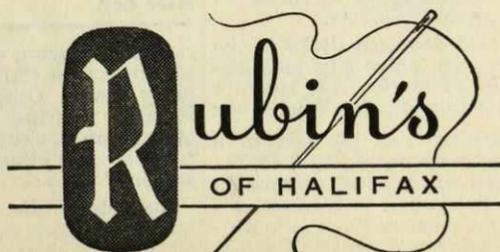
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Meeting

December 6 at St. Mary's Room 313 - 2:30 p.m.