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New Eddy wing organized on the evening of the Shirreff Hall Ball.

There is no possible way that Maureen could hurt a soul. We haven't quite figured out whether Cape Breton is indicative of friendly Blanche, our Don is giving the 'Cape' its fame of being the most amiable country in the world. Whatever, maureen is unique, a star — being there when needed, to give words of wisdom or a listening ear. Blanche, you are beautiful and your Babes love you! Thank-you for being you and the friend that you are, Gorgeous!

Respectfully submitted,
Second New Eddy, Shirreff Hall

Last try

To The Gazette,

I would like to make one final attempt, before the November 30 meeting of the Student Union Council, to clarify the position of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students on the issue of relations between the Association and the Union.

What we are suggesting is that DAGS should receive financial support from the Student Union and that this support should come without strings attached. The Association ought to receive about ten dollars of the fifty dollar fee paid by graduate students to the Union and should not have to make monthly or yearly application for it.

It has been argued that we have not sufficiently explained what we would use this money for. Without committing future DAGS Councils I would like to describe some of the things we will probably do if our revenues are increased.

(1) aid graduate students in finding capable and reasonably priced typists for thesis and other work. If we have the financial resources this could involve

indirect subsidies to typists in return for agreements to do only graduate students' work and to charge preferred rates.

(2) become the sole funding agency for graduate sub-groups. The present system, whereby a sub-group has to apply to DAGS and to the Union for support, is obviously unsatisfactory.

(3) better serve the intellectual and cultural interest of our members. This will involve bringing in speakers of interest to the graduate student community.

(4) make some necessary additions to the facilities of the Grad House. We are thinking particularly of purchasing a short-wave radio to make the House more attractive to foreign students.

(5) expand and improve the DAGS newsletter and thereby improve communications between the Council and the members of the Association.

(6) increase our financial support of the Canadian Union of Graduate Students, the national organization representing graduate students.

(7) continue to investigate the desirability of forming a collective bargaining unit to negotiate improved wages and working conditions for graduate teaching assistants.

Owing to a shortage of funds, some of these things are not being done at all and some are being done inadequately. It is now up to the Student Union to justify the fifty dollar fee it collects from graduate students by supporting DAGS financially.

However, we are not willing to accept financial support on conditional terms. We are not willing to sacrifice the constitutional freedom we now have in order to secure Union funds. In particular, we are not willing to regularly submit our policies to the Union Council for approval. That kind of diminution of DAGS' status is simply unacceptable.

We remain confident that the Union will see the justice of our case before this issue develops into a confrontation of ridiculous proportions. If the members of the Student Union Council will only remember that their primary concern is supposed to be the improvement of the delivery of goods and services to students, they should look favour-

ably upon our proposals for institutional decentralization.

Yours sincerely,
John Cheyne,
President,
Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students.

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Money

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the University \$150,000.

However, that savings has contributed to the University's growing space shortage. Where the displaced A/V will go Mr. Vagianos has "no idea". All that will be needed are "just" a few rooms of space. A student house seems quite an adequate place for A/V. As Vagianos told the Gazette, students are already getting screwed in terms of housing-one less student house available won't make much of a difference. Mr. Vagianos indicated that the necessary funding for such building projects as a new residence, the physical sciences complex, or a building to house Slowpoke are simply not being given by the Maritime Provincial Higher Education Commission.

Vice-President Vagianos indicated that the decision to place Slowpoke in LSC was a recent one. The reactor will probably not be in operation until the summer. The A/V crew is scheduled to move out sometime between January and March. People in the area will most likely become acutely aware of Slowpoke's installation when blasting into the bedrock begins.

Prisoners

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