

Campus safety committee being negotiated

by Paul Clark

Negotiations are apparently going on between the Dal Faculty Association (DFA), the Dal Staff Association (DSA) and the Board of Governors (BOG) to form a campus-wide safety committee.

Ron Hoffman, a professor at Dal's Psychology Department, said he is representing the DFA's instructor and demonstrator's bargaining unit which is negotiating an "article for campus wide health and safety".

Presently there is a DSA safety committee and numerous independent safety committees such as those run by the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics departments.

There is also a Radiation Safety Committee, presumably involved in monitoring a

minimum of 15 departments on campus which are reported to be using or probably using radioactive materials, many originating from Dal's Slowpoke II nuclear reactor.

Dr. Forbes Langstroth, chairman of the Radiation Safety Committee, said it "wouldn't be appropriate" to discuss negotiations for the campus-wide committee, but noted different safety groups tend to operate in "glorious isolation from one another".

A student using the reactor who requested anonymity said presently "security isn't that tight" on radioactive materials.

"There is no safety committee to make sure rules are followed", the student said.

"For instance, if someone wants to steal the stuff, he just has to break into a lab."

The student said professors

and students agree security is lax and think there "should be a committee of students, professors and administrators insuring that rules are followed".

At press time it wasn't possible to get Langstroth's response to the student's remarks.

He stated earlier, however, that there is "no centralized waste disposal for radioactive materials because "it is too expensive right now". Instead, individual departments and experimenters follow separate disposal procedures.

He emphasized there have been no recorded accidents at Dal's reactor and said there have been "no reportable dose on personal dosimeters." A dosimeter is an instrument used to measure radiation which is supposed to be worn

by people working in the reactor area.

Susan Holtz, of the Ecology Action Center, said she believed there could be a "real hazard to students and teachers" who work around the reactor. She said there is no reliable method for determining if someone has been exposed to radiation, unless a measuring instrument is present.

Dr. Amares Chattopadhyay, a member of the Dal Slowpoke Operations group and a Radioisotope Licensee, said the AECB requires "certain qualifications to use (radioactive) isotopes, including experience using them and working with them."

"There is no training program, you must already be trained," to receive a license to obtain and work with radioactive isotopes.

Personnel are "completely aware" and have "done the calculations" about the consequences of nuclear radiation, he said.

Dr. Langstroth said "Only licensed operators are permitted to work with radioactive material". He also said the AECB has made inspections without notice on Dal's reactor.

Holtz said it is becoming apparent from stories in the Toronto **Globe and Mail**, with respect to commercial reactors, the AECB calls them up ahead of time to inform them of "surprise" compliance inspections.

The **Gazette** has not yet been able to determine if any changes in the supervision of work with radioactive materials are being suggested in the negotiations for a campus-wide safety committee.

It's all in a name . . . Student names for sale

TORONTO (CUP)—An affiliate of the National Union of Students has gone into the business of marketing students' names.

The Association of Student Councils (AOSC) has approached students councils across the country with the idea of compiling student names into a mailing list.

Ron Peck, vice-president of marketing for Robert J. Clegg Ltd. of Toronto, said AOSC supplies his company with over 190,000 names from "25 to 30" post-secondary schools in Canada.

AOSC, the service wing of the National Union of Students, is responsible for the Canadian University Travel Service (CUTS) and is the group behind the sale of international student ID cards.

Although the company did not pay AOSC directly for the mailing list they allow AOSC to use their mailing system for free.

"Postage is such a huge cost," Peck said. "The deal is far better from them (AOSC) than any sort of profit sharing."

Peck admitted the student mailing list might be used "in specific instances as an alternative to advertising in the campus press."

A student paper might offer "a segment of the (student) population he (the advertiser) doesn't need," he said, adding that through the mailouts the

marketing could be more selective. "This whole business has been a bit of the dogs breakfast up until now," Peck said.

In fact, the September 24 edition of **Marketing**, a magazine directed at possible advertising clients, carried a full page ad from Clegg introducing a new product "Grab it" which will carry samples, product literature, coupons, and direct response offers. The ad says in part, that "depending on printing costs, your total cost-per-thousand could be less than a full page black and white advertisement in campus newspapers."

"Companies would simply be grabbing a student's name out of campus directories," he said. "They (AOSC) are simply trying to beat them at their own game."

"We don't sell students' names," said David Jones, chairperson of the AOSC board of directors. "We're not in this for a profit."

Jones said the plan was popular with student councils and that only two schools (Queen's U and Ottawa U) had turned the AOSC down. However, the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg have also declined to supply student lists.

Ron Hurd, executive director of AOSC, said only about 70 per cent of the schools approached accepted the plan.

"A lot of schools simply

said we don't want our students' names used for that sort of purpose," he said.

Ann McGrath, president of Ottawa U student federation, said legal considerations prevented her group from dealing with AOSC.

"We found out that students could take legal action if they were harassed by salesmen and they found out we supplied the lists," she said.

"It's kind of a trust thing," said Richard Binhammer, president of Queen's U Alma Mater Society. "We don't want our students being hassled by sales people."

Student Union of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute executive director, Abdool Gafu, said the AOSC has not approached them asking for a similar list of Ryerson students.

He said SURPI could not supply this list if they wanted to because the union is held in strict confidence by the Institute.

"I can understand how they (the Students Council) might feel that way," said Peck. "I don't like my name being used for that kind of thing either."

Hurd said all students involved would receive a letter advising them they are a part of a direct mail scheme. A mail-in form is to be included in the package in the event the student wishes the deliveries to stop.

The National Union of Students has come out in favour

of banning the magazine **Like It Is** from campuses on the grounds it competes with the student press advertising dollars.

Asked how they could, through their affiliate, sponsor a scheme which could similarly compete, Len Taylor, NUS internal co-ordinator, said, "We are definitely against any measure which would take away revenue from the student press."

"However, that doesn't include student union enterprises."

Canadian University Press (CUP) president Maureen McEvoy said she could not support the mailing list project.

"It is inconsistent for student organizations to support their campus papers by supporting anti-dumping policies and actively hurt them in another area," she said.

She is concerned that if AOSC goes ahead with the project they should be receiving much more in return from Clegg Ltd.

"Controlled distribution and selective demographics are two very attractive commodities to advertise and AOSC should be able to command a much higher price than just access to the mailing system," she said.

"I think Clegg is ripping them off," she said, "and all students get in return is a bunch of junk mail."



U de M students

(CUP)—A meeting of administrators, faculty, and students is slated for the end of the month to discuss the Universite de Moncton's refusal to re-admit five students who participated in campus demonstrations last winter, said Robert Gaugin, student federation secretary general.

About 1500 of U de M's 2400 students boycotted classes to attend workshops on student aid, unemployment, and the high rents in the city. They also occupied university buildings and marched through downtown Moncton.

Gaugin said the official reason he was given for the students to be denied re-admittance was that they led to a dysfunction of university life.

The editor of the student newspaper and last year's secretary general were also denied re-admittance for printing an article that was critical of university employees. The editor was later re-admitted.

The university alleges the article is libelous and the case is now before the New Brunswick Supreme Court.

"The court case is the least of my worries," said Gaugin.

Gaugin and other executive members of the federation were elected three weeks ago. Monique Leblanc, Director of Academic Affairs, has been sick and will probably not return to school, leaving the federation with only two executive members, he said.

