

A societies' guaranteed funding chopped

by Paul Clark

There will be no more guaranteed money for "A" societies without contracts with the Dalhousie Student Union.

This new policy was passed on the basis of a proposal made by the Grants Committee at last Sunday's council meeting.

Grants chairperson Carolyn Zayid said the policy of giving guaranteed funding (base grants) to "A" societies every year resulted in some societies getting money they did not need and could not justify. "A" societies should have to justify their funding needs before receiving their expenses, she said.

Zayid said the practice of giving base grants began because in the past society fees were not passed along by

the university administration until part way through the school year. Bigger societies thus needed immediate funding through base grants to commence their operations. Now society fees are available at the start of the year and there is no longer a need to award base grants, she said.

Commerce rep Bruce McGowan opposed the change of policy, arguing that by definition "A" societies are the largest on campus and they should have steady funding. It is admitted they have not abused their funding, he said, and consequently there is not reason why they should not get them.

President Gord Owen emphasized it is inequality, not abuse, the new policy would seek to address. "I can show you one society that has

thousands in the hole, while there are others that have thousands in the bank."

Dalhousie's 12 "A" societies come from Arts, Commerce, Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy, the Health Professions, the Sciences, Howe Hall, the Association of Graduate Students, Law, Medicine, and Dentistry.

The new policy does not apply to either the Law Society or the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students who have contracts with the student union guaranteeing them money over a long period of time. Societies which sign similar contracts in the future will likewise not come under the new policy.

The funding to the Overseas Student Coordinator, which comes neither through a base grant nor a contract, will also not be affected.



Physio drinks from 'Bloody Cup'

This year's "Bloody Cup" Award will go to the faculty of physiotherapy, the leading donators in the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held from October 21-22 at the Student Union Building.

Five hundred and eight students registered during the two day event, 22 percent of them physiotherapy students.

Pharmacy had the second highest percentage of students registering with 16.9 percent, while Nursing was third with 15.4 percent.

The Pharmacy Society, the Nursing Society and the Student Union assisted in sponsoring the event and CKDU

and SUB technical services provides music in the McInnes Room during the clinic.

In the inter-house competition at Howe Hall, Bronson House came first with 33 percent of residents donating blood.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC STATISTICS

Faculty	percent participation	No. of Donations	Total No. Students
Physiotherapy	22.0	21	95
Pharmacy	16.9	42	248
Nursing	15.4	55	356
Medicine	11.5	44	382
Science	8.8	142	1610
Recreation	8.2	8	97
Education	7.6	13	172
Commerce	6.3	53	840
Dentistry	6.1	6	98
Law	6.1	26	425
Engineering	5.6	22	391
Arts	5.1	65	1263
Phys. Ed.	2.3	4	170
Grad Studies	1.4	18	1291
Adm. Studies	1.2	4	371
Dental Hygiene	0	0	37

NOTE: Total student figures were obtained from the Registrar's Office.

Other groups who donated:
King's College students - 11; Faculty and Staff - 9; Non-university students - 22.

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