

STATE OF THE UNION

Greetings, fellow students. My name is Shane Feriancek, this year's Treasurer for the Dalhousie Student Union. As required by By-Law VII of our constitution, I am hereby publishing the audited financial statements, auditor's comments, income and balance sheet and our current year's budget. As always, we have used Touche Ross & Co. Chartered Accountants to audit our books, and their statements are found on the opposite page. Anyone wishing to read the actual statements, complete with notes, can come to my office where it is on display and take a look. Since the actual report is quite long, I will try to give you a quick synopsis of the report, comments, and highlights.

My predecessor, Sean Casey, along with the General Manager of the Student Union, Andrew Beckett, worked hard last year to improve both the budgeting process and the quality of reports. As a result, they were able to bring the Union closer to a break-even situation for the first time in the last three years with only a loss of \$10,538. However, much work still needs to be done, and this year I'm working hard to see the Union break even.

Student Union Fees

The Student Union fees are collected at the beginning of each academic year as you pay your tuition fees. Last year the student fees collected totaled \$849,164. For a breakdown in "where your student fees go", see below. It should be noted that this year the only increase was \$3.00 attributed to an increase in the health plan.

Bar Services

Bar Services consists of three separate operations: functions, campus, and the Grawood. The functions operation looks after supplying the bars needed at any function held on the Dalhousie campus, whereas the campus

operation supplies liquor (beer, wine and spirits) to the societies, faculties, or other University-related groups requesting alcohol for their events. This operation is budgeted to break even.

The final operation, the Grawood, is the student lounge on the third floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building. As you may be aware, the Student Union will be renovating the SUB this coming May, and along with the changes, we will be moving the Grawood from the third floor to the basement level where the Games Room is presently located. If anyone wishes further information regarding any of these changes and their present progress, you can contact Ian McCarthy, Executive Vice-President.

SUB Operations

As you should have noted, the largest portion of the Student Union fee goes to General Income for Operations. Of this amount, SUB Operations takes the largest portion. Our Student Union Building acts as both the main meeting place and activity centre on campus for students. Consequently, we allocated our funds accordingly to ensure that the upkeep and serviceability are maintained.

Along with maintenance and renovation costs, we allocate funds to the operation of the many programs and services provided for students, i.e. office services, games room, reservations and inquiry desk, security, technical, Right Type, and our secretaries who try to answer the many questions you may have.

Entertainment

Traditionally, the Student Union does not attempt to make a profit in this department but rather tries to put on events that will meet student interest at either no cost or reduced cost. Of the many events put on every year, most notable are our lecture series, academic enrichment,

movie nights, Super SUBs, and other special activities.

Last year, Entertainment spent almost \$72,000, approximately \$26,000 more than what was budgeted. This resulted from several special activities which were poorly attended — most notably Oktoberfest, the dinner theatre and movie nights. Consistently over the last number of years, entertainment has been over budget; consequently, this year the budget was increased to \$61,000.

Anyone wishing to give input into Entertainment can visit Ian McCarthy, Executive Vice-President of the Student Union, or Judy Guthrie, Director of Campus Activities, or get involved in the Entertainment Committee.

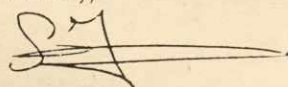
Grants

In addition to the general support that students receive from the services and programs offered, we also provide over \$96,000 in general grants facilitating either through Major Society Funding Contracts, Special Projects funding and grants given by the Grants Committee. Through these different granting formulas, we try to reach all students and student societies. Any student wishing to find further information about the Grants Committee, please contact Scott Matthews at the Student Union Office.

Conclusion

I hope this special synopsis is helpful in at least explaining where your student fees go, and what we spend your student fees on. If you wish to further discuss anything related to the above or in regard to the financial statements, please feel free to contact me in the Council Office, room 222 of the SUB, or call 424-21246.

Sincerely,



Shane Feriancek

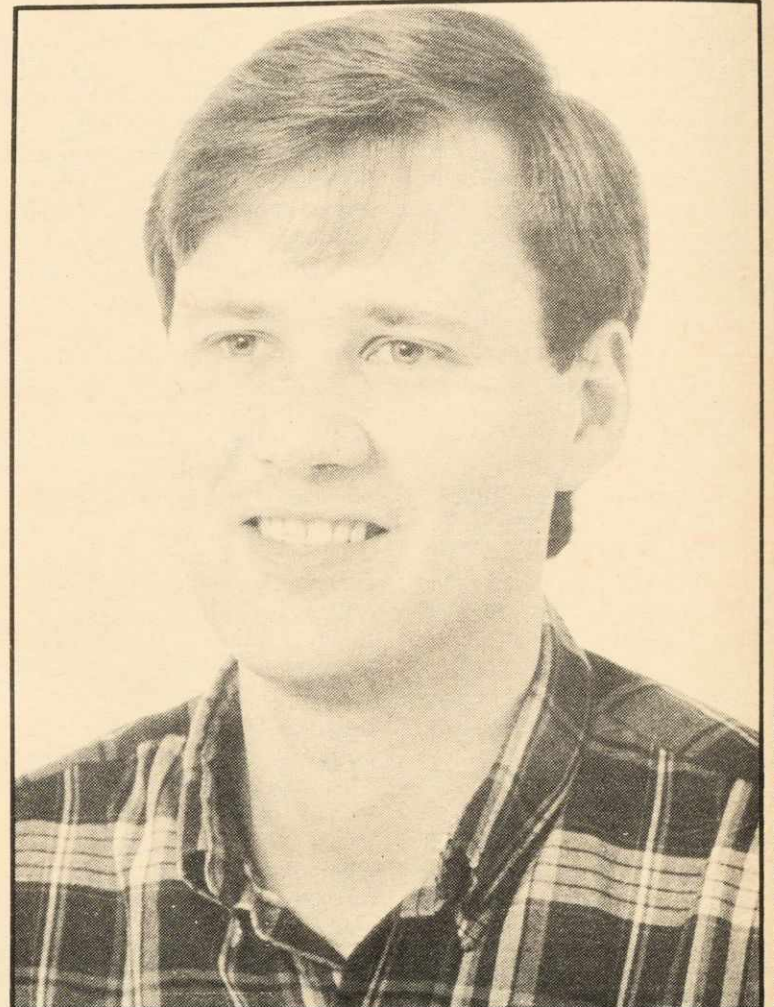


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Shane Feriancek publishes the audited financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements April 30, 1987

1. Significant Accounting Policies

a) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on the first in, first out basis.

b) Investments

Investments are valued at cost.

c) Furniture and Fixtures

Furniture and fixtures are charged as expenditures of the general fund in the year that they are acquired.

2. Commitments

By an agreement with Dalhousie University, the Student Union has made the following commitments:

a) To pay \$122,000 over the next five years to enable the Student Union to use the Dalhousie Student Union Building, including furniture and fixtures, which is owned by the University.

The Student Union has contributed \$920,000 to date.

b) To pay grants of \$20,000 per year to the University to the year 2002 as contributions to the operating costs of the Student Union Building.

c) To make annual payments of \$35,000 to the University for the next year as a contribution to the capital costs of Dalplex.

The Student Union has contributed \$315,000 to date.

3. Loan Receivable — CKDU

The loan was made to CKDU to purchase equipment for its new FM radio station. The loan bears interest at 10 per cent per annum. Principal and interest are receivable in six annual payments of \$15,192.

4. Provision for Health Care Plan

During the year, the Student Union charged software and related to the provision for health care plan, which substantially eliminated the provision as at April 30, 1987.

5. (see table somewhere else)

6. Food Service Commission Adjustment

During the year, the Student Union received \$44,283 from Major Foods Limited which represents the balance owed due to computer error in calculating commissions on vending machine sales over the past five years. Of the total adjustment, approximately \$2,800 related to 1987, \$15,500 to 1986, and the balance of approximately \$26,000 to prior periods. This amount has not been adjusted to the prior periods to reflect the fact that planned current expenditures were increased as a result of this adjustment.

Where your student fees go

Student Union fees are collected automatically by the University at registration, along with your tuition fees. This year the amount you pay as a contribution towards Student Union operations is \$103.00. All changes in the amount of fees paid must be approved by the student body. Some amounts are allocated to pre-determined areas, while the balance is re-allocated annually by the Student Council and its Treasurer. Here is how your cash will be used this year.

STUDENT UNION FEES 1987/88

Full time	Part time	
\$35. ⁵⁰	\$16. ⁰⁰	General income for operations
\$23. ⁰⁰		Student health plan insurance
\$15. ⁰⁰	\$4. ⁰⁰	Contribution to capital campaign
\$10. ⁰⁰		Capital payback for Student Union Building
\$9. ⁰⁰	\$2. ⁰⁰	CKDU-FM
\$4. ⁵⁰		Yearbook Fee
\$4. ⁰⁰		Canadian Union of Nova Scotia membership
\$1. ⁵⁰		Students' Union of Nova Scotia membership
\$. ⁵⁰		Course Evaluation
\$103. ⁰⁰	\$22. ⁰⁰	