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It's about time

Council ratifies graduate settlement

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DAGS STORY

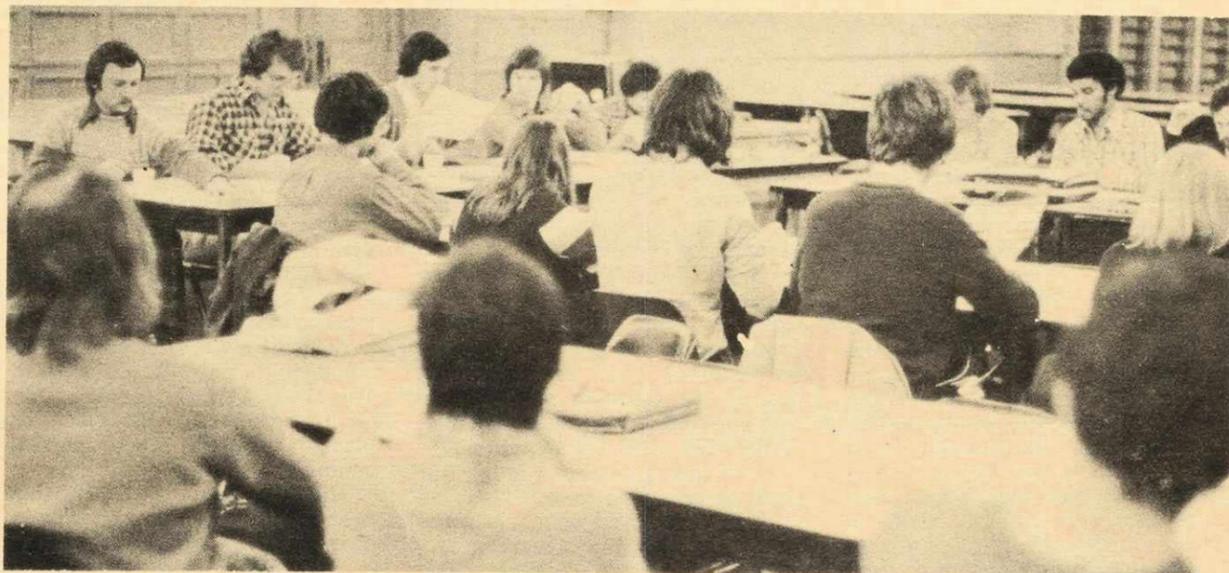
Sunday night, January 25, Student Council ratified a compromise ending the conflict between Dalhousie Student Union and Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students. In a series of recommendations written in the Policy Statement Regarding Student-Union Support To Major Societies the new financial relationship with DAGS is spelled out.

The sum total is that DAGS will receive \$10,100. \$4,100 of that will be accountable to the Student Union. \$6,000 will be given to DAGS with no strings attached. If one recalls, the initial offer of the Grants Committee to DAGS was \$1,000.

DAGS Allocations

Base Allocation	\$ 1,000
Newsletter	\$ 200
Orientation	\$ 600
Depreciation on Grad House	\$ 3,300
½ Salary of House Manager	\$ 5,000
Total	\$10,100

It is interesting to note that the granting of money was made more palatable to the Student Council using what might be termed a political device. It was mentioned that \$6,000 will go to DAGS with no strings attached. This was not made apparent to the Council Members. Resolution J states that "...the Student Union assume responsibility for one-half of the amount of the salaries of the House Manager of the Grad House". This statement implies that the money has a definite purpose. However, the Gazette has learned that since the salary of the House Manager is paid through Grad House revenues



Council was held in Howe Hall, less stuffy but worse acoustics. [Photo by Kerry DeLorey]

this money, \$5,000 is available for any use the Graduate Students desire. The remaining \$1,000, in "non-strings attached money" is the base allocation.

Yet this new financial structure is truly a compromise in that the Student Union still maintains itself as the source of money and the Graduate Society maintains its subordinate position.

Other societies were also affected by the new Student Union policies. From now on each society will be given a base allocation automatically at the beginning of each year. Also money will go to the various society newsletters to help them publish.

Other Council Actions

The Student Council also made a recommendation to the SUB Board for a change in the SUB security arrangements. At present Campus Police are paid to work in the

building. The new arrangement would see the elimination of CP's and the hiring of SUB Building Attendants. The main reason for this change has been the problems in conflict of interest causing friction between the SUB staff and less friction would presumably result.

There was also talk about the Carlton Campus facility. Bruce Russell, President, told Council that the administration was waiting for a break in the presently stagnant situations where it is unknown what is going to happen to the Sports Complex and proposed Dental expansion. These proposed constructions will have an effect on site availability for a Carlton Campus student facility. It was recommended that action on that be recommended until it is known exactly what is available.

The Council also voted to support

the British Columbia Student Federation in its dispute with the British Columbia Ministry of Labor. The Ministry has cut 8,000 out of the 11,000 proposed summer jobs for students.

\$400 was given to the students in Public Administration to help fund the Career Development Project that will aid Public Administration students in knowing how to gear their curriculum toward the job market.

A motion was passed that in the event of a strike the SUB will close as soon as the mess poses health hazards.

Finally it should be noted that the elections are on February 18 and that the Student Council has passed a set of guidelines to tighten up campaign spending. The guidelines include a \$400 maximum campaign fund and 200 maximum poster limit.

Hatfield adamant

FREDERICTON (CUP) --- New Brunswick Premier Richard Hatfield has refused to make a commitment to improve the provincial student aid program demanded by the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS).

Continuing class boycotts and a mass province-wide demonstration despite extremely poor weather, more than 500 students arrived outside the New Brunswick Legislature January 22 to protest the governments lack of concern for provincial student aid.

Meeting with representatives from the five-provincial post-secondary institutions Premier Richard Hatfield admitted, "Our program of student aid, as the students have pointed out, has not been overly generous".

He did agree, however to present the AFS demands to the provincial cabinet for discussion.

Outside, UNB president Jim Smith said "it just seems like the

run-around again". The demands were presented to the cabinet three months ago and no changes have been announced.

Demands include student representation on policy-making bodies relating to student aid.

"In reality we have as much input now as we will ever have", said UNB student representative Jim

MacLean.

"Yeah. Right", replied Hatfield who went on to suggest the government would be unable to accept proposed changes "even in principle" although it may "give some consideration to some sort of body to examine student aid".

"In view of the fiscal situation at the moment we cannot consider the loan bursary ratio until next year", he said, predicting severe cuts in government services next year, including hospitals and road con-

struction.

Tax payers cannot be asked to finance improved student aid plans.

MacLean said the changes would cost about three million dollars, the approximate cost of constructing three miles of highway.

"This is what restraint means, we have to cut back", responded Hatfield. "If I could give you more money, I would not hesitate, but the government is not in a position to do so".

CUPE contract signed - strike averted

by Mary Pat MacKenzie

A strike by Dalhousie maintenance workers was averted on Tuesday when the Union and the University signed the contract agreed to in December. No public statement has been made by either party but University authorities confirmed that the agreement has been signed and maintenance workers will receive their extra pay retroactive to last September on their next pay check.

The immediate implementation of the contract has yet to bring a response from government. It is not clear at this time whether or not there has been any violation of the wage and price guidelines. The agreement between the provincial and federal governments is still a thing of the future though all sources indicate any agreement will be retroactive to October 1975. The

University administration has indicated by signing the contract that they do not believe the maintenance contract violates the guidelines, or any future federal-provincial agreements.

In essence the whole situation is as nebulous as it was a week ago with one important exception. There will not be a maintenance strike at Dalhousie.