

## DSU to Consider SUB Renovations

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Dalhousie students may be asked next year to vote on whether or not the Student Union Building should be renovated.

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) has commissioned a report from Gillis Architects on the possibilities of renovations to the Student Union Building (SUB) in the future.

Executive Vice President Brian Kellow said some repairs are necessary.

"The roof of the McInnis Room needs to be fixed," said Kellow, "along with other repairs which are considered essential."

Beyond maintenance, proposed renovations include relocation of the Grawood to the ground level of the SUB, and developing the landscaping of the SUB grounds.

The report will be given to next year's council, which will decide whether or not to pursue the project.

The subject is not cut and dry — not everyone likes the idea of further renovations.

"It seems like a waste of money," said Shyann Roy, a first year

engineering student.

Others have questioned whether the facilities would be used by students attending the Sexton or Carleton campuses.

Kellow disagrees.

"It's not true," said Kellow. "There's a wide range of uses."

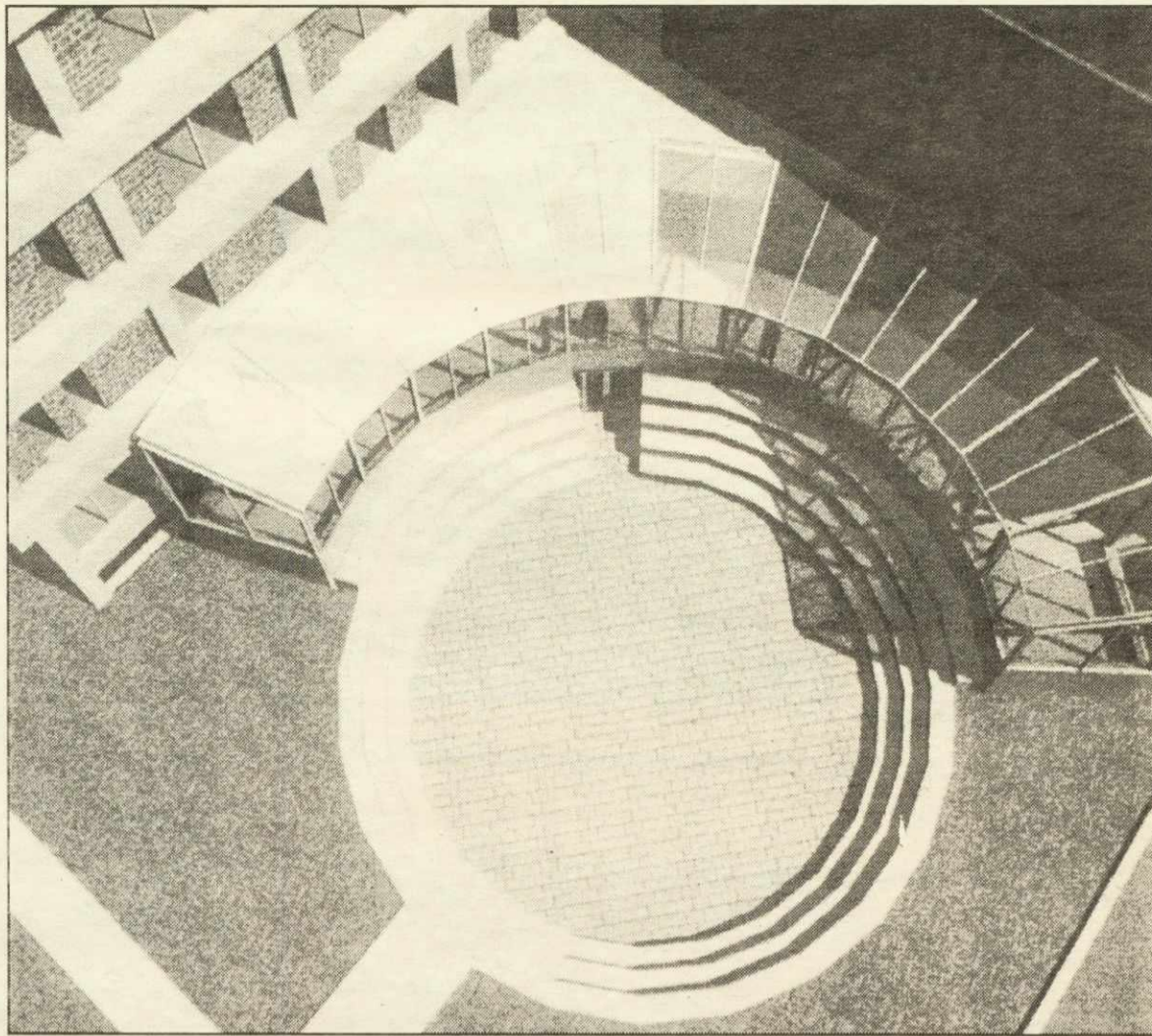
Kellow said that while some students may not make use of the Grawood, they are likely to use such services as the McInnis Room and Student Advocacy, which are both based in the SUB.

The estimated cost of the project is about \$2.76 million.

Kellow hopes that if the project goes ahead, Dalhousie will help in financing — the DSU donated \$1 million to the construction of the new Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences building.

Kellow also said that the report was commissioned to propose a "dream SUB", and that the final project may not be as ambitious or as costly as the report suggests.

Kellow noted that details of this project are sketchy at this point, and no decisions will be made until the 2000/01 council reviews the material.



A sample of SUB renovation proposals to be reviewed next year.

## Library is to change

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and emerging digital information environment."

Maes says the changes are a way for Dal to move forward and be recognized as an innovator in their field.

The implementation of these changes will include the amalgamation of the science library with other departmental libraries — a change which has upset many students and

faculty members.

Some students, however, say the changes will make life easier.

"I think it's great, it'll save me a lot of time," said Dal student Alene Toulany. "Why haven't they done this sooner?"

Other students say that while the changes sound good, it may be too good to be true.

"It sounds very ideal," said Jerry Powell. "[But] I don't really know if it's worth the expense - I'd

rather see the resources placed in the search mechanisms to make them more centralized and accessible."

Similar systems have recently been implemented at a handful of Canadian and American universities, including University of Calgary, University of Toronto, University of Iowa and Stanford University.

*With files from Daniel McKillop*

## Dal finds 7 new positions

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Every department has been informed of the various requests for new positions. This information was made public to the departments on March 15.

The ADC will complete their own assessment of the requests — this assessment will be circulated to the faculty on April 15.

Departmental responses to this assessment as well as the report

itself will be submitted to Dean Binkley on April 30.

The committee has received requests for 16 different positions to be filled. Only seven of these requests will be met.

"It is discouraging and frustrating, that at best we can meet only a fraction of our compelling needs," said David Black, Co-ordinator of the Program of International Development. "With very few exceptions, people are not going to get, in their entirety, what they need. We are all

struggling to hold our ground."

Departments, while impressed with the possibility of new staff, also realize the new appointments will have only a limited impact.

"We really are being stretched too far," said Sue Sherwin, co-ordinator of Women's Studies. "Seven is too small to meet the needs of [the faculty of arts and social sciences]."

The Dean will make the final decision on May 15.

## Hate youth impact

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problems are so dangerous because they have such an impact on young people.

"The youth today are the most important members of every society in the world," said James. "[They're] also the most easily influenced."

The third part of the conference examined various aspects of the media and the message they send out to youth of the African descent. The main purpose was to demonstrate Afrocentricity and show how many forms of the media are trying to change this.

The next part of the conference was a summary panel and dis-

cussed potential solutions.

While there were varying perspectives on how to deal with these issues most of the panelists agreed that society must identify the many sources of hate which can ultimately spring from the institutions of family, religion, school, and/or the media and immediately deal with the root of these problems.

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- ~ The majority of hate crimes recorded by police across Canada were directed against racial minorities.
- ~ Sixty-one per cent of all hate crime incidents are directed against racial minorities.
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