

Council briefs

SUNS, Gazette, resignations, highlight meeting

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In a meeting marked by heavy debate, Dalhousie Student Council decided to accept the Student Union of Nova Scotia's constitution, while at the same time moved to set up an on campus committee to ensure more active student participation at Dalhousie in the future.

President Dick Matthews started the debate when he moved that SUNS operate by financing themselves by a per-institution levy. Geri Geldart, a member of SUNS executive, argued that Dalhousie should not expect smaller Nova Scotian institutions to contribute as much as Dalhousie to SUNS, considering the num-

ber who would benefit from the organization. Council moved into committee of the whole to discuss the kind of direction the organization should be taking and what Dalhousie expects from SUNS.

The SUNS constitution was then accepted by council and the motion that Dalhousie actively participate was responded to favourably. An ad hoc committee, headed by Geri Geldart, was set up to discuss and access the direction Dalhousie wants to see taken by SUNS. The committee members are: Penny Hover, Graham Wells, Jeff Champion, Alex MacKinnon and Elva Hammarstrand. The on-campus com-

mittee will be organized by Jeff Champion.

In other council business Tom Regan, the interim editor of the *Gazette*, was ratified by council. A motion was put on the floor to table the *Gazette* proposal until September 30, but it was defeated. Regan and Allan Adams, past editor, stressed the urgency of passing the regulation immediately. Approving of the regulation means that the paper can be organized and produced with greater efficiency and that council has made a final decision about a topic which has been lengthily debated upon by previous councils.

Council also accepted the resignations of graduate students Bill White and Joe Wilson. White's resignation came as a result of his election as a member at large of the Central Committee of the National Union of Students (NUS). White felt that he could not split his time effectively between the two organizations and that he could better serve Dalhousie at NUS. Wilson resigned for personal reasons.

will be added to the council constitution regulations.

David Grandy, last year's Yearbook editor, was awarded \$400 for duties rendered beyond his nominal job description as editor.

The motion to give a local artist \$600 of the SUB's Furniture and Fixtures budget was defeated. Instead, an open competition for a mural design will take place at Dalhousie to replace the present mural. Sub-ops committee will judge the competition.

\$450 was granted to the International Students Association by the Grants Committee.

Positions on council committees were chosen. The Chairperson of Grants is Jim Wentzell (other members are Jeff Champion and Dene Palmer); the Vice-Chairperson of Sub-ops is Gord Owen (other members are Mike Brook and Jim Hatheway) and Ian Astle is the head of Intro Dal. Non-council positions for committees will be advertised across campus. By-elections will be opened as vacancies occur on council. Graham Wells was chosen to attend the next NUS Conference in Regina.

All the reports from last year's President, Vice President, Treasurer, Grants and Constitution Committees, the Housing Secretary, Photography and Pharos were accepted by council. Only Pam Berman's Community Affairs Report was not acceptable to council. Council members felt that the report was incomplete and uninformative.

A Student Aid Proposal presented by Dick Matthews was accepted by council. Matthews will present the proposal to the MPHEC advisory commission.

The Course Evaluation Committee Regulation, a result of the NUS conference,

Student-minister meet

OTTAWA (CUP)—The National Union of Students will discuss the effects of possible unemployment insurance benefit cuts on students with Employment and Immigration Minister Ron Atkey on September 17.

cratic Party and labour leaders.

Ballantyne said NUS is worried initially about three areas where changes in the UI program being studied could hurt students:

- Where students with a working spouse or working parents could be cut off unemployment benefits;

- In the area of minimum insurability. Currently workers must be employed a minimum of 20 hours a week to be insured against unemployment. If that minimum were raised, many students who are only able to find part-time work during the summer could be denied unemployment benefits.

- Where workers who quit their jobs would be subject to

long waiting periods before becoming eligible for benefits. Ballantyne says students who cut their jobs at the end of the summer to return to school could be without benefits if they could not find work the following summer.

Ballantyne says NUS will make their concerns known to Atkey and hopes to discover what status the report has with the government. She says, aside from direct student concerns, NUS is worried about any unemployment changes, since students soon enter the labour market.

At the meeting with Atkey NUS will also be discussing: youth and student employment programs, teaching and research assistantships for visa students and the National Youth Advisory Group.

NUS executive secretary Morna Ballantyne says the student organization is concerned about some of the proposals made in a Conservative government report which reviewed the unemployment insurance program.

The report, which revealed that the government is considering giving unemployed people only enough money to live on and also studying whether the earnings of other family members should be taken into account in setting benefit levels, has been condemned by the New Demo-

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