

# Council interferes DAL GAZETTE FACES CLOSURE

HALIFAX (CUP) The Dalhousie Gazette made no progress in their fight to complete their publishing schedule for this year following an emotional debate at a student council meeting Sunday.

Council decided to prevent the Gazette from publishing the two final issues of the current academic year because of alleged financial problems at an emergency council meeting March 16. Council Treasurer Gail Rudderham said she believed the Gazette would incur a

\$5,000 deficit at the end of this year - a claim disputed by Gazette editor Val Mansour.

At Sunday's meeting council members first refused to reconsider the original motion, but after the Gazette staff stormed out of the meeting and returned with a statement on their position, the matter was reconsidered. A motion to rescind the closure motion lost when it failed to garner the two-thirds necessary affirmative vote.

Rudderham insisted the

Gazette would go over budget and that the two final issues could not be printed on a break-even basis as proposed by the paper. Mansour said "even if we did spend all our money we are capable of printing two issues with advertising revenues covering almost all costs."

"They don't support us," she said, "so we'll print without them."

"This is exactly the reason the Gazette needs autonomy," Mansour added,

The paper lost a bid to form a publishing corporation independent from student council during a student referendum March 15 by 69 votes.

Mansour attributed the referendum outcome to a lack of information and she believes that with the relatively narrow margin of difference and the poor turnout, the paper's chances of succeeding will be much better next year, when they expect to put the question to students again.

## OPPOSE SOUTH AFRICA LOANS

HALIFAX (CUP) - "Stop racist loans, protect human rights" was the chant heard outside Halifax's major banks Tuesday as a group of about 50 people protested the four Canadian banks' policy of making loans to South Africa.

The demonstration, part of a nation-wide

campaign, was sponsored by the local South African Information Group, and as well, representatives were in attendance from OXFAM

Canada, the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, the Student Christian Movement, and the Dalhousie Student Council.

Harvey MacKinnon, one of the organizers, considered the demonstration to be a success. "We're here to inform people of the incredible conditions supported by our money. Canadian banks are supporting a racist regime and we're working to change that."

Previous to the march, letters were sent to the management of the banks

who support South Africa, The Royal Bank, the Bank of Montreal, Toronto Dominion Bank and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

MacKinnon said, "People should use Canadian credit unions as an alternative to the direct investment in South African apartheid and oppression which these Canadian banks maintain."

## another poor turnout

# GENERAL MEETING HELD

In front of a crowd of twenty students, the executive of the student union gave reports of the years activities. It was especially enoying to note

that not even all the members from next years S.U. were present.

The president of the S.U., George McGibbon, was pleased with the revival of such clubs as the drama club, coffee house and the campus cabaret. John Neville, treasure of the S.U. reported that the union was becoming finically stable. In 1970 the S.U. owed the university 90

thousand dollars. From the years 72-76 nothing had been paid of that loan. The S.U. owed 46 thousand dollars this year, of which 20 thousand had been paid this fall. 17 thousand dollars will be paid by the end of this year. The university agreed to write off the 8 thousand dollars

which the S.U. owed them on the condition that beginning in 79 the S.U. will pay 20% of student union fees obtained thru student

fees into a five year capital saving plan. The saving plan (if present enrollment remains consistent) should have save

\$100 thousand, which will go to a new SUB or renovating the old one.

Mike McMahon stated that this weeks Pig & Whistle was canceled "as it was recommended to us by the comptroller and the cheif of campus police, that the L.C.C. would not permit us

to have a Pig & Whistle unless we had 10 male CP's on duty plus a security cop, also there would be a liquor inspector present at the event all evening.

The L.C.C. also threatened that if there was any incident our licence would be revoked immedeatly. So the executive decided it was to difficult to get 10 male C.P.'s together as volunteers as well as they decided our licence is to valuable to be lost because of one incident."

It was brought up that a substancial amount of beer and money was missing. The comptroller informed us that he has been taking steps to reduce the theifs. It was noted that the loses were less than previous years.

The meeting was concluded by wishing the best of luck to next years Student Union and the Exuctives.

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