

First Open Rooms Weekend Uneventful



REGULATIONS CONCERNING VISITING PRIVILEGES IN THE MEN'S RESIDENCES

Residents are permitted to receive women guests in their rooms:

Friday Evenings — 8:00 p.m. — 12:00 midnight
Saturday Evenings — 8:00 p.m. — 12:00 midnight
Sunday Afternoons — 1:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

A resident must sign in and sign out women guests in a register to be placed in the front foyer of each house. The register will be collected and checked at the end of the visiting period. Residents are responsible for their guests.

A Senior Student or House Committee member will be responsible for checking the observance of these regulations throughout the house.

Doors of students rooms in which there are women guests must be left open, and the rooms must be fully illuminated.

The penalty for violation of these regulations is removal from residence.

The general responsibility and authority in each house for implementation of these regulations is vested in the Don.

The first weekend of open rooms proceeded uneventfully and quietly throughout the University. No incidents were reported from any of the men's residences, and aside from some minor tardiness around the midnight curfew, the rules were scrupulously observed.

Most of the resident students appeared satisfied by the new rules and were policing themselves.

Bob Edwards, member of the student senate committee on open rooms which drafted the original rules, stated, "Most people accepted the rules, although there may have been disagreements in principle, but none indicated dissatisfaction to me. I think the currently revised system will be the basis for all changes in the future."

Only a small proportion of the residence students took advantage of the relaxed rules this past week.



Changes In SRC Structure

by Nelson Adams

The SRC is currently making two important changes in its structure. The first involves the election of members, the second is a change in the way members spend their time.

At present there are 19 representatives on the SRC, all of them elected in February to serve for one year. So each year a new president and a new, inexperienced council comes into office. There are seldom more than 3 or 4 members re-elected from the "old" council. The experienced members dominate the 4 or 5 weeks of SRC work which remain before examinations and the summer vacation. In September the members are faced with the budget, which now runs to 60 or 70 thousand dollars. Under the present system there is always a continuity problem, and the new council's Spring term of office is unproductive.

The changes now being made will retain the one year's term of office for representatives, but will split council in half, electing half in February and half in October, immediately before and after the Fall Budget meetings. This means that budget discussions will involve a considerable number of persons with council experience. Furthermore, the council can set budget priorities in the late Spring when half the council will have been in office almost a full academic year.

These changes have not been made quickly enough to run the current elections on the new lines, and members elected now will be able to serve for a full year. However, it is hoped that a number of members will, for various reasons, resign from office in October, so that the elections under the new system can be held and the "Leap frogging" begin.

The second change in council structure involves the way the SRC handles its administrative business. At present, minor bureaucratic matters take most of the time spent in weekly SRC meetings. The proposed change is to split a seven member committee called the "Administrative Board" which would meet regularly and publicly to transact administrative business, the way the SRC does now. The board could work through a series of committees made up partly of non-SRC members, and within the bounds of the overall budget set by the overall council.

The remaining 15 or so members will meet regularly and devote all their time to the larger issues which in recent years have become more important to students — course evaluation, representation, housing, residence policies, quality of education, and so on. A percentage of SRC income will probably be reserved, by policy, for action programs arising out of these concerns.

With a large number of SRC members freed of direct administrative responsibility, there will be more opportunity for debate and policy making on these issues of general concern.

SDC Meetings To Stay Closed To Observers

Council Sunday night finally settled the problem of the open meetings of the Student Discipline Committee (SDC). After twice rejecting the proposal, the SRC supported first vice-president Peter Blair's plea for closed SDC meetings.

The motion introduced differed in one respect from the one rejected by the council only two weeks ago. In this weeks motion Blair had noted that the whole student discipline was opposed to open meetings and all council members on the SDC spoke in favor of the motion.

Finance chairman John Oliver, took a stand against the motion on the basis that the closed meetings prevented a person from having a "good, free, trial". He asked "How can open meetings hurt?"

Blair said that opening the meetings would

Funds Given To Start Co-op Store

Andy Devereaux, who has been asked by Council to investigate the possibility of establishing a Co-op store on campus, was given \$300 to set up the operation, at last Sunday's meeting.

He outlined the form that the co-op store would take in its initial stage. He said that the program would be set up within the residence complex and would initially sell such items as soap and toothpaste. Each residence would have a sales representative through whom all orders would be directed.

Devereaux said that this program would be expanded as the need arose.

not improve the efficiency of the committee and would impair informality of the proceedings. In previous weeks Blair has emphasized the value of informality in the SDC. He concluded by saying that the system had worked well for ten years and was reputed to be one of the best in the Maritimes.

The issue rose out of a motion adopted by Council last month calling for open meetings of all SRC committees.

RUMOUR SQUASHED

At the regular SRC meeting Sunday night, President Wayne Beach said that rumoured fee increases were not foreseen by the administration. He added however, that no definite decision could be made until the university budget was drawn up and approved. This would take place later this year and would come after the new council had been elected.

At the previous meeting Mr. Beach had said he expected announcement of a fee hike sometime this week. He had also said that the Council would maintain its stand on tuition fees that opposed any increases and favored their abolition. This stand, he expects, will be held by the new SRC coming to office February 11.

Beach later expressed hopes that eventually student fees would be abolished due to "the increased socialization that is starting to overtake this society."