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Travel Cuts might be one of the Services lost if Dal pulls out of CFS.

Relationship reconsidered

DSU out of CFS?

by Paul Webster

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) may be considering pulling out of Canada's national student lobby group, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Peter Pottier, DSU Treasurer, had "no comment" on the move.

The notion of Dalhousie pulling out of CFS, which it helped found in 1981, emerged at a DSU council meeting Oct. 28.

During the time of the meeting both Pottier and DSU External Vice-president Lynn MacMichael, who is responsible for CFS-DSU relations, were attending the CFS national conference in Ottawa.

At the council meeting Patti Dow, DSU Executive Vice-presi-

dent, raised the issue of withdrawing from CFS.

Dow said "I reported to Council that there are some grave concerns...we should reconsider our relationship with CFS."

In the past few weeks St. Francis Xavier's Students' Union has decided to hold a "pull out of CFS" referendum.

According to Dow "we have two school's [St. F. X. and Acadia] in the Eastern Region pulling out. We have to think about it."

However, Jeffrey Phelps, Chair of the Student's Union of Nova Scotia, said "I have heard nothing about Acadia pulling out of CFS."

Pottier's critical concern with the CFS stems from his belief that CFS is financially unstable.

Dow and MacMichael echo this

and both feel the DSU is better served by the Student's Union of Nova Scotia.

Dow said "CFS has some serious organizational problems, like any large institution, its not as strong as SUNS. I see more results from SUNS than from CFS."

Neither Dow, Pottier or MacMichael will divulge how actively they will lobby for a pullout.

Dow expressed a cautious attitude to the topic, noting all DSU services including CFS membership, CKDU, The Gazette, and SUNS are under review.

CFS does bring important privileges, said Dow, including Travel Cuts, ISIC cards, Student Savers and membership in an important national organization at a time of national factionalism.

Poll finds education funding increase favoured

by Jacques Poitras

OTTAWA (CUP) — A majority of Canadians believe the federal government should spend more money on post-secondary education, according to documents obtained under the Access to Information Act.

An internal poll conducted for the federal department of finance in January 1990 showed 52 per cent of respondents believed federal education funding to the provinces should increase at the rate of inflation.

The poll was taken only a month before the federal budget slashed transfer payments to the provinces. The payments are intended for post-secondary education and health, although some provincial governments don't always use them in those areas.

"It's clear to me Canadian society makes education a priority and they want to tell their government to make education a priority," said Christoph Sicking, deputy chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Only 26 per cent supported freezing funding. Nine per cent

favoured reducing it and 13 per cent wanted it increased above the inflation rate.

Bill C-69, currently being studied by a Senate committee, will lower the increase in payment by \$870 million this year and \$1.54 billion in 1991-92.

By 1993-94, funding will grow only 2.7 per cent.

John Fieldhouse, press assistant to Finance Minister Michael Wilson, noted funding will continue to increase although at a rate likely below that of inflation.

"Mr. Wilson would like more funding for post-secondary education," said Fieldhouse, but the large federal deficit makes it impossible.

"Those are the circumstances in which he has to make this difficult decision."

Howard McCurdy, the NDP's post-secondary education critic, said the Conservative government made the cuts because transfer payments are a complex procedure many people don't understand.

While most Canadians would agree with better funding, he said, cutting payments won't get a

strong response from voters because of the complexity.

"They (the government) will get away with anything they can get away with," he said.

Another poll taken after the budget was released showed 70 per cent of Canadians considered the transfer payment cuts a bad decision.

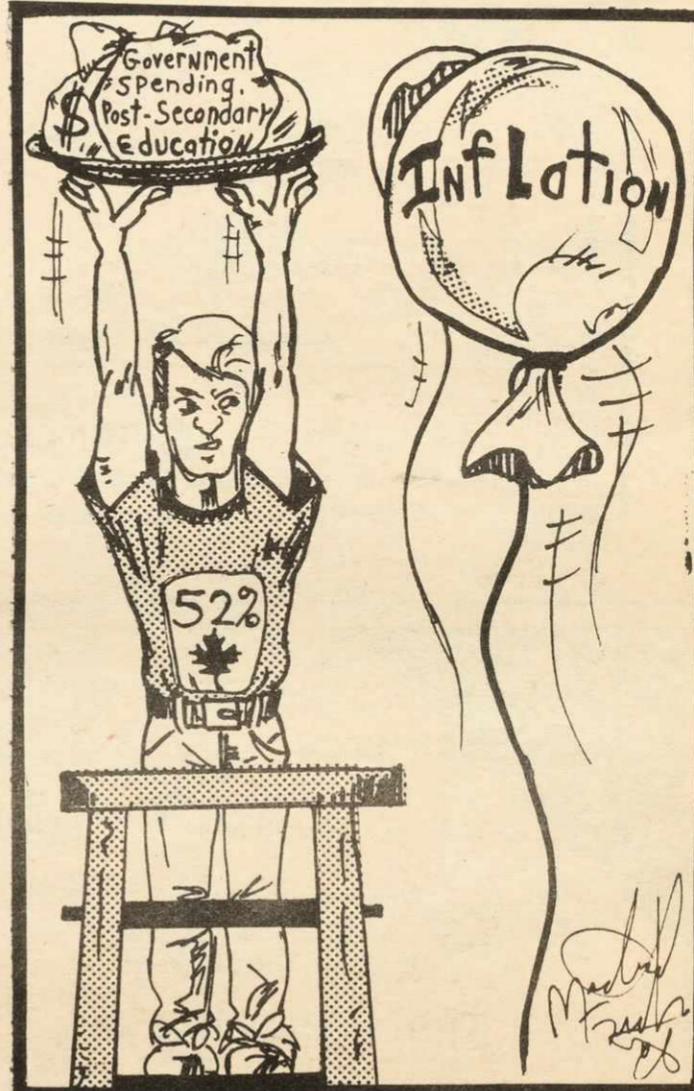
Among 12 measures adopted in the budget, it was the least popular in the poll. Only 12 per cent considered it a good decision.

"This is no different than a whole host of government action that has flown in the face of Canadian opinion," McCurdy said.

Poll respondents ranked education as more important than regional development, family allowances, foreign aid, defence and subsidies to national transportation, such as Via Rail.

They ranked health, farm aid and old age security as more important than education.

Decima Research said 1,200 Canadians were surveyed. Polls of that size are considered accurate within 2.9 percentage points 19 times out of 20.



"Right-wing" misogynist to leave town?

by Jeff Harrington

HALIFAX (CUP) — A man banned from the Dalhousie campus Oct. 1 for harassing women has pleaded guilty to assaulting a lecturer and two female students the same day near the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD).

Donald James Way, of 2044 Gottingen St., was given a suspended sentence Nov. 13 and put on probation for one year.

Provincial Court Judge Elmer MacDonald ordered Way to stay away from NSCAD and told him it was "advisable he follow through" on his stated intention to leave the Halifax area for Quebec or Ontario.

Crown Prosecutor Darrell Martin told the court that despite the "fear and apprehension" suffered by the victims, he would not request Way be jailed because the "bizarre" offences were technical assaults — no one was hurt.

Martin said Way approached a female NSCAD lecturer near the college Oct. 1, shouting "Murderess! Murderess! Sperm-killer! Women are fetus-killers!" Though Way raised his knapsack over his head in a threatening manner, he did not strike her, Martin said.

Martin said Way also accosted two female NSCAD students in separate incidents near the school.

"Mr. Way approached them, swearing, again talking about

feminism and sperm-killing, and spit on both of them," said Martin.

Defence lawyer William Digby did not take issue with Martin's comments.

Way spent a month at the Nova Scotia Hospital in Dartmouth undergoing a psychiatric examination after being arrested. Prosecutor Martin said he apparently came to Halifax from Ottawa "to observe things around Dr. Morgentaler's trial."

"He continues to exhibit extreme

right-wing views and certainly had to be medicated once sent to the hospital," said Martin.

Martin quoted a medical report that said Way might lose control of his "angry impulses" if he did not take the medication he is now receiving three times daily.

Judge MacDonald said he would recommend Way get psychiatric help if he were not planning to leave Halifax this week.

"I have my own doctor in Ottawa," Way told the judge.