

# Feds address concerns

**FREDERICTON (CUP)**—St. Thomas University has received a \$500,000 grant from the federal government to set up a special program studying the problems of aging.

George Martin, St. Thomas administration president, says the

government's money will be matched with funding from the university to set up the gerontology chair of studies.

The money will also be used to attract a prominent figure in gerontology to the university to work in the new program.

"We'll invite a well-known person to teach and perhaps conduct research at the university for six months to a year . . . perhaps with the aged . . . perhaps giving seminars in gerontology," Martin said.

"Most existing gerontology programs involve only the medical aspects of aging. We hope to provide a different perspective—more of a social examination of the process," he added.

The new program will likely start by 1986, he said.

The money was provided by the federal government under the centres of specialization fund and the chair is the only one of its kind to be offered in the Atlantic. □

# Students freak over prohibition at MUN

**ST JOHN'S (CUP)**—Reports of bootlegging and complaints of late-night partying caused Memorial University's administration to crack down on residence drinking.

"The university in general, and this office in particular, have become concerned about the misuse and abuse of alcohol in residence," said Brian Johnson, Director of Student Housing and Food Services, in a letter to Paton College residents.

Newfoundland Breweries were informed that the university was aware of regulations being broken, said Carson Leonard, manager of university liquor services.

Beer was being delivered to residences at all hours, he said.

These deliveries must stop

immediately, he said in a letter to the Breweries.

Drinking events in residences will now be limited to Thursday through Saturday nights, and all alcohol must be purchased through his office, he said.

The operations of the Breezeway (campus bar) will not be affected.

The administration's demands made council uneasy.

Enforcing the regulations would lower the quality of student life on campus, said Danny Crummell, vice-president (executive).

Council passed a motion supporting the residence students and asking the administration to review existing policies.

Council president Ed Byrne hoped to resolve the situation within the next few weeks. □

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# Impact fighting to stay alive

**OTTAWA (CUP)**—Determined to keep the presses rolling, the staff of Algonquin College's student newspaper, *Impact*, are fighting the student council's decision to shut down the weekly publication.

About three editors and 15 reporters plan to publish the paper as regularly as possible with advertising revenue and donations. They have gathered nearly 1,400 signatures on a petition demanding the paper's control be returned to the staff and that the four paid staff members fired be reinstated.

The Algonquin student council executive changed the locks on the *Impact* office doors Oct. 1 and posted a sign on the door which said the *Impact* had been "officially shut down."

Conflict between the newspaper staff and the council has been brewing since the summer, when the council executive dissolved the newspaper's board of directors, repealed the staff's constitution and hired a communications manager.

"The council executive has no concept of freedom of the press and what's just and decent in this world," said *Impact* editor Andy Kolasinski.

Council members say "gross insubordination", the paper's alleged poor quality and refusal to comply with "directives" issued by the council's communications manager, Jean-Paul Murray, prompted the executive to close the newspaper. The executive members were elected on a platform of increasing communication with the college's 9,000 full-time students.

The directives, set by the executive and begrudgingly agreed to by *Impact's* editor, include weekly profiles of student leaders, a "good news" column, photo funnies, crossword puzzles and columns

"Council doesn't want to publish a newspaper at Algonquin, it wants to publish mush," said Canadian University Press president André Picard. "Their new mandate calls for no accountability on the part of the council at all. That's no way to improve communications, that's a way of stifling debate and democracy."

Sylvain Rocque, Algonquin student vice-president finance, said the council plans to start publishing its own version of the *Impact* in November with a new staff willing to fulfill its demands. He added former staff members are free to reapply for editorial positions.

Rocque, along with student president Daniel Carrière and student vice-president Richard Lanoue, decided at an informal meeting to fire *Impact's* paid staff and change the locks on the door. They informed the communications manager of their decision in the college's corridor.

Carrière and Lanoue refused to return calls to their offices. Rocque claimed the executive has the power to make such decisions and that the firings complied with the Employment Standards Act.

Rocque denied the council's decision usurped the staff's democracy and infringes on Algonquin's freedom of the press.

"The newspaper is owned by the student union and we should have full say over its operations," Rocque said. "I don't think a newspaper needs to run democratically. A government does, but not a newspaper."

Picard disagreed. "Impact is a student paper operating democratically with student money," Picard said. "It's not a student union paper. If council want them to be accountable, let them be accountable directly to students. That was the purpose of a board of directors council abolished." □