

Turner attacks trade deal, promises student aid

by James Hamilton

Liberal leader John Turner spoke before a largely pro-Liberal crowd last Thursday at Saint Mary's University. He spoke with confidence, with only a few rambling statements and periods of word-searching.

Turner began with a 15-minute crowd-rousing speech in which he endorsed local Liberal candidate Mary Clancy and continued his attack on Mulroney and free trade. He had few new points to add and instead concentrated on the legal troubles of Tory cabinet ministers and emphasized the cultural and economic perils of free trade.

Most of the questions in the question and answer period which followed dealt with educa-



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Turner gesticulating to crowd of media and students at SMU.

tion and what changes Turner would make is elected. Turner's answers were perhaps predictably pro-education though he offered few concrete promises. He reassured the crowd that the Liberal party was committed to post-secondary education and would make student aid more accessible to all groups.

Responding to questions about his popularity, Turner said that

voters should compare him with the alternatives and not to someone perfect like the Almighty. He added that this election should be a question of leadership, not a popularity contest.

Turner demonstrated his ability to lead later in the forum when, after being criticized on one of his answers, the leader rebuked the individual by pointing out that this wasn't a debate.

DFA calls foul

by Lyssa McKee

The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) has asked its lawyers to file a complaint of unfair labour practices against the Dalhousie Board of Governors.

The union charges that the chief negotiator for the administration, Bryan Mason, has been

undermining the DFA negotiating team to the DFA members.

The union took offense at two separate administration publications, titled the "Collective Bargaining Reports" of October 26th and 31st. In these reports, the Board of Governors tried to stress "its efforts to find an acceptable and reasonable alternative to strike action".

The DFA feels these reports, which were distributed throughout the campus, represent an attempt on the part of the administration to cause the faculty to lose confidence in their negotiating team.

The reports include such phrases as "the DFA president refused to meet" and "the DFA would not discuss". The statement of October 26 ended with the statement, "The Board can only conclude that the Dalhousie Faculty Association is determined there will be a faculty strike this year at Dalhousie."

DFA president David Williams refused to specify what exactly the Association objected to in the reports. He pointed out that "the N.S. Trade Union Act tries to protect union members from the undue influence of powerful employers. It includes a clause which protects unions from hav-

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