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Grits seek chief

by Mike Marshall

If announced Nova Scotia Liberal Leadership hopefuls, Vince MacLean and Sandy Cameron, differ at all on their approach to student-related issues, it is just a matter of degree and emphasis.

In an interview with the *Dal Gazette* last week, Vince Maclean correctly predicted that the Buchanan government would raise the Provincial Minimum Wage 9% to \$3.00. But he noted that in the 45 months since the last time the Minimum Wage was raised, inflation has risen at least 30%. MacLean felt that raise was inadequate and that the long delay meant a more appropriate rise should be introduced in two stages.

"Really the Minimum Wage should have gone up in late '78 or early '79 and in the future I think it should be looked at on an annual basis."

If MacLean at least saw the long delay as a bonus to Nova Scotia's important tourist industry, Sandy Cameron saw behind-the-scenes machinations of some tourist operators as the real cause for the long lack of a decent increase.

"Buchanan said he held off on raising it because he wanted a united minimum wage proposal from all three Maritime Provinces. Actually this was just a hedge to hide behind. Some tourist operators complain all summer about how our high minimum wage is putting them out of business . . . and then spend January and February in Florida."

Cameron told the *Gazette* that the fact that even this tiny increase would not come into effect for six months meant

that some students would not benefit from a \$3.00 minimum wage until the Spring of 1981, making it extremely difficult to save the required \$100 a week needed to obtain student aid.

Cameron said that students could not hope to find relief by seeking Federal student employment jobs. The Clark Government, in a move that was not reversed by Trudeau administration, decided to no longer pay the federal minimum wage across the country but instead the minimum wage in each province. In a province like Saskatchewan, the minimum wage is high because generally, family incomes are high.

Nova Scotia has lower family incomes and a lower minimum wage. So per capita, Saskatchewan students will obtain more of the federal funds and be able to rely on their parents for relatively more financial support. Cameron sees this as "reverse equalization", with the federal government aiding the richer provinces more than the poor.

Mr. Cameron is MLA for the isolated and largely rural county of Guysborough and he sees much the same kind of effect happening with students from throughout rural Nova Scotia.

"Students from Halifax can go to school and board at home, saving money. In the summer, they can find jobs in Halifax and again board at home and thus find it easier to save a \$100 a week. But students from rural areas must board away and then if they can't find jobs at home, must

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CKDU lays summer plans

by Greg Morgan

The small, smoke-filled rooms on the SUB's third floor, collectively known as CKDU, the source of an uncommon brand of programming you can listen to in residence, will go off the air in the next few days. The silence will last until September. Then broadcasting will begin, a fresh staff will fumble with the tapes and the unfamiliar dials and make the unavoidable mistakes all over again.

The student radio station is an organic entity of perhaps 80 people. The organism has an executive for a consciousness, a news staff for knowledge, and programmers and producers for imagination and hands. Station manager Mike Wile believes the animal will perform better next year if it can prepare a little during the summer.

Radio staffs customarily compose programs well in advance, weeks even before

broadcast, so it will not be overdoing things if CKDU tapes some documentaries or features this Summer. Neither of these items figure prominently on this year's list of CKDU productions. However, they record and produce their own Story Hour, and this work will continue into the break. A collection of prepared programs can serve to indicate a standard of competence to a raw, unseasoned staff. They're something to play in the opening weeks, a point of departure for the station.

Several city students and as many recruits as want to may help create programs or practice their skills on dead air. Broadcasting and recording involve scores of tricks and small operations best learned when no one is listening to hear the flaws.

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