



"Get out of Canada" was the message forty protestors attempted to give to US president Ronald Reagan but at least one US representative didn't hear it. US consul general Lawrence Raicht said he didn't even know a demonstration happened. Photo: Leone Steele, Dal Photo.

## Anti-Reagan march

By BRUCE FANJOY

"RONALD REAGAN GET out of Canada" was the message of 40 demonstrators protesting the St. Patrick's Day visit of the U.S. president to Canada.

Downtown passersby and drivers stuck in rush hour traffic were greeted with cries of "No more war" and "Reagan out" as the demonstrators marched down Barrington Street.

The demonstration, organized by Youth and Students Against Reagan, was held to show support for students demonstrating in Quebec City, the site of the talks

between Mulroney and Reagan.

Tony Seed, spokesperson for the demonstrators, was pleased by the result of the march, saying it showed the "spirit of the people."

The U.S. consulate, located in Cogswell Tower, prepared for the march by employing five extra security guards to assist their regular lone guard.

The extra security wasn't necessary though as the demonstrators decided not to approach the consulate. In fact, Lawrence Raicht, the U.S. consul general, said he wasn't even aware a demonstration had happened.

## Kings College gives boost to CFS

**HALIFAX (CUP)**— King's College students gave Canada's beleaguered national student lobby group a much-needed boost March 13, when they voted by a fair margin to remain members of the organization.

Nearly 60 per cent of the more than 170 students who voted cast a ballot in favor of staying in the Canadian Federation of Students. The college has been a member since the group's inception in 1981.

The college's student council decided to hold the pullout referendum to determine whether students still supported the federation, which lost the confidence of University of Alberta students and was snubbed

by University of B.C. students recently.

Liam McCormick, King's student vice-president external and head of the "No" CFS committee, says the referendum was not an indication that the council was saying "let's get the hell out" but more of a review.

CFS chair Beth Olley says she is pleased with the show of support and that the decision will help the federation's morale.

"It proves we can win referenda and there are people who still support us," Olley says. "I think King's College students believe in a national student movement and want to work on issues of concern to students."

The college's 500 students will

## Winners move in

By BILL MITCHELL

WITH THE LARGEST MAJORITY since 1982, Catherine Blewett and Reza Rizvi were elected Dalhousie Student Union president and vice-president executive. Blewett is also the first woman president.

"I am very pleased with the result," says Blewett, who with Rizvi had more than a 200 vote majority over their only opposition, Tony Loparco and David Lothian.

Rizvi says he was pleased that 15 per cent of the student population turned out to vote.

"I was afraid turnout would be lower with only serious candidates and no burning issues in the election campaign," he says.

Blewett says she attributes her victory to her concentration on issues and her experience in student politics. "Reza and I addressed only the issues. I felt we were able to deal with the issues, because I've had experience for a year and I have actively shown concern for students," she says.

Although Blewett is to be the first woman DSU president, she does not envisage any changes as a result.

"I don't think that's relevant. I can't think what will change or why it should." She says she and Rizvi are going to concentrate on a response to the Nova Scotia Royal Commission's report on education.

Rizvi also says there will be changes in the organization of space in the SUB, although no definite plans had been made as yet.

Both Blewett and Kevin Drolet, chief returning officer at the elections, say the election was run smoothly. But Drolet says there were a few improvements that could be made.

"The high number of polling stations leads to more confusion than help," he says.

Drolet also says the use of IDs for proof of voting was not the best.

continue to pay \$4 to CFS. The organization faces another membership test at the University of Western Ontario, where graduate students will decide March 21 whether to become full members.

"I'm convinced they will join because CFS is an organization that is growing and developing and serving the needs of students," Olley says.

CFS is currently grappling with a \$65,000 deficit and recovering from the University of Alberta loss, which was its largest member. The U of A paid more than \$80,000 a year to belong to the organization. CFS will decide at its May general-meeting how to absorb the loss.

He will submit his criticisms to the election committee who may recommend changes to the election procedures.

Meanwhile, the president-elect

## Provincial gov't cuts employment funds

By NAIRNE HOLTZ

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT plans to create employment for 1,500 students with a \$4 million summer job program, but the opposition and student politicians are skeptical of the impact it will have on summer employment.

The \$4 million program represents a \$10 million cutback over last year.

Up to 25 per cent of the amount will be contributed to Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED), a component of the federal job creation program.

The provincial government will be sponsoring two other job creation programs as well.

"14.4 per cent of the student population in Nova Scotia remained unemployed last summer," says Alex Gigeroff, president of the DSU. "That was the second highest rate in the country, and it only included the students who registered with employment centres."

"The fact there's less provincial money coming for summer employment this year puts an added pressure on the private sector to set up programs, and I think that means employment prospects are going to be worse," says Gigeroff.

Gigeroff predicts student unemployment this summer will be 20 per cent.

"This last minute plan is a typical knee-jerk reaction to public outcry," says John Holm, NDP education critic.

SEED offers 100 per cent wage subsidy for jobs created by a non-profit organization, 75 per cent for jobs created by the municipal sector and 50 per cent for jobs created by the private sector. Priority will be given to jobs that provide career development, study related and/or practical work experience. Employees will be paid \$4.00 per hour for a maximum 40 hour work week.

The provincial Employment Development Branch has already received 600 applications from prospective employers.

The Dalhousie and Mount St. Vincent student councils and the Student Union of Nova Scotia have applied to the program, hoping to hire students as research assistants.

The government will spend the remaining \$3 million on its other two programs.

"The primary resource-oriented component is a wage

will take office on May 1st. Until then, Blewett will be doing her usual jobs in her present position of member-at-large, DSU Council.

Blewett and Rizvi will be working with Jill Jackson and John Lee who were elected to the Board of Governors. They'll also spend time with Ava Czapalay, David Ferguson, Bill Jeffrey, Kamleh Nicola and Jarle Pedersen—all of whom were elected to the Senate.

subsidy program to create summer work experience opportunities in agriculture, fishing, forestry, mining and tourism," says Development minister Roland Thornhill.

The wage subsidy for this component will be \$2.20 per hour.

The public-oriented component will approve projects for government departments and agencies, museums, provincial sports associations, heritage societies and non-profit organizations. Employees will be paid the same as under the SEED program.

Holm is critical of the private-sector bias of the programs.

"I attended an APEC (Atlantic Provinces Education Commission) conference last week and one thing is loud and clear: the private sector is very weak," says Holm.

"80 per cent of the GNP is public money. The private sector isn't strong enough to create jobs. We need an increase in public funding to develop the economic base," he says.

An estimated half-million young people were unemployed during the summer of 1984. According to Statistics Canada, the summer unemployment rate for those between the ages of 15 and 24 was 17 per cent.

"Government unemployment statistics are underestimated by as much as a third. It's a total scam," says Hugh O'Reilly, a member of the Ottawa and District Labour Council unemployment committee.

StatsCan defines employed people as those who did any work at all during the week. This definition means that someone who worked one hour or more is considered employed.

## New editors next week

**CO-EDITORS ELIZABETH Donovan and Samantha Brennan** are saying good-bye to the *Gazette*. Both are headed for careers with Canadian University Press. Brennan will be employed as the national features writer in Ottawa while Donovan field-works the newspapers in the Atlantic region.

Next week's paper will be brought to you by David Olie and Mary Ellen Jones, the 1985/86 *Gazette* editors.

See you at the beach.