

Nfld. gov't gives funds

ST JOHN'S (CUP) — The provincial government announced a \$1.7 million increase in financial aid, and \$500,000 more for single parents and married students.

The president of Memorial's student council Robin Russell said the student aid increase (announced in the provincial budget) would not necessarily all go towards grants for students.

"I think some of it would go into the operations of the (student loan) offices in order to better help students get through the bureaucracy," Russell said.

The government also increased the operating grant for Memorial University by \$5 million.

The budget included a new 1.5 per cent payroll tax for health and education. The government will collect from corporations with a payroll of \$300,000 or more. The Minister of Finance did not say if the university would be exempt from this tax.

Russell said it would be "quite stupid" for the province to levy a new tax to help pay for the university, and have the tax apply to the school's payroll.

Even though increases have been announced in the operating grant, Russell said she would not be surprised if there was a two or three per cent increase in tuition fees next year.

Election fun at Acadia

HALIFAX (CUP) — When it comes to elections, the student council at Mount Saint Vincent University follows the old refrain 'if at first you don't succeed, try and try again.'

The council's chief returning officer, Caroline Wolfe, declared the March 13 student council elections null and void because there was no master list of eligible voters, opening up the possibility of students voting more than once at different polling booths.

The second elections on Mar. 20 and 21 had only one travelling polling station, with a master list. It floated to a number of locations on campus.

Wolfe said having only one polling booth "will reduce accessibility, but it's the only way to ensure that the election is run fairly."

Problems with the election process are not unique, they have just finally been addressed. For years there have been several voting stations, each with its own list.

Pollsters would place a sticker on voters' identification cards. But, if the voter peeled it off, there was no way of telling that the person had previously cast a ballot at a different station. The only benefit was being able, after the election, to cross-check the master lists for discrepancies.

Child care out of time

HALIFAX (CUP) — When the lease expires at Mount Saint Vincent's co-op daycare centre April 1, that will be it.

The Student Parents Allied for Child Care nursery accommodates 12 infants, all of whom are too young for regular on-campus child care. The nursery has assisted parents who can't afford regular daycare, costing approximately \$300 a month.

But the centre won't be getting another year from the administration.

Finding another home for the nursery on campus may prove difficult. "I suppose we could move back to the room we were given in (another on-campus building)," said Lynne Isenor, an official with the SPACC. "But it has no windows or adequate ventilation."

The student council has agreed to set up subsidized daycare at another centre nearby.

Cheryl MacKenzie, student council president, said, "this is a short-term answer to the problem."

Sexually assaulted

by Maylin Scott

TORONTO (CUP) — A 23 year old woman was sexually assaulted at the University of Toronto Mar. 19.

Toronto police say the woman was jogging along a pathway at around 10:30 pm when a man she had passed, quickened his pace and grabbed her from behind.

He sexually assaulted her and then ran north towards Bloor. The woman called police, was taken to hospital, treated and released.

"I believe it was a student," said Greg Albright, campus police chief. "And to the best of our ability we will increase patrols in that area. It's becoming a vulnerable area."

U of T no place for pigs

by Tatiana Tonks

TORONTO (CUP) — Some students are upset by a University of Toronto student council-sponsored concert which made fun of blind people and orientals.

One student has called parts of Corky and the Juice Pigs' act "blatantly racist."

Some of the controversial material included a joke about slanted eyes, the rhetorical question "Do blind people fall in love at first sight?" and a skit about two dyslexic game-show hosts who mix up their words.

"I stayed for most of it, but I walked out because I was so offended," said third-year student Lily Quan said about the Mar. 16 concert.

Quan said she knew at least three other people who left

because they were upset by the material.

In a letter to a campus paper, Quan said she was particularly offended by a prolonged skit about two Chinese game-show hosts, which "degenerated into racist caricatures consisting of mindless gestures and rude noises."

But student council official Elaine Wren, who was responsible for organizing the event, said the students who were offended misunderstood the group's humour.

"I'm familiar with the band so I know that they don't mean to be racist or homophobic or anything like that," she said.

"They're not making fun of the races, they're making fun of people who are racist, of the extremes."

The council spent \$14,000 dollars to stage the concert which was attended by about a thousand people, Wren said.

Wren said the band has played at U of T in the last three years, without any complaints. "The complaints are being passed on to the band and they are going to take them into consideration in their future skits," she said.

"There was some material that I was hoping they would not do, that they did do," she said. "I want to apologize to those people who were offended."



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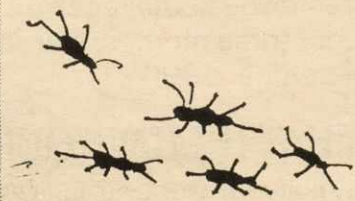
TORONTO (CUP) — Administrators closed a University of Toronto building Mar. 19 claiming renovations are making the building dangerous to use.

Construction on the upstairs — located directly above a student cafeteria — has caused plaster to fall on several occasions, said U of T official Robin Toderain.

"It's a safety issue," Toderain said.



Dean of residence Isobel Heathcote said the closing is long overdue because the renovations have stirred up cockroaches in the building's eating areas, prompting student complaints and a student boycott.



"I've been pushing it for two weeks," she said. "I think it's overdue. I should know. It's my students that eat there."



But Toderain said the building's closing is not related to the roaches.

The building will reopen in the fall, Toderain said.

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