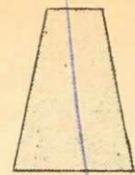


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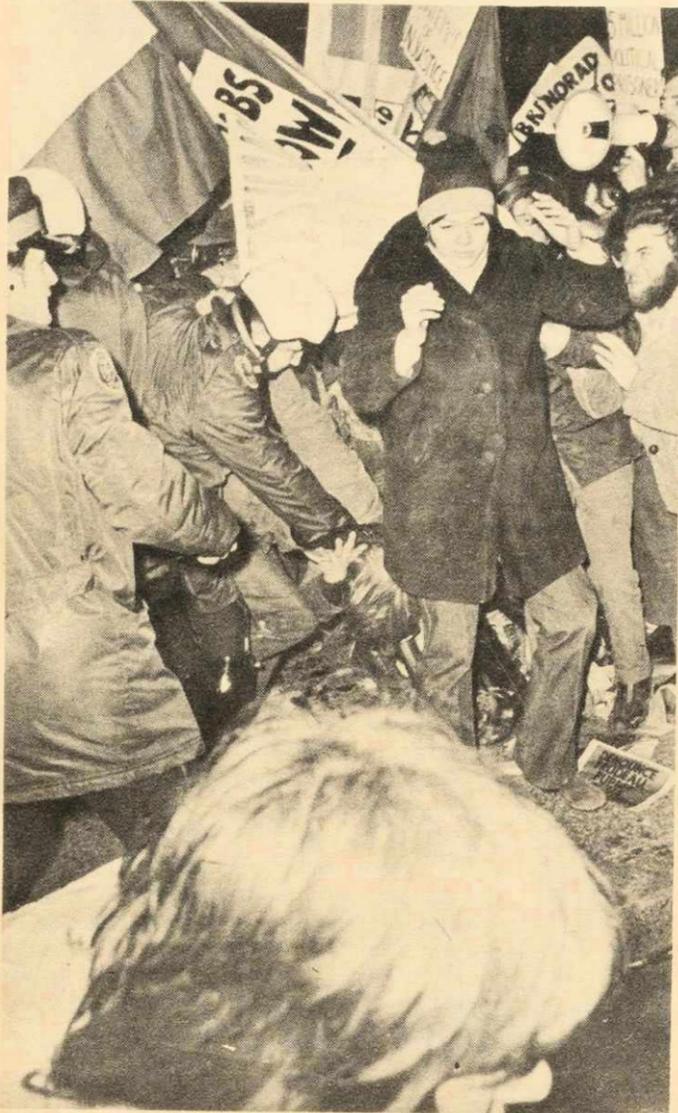


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Police attempt to restrain some of the over 750 poor and young demonstrators protesting against unemployment on March 3 outside a Toronto hotel, while Pierre Trudeau spoke to a Liberal fund-raising dinner inside.

More than 100 policemen reacted when fighting broke out as guests were hit with rotten peaches and sandwiches. After 40 minutes of street fighting, 13 people were arrested and five plate glass windows had been broken.

photo by Errol Young, Varsity

Job prospects bleak

by Dorothy Wigmore

Why did you come to university? To get a degree. Why do you want a degree? To get a job. These questions and answers used to be true. But this year they may be irrelevant. Students who used to get a degree to be of marketable value — to get a job — are going to find it rough going this year.

The Atlantic Provinces, known for its high unemployment under normal conditions, is suffering more than other areas of Canada during the current unemployment crisis.

In an area that would normally need to retain its technicians, teachers, and other trained personnel, university graduates are finding it difficult to obtain employment. It appears that the money just isn't there to pay them.

"The prospects have weakened considerably compared to last year," according to Dalhousie University Manpower Centre manager, Tom O'Connell.

Graduating students, who previously never had to approach Manpower have applied to the Dal office this year. Out of about 1451 possible graduates, 467 applied for work through Manpower as of the end of January. At St. Mary's 230 of about 450 prospective graduates are listed with Manpower.

A physiology student with a master's degree, organic chemists, English PhD's and other PhD's with several years of research behind them, are some of the examples O'Connell cited.

Education students who normally can answer newspaper ads placed by school boards, have applied in large numbers — 42 at Dal and 20 at SMU. Their problem will be even greater this year, as the city of Halifax is expected to cut its education budget drastically. This would include non-renewal of 100 contracts.

Other graduating students are applying in larger numbers than ever at both universities (see box pg. 6).

There were twelve fewer recruiters at Dal on a year to date basis this year. For MBA graduates alone, there have been about eighteen, compared with the approximately 120 that turn up at the University of Western Ontario. According to O'Connell, the MBA program at Dal is as good as Western's, but "the market seems to be in central Canada, and so the businesses are reluctant to come down here to recruit. Why should they when they can get an equally good product, perhaps across the street?"

Science graduates are also having problems. Their biggest employer is the federal government. However, this year the government is hiring mainly BSc's for their bio-

physical sciences program. Minor preference is given to masters, and those at the doctoral level were not even interviewed on campus, said O'Connell. They have to send their resume to Ottawa, and will be contacted if openings arise. As he put it, "who can afford a PhD today?"

Arts suffers most

Arts students are suffering the most. "The demand has (cont'd on page 6)

Students take over bookstore

Dalhousie students will be running their own university bookstore come September, as a result of an agreement between the university administration and the Student Council. The decision was reached about two weeks ago, but final arrangements about the future operation of the store still have to be worked out.

The changeover, initiated by the 1970-71 Student Council, will come into effect by September of this year. Council president Brian Smith will figuratively be responsible for the bookstore, while John Graham, as General Manager of the SUB, will administer the operations of the store.

The position of bookstore manager will remain. In addition, there will be a committee comprised of students, faculty and administration representatives, whose task will be that of advisors.

One of the main reasons for the takeover is prices. This fall prices will be lowered, and in case any losses might be incurred, the administration has said that they will meet any deficit.

The transfer of bookstore ownership will not affect tuition costs as the administration, which was previously handling the venture, will turn over the entire inventory to the new management. This new set-up will operate on a one-year trial basis.

New ad spurs controversy

by Leslie Macdonald

Albert Aaron may not read the Dal Gazette — but he's certainly concerned about the people who do.

When the Le Chateau ad appeared on the front page of the Gazette two weeks ago, with the additional line "Also visit our slums on Maitland St.", it didn't attract too much attention. But when the 4th Estate reprinted the ad, with the notation that "they're ending all of the store's ads in the student paper, apparently", Aaron jumped.

Gazette editor Dorothy Wigmore was the target of a series of calls, from the store's owner as well as the general manager of one of the outlets.

The Gazette had previously contacted Le Chateau to notify them that they wanted to stop carrying the store's ads.

One of the reasons was the information printed previously in the 4th Estate; that

the Aaron brothers, who own the Le Chateau franchise in Halifax, were also owners of one of the worst slums in the city.

Aaron informed the Gazette that he did not want to discontinue the ads, and termed the 4th Estate "an underworld newspaper". However, he made no effort to combat, or rationalize his ownership of the Maitland Street housing or the condition that it is in.

Later in the week, when he was made aware of the ad, Aaron phoned Wigmore, with a series of complaints and threats. She was discriminating against him, he claimed, didn't he have his rights.

He also demanded that all copies of the paper be destroyed, threatened to take out an injunction against the paper, against the editor, and take his complaint to the president of the university.

As an alumni of the university, Aaron

felt he had his rights.

After a series of phone calls, with Wigmore and John Graham, general manager of the Student Union, a letter of apology was sent to Aaron for changing the ad.

The question of future advertising, however, remained undecided. Aaron was given his choice of discontinuing advertising, or having his ad run in the paper, while the staff retained the right to run a counter-ad describing what they thought of the store and its owners' practices.

Up to press time, Aaron had not indicated his choice, although he refused to withdraw his advertising.

Aaron also claimed he had a strong suit going against the 4th Estate.

However, up to March 7, Nick Fillmore, editor of the weekly paper, had received no formal notice of the suit.