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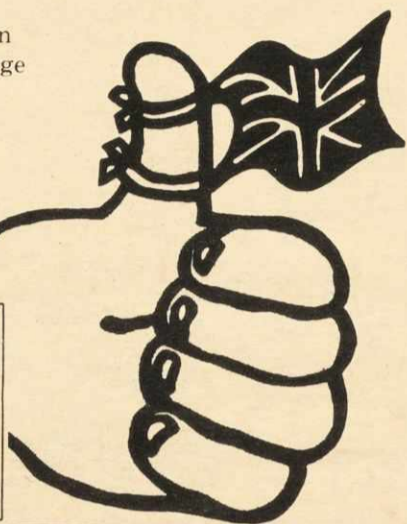
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Nautical school sets sail for Port Hawkesbury

By CHARLENE SADLER

THE NOVA SCOTIA NAUTICAL Institute is adrift in a sea of political controversy.

Students and staff of the school say the federal government is playing politics with their future by deciding to move the institute to Port Hawkesbury from Halifax.

The government granted \$17 million to the nautical institute to construct a new building on the condition that the new school be built in Port Hawkesbury.

Capt. John Sampson, the nautical institute's principal, says a new school has been needed for a long time. The institute is presently located in an old warehouse in Halifax.

Students at the institute have organized a campaign to make the public aware of the disadvantages of the move.

Moving the institute to Port Hawkesbury would be a major inconvenience for students and instructors whose home is in Halifax, says Barry McDonnell, the student spearheading the campaign.

"The teachers here are master mariners," says McDonnell.

"They are older instructors with families who could make more money at sea than teaching."

He says many of the instructors may not make the move to Port Hawkesbury.

Sampson says he thinks the school is in greater danger of losing students than instructors. Students may shy away from the new institute until it establishes a reputation, he says.

"Getting good instructors has always been a problem, even here in Halifax," says Sampson.

Captain Paul Brick says that if the federal government decides that the school definitely has to move, the committee of master mariners of Canada will support their decision.

"Our greatest concern is the education of seamen," he says.

Brick says he supports a proposal that would divide the school with new students and cadets studying in Port Hawkesbury and the graduate students staying in Halifax.

The student committee opposed to the move says this is a poor option.

"There would be duplication of administrative costs," he says. "More importantly, though, students would lose the benefits of interaction with more experienced students and the chance to make contacts for future employment," says McDonnell.

Feds announce new job creation programme

OTTAWA (CUP)—The federal government says it will gainfully employ 95,000 Canadian students this summer, with a little help from big business and a new \$205 million student summer job program.

Flora MacDonald, employment and immigration minister, announced Feb. 6 the government is putting an emphasis on career-related jobs for students this summer in a newly created program called Challenge '85. She said 95,000 jobs will appear.

Of the \$205 million, the government will allocate \$163 million for wage subsidies, \$30 million for loans allowing students to create their own summer businesses and \$10 million for jobs in federal departments and agencies.

The \$205 million, though touted as an increase by MacDonald, is actually a decrease in the amount of money spent last year when inflation is taken into consideration. The Liberal government spent \$201 million on Summer Canada Works last year, the country's largest student job creation program. It was eliminated in the Tories' Nov. 8, 1984 economic statement.

MacDonald said she will personally challenge the private sector to create additional jobs for students and has approached chief executives of eight corporations who promise to bring as many as 10,000 young

people into their ranks. The corporations include IBM, Noranda Mines Inc., Imperial Oil, Northern Telecom, Bell Canada and the Royal Bank.

"This summer, instead of offering pre-packaged federally funded projects that only provide next year's tuition and little else, we are challenging our economic partners to join us in coming forward with meaningful jobs that improve students' ability to contribute to society now and in the future," she said at a press conference.

The program also includes four components of the Liberals' Summer Canada Works which roughly receive the same amount of money as they did last year. They are: the \$13.6 million Canada Employment Centres for Students, the \$2.3 million internships for native students, the \$13 million national defence department's cadet and reserve training and the \$1.2 million RCMP law enforcement and keeping the peace program.

Two new components—work orientation workshops and business drive for jobs—will be created. The government will give \$0.5 million to the former in the hope of helping disadvantaged high schoolers and potential dropouts, and \$1.3 million to the latter to urge leading corporations and businesses to hire students.

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