



Marion Dewar presents charter certificate to David McCarty, David Fanjoy and Paul Bych at COC conference.

Universities should plug in

By JENNIFER FINEBERG

MONTREAL (CUP) An ad-hoc coalition of five student groups is launching a mega-media campaign to find alternative solutions to the problem of education underfunding in Quebec.

The coalition is trading in tried-and-true methods of strikes and demonstrations for a slick media campaign, complete with mauve and canary-yellow billboards.

Representative Francois Desrosiers says the group will spend about \$2500 during the campaign on subway billboards, posters, and radio and television advertisements.

The slogan of the campaign is "Dans un monde branche — des universités branches", which implies universities will have to become more in step with society, or — taken literally — more "plugged in".

The group advocates better management of funds, access to quality education, and a practical evaluation of professors.

The group, which includes the student governments of McGill, Concordia, Université de Montréal and École Polytechnique, are proposing the following alternatives to tuition fee hikes and

the COC's main purpose is educational

"One of our biggest problems is many Canadians don't recognize our cultural identity. . . it's hard to measure things like that in terms of dollars and cents."

The federal government is not encouraging debate on the issue, she says, so organizations such as the COC have to make people aware of what they might be risking with free trade.

Fanjoy disagrees with former liberal minister Donald MacDonald, who says the Mulroney government is using opposition to free trade in Canada as a bargaining chip in negotiations with the United States.

It is "not being used as a bargaining chip because Mulroney initiated the talks and we don't have the upper hand."

"We have to recognise that we're an independent country and worth fighting for. The COC believes Canada is worth fighting for."

COC debates free Canada

By TOBY SANGER

WHEN DOES "FREE TRADE" not mean free trade? When it means slipping under the blanket of American protectionism, says John Trent, professor of political science at the University of Ottawa and member of the Council of Canadians.

Trent and fellow COC members Marion Dewar, Maude Barlow and Ken Wardroper took part in a panel discussion last Saturday in the McInnes Room entitled "The Canadian Spectrum".

The discussion was more of an investigation into the fate of a Canadian identity, one perched in front of the gaping mouth of American cultural imperialism.

Dewar and Barlow spoke on the effects free trade might have on Canadian social programs, culture and women in the labour force.

Dalhousie COC member Andrea Fanjoy stresses the COC is not "anti-American" and says

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