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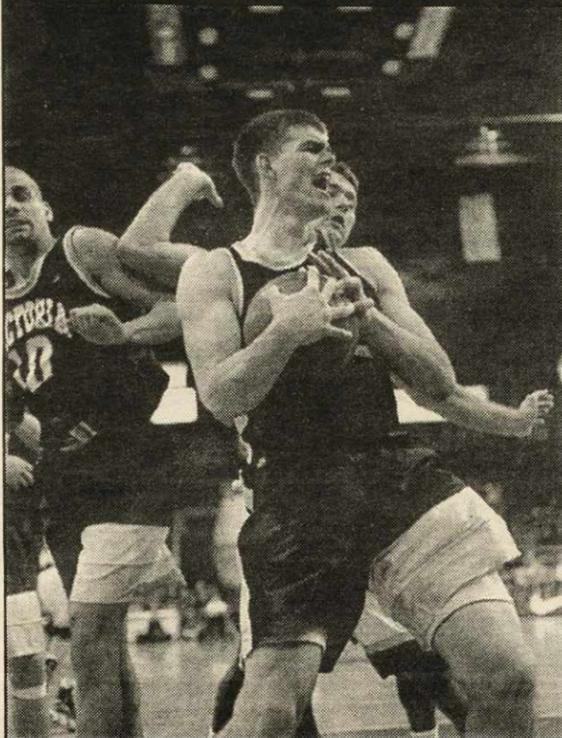
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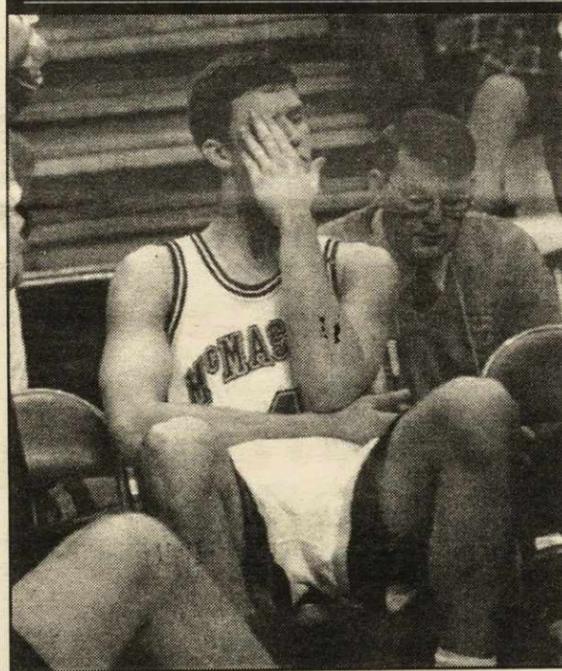
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The Victoria Vikings cried havoc (above) as the McMaster Marauders fell (below) by the wayside on the road to basketball glory. The Vikes vanquished the Marauders 84-73 in the CIAU Championship Finals at the Metro Centre. See story, p. 19.



## It's a one of a kind: Dalhousie launches innovative summer internship program

BY GLENDA MACLEAN

A new student employment program at Dalhousie is being heralded as the first of its kind in North America.

"Partnerships in the Labour Market", a new program aimed at undergraduate arts students, is the result of a joint effort between Dal's Student Employment Centre, the Economic Renewal Agency and partnering private sector employers. The object of the program is to give students badly needed practical job experience.

According to a Statistics Canada report released this week, one in five Canadians under the age of 25 had no work experience in 1996, a proportion that has doubled since 1989.

In addition, the labour force participation rate of young Canadians (aged 15 to 24) stood at just 61.2 per cent at the end of last year, a drop of 10 percentage points from its peak in January, 1989.

"Partnerships in the Labour Market" is designed to improve post-graduation employment prospects. The program will provide students in faculties that do not have co-op or practicum terms with career-related training.

The program will be partially funded by Dalhousie and the Economic Renewal Agency to subsidize the employers who will provide the summer jobs for Dal students in their area of study. This year, funding from these three sources will total \$100,000.

The pilot project will create about 20 student jobs this summer. If successful, the number of positions will increase next year with the possibility of the program spreading to other universities.

To receive the grant, prospective employers must submit an application including an outline of the job they are offering to the "Partnerships" committee. All applications will be reviewed and ranked by a committee at Dalhousie and the Economic Renewal Agency to determine which jobs are best suited to the program.

Catherine Cottingham, Chair of the committee and Manager of the Student Employment Centre,

stresses that the scope of these jobs is not narrowly defined. A job in marketing, for instance, may lend needed business experience to students in a variety of faculties.

To be eligible for a grant job, a student must meet several criteria. The opportunity is available only to students studying at Dalhousie in faculties that do not offer co-op or practicum terms. These conditions favor arts students, but students enrolled in a Bachelor of Science with a Psychology major would also be eligible. The students must be undergrads in their second or third year of study, and must be returning to Dalhousie next year as fulltime students.

Cottingham states that it is the hope of the committee that these

students will have reached a "sufficient level of academic experience" to contribute to the job they take on.

To direct the jobs towards students in need, successful applicants must also have been recipients of a bursary from student services during the past year.

"[We] want employers to have a sense of what students can contribute so that they will be encouraged to hire again," states Cottingham.

"[It is] a very innovative project, we look forward to its success."

Students eligible for this opportunity will be contacted by mail this week. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Student Employment Centre in the SUB.

## Parizeau discusses sovereignty at Dal

BY DANIEL CLARK

The former leader of the Québec sovereignty movement, Dr. Jacques Parizeau, defended his views on Quebec independence at Dalhousie last Friday.

He was invited to give the Department of Economics' John F. Graham Memorial Lecture.

Parizeau spoke twice while at Dal. The first time was for an hour in the Weldon Law building. The second was the Graham Lecture in University Hall before a capacity audience of two hundred.

The lecture was titled "Economic Implications of Québec Sovereignty: with Occasional Reference to Atlantic Canada". Parizeau later visited a wine and cheese reception at the University Club. All events were open to students.

Parizeau was Québec Premier from September 1994 until the end of 1995. He was elected on a promise to bring a referendum on Québec sovereignty to the people. That referendum occurred in October of 1995 — the question on whether to separate was narrowly defeated 50.6 per cent to 49.4 per cent.

Following his referendum defeat in 1995, Parizeau made the controversial statement that would end his political career: "It's true we have been

defeated, but basically by what? By money and the ethnic vote." Public outrage caused a media frenzy and he resigned from his position the next day.

During the lecture Parizeau defended his referendum statement.

"With the people who came to Canada as refugees and immigrants, they come to Montreal, Canada and not Montreal, Québec. Why should they be expected to vote on an issue of Canadian sovereignty? Their loyalty is to Canada and not Québec. Facts are facts," Parizeau said.

Parizeau was questioned about the Native groups that may not wish to be a part of an independent Québec, and how the land they occupy may have to be returned to Canada.

"The Canadian constitution says that you cannot change the borders without the permission of the province. As long as we are a province our borders will not change. Changing the borders of a sovereign nation is called aggression. You cannot do it before sovereignty or after. Tough luck!"

After the lecture had ended Parizeau was questioned about a book called *Operation Ascot*, which was recently released. The book alleges that along

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## Proposed Funding Formula Penalizes Mount

BY TAWNIA ZWICKER

HALIFAX (CUP) — Canada's university for women could see its budget slashed as the result of the first-ever joint funding proposal for Nova Scotia universities.

Mount Saint Vincent University will take the largest hit of any Nova Scotia university from a Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education (NSCHE) proposal that recommends 10.4 per cent of the school's operating budget be cut — a loss of approximately \$1.27 million.

University president Sheila Brown says the Mount community should not have to deal with this extreme situation.

"The Mount deserves better treatment than this in this kind of

approach," said Brown.

Steve Wetmore, chair of the NSCHE said the council is not recommending the Mount should have its funding cut, they are just proposing a funding formula.

However, Brown says because the Mount offers smaller classes and cost-effective programming, they are penalized by the formula. She also says the proposed budget decrease, scheduled to be carried out as of April 1, 1998, does not consider the Mount's unique mission statement.

Mount Saint Vincent is the only university in Canada that includes the personalized education for women in their mission. Brown refutes the Council's idea that this is not an important issue.

"We're the only university in

Canada that sets the priority on the higher education of women," said Brown. "I see no recognition in this document that the Nova Scotia Council thinks that's an asset. I think that the unique mission of the Mount is worth something and it isn't reflected anywhere in this kind of calculation," said Brown.

The council's proposal is the first-ever set in place to deal with shrinking federal transfer payments to provinces to pay for health care and education.

In deciding how to formulate a plan, the council weighted each program according to the cost of implementation (at an assumed tuition rate of \$3,000). They also considered the amount of money

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