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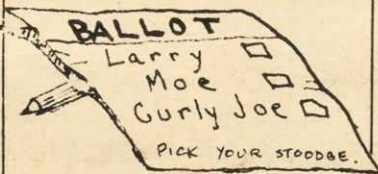
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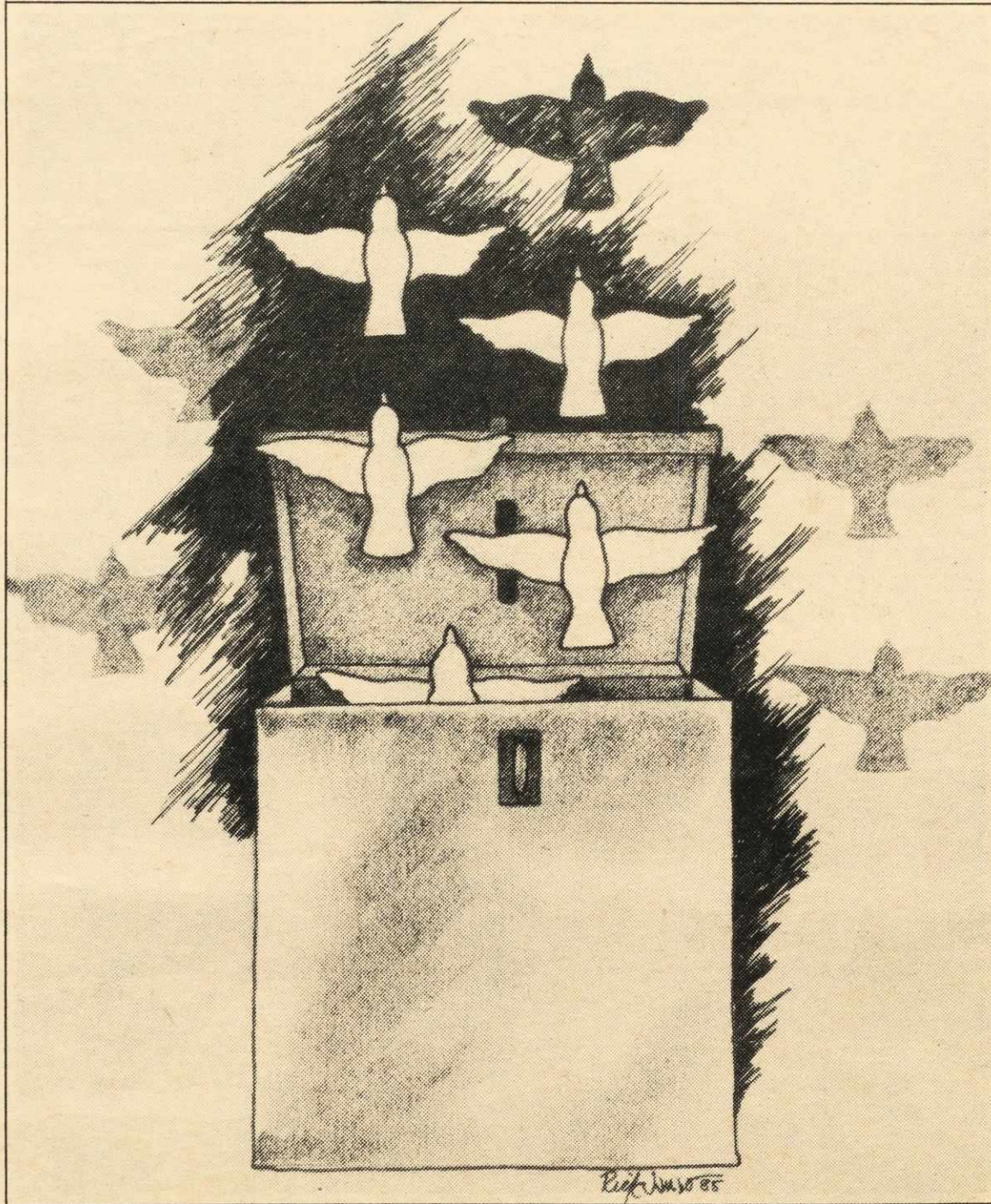
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## Quote of the Week

"You're looking at someone who's recycled himself three or four times in his life."

**Federal Liberal party leader John Turner speaks about the need for job retraining in a post-industrial society.**



## CFS fate in King's students' hands

By WENDY COOMBER

ONE OF CFS'S SMALLEST members will be deciding whether they want to stay with the organization next week when the University of King's College holds a membership referendum.

The idea for holding the referendum has been "kicking around for about a year," says Liam McCormick, King's vice president external and head of the "No CFS" committee.

"But it's not a matter of people saying, 'let's get the hell out'," he says, "but a reassessment of whether it's working (at King's)."

McCormick says council finally decided to hold it after CFS's general meeting in Ottawa last November, but said there was no specific reason behind that decision.

"The general idea around the campus is just to reassess our role within the organization," he says.

Judy Guthrie, CFS field-

worker for the Atlantic region, says her organization's profile at King's isn't as high as she would like it to be. She says she has met with council members but the school's 500 students may not know much about CFS. However, she is looking forward to the referendum as the vehicle to inform them.

"It's good for the organization to have a review once in a while," says Guthrie.

She says next year, providing King's is still a member, she would like to see CFS information distributed during orientation and an overall higher awareness of its function with the students.

Although CFS has a low profile on the campus, McCormick says by voting day the students will be as aware of CFS as they could be of any national student organization.

James LeBlanc, Board of Governors representative on the King's Council and head of the

"Yes CFS" committee, says they will be canvassing students door-to-door and setting up an information booth to inform students about the benefits of CFS.

The "No" committee has no counter activities planned.

The referendum needs 25 per cent of the student population to make it valid, says LeBlanc. If this is not reached the referendum will be declared null and void and King's will remain in CFS.

Council president Mark Mackenzie says they've put off the referendum until now to give students a chance to become acquainted with the issue. "We don't want the voters voting impulsively," he says.

"If people turn out in huge numbers to vote 'no'," says LeBlanc, "then at least we know we've got them interested."

King's has been a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) since its inception in 1981.

## Difference over differentials

By BRUCE FANJOY

THE BUCHANAN GOVERNMENT's decision to increase differential fees for international students to \$1700 has provoked criticism by faculty and students.

"Are universities going to be self-financing on the backs of the Third World?" asks Tim Shaw, professor at the Center for African Studies.

Fees have increased 29 per cent over last year's fee of \$1375, despite a recommendation by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) that differential fees be increased by only \$60. Differential fees are extra charges levied against visa students. These fees are set by the provincial government.

Peter Butler, a senior advisor for the Department of Education, wrote a letter advising DSU president Alex Gigeroff of the increase. He wrote that the decision to reject the MPHEC's decision was made because "further information which was available to the Premiers at the time led them to conclude that a higher increase in the fee differential was in order." Butler did not say what the "further information" was.

Gigeroff disagrees with the province's decision. He says Canada, as a privileged corner of the world, has a responsibility to help people from underdeveloped countries get an education.

"This increase will make it more difficult for these students to attend Nova Scotian universities," says Gigeroff.

"I don't think the provincial government realizes the harm that the increase will cause for international students. There is already a decrease in the number of foreign students from poorer countries."

Shaw accused the government of "an act of provincialism, if not racism."

"It is hypocritical for the provincial government to sympathize with the situation in Ethiopia and then do this to foreign students. This is discriminating against those who can least afford it."

"The recent referendum limits the increase of tuition fees by four per cent in the next three years. How can the administration have an agreement with the student union to keep tuition low while allowing the differential fee to increase by 29 per cent? The foreign students are discriminated against and are subsidising Canadian students," says Shaw.

Alasdair Sinclair, Dalhousie vice-president academic, says the administration is not prepared to respond to the proposed increase until the end of the month, pending further study.