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NAFTA not a Canada cure-all

BURNABY (CUP)- Michael Wilson, Canada's minister of international trade, and the country's primary negotiator of the North American Free Trade agreement, admitted in a government brochure on free trade that NAFTA will not cure all Canada's economic troubles.

In fact, it is no more a cure-all than the Canada-U.S. free trade agreement was three years ago.

"This free trade economic model is not just wrong, it's also dead end. As global wealth gets more and more concentrated, more and more people are cut out of the marketplace. And when people who produce things can't afford to buy them, you don't just have a recession, you have a depression," said Sandra Sorenson, the Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy alternatives.

Since the signing of the Canada-U.S. free trade agreement in 1987, Canada has slipped into a recessionary period, one from which it has yet to recover.

Over half a million jobs have been lost to Canadians since the agreement went into effect.

While these losses are not the result of free trade alone, an agreement that shapes Canada's trading patterns, patterns on which Canada is reliant for much of its economic livelihood, is sure to affect the many who labour in Canadian industries.

Murder at Université de Montréal

OTTAWA (CUP)-A brutal murder near the Université de Montréal last month has created a climate of fear among students at the school. Cantal Brochu was found brutally raped, beaten and strangled in a neighborhood close to the university Sept. 18.

Brochu, a 22 year old master's student at the Universaire du Québec in Montreal, was last seen alive by friends at an on campus bar with an unidentified young man.

The rape-murder of Brochu was the fourth incident of its kind in the neighborhood in the past two years. It occurred a day after a man molested a woman on a nearby sidewalk. The same man is believed to have been seen masturbating in a telephone booth earlier in the day.

These incidents have made students at U de M angry and anxious, especially those living in the university's residences.

The U de M student newspaper, *l'Affranchi*, reported Oct. 5 that the murder has made students living near the residences nervous.

Flock of five hundred overflows

TORONTO (CUP)-The lecture theatre is overflowing with students. A large number of people are forced to sit on the stairs. Far below on the stage stands the professor, made small by the sheer number of students. Welcome to the second week of Psychology 1010, division E-York University's largest lecture. Every Tuesday and Thursday, over 500 students pack into a lecture hall to get their introduction to psychology.

Howard Flock, the professor who teaches York's largest class, said he doesn't see anything wrong with shepherding a herd of 500 students. As far as he is concerned, students should have minimal personal contact with their professors. "There is an example to my point," Flock said, after ushering a student out of his office. "He was only seeking clarification. That is what the teaching assistants are for. I shouldn't have to answer questions personally."

Flock said he doesn't feel he is compromising the students' education by not assigning essays. "Students cannot, in general, write essays. Write essays in intro Psychology? Garbage! Why write in a language if you can't understand it? The best to hope for is recognition in a multiple test. The first function of Psychology 1010 is to learn psychology. Writing should be a function of the university."

"Multiple choice is the lower level of knowledge," said another Psychology professor who breaks down her class into tutorials and periodically assigns essays. "Non-application leads to passive knowledge" she said.

The Ontario Federation of Students studies claim that large classes only give information one way. Students then lose the opportunity to question interpretation, form arguments and develop writing skills.

Meanwhile, at the back of Flock's psychology lecture, another student falls asleep on her writing table. Over a dozen students leave half an hour earlier than planned.

Professor Flock feels that small classes and tutorials are not worth the time and money spent.

news

Dr. Clark defends Chancellor

by Dana MacKenzie

The DSU Council Chamber was a warm place to be on Sunday, October 25. Debate was heated and temperatures rose as Dr. Howard Clark appeared to defend and explain his position on remarks made recently by Dalhousie's Chancellor, Dr. Reuben Cohen.

According to informal notes that were taken at a meeting on October 16 between the DSU Executive and Cohen, the Chancellor made several harassing and insulting statements to the Executive while Dr. Clark sat quietly and made no objections. Dr. Clark was asked to attend Sunday's DSU meeting to explain why, as President of the University, and therefore the chief enforcer of Dalhousie's Sexual Harassment policies, he chose not to object to Chancellor Cohen's demeaning remarks.

According to the notes of the October 16 meeting, which were taken by VP External, Candida Rifkind, Cohen made several offensive remarks while expressing his reaction to the controversy over his May Convocation appearance. The notes, which were verified as accurate by all of the DSU Executive that were present at the meeting, include several insulting statements made by Cohen: gays should be called "sads", the Student Union Executive had

wondered why Dr. Clark, who was also present at most of the meeting, did not object to Cohen's remarks.

When questioned about this at Sunday's DSU Council meeting, Clark first pointed out the futility of raising this issue again. He felt that the Chancellor's silence at the October 17 Convocation was the goal that the DSU had sought and achieved, and that the issue should be dropped. He also pointed out that Cohen's remarks at the October 16 meeting were in response to the personal attack launched against him in May. Clark felt that Cohen was thus entitled to the expression of his "personal views" and that at no time did Cohen point out that his views were also those of Dalhousie.

Dr. Clark also questioned the accuracy of the notes taken at the meeting, pointing out that there was no

on one point: they asked Dr. Clark if he would publicly express his opposition to the views expressed by Cohen. Clark responded by stating that he would not contradict the Chancellor's personal views.

Several Council members expressed passionate opposition to Dr.

action against Cohen could result in legal action against the council

Clark's position throughout the meeting. B-GLAD representative Anthony Roberts acknowledged the fact that Cohen did have a right to his personal views, but that when such views "debase and defile" a group they should not be expressed publicly by someone who is seen as representative of an institution.

Cynthia Isenor also pointed out that Dr. Cohen's financial contribution to Dalhousie should not give him the right to make harassing statements about any group in attendance at the university. Another Council member pointed out the uselessness of Dalhousie's Sexual Harassment policies if those policies could not be defended by the President himself.

As the result of an earlier motion, the Council asked that students be involved in the selection of the next Chancellor. Dr. Clark pointed out that the Board of Governors was responsible for the selection and that since students have representatives on the Board, students are represented in the selection process.

The meeting ended with Dr. Clark's reiteration of the need to establish a clear statement on discriminatory harassment and his commitment to its enactment.

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tape recorder present and the Chancellor had not verified them. The President also warned the Council that any formally publicized action taken against Cohen could result in Cohen's taking legal action against the Council.

When pressed to answer whether or not he believed the remarks made by Cohen constituted sexual harassment, Clark resorted to a legal interpretation. He replied that just because somebody says they were harassed does not mean that they were harassed. He added that the "perception" of harassment must also be "reasonable" and that all of Cohen's remarks cannot be "lumped together."

Frustrated by Clark's responses, Council then focused the discussion

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been "infiltrated" by "disturbed" people, and those who had complained about May Convocation were "misguided." The DSU Council thought these remarks, and others made by the Chancellor, were a violation of Dalhousie's harassment policies and

Dal escort service a success

by Caroline Kolompár

The Tiger Patrol will soon celebrate its "1000th Walk Home". The Dalhousie Security based walk home service is enjoying renewed success during its second year. In its first year, the "Walk Safe" program escorted 459 students to their homes in 160 days of operation. This year, in 49 days of operation, Tiger Patrol has already provided 439 people with a safe option for walking at night around campus.

"We see that our services are being utilized, and that being safe and calling us is becoming the rule, not the exception, for lone students at night," said Doug Reid, a second year member of the Tiger Patrol.

The walk home service will undoubtedly surpass even the wildest expectations of the head security, Sandy MacDonald. Due to its success, Tiger Patrol and the Dalhousie Student Union have decided to

"for lone students at night"

shower the person who receives the 1000th walk home with prizes, prizes and more prizes. This is to celebrate the cooperative effort of Tiger Patrol and those getting walked home, to ensure a safe environment on the

Dalhousie University campus.

Even though special prizes will be awarded to the person who receives the 1000th walk home, "everybody is a winner with Tiger Patrol," says Jennifer Feron, Tiger Patrol Coordinator. "All you have to do is call 494-6400."

Phones are located in the library, in elevators are direct lines and at the front desk staff are always willing to call. A direct line is also located in the LSC across from Itza Pizza. If you cannot find a direct line, "spend a quarter, it will be the best investment you made in a long time," Feron says.

Hours of operation:
Sun-Wed 7:30 pm- 12:30 am
Thurs-Sat 7:30 pm- 2:30 am