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Bernadette Devlin coming to Dal

Bernadette Devlin, who was sentenced to six months in prison for helping to organize resistance to police in the Londonderry riots in Ireland two years ago, will be speaking at Dalhousie on February 13 at 8 p.m., in the McInnis Room.

The youngest and most irreverent Member of the British Parliament, Bernadette Devlin was still 21 when her fighting Maiden Speech to a packed House of Commons two years ago rocketed her to fame overnight. Since that time, she has been the center of much controversy.

She is the third child in a Catholic, working-class family of six children —

their father died when she was nine, and their mother when she was 19.

Bernadette interrupted her university studies to go into parliament, but her career there has not been conventional. She is outspokenly contemptuous of parliamentary democracy, and prefers action to legislation.

(For more information on the Irish conflict, see pg. 5.)



Bernadette Devlin

7 profs not rehired

Tech students protest

by Beth Burke

DISTURBED BY THE DECISION not to rehire seven professors, 600 students and faculty members of the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology held a mass rally Tuesday, February 2.

The rally was called to discuss the decision of President G. W. Holbrooke not to reappoint the seven professors when their contracts came up for tenure this year. Holbrooke said that the reason for the cutback is because of a financial deficit of \$250,000. The seven men were not reappointed in order to make room for a raise in salary for the remaining professors at the college.

However, the professors said they would rather see the seven rehired than to take an increase in pay.

A VOTE OF NONCONFIDENCE by a consensus of a majority of faculty and students called for Dr. Holbrooke's resignation. Many said that the Board of Governors are using the seven professors as a political plot to gain the additional financial grants needed from the provincial government.

Holbrooke was asked if the Board had considered other alternatives to the laying off of these men. Students suggested that cutbacks in maintenance staff and allocation funds for

the library should have been made before the professors went. As one student put it, "It seems that engineers are valued lower than janitors and books at Tech!"

Asked if the seven men could expect to be reappointed, Holbrooke said he thought they would be within two weeks depending on the decision of the government to grant them additional funds.

FLASH!

The Tech crisis deepens. Dr. Holbrook, President of NSTC for the past ten years, resigned his position on Monday, February 8. He was followed by Dr. E. L. Holmes, Dean of Engineering, on Tuesday. No reason was given for Holmes' resignation.

STUDENTS ALSO PROPOSED THAT a four-year comprehensive program be substituted for the now existing program where students must take a three-year introductory course at another university and finish the course at Tech. This would cut down on the duplication of some courses and facilities and of the fragmentation of university grants.

Under a system devised 50 years ago universities receive grants based on a number of units per student, ranging from one unit for Arts students to 22 units for Dentistry and Medical students. Engineering students receive 7 units per student.

Chemical Engineering is the hardest hit by the cutback in staff. Department Head, Dr. MacKay, threatens resignation because staff in his department has been reduced from 5 to 3. One of the 3 remaining has been granted a leave of absence. MacKay stated that it would be impossible to run the department under these conditions and that he "would not be here to participate in it."

AT LEAST FIVE STUDENTS at the Institute are faced with the possibility of not receiving their PhD diplomas with just a few months to go in their studies.

Other departments are faced with the problem of a possible phasing out of their program within the next two years. This means that some students will either have to drop out in mid stream or transfer to another college. Students said those that do graduate will possibly not be accepted as accredited engineers by professional groups.

The Association of Professional Engineers (APENS) for the province of Nova Scotia are backing the students' demands. APENS representative John Dick said that they would take the case to the Cabinet if necessary.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION, Peter Nicholson, met with the students on February 3, to discuss the problem. Nicholson did not sound too encouraging, saying that the government of Nova Scotia does not have the funds to meet every request for grants that come to it. In effect, the government can afford to lay out millions of dollars in grants to attract foreign industry to the province, but cannot afford to support education.

On Wednesday, the students marched to Province House to present a brief to Premier Gerald Regan. Because the Premier was out of town on business,

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"Too many PhD's"

TORONTO (CUP) — Another incisive statement from Ontario's Committee on University Affairs indicates that there are not enough jobs for doctoral graduates, but notes that it is "improbable" that too many PhDs are being produced.

According to the CUA, some university graduate programs may have to be curtailed because of an oversupply of graduates in some fields.

The market for doctoral graduates, it says in its annual report, has "softened considerably", due to a reversal of the flow to the U.S. and the tendency to prepare doctoral candidates for university positions no longer in demand rather than for research and industry.

But, it adds, "it seems improbable that in total too many people are now graduating with higher degrees".

It cites an "overwhelming need" for applied research relating to poverty economic development and welfare in Canada, and indicates that "some change in the character of graduate problems may be needed".

However, if Canada should determine to take "a more aggressive line" in research and development with respect to urban development, transportation, housing, the north and other fields, "we could possibly find ourselves again endeavoring to force the expansion of graduate enrollment."

