

Students take the credit for success in budget

by Sue Drapeau

"The recent campaign against cuts to Established Programs Financing (EPF) is clearly one of the most important and most successful campaigns ever undertaken by students," Bruce Tate, researcher for the Canadian Federation of Students told

students from Nova Scotian universities last weekend.

Tate said at the Students Unions of Nova Scotia conference, that the federal government usually cuts programs in areas where there is little public opposition. The federal government did not expect the

kind of opposition they received, at least not until after a cut had gone through, at which time the students' response would be futile.

"All we have to do is look at VIA rail, where people didn't start to protest until the cut had already gone through," said Rob McLellan, Atlantic fieldworker for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). "The protests aren't doing any good now," he said.

Tate said the federal government's second motivation in announcing cuts to post secondary education funding was

probably political. "The feds are funding 70 per cent of post secondary education in Canada and receiving very little recognition for it," he said. "By announcing a large cut they managed to raise their visibility." People are much more aware now about the size of contribution the federal government makes, he said.

However, the student success story is not permanent. Since the federal government plans to renegotiate the entire EPF agreements by March, 1983, student organizations have to

be involved as much as ever in any decisions to change the structure of the agreements, according to discussion at the conference. Initial negotiations will begin in Halifax when the provincial finance ministers meet with federal Finance Minister Allan MacEachen on November 23.

"No new job creation will create problems for students finding summer employment and the lack of housing make it difficult for students to find reasonable rental accommodations over the next year," said McNeil.

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Dalhousie and U of T win debating championship together

by Richard Payne

For the first time in its history, the Dalhousie Debating Tournament was won by a team representing two universities.

Fabrice Cadieux, from St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto, and Dalhousie Law Debating Society's Ken Mills, formed the winning team.

Cadieux arrived in Halifax without a partner and was matched up with Mills. The new team rose through the preliminary rounds to the championship against the Royal Military College team at Province House. It was a tight vote, with the house divided equally between the two teams, and the Speaker casting the deciding vote.

Jim Wentzell of Mount Saint

Vincent University won the public speaking championship, held immediately preceding the debating final. Jeremy Byatt of the Royal Military College was named best individual debater in the tournament.

Sodales, the Dalhousie Debating Society, holds weekly meetings on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the Weldon Law Building. All Dalhousie students are welcome to attend.

Walkouts of 6,000 students in Quebec

MONTREAL (CUP) More than 6,000 students staged walkouts and participated in demonstrations across the province of Quebec November 4 to protest government underfunding of post-secondary education.

Eighteen university and CEGEP student associations took part in the province-wide day of protest organized jointly by the Regroupement des Associations Etudiantes Universitaires (RAEU) and l'Association National des Etudiantes de Quebec (ANEQ).

Chanting "Education and health are rights not privileges," approximately 1,000 students marched to the Montreal offices of the ministry of education to demonstrate their opposition to the cutbacks.

Placards used by the demonstrators also denounced social service cuts currently being implemented by the government.

Most Montreal area universities and francophone colleges were represented at the march although only 50 students from McGill University and Concordia University were reportedly on hand.

Speakers told those rallying in front of the ministry that they should fight to an end for underfunding and for free university tuition.

The Parti Quebecois promised free tuition during the 1976 provincial election campaign. It was recently rumoured that the Levesque government would allow tuition to double next year, raising tuition fees to about \$1200 per year from the current \$400 to \$600.

Representatives from ANEQ

and RAEU were pleased with the day of protest. "November 4 is the starting point for mobilizing the student movement against the government's efforts to restrain the accessibility and democratization of education," said Chantal Fortier, a RAEU spokesperson.

An unlimited general walkout is being considered for January if the Quebec government does not change its funding policies.

Disabled self-help group

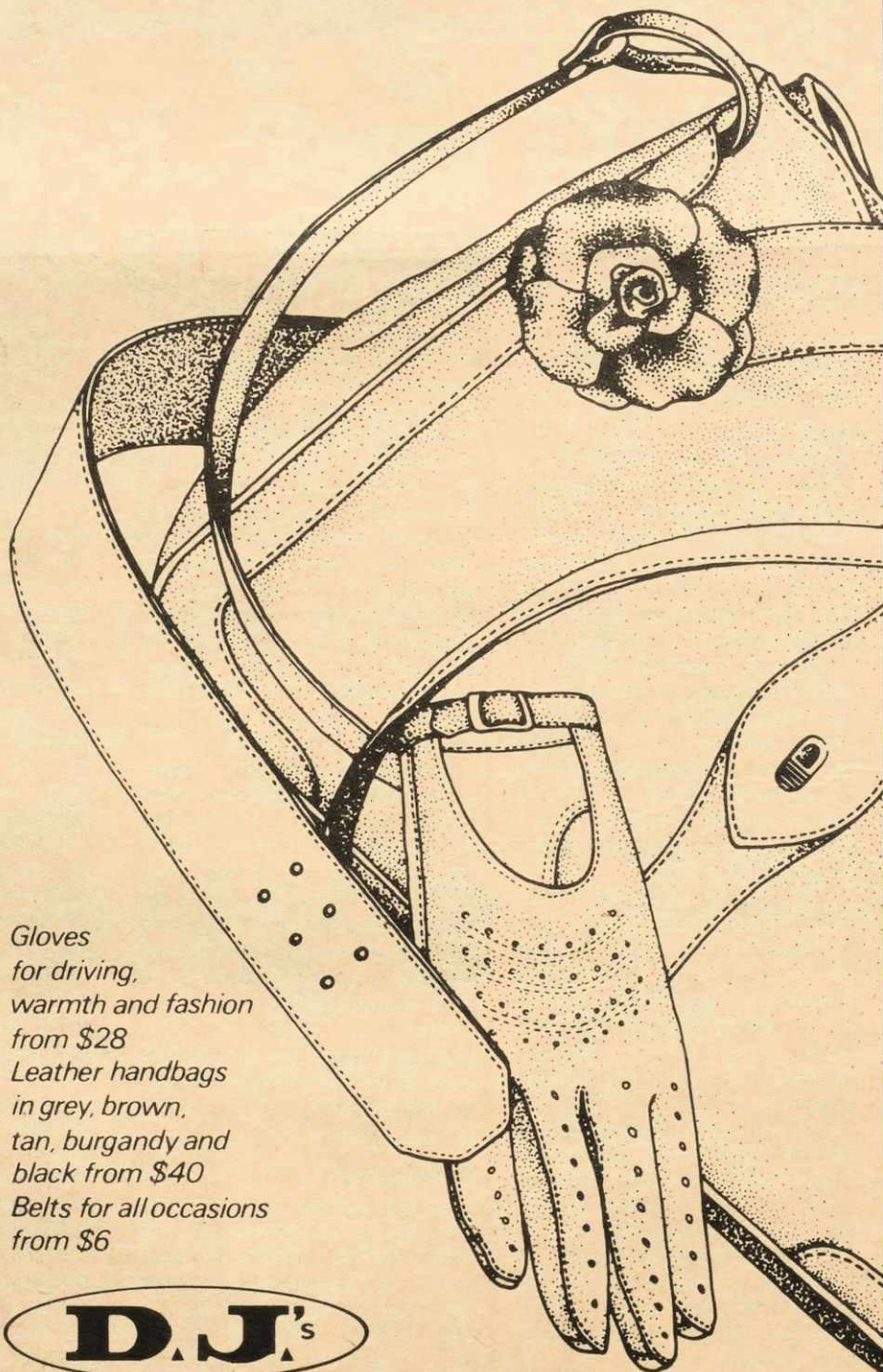
A self-help group for disabled students attending Dalhousie University is recruiting new members.

The group, which was formed last year and has held one meeting this term, will be meeting again next Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 5:30 pm, said Dr. Joseph Johnson, director of Student Health at Dalhousie and coordinator of the group.

"There is no way to identify all the disabled on campus or to solve all their problems," he said, "but this group allows them to meet and help each other."

To date the university has made real efforts to help individual disabled students who have asked for assistance, said Johnson. But it's time to expand the number of students being helped from the four presently involved in the discussion group, he added.

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