



The boarding around the New Public Archives site at the corner of Robie and University Ave has become a canvas for political expression.

# Cullen blushes over figures

OTTAWA (CUP)—Employment minister Bud Cullen has ordered all regional manpower offices to stop doing their own unemployment surveys because he finds their results embarrassing.

The embarrassment arises from the discrepancies between the locally produced figures and those of Statistics Canada, Cullen said. In most cases the regional surveys show higher unemployment levels than the official Statistics Canada results.

Cullen made the remarks at a September 26 press conference called in response to the release of government documents by NDP leader Ed Broadbent, which directed Manpower officials to keep survey information confidential or to stop doing them altogether.

Broadbent said the documents show that "local and regional manpower officials have been ordered to suppress information and basic data on real unemployment rates."

Included in the documents was a memorandum sent to regional manpower officials, dated May 15 and signed by Harold Hodder, a deputy minister in the manpower department. It says the estimates "have been a source of embarrassment for the minister".

It goes on to say "it is not clear to me why you need them, nor have any reasons per se been given for their

development, I would suggest we avoid producing them."

The local surveys are for internal use by the department, Cullen said, and are not for public consumption. He also said the results are sometimes inaccurate or are simply a combination of Statistics Canada figures, the number of unemployment insurance claimants in a region, and the number of people registered at local manpower centers.

Broadbent said the official Statistics Canada labour survey underestimates employment by not including what he called "the hidden unemployment", while the regional surveys give a truer assessment. The hidden unemployed, those people who have stopped looking for work because no jobs exist, are not counted in Stats Canada's survey.

"The real level of unemployment in this country far exceeds the official figures which are published each month. If this isn't so, as the government has always argued, then why is it necessary to suppress data from officials in the field?" he said.

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# Decision reversed

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The executive of the Dalhousie Student Union have used their constitutional power to overturn a ruling which discriminated against religious and political groups.

Late last week, the executive ordered the SUB Operations Committee to rescind a policy that prohibited these groups from setting up display booths in the SUB lobby. The executive order reinstated all political and religious groups to their original status and granted them all the privileges that other student organizations enjoy.

The Dalhousie Student Movement, a unit of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and the Dalhousie Christian Fellowship, were two groups directly affected by the decision. Both operated book tables in the SUB lobby last year.

Student Union President Mike Power said the decision was a difficult one to make. "All the members of the executive were consulted and a majority of them agreed that in the best interests of the Student Union it had to be overruled," he said.

In a statement outlining the executive's order Power said "the underlying assumptions forming the basis of the (SUB Ops) decision were the result of an error in judgement."

Power told the Gazette that the SUB Ops Committee had reacted to what it saw as "the problem of student political groups using the SUB lobby". "I don't disagree that it is a problem, but the policy decision was an error in judgement in how to eliminate the

problem," he said.

Power said he considers the presence of the CPC(M-L) booktable a problem because it bothers a lot of students.

Following the original banning order several of the groups affected formed an ad hoc committee to have it overturned. They had planned to leaflet the campus to gain popular support for their initiative. The executive's decision, however, was handed down before the committee began its proposed activities.

Asked if the executive's

decision was influenced by the opposition mounting against the SUB Ops ruling Power said that regardless of the amount of pressure being exerted the decision had to be made because the policy was "an infringement on social and educational activities on campus."

He added that he had received calls from students who were upset over the SUB Ops ruling and that the majority of complaints had come from council members themselves.

# Kings Out

by Alan Adams

Unless they can find a Dal student to sign them in, King's College students won't be allowed through the front door of the SUB after 6 p.m., Dalhousie Student Council decided Sunday night.

The Dalhousie council wants King's to pay \$10 per student for the use of the SUB. Dal students now pay \$17.50 from their student union fees for the SUB's capital costs and upkeep.

King's has offered a lower price per student, and plans a referendum on the matter Wednesday.

The student unions at Mount St. Vincent University pay \$2.75 and Nova Scotia Technical College \$2.00 per student for their members to use the Dal SUB.

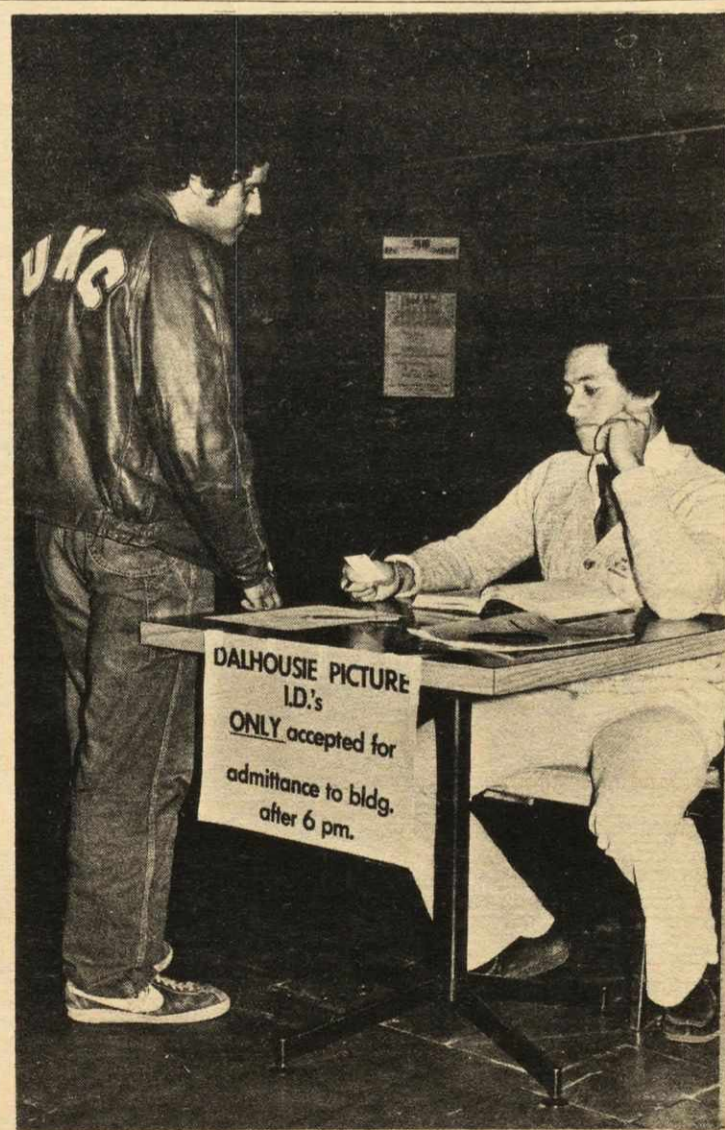
King's Student Union president Wally Stephens said he was "pretty disappointed" with the decision. He said that King's "always operates in a

spirit of co-operation," with Dal and added "that's a pretty sleazy way of creating a co-operative effort." Stephens explained that King's lets Dal students use their gym, pool and theatre facilities without charge. He added that an earlier threat to bar Dal students from these facilities won't take effect.

Dalhousie Student Union president Michael Power said that "basically, the SUB is for Dalhousie students." When asked to explain why the Mount and Tech pay lower user fees, Power said geography is the main reason.

Council's decision ratified one made during the summer months by the executive of the Dalhousie Student Union.

King's students working at the Gazette or at CKDU are still allowed into the SUB without being signed in, according to the council decision.



Kings students were the center of controversy at last Sunday's council meeting. They now have to pay Dal \$10. a head to use the SUB.