

It didn't last long

Carleton House to close

Carleton House, the recently opened lower campus lounge, will be permanently closed this December.

Al Rodgers, the medicine member of the Carleton House Committee, said, "As it now stands one could say we have been shafted, screwed or as the cliché goes, 'The University has not bargained in food faith.'"

Plans for a social facility for the Carleton Campus had been in the works for almost four years, since it was realized that the SUB was inadequate for the needs of the 1400 students on Dalhousie's lower campus. These students wanted an area with non-academic and eating facilities.

Last spring, a house was finally made available at 6030 University Avenue and renovations were carried out during the summer. However, a leak in the basement caused persistent delays in opening the house. Last week, upon enquiring why the leak had not been repaired, students were told that their house was soon to be closed down.

Before renovations had been started on the house, the Carleton House Committee had been assured by University Planners, and Louis Vagianos, Vice President of University Services, that this house would remain available for use until



Students of Dalhousie's lower campus find fleeting happiness in Carleton House. The house, newly renovated, is soon to be taken away.

long after completion of the new Dental Complex which is to include a Carleton Campus facility. These promises encouraged the Carleton House committee and the Student Union to put several thousand dollars into the project.

While the house was being renovated, the University was holding talks with the province so that the land on which Carleton House rests would become the property of the Province, and Dalhousie would gain several buildings in return.

Don Power of the Department of Public Works told the *Gazette* that nothing is yet finalized but that plans have been in the works since June.

Several thousand dollars of Student Union monies have been wasted as a result of not only the University's decision not to involve students in their plans which were of immediate consequence to the students but their encouragement and direction to go ahead with renovations when they were aware of the future of the property."

The students of Carleton Campus will soon again be without a facility and must try to pin the University to prior commitments.

Student Union President Robert Sampson said that something will be done for the Carleton Campus Students and a meeting is planned as soon as Vagianos comes back to town.

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Halifax hosts gay conference

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"I am not a closet heterosexual, I'm definitely a homosexual... the world is made up of gays and straights, we must stand together and demand basic rights for everyone."

These words of John Damien officially opened the first Atlantic Gay Conference in Halifax, Thanksgiving weekend.

The conference hosted by Gay Alliance for Equality (G.A.E.) and the Atlantic Province's Political Lesbians for Equality (A.P.P.L.E.) offered two gay films, some social events and fourteen workshops entitled Coming Out, the CBC Case, Lesbian Sexuality, Gay Male Identity, Lesbian Culture, Les Gai (e)s D'Acadie, Gays and Christian Life, Gay Atlantic Publications, Lesbian Politics, Feminism and the Gay Movement, the National Gay Rights Coalition in the Atlantic Region, Lesbian Mothers, Gay Youth, Gay Teachers, and the John Damien case.

As well as these specific issues, the conference dealt in depth with Atlantic issues such as the lack of protection in our present Human Rights Codes, the need for a stronger Atlantic voice at National conventions, the need for more

communications between our provinces, the need for more clubs and organizations in the Atlantic Provinces. Therefore, we not only covered the state of all gays but for the first time were able to localize the issues, and clearly define what we can do down here to combat oppression in our homes, jobs, city and provincial legislatures.

The workshops resulted in several resolutions being presented at the final plenary and all were approved unanimously.

The Atlantic Gay Movement wants gay conferences and gay publications to be bilingual, and will urge N.G.R.C. to approve this motion.

We support the policy of CBC license renewal interventions, and the campaign against discrimination in CBC Public Announcement policy will be seen as a high priority.

We will urge NGRC to continue public actions against CBC until such time as their policy becomes favourable.

We object to sexism within the gay community and urge responsibility be taken to educate one another on this issue.

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Schreyer gov't defeated

WINNIPEG (CUP)—Sterling-Lyon's Progressive Conservative party defeated Manitoba's NDP government of Ed Schreyer Tuesday night.

The Conservatives, who will form a majority government with 33 of the province's 57 seats, picked up 10 seats: two from the Liberals and eight from the NDP.

One of the major surprises of the election was the decimation of the supposedly rejuvenated Manitoba Liberal party. Two of the three Liberal MLA's went down to defeat and party leader Charles Huband finished third in his own riding.

Three NDP cabinet ministers were defeated: Education Minister Ian Turnbull, Communications Minister Rene Toupin and Highways minister Peter Burtiak. The Thompson riding indicated the NDP's lack of support—although members of the United Steelworkers of America make up much of the constituency, the P.C. can-

didate beat out the incumbent NDP MLA.

A common explanation for the NDP defeat was that voters had decided it was time for a change and thus voted conservative even if they had previously supported the Liberals.

NDP MLA Larry Desjardins blamed the media, particularly the Winnipeg Free Press, for urging his party's defeat. Both Winnipeg dailies wrote editorials in favour of the PC's.

Ex-Premier Schreyer has indicated he will not serve for long as Leader of the Opposition. It is possible his long-remoured appointment to the Federal Energy Board will take place. Among those considered to be in the running to succeed Schreyer are veteran MLA Sid Green, who polled more votes than any other candidate in the election, and newly-elected Brian Corrin, a former Winnipeg City Councillor.

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