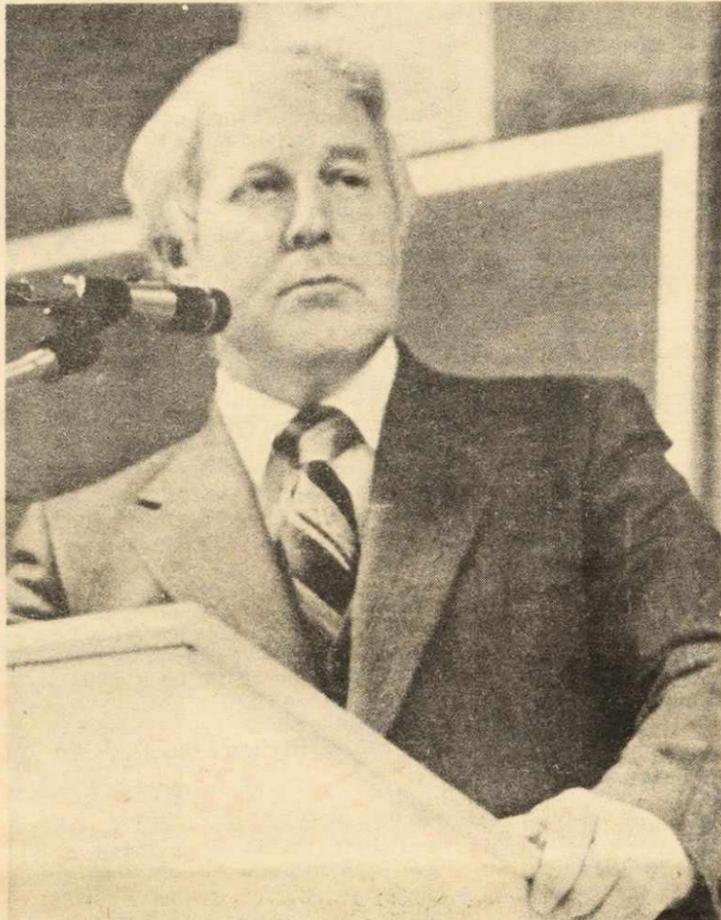


Promise fails

No work done on summer employment



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by Tom Regan

Nova Scotian Premier John Buchanan's promise to "gear up" student employment programs seems to have had little effect on the number of unemployed students in the province last summer.

Buchanan made the promise to over 3000 students who marched on Province House to protest government funding cuts and increased tuition fees last March.

Government sources could not confirm if summer programs has been accelerated and the premier's office admitted there were no provincial government records being kept that showed the number of students being employed. At one point 8 different departments and 12 different people were contacted before someone was found who could give any idea about student employment.

According to Statistics Canada, the unemployment rate for August among Nova Scotia students 15-24 years old who were planning to return to school was 13.7% compared to a national average of 8.7%.

Karen Mann of Job Creation said "We hired 3000 people last summer but not all of them were students."

No figures were available on the number of students hired and the only breakdown was by age, she said. Positions in the Job Creation Program ranged from \$2.75 an hour for unskilled labour to \$3.25 for skilled labour.

Rick Butler, also from Job Creation, said about 900 other people were hired by other departments, besides the old Highway Department. Contractors working for the government hire some students but once again no exact figures could be given.

No one can give exact figures because the jobs just did not emerge, said Mike McNeil, spokesperson for the Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS).

"The government let students down again," he said, there were nowhere near enough jobs."

"The only real project I can recall hearing of was when they hired 500 students to clean up an oil slick that no

one could find but the premier. True, the pay was good (\$5.00 an hour), but it only lasted three weeks. You can't put yourself through college on three weeks of work a summer," he said.

McNeil said another problem is the criteria for student aid students must meet if they are to receive a student loan.

"You have to save \$52.50 a week. If you are bringing home \$101 a week and have to pay room and board the situation becomes impossible," he said.

A spokesperson for the Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration said preliminary indications are, of the approximately 23,000 students who registered with Manpower last summer only 11,000 found jobs.

This was an increase of about 12%, the spokesperson said, but Nova Scotia still has one of the worst student unemployment rates in the country.

Manpower's completed report on summer employment should be released next week.

PC employment plan

Government - industry to share responsibility

by Tom Regan

The new student job creation program of the federal government could do a lot for helping students find employment, but there are still a lot of questions to be answered, especially about the Maritime provinces according to the executive secretary of the National Union of Students, Morna A. Ballantyne.

Ballantyne was one of those who met with Federal Manpower Minister Ron Atkey last week (see story page 3).

"The Tories are interested in developing a new strategy on employment and getting rid of the Liberals' old approach as

much as possible", said Ballantyne.

Under the new approach a Youth Secretariat would be created to advise the Minister on unemployment problems among students. The program also features a two-fold approach to creating jobs for students.

Under the new program government would help sub-

sidize wages in new jobs created for young people. The exact figure on the percentage of wage paid by government and employer is not known, although Ballantyne figures that the costs will probably be shared 50-50.

The other part of the program will see the government give tax breaks to industries that create jobs for young people.

"The program is basically a sound one. The only trouble is that there will be no guarantees of industry sticking with the programs after the governments' funding ends," says Ballantyne.

"The government will only subsidize up to a point. After that industry is on its own. In areas where there is a lot of wealthy industry this approach might work, but in areas like

the Maritimes, jobs could end as soon as funding does."

Atkey has agreed that the Maritimes constitute a special problem, and a program more along the lines of the old Young Canada Works program will have to be created.

"These programs would be great for students, said Ballantyne. "However, we're not going to get our hopes up until we see something on paper."

Juice turned off

Fenwick security cracks down

by Sheila Mills

Student tenants are upset with the unauthorized turning off of electricity by student security in Fenwick Towers.

A recent experience at a Fenwick apartment resulted in a power shut off in that room for a half hour. By turning the electricity off, Fenwick security hoped to control a party they considered to be getting out of hand. In this particular case, the apartment tenants had been warned to turn the stereo down and to keep their party out of the halls. The students in the apartment ignored the request, and after repeated pleas by other tenants to stop the noise, the

electricity was shut off.

Other cases where the electricity on a whole floor or in the elevator was shut off until the parties quieted or disintegrated have been reported.

M.J. Middleton, the Fenwick manager said that there is a limit to what you can do in a public place, but that the Fenwick security does not have any authority to turn off electricity. The lights are to remain on and the elevators must continue to operate. The security is there to answer complaints and to help in cases of emergency. While fulfilling their assigned duties, Fenwick security are not to place themselves in physi-

cal contact with any offenders, but to leave any serious problems to the City Police.

Students, on the other hand, have many responsibilities as a tenant, some of which are often ignored. The consequences of using an apartment for an open party and taking the risk that it may go out of control are very grave. All liability lies with the tenants, even if their guests are responsible, because it is the tenant who is responsible for the conduct of their visitors. The tenant of an apartment in which something is thrown from the balcony is subject to immediate eviction. A commonly-broken regula-

tion is the prohibition of open liquor in hallways and other common areas. Putting an end to any nuisance caused by tenants, is left to the discretion of Fenwick security.

Middleton said that it is unfortunate that Fenwick has no prior knowledge of a crime and has no ability to control it until it has happened. Security is necessary, and is there because it is desired by the majority of the tenants. Fenwick works because students are hired to confront students, and that although a problem may arise now and then, Fenwick's track record with security has been decent.

Contract talks

by Paul Tyndall

Negotiations between the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and the University Administration continued this week. However, Dr. Michael Cross, the chief negotiator for the DFA says that neither he nor the administration are willing to talk about the progress of the meetings at this time.