

# A look at student aid

by M.P. MacKenzie

At the Atlantic Federation of Students meeting over the weekend a joint committee on Student Aid was formed between the A.F.S. and the Atlantic Association of Universities (A.A.U.). There was some debate as to whether or not the A.F.S. committee should include members of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. It was decided that the M.P.H.E.C. would act as a resource body.

The University of Moncton presented a list of resolutions to the meeting and almost all were accepted by the conference. One of the resolutions involved a recommendation that student aid consist of 50% bursary and 50% loan for all students requesting government aid. It was decided that the new committee would examine the implications of this recommendation and report at a later date to

the A.F.S.

A nursing student present at the meeting pointed out that many students in programs running longer than the average academic year are penalized under the present aid program. Nursing students who are in school for 10 months of the year are expected to contribute as much from summer savings as other students who have a longer period for summer employment. The delegates agreed that this is an area of inequality in the aid program which must be changed.

Student Aid for part time students was brought forward for discussion but was almost immediately dismissed by the delegates. It was argued that either part-time students did not need student aid or that the initiative to work for student aid should come from part-time students themselves.

## Part time students recognized

by Stuart Metcalfe

Although part-time students have long been forgotten at Dalhousie as a segment of the student body, this should soon change. A small committee has been meeting throughout the summer and early fall to lay a foundation for an organized and recognized part-time students association on the Dalhousie campus. Members of this group: Bruce Russell and Ann Smiley, President and Vice-President of the Student Union, Phil Hicks, Academic Affairs Secretary, Dr. Tom Parker, Director of Summer School and Extension, Jane Entin and Ed Miller, circulated a questionnaire at registration in September to determine the number of part-time students interested in taking an active role in the formation of such an association. Over 95% of the 500+ responses were enthusiastic and many of these people met at the S.U.B. early this week to finalize strategy for founding the association.

Phil Hicks and Jane Entin, sent by the Student Union and the

University in May attended a national part-time students conference in Toronto, have returned with many ideas for such an organization at Dal. Mr. Hicks notes that many part-time students are disadvantaged by having only insufficient courses available to them at inadequate hours, and also by the lack of government assistance available to such students.

(FACT

(1) Dalhousie University offers only a small handful of science courses for part-time students.

(2) Student Aid is not available to part-time students.) Ms. Entin has indicated that if an association can be formed by Christmas, that the Dalhousie Student Union should consider hosting the next national conference for part-time students.

Commenting briefly, Bruce Russell stated that some consideration be given to allowing part-time students representation on Council and that this would be encouraged if the planned organization succeeded.

## Memorial joins NUS

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) --- Memorial University of Newfoundland has joined the National Union of Student (NUS) as a result of referendum held 23-24 September.

The referendum had a 34 per cent turnout among Memorial's 5700 full-time undergrads, with 66.7 per cent voting in favour of membership

in the national union.

The local council did not do quite so well in its own bid for a fee increase, managing to win by the scant margin of 956 votes to 946.

The Memorial victory brings the total number of NUS member campuses to 21, and brings another province into the national union.

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areas that directly affects students lives.

It was pointed out by one delegate that bursaries in the Atlantic Provinces are lower than anywhere else in Canada while the university tuitions here are among the highest. The Premier was asked whether the federal government would be willing to subsidize provincial bursaries here in order to minimize economic disparity. Mr. Regan said he would be willing to approach the feds on the matter but based on past experience in dealings with the federal government he had no great hopes for success. Federal grants are based on the general population size not on the size of the student population which in Nova Scotia works against the Province.

One member of the audience questioned the Premier on his feelings about Law School expansion. The Premier's response was in

his own words "somewhat circum-spect" because of the presence of the local media, he did not wish to make headlines in the morning paper on that particular issue. He went on to say, however, that he felt very strongly that any qualified Nova Scotian should not be denied access to the educational experience they desired. He said the test of need should never be whether the market is flooded already or whether the professional groups involved wish to keep the market small, but whether the desires of students are being met. He suggested that the law of supply and demand would effectively control the number of applicants to any given professional school. Unfortunately with limited finances the Premier said it is impossible to provide enough schools for all who wish to attend. If, however, the expense is expanding the present law school facilities were not too extreme he could see no reason why expansion should not occur.

## The Lunch Bucket

by Alan McHughen

Earlier this week, Pat Hennessey and I went over to eat some Beaver food at Sherriff Hall. We were just checking to see what the competition had to offer, but, to make sure, one petite resident informed me that if I said anything snarky about their Food Service, she would smash my brains in. Needless to say, I will always succumb to the wishes of a pretty girl, and will not report on the state of affairs in the Dining Room. Sherriff Hall does have a better atmosphere for eating than the cafeteria in the SUB though-the scenery is tremendous.

Okay, you win. Here's the special announcement I promised last week. For you...vegetarians out there, Saga will offer your food preferences at noon next Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This is on a trial basis, so if you don't buy it, it will be discontinued.

Dear Box:

How about Vending Machines that sell spaghetti?

Anon.

Be patient. Right now we're working on Vending Machines that provide real food. I seem to remember someone once telling me they bought a meal out of the machines that tasted like spaghetti, but was labelled "muffins".

Dear Box:

"Homogenized milk" is not Homogenized. In fact it is at least half powdered, I think.

Gary Horsman

Milk is delivered straight from the manufacturer. When Homogenized milk is ordered, it is delivered in cardboard boxes labelled "Homo". We were under the impression that this meant the milk was homogenized, but maybe you're right, so I'll look into it.

Dear Box:

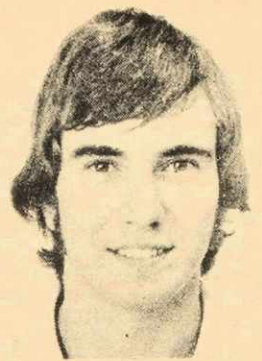
I suggest you fix your tables. They are very tippy and cause a lot of spills.

Illegible

There are presently four different types of tables in the cafeteria. The trouble making ones are the oldest, and the most common. The best way to alleviate this problem is to fix it yourself. If you are a physical person, snap off one of the legs. Almost any idiot can tell that a three-legged table will not wobble. However, you should be cautious when putting your food on the corner lacking support. The less physical people will have to be content shoving a few french fries under the non-conforming leg.

Dear Box:

We the undersigned have come together to formally protest the fluctuating price of your ice cream. On numerous occasions we have bought tubs of ice cream (um) for two distinctly different prices. Being confirmed ice cream (yum) addicts as we are, you cannot pull the wool over our eyes. We know the difference between 45 and 50 cents. Last year ice cream sold for 40c. A 5c increase sounds reason-



able, but a sometimes 10c increase is inhumane. The S.T.H.I.C.(Y)A. (Society to help ice cream (yum) addicts) strongly suggests that one price be charged by all cashiers to alleviate unnecessary stress on ice cream (yum) addicts.

However, we the undersigned strongly feel that ice cream (yum) should be given out free of charge to all persons holding authorized S.T.H.I.C.(Y)A. addict cards. We hope you do your best to implement our recommendations.

Sincerely,  
Tubby and friends.

You forgot a (yum) in the first sentence. I checked into this problem and came to the conclusion that you were right. The half pints of ice cream (yech) were 40c at the cashier, and 50c in the contract. The half half pints (quarter pints?) are only 17c. That means that two half half pints equals one half pint in volume, but only 68% of the cost of one half pint. So, in effect, you are paying 6c less this year for a half a pint of ice cream(yech) over last year, as long as you buy two half half pints.

Further investigation of this problem led me to the discovery in the convenient absence of the half half pints in the ice cream (yech) cooler. I confronted Pat Hennessey with this, and he remained cool. The half half pints will soon return. And we are not going to sign your cards. It's bad enough we have to sell it to you; we're sure as hell not going to help you support your filthy habit.

Dear Box:

The system used last year was much quicker, and I wish you would return to the old system.

V.V. Palma.

I am sick and tired of getting letters like this. When are you going to learn that this way is better. The only good thing about last year's system is that it is gone. Just keep saying to yourself "This year it's better ...."

Dear Box:

If you try it you will find that 45c worth of french fries will use up four full forks fulls. This is rather a rip-off for the money.

Irish Potatoe.

Why don't you fork yourself? I can't answer a letter from a vegetable! It's bad enough with the fruits. People would think I was nuts if I set up correspondence with your kind. Go away and leave me alone.

Dear Box:

Why are we subjected to using paper plates and plastic utensils? What happened to the real thing?

Anon.

The dishes and cutlery have to be washed at least once a year. They were especially dirty this year and are taking longer than expected. But they should be back soon. Watch for them.