

# Inside the Ivory Tower dispels student myths

by Susan Fullerton

The Dalhousie Student Union (SUB) sponsored television show *Inside the Ivory Tower* was a success on all accounts say both DSU President Tim Hill and Phil Doucette, the show's host.

Doucette said he has received "much positive feedback" about the *Tower* which is on its eleventh show of the season on local cable television.

It was a success in terms of what it set out to do, said Hill. Its primary purpose was to enhance the awareness of the community at large to the Dalhousie world, he said.

"We do not set the world on fire with one television show," said Hill.

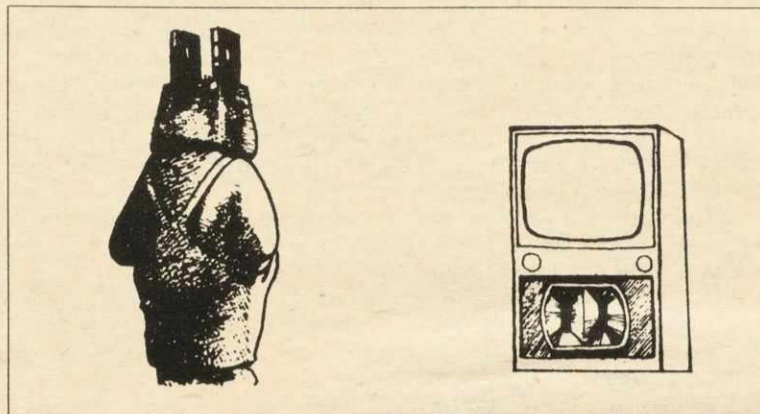
"We also do it by CKDU (FM

## CFS loses its traditional support base

OTTAWA (CUP)—The Canadian Federation of Students has lost two especially painful membership referenda.

For the first time, the federation faced opposition from campus activists who endorse the idea of national student organization, but reject CFS as too moderate. The two campuses—Guelph University and Trent University—formerly had strong voices in the organization.

Teresa LeGrand, an executive member of the Trent student union, said the federation does not succeed at mobilizing students, and its members do not debate serious issues. She conceded the federation provides services and lobbies the federal government, but said "if this is all that is of concern to CFS, let's just cut the crap, call it the 'Canadian Student Interest Lobby Group and Services Organization' and lower the membership fee."



this fall), SUNS, and by the efforts of student leaders. This leads to success like the seven percent tuition increase announced last week," said Hill.

The show's cost (approximately two thousand dollars) is only a very small percentage of the DSU total budget of two million dollars, said Hill. The university has been very supportive, allowing the use of an extra camera, helping the production run more smoothly, said Hill.

The sole criticism, said Doucette, is that the show is doing the work the university should be doing.

## Protesters call off international Nestles boycott

CALGARY (CUP)—The six-year international boycott of Nestle products is over, at least temporarily.

Nestle Corp. was the main company targeted by the campaign because of its aggressive marketing techniques aimed at Third World mothers. INFACT, the Infant Formula Action Committee, charged Nestle with encouraging new mothers to give up breast feeding unnecessarily for formula, exposing infants to serious health risks and possible death. INFACT said mothers became dependent on the formula after they stopped breast feeding, and with poor sanitary conditions, improper use

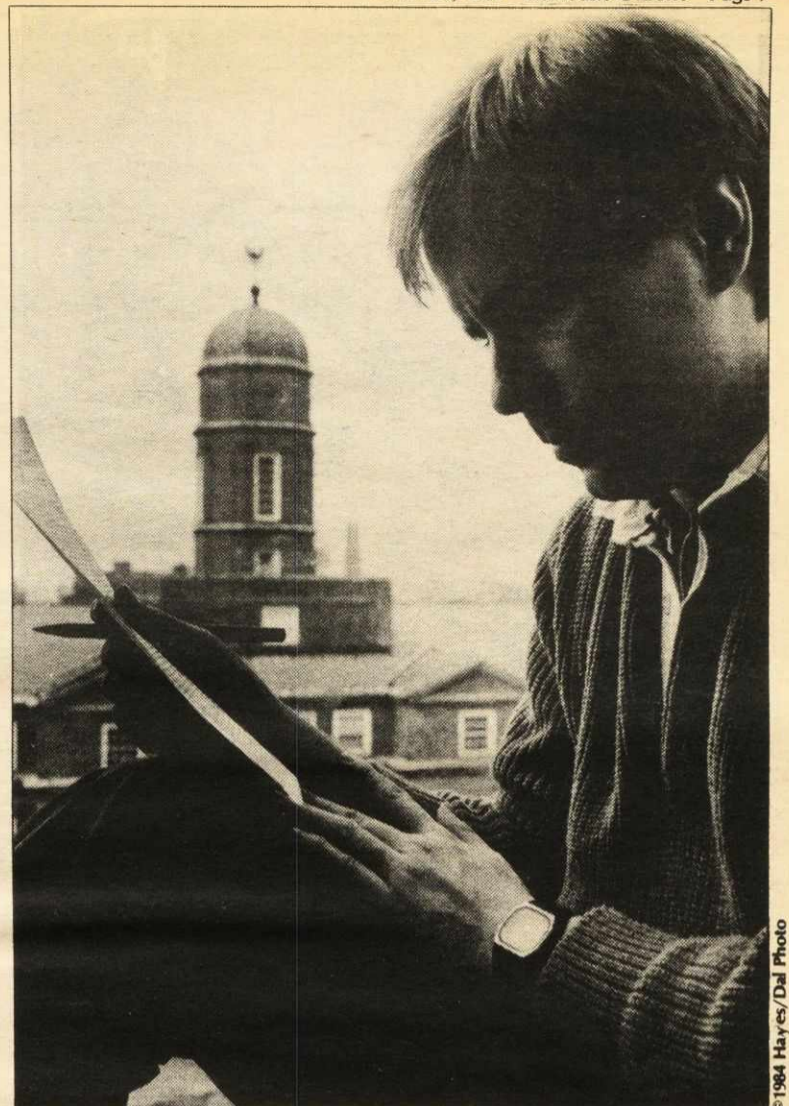
Doucette said that many departments are interested in being featured on the half hour show. Among those already shown are CKDU radio, Dalplex and the Dalhousie Art Gallery.

The program "looks at areas where the community can actually get involved" said Doucette. The show helps to allay the myths that "students are isolated academics or beer drinking money absorbers," said Doucette.

If asked, both Hill and Doucette would recommend it for next year, possibly looking at provincial cable coverage or even commercial television.

and lack of funds, the formula is often diluted or contaminated.

In 1981, Nestle agreed to abide by the World Health Organization's guidelines, which recommended government enforcement of WHO aims, protection and promotion of breast feeding and providing information on the proper use of breast milk



With exams just around the corner, the libraries are crowded with students trying to find a quiet corner to study. Mark Childerhose, a commerce student at Dalhousie, took refuge on the roof of the Life Sciences Centre.

substitutes.

INFACT says it is not completely satisfied with Nestle's actions, but feels an important goal of the campaign was accomplished.

Professor Tim Shaw, Director of the African Studies Centre at Dalhousie, has doubts about the wisdom of the decision.

"Given the difficulty of controlling multinational corporations I'm not sure that we should give them the benefit of the doubt," says Shaw. He preferred a proposal that would give Nestles six months or a year to meet certain conditions with the promise of lifting the boycott if they complied.

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