

WE'RE MARCHING WEDNESDAY, 11:30 a.m. STARTING AT THE SUB

by Sue Drapeau (CUP) Halifax

Students are marching in Halifax, St. John's and Charlottetown on September 30, and in Fredericton on October 6. They are marching to preserve the future of post-secondary education in Canada.

Sandy Spencer, a spokesperson for the Students' Unions of Nova Scotia (SUNS) has been telling students,

"You are not marching for yourselves but so your kid sister or brother can have the opportunity of a university education."

The focal point of the march is the proposed cut of \$1.5 billion of the Established Programs Financing agreements (EPF) for post-secondary education. A part of this proposal is to direct separate funds to tech-

nical and vocational training programs. Student groups such as the National Union of Students (NUS) and SUNS maintain that such a re-allocation of

universities, it means a reduction in the accessibility to post-secondary education, especially for the less affluent students," Spencer said.

"We have been getting nowhere this summer trying to make presentatons to the government or to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education

ignore that."

The Halifax universities are strongly in support of the march. Both Saint Mary's University and Technical University of Nova Scotia have expressed thier support.

The Dalhousie Student Council voted unanimously in favour of supporting the march and set up a "Voter Registration Committee" to ensure that students who can vote in the upcoming provincial election arrange to vote by proxy.

John Logan, Student Union President, said he was trying to get support from the faculty for the march.

"We won't get the day off classes, but at least we're trying to see that students won't be penalised," said Logan.

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funds still entails a major cut to post secondary education.

That amount of money cut from funds to universities would mean either increases of tuition of 2 to 3 times what is paid now, or the closure of several universities in Canada.

"Any way the cuts affect uni-

The question that comes to mind then is why a march instead of individual or group approaches to government authorities. The response from SUNS is that campaigns 'after the fact' do not work, and neither do individual or group approaches.

Commission," Spencer said.

"What we need is a show of solidarity, to show that the students are behind us. Government officials so seldom really represent their constituents. We are their constituents and if we show up in big enough numbers, they can't totally

Coyle upset with enumeration

NDP candidate takes

Cornwallis Returning Officer to court

by Gregory Hamara

In an unexpected move, the New Democratic Party candidate for Halifax Cornwallis, Michael Coyle, has filed suit in the Nova Scotia Supreme Court against the riding's Returning Officer, Arthur Hare, alleging failure to appoint revising agents to carry out a thorough enumeration of the constituency.

It is believed to be the first such action against a Nova Scotia returning officer since the Great Franchise Scandal of 1933.

"Realizing full well the large number of students on campus who have not been enumerated, Mr. Hare has knowingly failed to appoint revising agents to ensure that eligible voters are put on the voter's list, said Mr. Coyle.

In a statement released from

his office, Mr. Hare said, "I have not been advised that any legal action has been commenced. Prior to today, Mr. Coyle indicated that he had given instructions to his solicitors concerning same."

Mr. Coyle points to Section 41 of the Nova Scotia Elections Act as grounds upon which he believes Mr. Hare should appoint revising agents. Under Section 41, a returning officer is required to appoint revising agents when he "is aware that the name(s) and particulars of a substantial number of electors, ordinarily resident in his electoral or district, have been omitted from or incorrectly described on a list of electors..."

The NDP candidate claims that Section 41 is included in the Elections Act to provide for situations such as the present one where large numbers of

electors were not in the riding the day on which election writs were issued. Writs for the October 6 provincial elections were issued on August 28.

Mr. Coyle's decision to take the Halifax Cornwallis returning officer to court followed a September 15 letter from the candidate in which he called upon Mr. Hare to appoint "sufficient revising agents to register these electors pursuant to Section 41." In separate letters, Mr. Coyle also solicited the "non-partisan" support of his Liberal and Conservative opponents on the issue of "effective disenfranchisement of hundreds of electors."

Liberal candidate Dean Salsman wrote to Mr. Hare in support of Mr. Coyle, but noted that he was "concerned that the returning officer will be unable

to overcome the specific provisions of the Elections Act.

Conservative candidate Terrence Donahoe did not reply to either Mr. Coyle or Mr. Hare.

In an interview before Mr. Coyle's announced legal action, Mr. Hare made it clear that eligible electors could come to revising officers on September 24 or 25 to ensure that their names were included on the revised voter's list. The distinction between revising officers and

revising agents is that the former group revise voter's lists on specific dates from the riding electoral office, while the latter group go into the riding to enumerate voters under terms of Section 41 of the Elections Act.

Mr. Coyle expects his legal suit, formally known as an application for Order in Nature of Mandamus, to be heard by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court this Friday at the earliest.

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