

# The Rock gets off the ground

By PETER BESSEAU

Concerns over unemployment and the quality of education in Newfoundland are convincing Newfoundland student groups of the need for a province-wide association.

Ed Byrne, Memorial University student council president, says that "too often students just get together when there is a crisis. A provincial organization will get students together in one place, one force."

With a concentrated effort Byrne and the proposed group hope to focus attention on the bleak prospects of Newfoundland graduates.

In this province, the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) has been working for some time coordinating student concerns and lobbying government.

"I'd have to say that given the nature of student organizations [their ability to affect education policy] SUNS is probably the most effective in Canada," says Dalhousie Student Union president Alex Gigeroff.

SUNS was formed to give a "cohesive student voice" to mutual student concerns throughout the province, says deputy chair Catherine Blewett.

We have been successful, says Blewett. This past summer increases were made to the government's budget for summer job creation, in large part because of SUNS. Favourable alterations have also been made to the province's bursary program.

As well, she says submissions to the Royal Commission on Education last spring will provide data and perspective previously unavailable.

The idea of forming a Newfoundland student union has been "kicking around" for about five years says Byrne.

"Through constant lobbying—instead of a one-shot deal—we will be able to improve our education system."

The November election is presently the center of SUNS' attention.

Their aim is to make education an issue by approaching prospective MLA's and by encouraging students to register and vote on Nov. 6. In the new year, student housing and aid surveys will be conducted by SUNS for submission to the royal commission. □

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Do you have a habit of listening in on other people's conversations? Have people told you to stop staring? Can you ask embarrassing and direct questions? Then you can take refuge up here at the *Dalhousie Gazette*—the people who don't ignore the issues. Photo: John Davie, Dai Photo

## SFU women's centre fears attacks

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Two recent incidents of sexual harassment have sparked fears that sexual violence is becoming a more widespread problem at Simon Fraser University.

While comparative figures from last year were unavailable, Myra McLaughlin, SFU women's centre spokesperson, said that more and more women are being attacked. On Sept. 16 a woman was followed by a man who verbally harassed her until she sought the aid of a passing jogger. The following day an attempted rape occurred in the SFU parking lot. The victim managed to free herself and run for help. Both incidents occurred during the daytime. Further publicity and information on self-defence are being planned on campus.

At Dalhousie, campus security have reported no incidents of sexual harassment or violence. There have been, however, some reports of flashers. Campus security also noted that there were no reported

incidents of sexual harassment last year.

At Dalhousie, an escort service is available for people on campus.

"Runs" are made nightly beginning at 9 p.m. from Kellogg, leaving Weldon at 9:10 p.m., Killam at 9:15 p.m. and McDonald Science at 9:20 p.m., and arriving at Sheriff Hall at 9:25 p.m. A later run

begins at 10:15 p.m. with the exception of Friday night.

The escort service, now in its second year, is run by volunteers from Howe Hall. Further information is available by contacting Peter Jarvis at 425-3330. □

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## Women's centre at Calgary fights sexism

**CALGARY (CUP)**—University of Calgary students trying to organize a women's centre face "complete opposition" in their fight against pornography and inadequate campus security.

"We were laughed at," says Jenny Irving-Halladay, an organizing committee member. She says her group is ignored by student council, student services and faculty heads, who all refused to give them space or funding.

"The student union also recommended we call ourselves a club," she says. Clubs may receive some office space and are eligible for a small grant.

The organizing committee, which has temporary office space in the social welfare student lounge, plans to lobby for tighter campus security and fight pornography on campus.

"It is useful to have a temporary room to prove we are useful and have viable issues to work on on a continuing basis," says committee member Anette Cerafitzky.

Deirdre Wall, student union executive and women's committee member, says the group is targeting the engineering students' annual Lady Godiva ride and pornography at the university bookstore.

She says each year the engineers parade a naked woman on a horse through campus in mock imitation of the famous Lady Godiva ride for the suffragist movement at turn of the century.

"I want porn off campus," she says. She points to a poster advertising a recent fraternity party on

campus depicting a naked woman being chased by a man on horseback carrying a whip as another example of violence against women.

Although the group has met with some co-operation from students, committee member Pat Stanley says she also gets comments such as, "What's the matter, you got a Freudian problem here?"

Plans for a new women's centre at one other campus have also been delayed. The University of Saskatchewan student union, which shut down its women's directorate last October, has not yet decided how to replace the services it eliminated. □

**CALGARY (CUP)**—Former high school teacher Jim Keegstra is "disappointed" that Mount Royal College in Calgary is videotaping oral histories of Jewish holocaust survivors.

Keegstra is the former mayor of Eckville, Alberta who lost his job as a social studies teacher and post as mayor because he taught his students the slaughter of Jews by the Nazis in World War II never happened.

Keegstra says the Mount Royal library is compiling the fabricated recollections of people who had

never been in a concentration camp.

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## CFS wins landslide victory at Brandon university

**BRANDON, Man. (CUP)**—The Canadian Federation of Students won a "moral victory" at Brandon University Oct. 3, when more than 75 per cent of voting students cast a "yes" vote for the national lobby group.

"Anything over 65 per cent is a moral victory," said CFS fieldworker Dave Plummer. He said the only other victory to top Brandon's

membership referendum occurred at the Emily Carr School of Fine Arts in Vancouver last year, in which about 98 per cent of the students voted yes to CFS.

Twelve per cent of Brandon's student population voted in the referendum. No organized "no" campaign surfaced, although several leaflets warning of the "universal evil of communism" were found on campus prior to the referendum.

Student council endorsed the CFS membership and favored a yes vote.

Brandon University's student council had been prospective members of the federation for three years. It ran an unsuccessful full membership referendum a year and a half ago and would have lost its prospective membership status had this latest referendum failed.

CFS executive officer Diane Flaherty was pleased with the results, saying the win will bolster CFS members' hopes for a successful referendum next week at the University of Calgary. The U of C grads will vote on whether to pull out of the organization Oct. 10.

"Students recognize the need to work collectively and voice their concerns together," Flaherty said. "This victory means the federation will be stronger and will represent more students." □

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He says this discredits Keegstra's claim that Zionists fabricated the holocaust to gain sympathy for their quest to create the state of Israel.

Cyngiser is one of 60 slated to be interviewed by the humanities department project. Humanities head Hugh MacLeod says the project is based on one at Yale university and will attempt to record the personal recollections of concentration camp life before this history is lost.

The project received \$2500 from the college. □