

CUP briefs

Chancellor is corporate giant

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Paul Desmarais, one of Canada's richest men, has been appointed chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland, and the students' union is not at all pleased.

At a recent council meeting Arts rep Dave Tuck stressed that Desmarais, President of the Power Corporation of Canada, has no connection with education in Newfoundland.

"All this appointment is for Desmarais is another title on his resume. The position of chancellor is supposed to be an honorary title. This is only a political move. There are many capable Newfoundlanders who could do the job."

Outgoing council president Ralph Trask said he was told by the administration president that, in view of Desmarais's French background, the appointment was in the interest of national unity. As well, according to Trask, the new chancellor is expected to donate money to the university.

However, the council passed a motion opposing Desmarais, and buttons reading "Desmarais. No way" are available.

Canadian scientists seething

OTTAWA (CUP)—Lack of funds for scientific equipment has left many Canadian scientists fuming, unable to properly complete their research.

The scientists, funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), have found themselves with insufficient capital grants, when they received the grants at all.

According to council Finance Director Jean-Louis Meunier, 55 per cent of the applications for the grants this year were turned down.

"Only 2 per cent of the researchers in need of new equipment are funded and there is a waiting list five years long. By the time you get your machine, someone else has already done the research for you," said University of Ottawa professor Dr. John Conway.

Registration is a contract

WOLFVILLE (CUP)—When a student registers at a university he or she is in effect signing a contract, according to a decision of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.

John Sutcliffe registered at Acadia University in the fall of 1974. In early January 1975, he gave notice of withdrawing from the university.

The court ruled that Sutcliffe entered into a contract with the university when he registered, and thereby accepted the terms and conditions set out in the Calendar. The court left open the question whether there would be a binding contract if Sutcliffe had been less than 19 years of age when he registered.

Female law grads suffer

TORONTO (CUP)—Women law graduates are the victims of job discrimination, according to a study conducted by a University of Toronto law student.

According to Bram Costin, many law firms are reluctant to give women articling jobs out of fear that women get pregnant and quit their job.

In 1973, according to Costin, 78 per cent of both male and female U of T law students were able to find work immediately upon graduation. However, by 1976, only 43 per cent of women law graduates found immediate work, compared with 84 per cent of male graduates.

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EPF agreement under study

OTTAWA (CUP)Health and Welfare minister Monique Begin has admitted that the Established Programs Financing Agreement, which provides federal funds for both health and post-secondary education, is not working.

Begin told a convention of nurses here Mar. 29 that problems in Medicare started when the EPF agreement was introduced in 1977.

In the previous agreement, the federal government matched provincial spending on health care, medicare, and post-secondary education, up to a specific increase each year. But, under EPF, it provides block grants to the provinces, with no strings attached.

In effect, the provinces said they could do a better job if the federal government handed over the money and left the administration to them," Begin said. "We have no way of knowing how they use the money we grant them for health care."

Begin said her department is currently studying how health-care programs are now run by the provinces. While denying any wish for a confrontation with the provinces, both she and Prime Minister

Pierre Trudeau have said EPF would be reviewed if the principles of equal access and availability were being undermined.

The National Union of Students has charged that a similar situation is occurring in post-secondary education, with the quality of and access to education being undermined by the lack of national planning and proper funding.

In particular, NUS said, the tying of the growth in the grants to the growth in the economy has meant that funding has not met increases in costs.

As well, according to NUS executive secretary Pat Gibson, EPF does not encourage the governments to spend more money on education or health care, and, in fact, encourages cutbacks because provinces can spend the federal money on other programs.

NUS researcher Morna Ballantyne said the most blatant example of this occurred in Nova Scotia, where EPF payments for education this year were \$98 million, but the provincial budget for education is only \$96 million.

"Not only are they not putting any money of their

own in, but they are also diverting \$2 million into general revenue."

Ontario Liberal education critic John Sweeney recently charged that that province is also diverting federal money that should go into post-secondary education.

By-laws changed

Several changes to the student union's by-laws were ratified at a student union general meeting last Thursday. The changes had been passed earlier by student council, but had to be ratified by the general meeting.

Major changes included reducing the size of council and setting up a Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board.

New procedures have been established for filling vacancies on council. The student union's president and vice-president can now be removed from office by a petition signed by 20 per cent of full-time Dalhousie Students.

The student representatives on senate will now have to sign an agreement agreeing to resign from Senate if council asks them to.

Although a number of signs advertising the meeting were posted around campus, only four people (including a Gazette reporter) attended the meeting.



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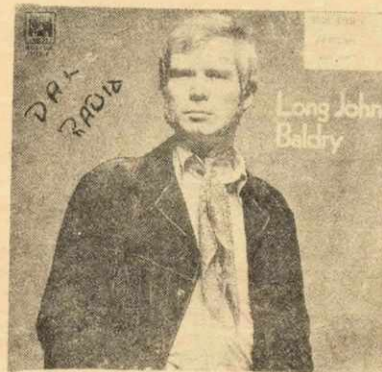
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