

## Prof plays dirty

WATERLOO (CUP) — A Wilfrid Laurier prof shook up a class when he threatened to seek academic revenge on students who gave him a bad review.

Business professor Jim Fisher stopped by a second semester, required accounting class — a class he'd taught in the fall — and put three negative evaluations — including one with profanity — on an overhead projector.

The students say Fisher then told them he could recognize the handwriting on the evaluations, and he knew who they were.

They said Fisher then reminded them they had a couple of years left at Laurier.

The evaluations have a standard questionnaire and a sheet for comments. Students do not have to submit their names, but they do have to specify their professor and course group.

Laurier professors do not have to participate in the faculty-run evaluations, but if they do, they cannot see them until after they submit their final grades for the course.

## New university in Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Provincial Education Minister Phil Warren told students at Memorial University he's committed to a proposed university in central Newfoundland.

"Newfoundland needs a Triple E education system," he said. Triple E means equality, as in equal access for all parts of the province; excellence, and equity, he added.

"We will maintain the spending and quality of programs at MUN [Memorial University of Newfoundland] and ensure that MUN gets more despite decentralization," he said.

Warren said Newfoundland had the lowest post-secondary education participation rate among young adults in the country (17 per cent compared to the national average of 25 per cent), but he said his ability to solve problems of accessibility was limited due to cutbacks in federal loan programs and equalization payments.

Memorial student council president Robin Russell demanded action on a tuition freeze.

"We have 11,000 students . . . all equal, all suffering," she said.

She said the financial burden shouldn't be placed on students as many can't get jobs and often have to drop out.

## What price wisdom?

by Chris Lawson

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government's plan to privatize the administration of Canada's student loan program has worried some student leaders.

The plan, announced Dec. 15 along with a three per cent administrative fee on student loans taken out after 1991, would also cost about 50 people their jobs.

"I think the privatization would leave students applying for loans open to the criteria of private industry," said Canadian Federation of Students official Catherine Louli.

"Does this mean you won't be able to get student loans unless you have certain marks or are studying in an area that interests private industry?"

Secretary of State official Len Westerberg said the plan was a few years away from happening.

The government already uses private collection agencies to chase after students who don't pay on time. Private banks provide the students' loans.

"The average student on the street won't know the difference," Westerberg added.

# Pay more for Mount A

by Padraic Brake

HALIFAX (CUP) — Some Mount Allison students may not be back next year if the university goes ahead with a planned tuition fee hike, Gail Lekas says.

The admissions councillor with Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B., said she "doesn't think there is any doubt that there will be students currently at Mount A that will not be able to attend next year."

Mount Allison students pay \$1,935 in tuition fees and \$4100 in housing costs. At \$6,035, the basic cost of attending the university is \$25 short of the maximum student loan and bursary allocation of \$6,060.

Mount Allison student council president Cathren Decarie said New Brunswick has the best bursary program in the country, but it is now getting dangerously close to the maximum level.

Lekas said of about 1800 students enrolled, 343 are from New Brunswick. She said half the provincial students receive financial assistance from the federal and provincial governments. "That is a high amount."

"The students from outside the province, which do not receive as much bursary funding from their provincial governments, will find it much more difficult to pay the additional costs," Lekas said.

The chair of the province's student federation Gary Clarke said that he expects universities to increase tuition fees by at least seven per cent.

A Maritime region government commission has recommended funding for New Brunswick universities be increased by 6.7 per cent next year.

"(The universities) usually

a maximum of \$2,000 in provincial bursary, compared to a New Brunswick student who gets \$2,440. Students can only apply for a bursary and Canada Student Loan from their home province.



increase tuition fees at the same rate as the overall funding hike, and some years they go beyond that level," Clarke said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they increased them by 7 per cent."

Lekas said they have to talk to the federal government to make sure the Canada Student Loan program, which can total \$3,620 per year per student, are increased to help students from outside the province.

"We get a lot of students from Nova Scotia," she said.

A student from Nova Scotia attending Mount Allison receives

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