

## SUB hit for \$4000

# Chair slashing, wall smashing

by Tom Regan

An outbreak of Vandalism in the Student Union Building in the last three months has cost the Student Union more than \$4,000, said John Graham, general manager of the SUB.

The damage has been located for the greatest part in the Grawood and the Greenroom.

"There has been more than \$1,000 worth of damage in the Grawood in the last three months", said Graham.

"People think we make a lot of money in the Grawood and can afford repairs at will. But we only make 5 cents a bottle of beer for repairs. That means we have to sell over 20,000 bottles to pay for the damage than has been done in just the last three months."

Slashing chairs seems to be the most popular form of vandalism, according to Graham. There has been \$3,000 worth of damage to chairs in the Green Room in just the last

month.

"It costs over \$100 apiece to get those chairs repaired", said Graham.

"We can increase patrols in the SUB when we think there is an outbreak of vandalism coming on but we have to ask ourselves the question, are we making progress by paying \$10,000 in wages to prevent \$3,000 in damages."

Graham said he thinks it is one person in particular who is responsible for most of the damage. Apparently SUB security has come close to catching someone but has no solid leads so far.

Slashing chairs is not the only form of vandalism that costs the students of this university money, said Graham.

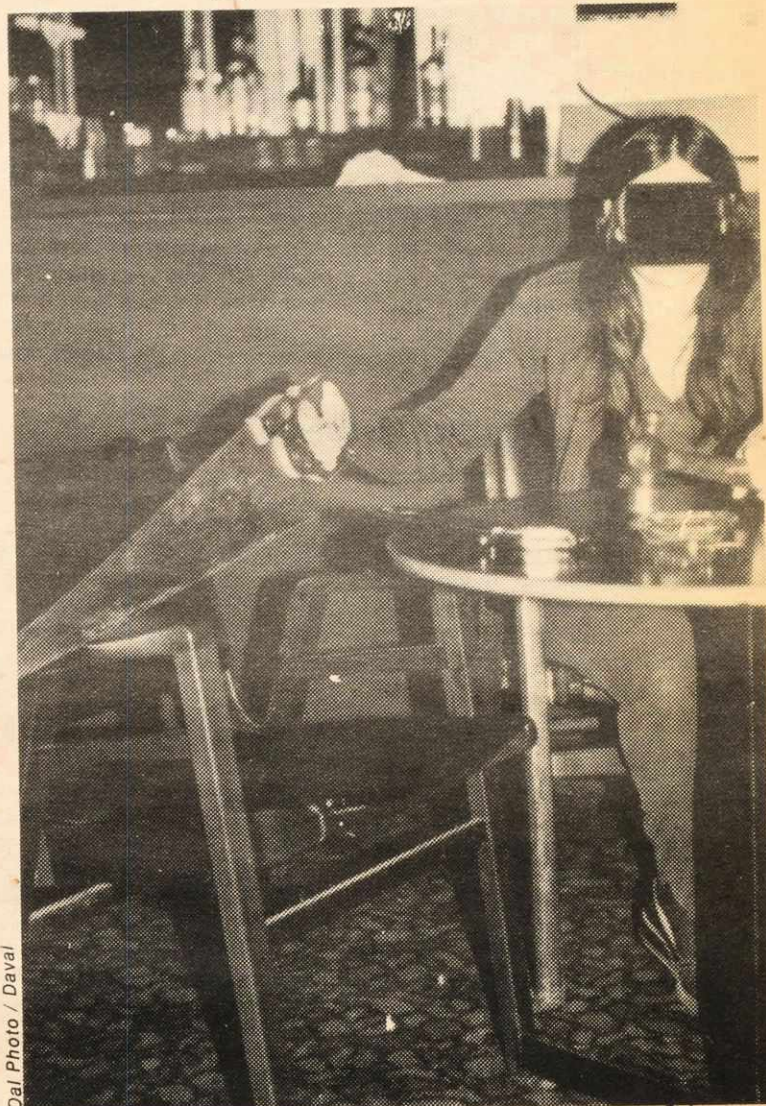
"Holes have been kicked in walls and panelling", said Graham. "Mirrors and paper dispensers have been torn off the walls in the washroom. Just last week during an event

in the SUB someone kicked down the stalls in the washroom."

Maintenance workers in the SUB said another problem with vandalism occurs during some SUB events when people will unscrew and remove the tops of tables in the McInnes Room.

Graham said the most infuriating thing is that people will sit in a place like the Greenroom and Grawood, see what is happening and do nothing to stop it.

"We lose \$12,000 a year in the SUB and about \$40,000 around the campus", said Graham. "That's a lot of money. Students are going to have to start watching for these type of things. The money is coming out of their pockets. It is the biggest waste of money one can think of."



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Do you sit around and watch vandalism occur?

## Carleton pulls funds

OTTAWA (CUP)—By this time next year the Carleton University students' association (CUSA) may have pulled more than \$2 million out of the Bank of Nova Scotia to protest its loans to repressive regimes.

Student association vice-president external, Rob Sutherland, says there is "strong sentiment within CUSA" for the move which is scheduled to be put before students' council before the end of the academic year. The students' association will also be campaigning later this month to get Carleton students to withdraw their funds from the bank.

This bank, along with four others, the Royal, Bank of Montreal, Toronto-Dominion and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, which combined comprise 90 per cent of the total banking assets in Canada, have been accused of putting money into the hands of the apartheid and fascist regimes of South Africa and Chile.

According to Randie Long, CUSA research officer and Rob Sutherland, CUSA vice-president external, the Bank of Nova Scotia has only come up with "wishy-washy excuses" to justify its foreign investment policies.

The five banks are currently active members of an international consortium (groups of banks formed together to make loans) which has extended huge capital to South Africa in the past several years.

These funds are then used by the white minority government to expand a military arsenal—increased 1000 per cent in the past 10 years to violently oppress the non-white majority. Placing money in these banks in Canada therefore makes Canadians indirect investors in South Africa.

The Bank of Nova Scotia maintains that withdrawing these foreign loans would only mean hurting the oppressed class even more

because this class benefits from the money. Long calls this "totally ridiculous".

"How can keeping money out of the oppressor's hand harm the oppressed?" he asked.

Withdrawing CUSA funds will in no way "cripple the bank—a huge institution, but it will let people know what's going on and this is where the solution lies," said Sutherland.

The move is not restricted to Carleton. Campuses all across Canada are getting involved. The most notable are McGill (which recently held a South Africa week), University of British Columbia, University of Toronto and University of Ottawa.

But as Randie Long points out, it is only the student associations which are taking the initiative—a venture which he maintains costs nothing in dollars and cents. The only school which has withdrawn all of its funds is Dawson College in Montreal.

## Acadia workers walk off job

WOLFVILLE (CUP)—Following months of negotiation service employees at Acadia University walked off the job, Monday, March 24.

Negotiations had broken down after 13 meetings between the union and the university. The union has been without a contract for the last 11 months and in a legal position to strike since March 1.

At a public forum sponsored by the Student Union, the university's chief negotiator said the union is not willing to negotiate.

"I haven't said we can't agree. I said they won't agree," he said.

Union spokesperson Reg Fenerty said negotiations have reached an impasse and is requesting the dispute be sent to a conciliator.

Fred Eldrikin, administration vice-president, said the request for conciliation was refused because they feel quite capable of dealing with the union.

"We have done so for twenty years and since we have four unions on campus, we aren't going to be intimidated by just one of them."

Eldrikin said in a previous dispute, a conciliation board granted a cost of living increase in the salary scale.

He said the university was almost broke financially by the clause and it seriously undermined the wage scales of

other employees at the university.

Student union president B.J. Arsenault said he was against the strike.

"Mainly because of the inconvenience it causes students, not only physically but also mentally," he said.

The Students Union is being pressured to come out with statements on the strike and the council will decide a position during their next meeting, he said.

Some students and faculty have formed a strike support committee and the strike begun to split the student population into pro and anti union groups.

About 1800 students live on campus, well over half the number of full-time students.

A university spokesperson said some kind of compensation will be paid to students depending on the length of the strike.

The Acadia Faculty Association will be holding a meeting Thursday, March 27, to decide whether or not to support the operating engineers. The faculty union has a no strike clause in its agreement with the university and faces a fine of \$10,000 if they do not teach classes.

The newly formed Acadia Staff Association has voted to support the service union but have not initiated any work slowdowns or stoppages.

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organization. Rob McLellan was elected secretary treasurer, Wayne Hall of King's public relations officer, and Anne-Marie Mann of St. Francis Xavier University internal affairs officer. Former chairperson Mike McNeil, of St. Mary's, was elected NUS Central Committee representative for Nova Scotia to complete the steering committee.

The next SUNS conference is planned for late April or early May in Halifax.