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Shouts of "Viva Mandela, Viva!" rang through the streets of Halifax Monday night in celebration of the long awaited release of Nelson Mandela.

A march beginning at 7 pm wound its way from the Grand Parade to the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church. Hundreds crammed into the small building

to enjoy an evening of speeches, music and dance.

Singing and shouting, the crowd voiced their joy at Mandela's release. They were joined by the East Preston Black Youth Federation choir, singing inspirational songs like "Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around."

Alexa McDonough, leader of the NDP in Nova Scotia, described the occasion as one in which to "clap our hands in jubi-

lation and stamp our feet in triumph."

She went on to say the release of Nelson Mandela should serve as encouragement to Nova Scotia, Canada, and the rest of the world to work together against discrimination.

She said that "until we can deliver freedom to our children, and our children's children, we will not be worthy of the freedom and sacrifice of Nelson

Mandela."

Joe Clark, minister of external affairs, has stated that Canada will not remove sanctions on South Africa. However, says Lee Seymour, chair of the Coalition Against Apartheid, "Canada has actually increased trade with South Africa in the last few years." She added that the coalition will continue the struggle "until a democratic, non-racial society exists."

As one of the onlookers unfurled an African flag, 87-year-old Dr. Carrie Best explained the meaning of the tricoloured flag. "The black reminds me of my colour. Red is for the blood my forefathers shed in slavery, and green is for the verdant fields of Africa."

"Nelson Mandela is out of jail but not out of prison," declared

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No blacks please, we're Scottish

by Sandy MacKay

If you happen to be a black bagpiper, you won't get a job at the Citadel this summer.

The job restrictions on the Citadel applications in the Student Employment Centre say you must be at least five feet four inches (150 cm) tall and you may not wear glasses. They do not say you will not be hired if you are not white.

"We hire people on the basis of historical accuracy," said Kim Melanson, the Citadel's acting interpretation analyst.

The Citadel hires people to portray the 78th Highlanders, a Scottish regiment. There were no blacks in this regiment in 1869, the period the "animation" focuses on. The British military was "overtly racist" according to a Citadel spokesperson.

While there were black regiments at the Citadel throughout its history, such as the Jamaican Maroons, the animators chose to recreate the period when the Citadel was at the peak of its development. Due to the cost of setting up the program, the organizers had to focus on one particular group, the 78th Highlanders.

In order to hire with such overt discrimination, the Citadel had to get a special dispensation from the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission. Section 19 of the Human Rights Code allows employers with specific needs to waive the charter.

"We are appalled by this, knowing blacks helped build Halifax," said Henry Bishop, curator of the museum at the Black Cultural Centre. "We don't

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Sparks fly in DSU dustup

by Leslie Burn

Wednesday night at 7:00, the Dalhousie Student Union Council met in emergency session and passed a policy motion to limit tuition fee increases to the rate of inflation plus a \$15 per student contribution to the debt reduction campaign.

The meeting was called to discuss DSU counter-proposals to the increase in fee revenues of \$3.2 million advocated by the Dalhousie Financial Strategy Committee.

Quorum, two-thirds of the student council, was not reached. However, it was agreed that council members present would act as a committee of the DSU, and if a majority of those present voted in favour of a motion it would be accepted as interim policy.

A heated debate ensued over the DSU's stand on tuition fee increases. Five scenarios were dis-

tributed at the meeting. Four were compiled by Ralph Bastarache, the DSU communications chair, and the fifth was compiled by Steve Davis, Board of Governors representative.

The committee voted in favour of Proposal B, which stipulated tuition fees should be tied to the consumer price index.

Although the DSU has already publicly stated this position, some confusion had been created by the fact that members of the DSU executive had previously discussed advocating a 10 per cent increase over five years. In addition, Davis had presented his counter-proposal to the FSC last Monday morning, calling for a 16 per cent increase in tuition revenues over five years. Davis's proposal had not previously been presented to council.

The committee moved to take Proposal B to the Board of Gover-

nors meeting next Tuesday and for DSU president Dave Shannon to write a letter to the FSC stating that Davis's proposal was not an official DSU submission.

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