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door to every life goal." Although women still have to be twice as qualified as men to get appointments, and the gender gap still exists in universities, the growth of women's studies programs, harassment committees, and rejection of sexist content in curriculum are positive gains. Brown noted the presence of women in finance, law, politics, and as voices of opposition to crucial national issues such as free trade and choice in reproduction.

With the progress made by women and their acceptance of and changes in the male establishment, why have natives not followed their route? Brown attributed this to the natives' pride in their own culture, and the "fear and rejection of integration and absorption into white culture." Any university's effort tailored to attracting natives must drop the condescending approach because natives are tired of hearing about their alcoholism, family problems, and poverty. Instead, they must be approached as citizens of the world.

Brown also said she was "saddened" to see a trend in universities towards limiting the number of foreign students. Noting that Dal has only three per cent international students, Brown said as "an aging international student", she knew how graduates from Canadian universities had shaped the social and political forces of their countries. Losing these students would only "impoverish the academic, social and human life at university level."

Jogging

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recent Science Society referendum received a majority vote in favour of a \$10.00 per capita per year fee for Science students, and the DSU intends to run a referendum in the upcoming General Elections which would, if passed, raise the Student Union fee by an additional \$6.00. Some Council members suggested the students would not vote for a \$25.00 sports levy so soon after these other referenda, as this would appear to be too much of an increase in fees.

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Curriculum changes will allow students to adapt and succeed in university, but standards must remain high so the eventual degree will mean something.

Responding to a criticism that a native student had been "oversold" on the ease of returning to school for a B.A., Knockwood said the problem is that natives don't realize they're not the only ones having study problems. But unlike other students, members of disadvantaged groups will then assume they don't belong in school and give up.

Brown stressed education's role as a government tool, fostering love or hate of different groups as the situation demands. "If Canadian society is really serious about changing the 'pre-Cambrian' shield of the educational system, we'd better be prepared for some shocks."

"I honestly do believe it is not until we understand the covert and subconscious ways a society maintains itself that we can make changes. The two (education and society) are so interconnected that if there is no structure to help us through the transition process, there will be a backlash into conservatism."

Lights going out at library

by **Tony Tracy**

Students may not be able to use the library as late as they are used to in the coming year, according to Caroline Zayid, president of the Dalhousie Student Union. In the DSU Council meeting last Sunday afternoon, Zayid reported the Library's budget has been cut for the upcoming academic year, and the library intends to react to this cutback with a reduction in library hours in order to save money on wages, lighting costs, and so on. This reduction in hours will particularly affect the

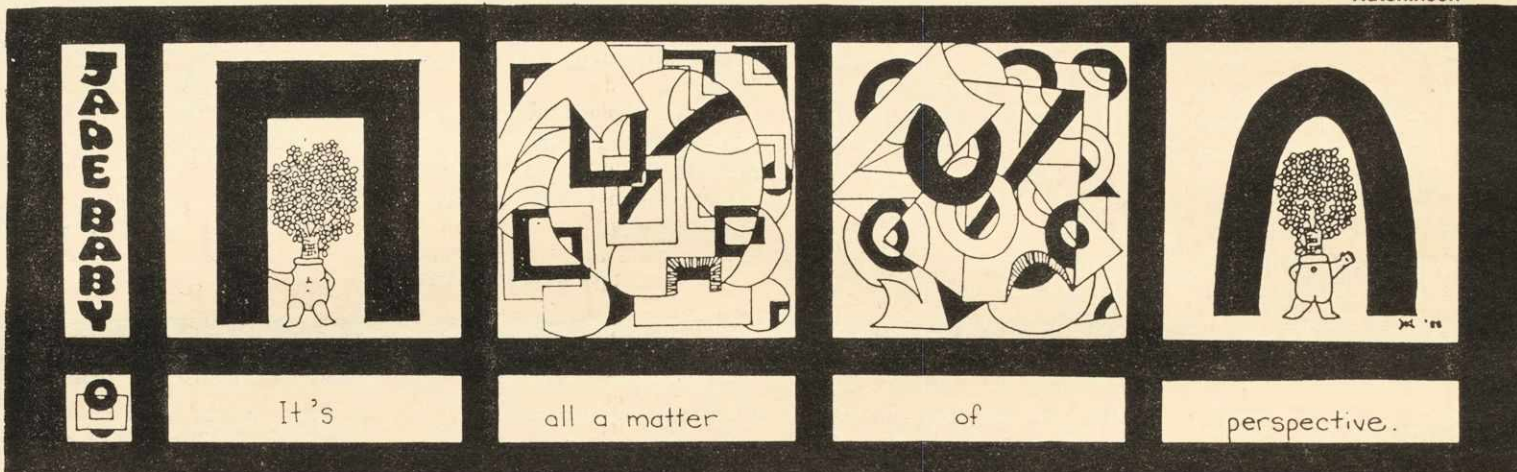
summer sessions, but is expected to continue into the fall and winter sessions and will perhaps remain permanent.

Zayid suggested one main segment of the university population, the mature and part-time students, will feel this cutback most sharply, as many of these individuals work full-time during the day and attend classes in the evening, as well as utilizing the library mainly during evening hours. She informed Council that Henson College has been contacted by the DSU, and they have expressed concern over the

cutbacks. Part-time students at Dalhousie are enrolled through the College.

Representatives of the Dalhousie Student Union will be meeting with members of the University Administration to discuss potential alternatives to the reduction of hours. Some suggestions were made during council regarding alternatives such as eliminating the ability to remove journals from the reading room, which has created a major cost to the library through replacement of journals which have not been returned.

Hutchinson



An Invitation To Submit Nominations for the 1988 Malcolm Honour Awards

*The Dalhousie Student Union
is seeking nominations for the
1988 Honour Awards*

*given in tribute to James Malcolm, B.A., 1906,
who sacrificed his life in an attempt to save a friend from drowning,
and whose career at Dalhousie was characterized by
unselfish service to others.*

*The Gold and Silver "D" Awards will be made to
graduating students on the basis of outstanding contribution
to student activities. In addition, Honourary Awards will be bestowed
on non-student members of the Dalhousie Community
in similar recognition of significant service.*

*Any two individuals may nominate a third, with the final selection
to be determined by the Awards Committee.*

The deadline for nominations is April 6, 1988
**Nomination forms may be picked up at the Student Union Offices,
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