

## Woman stabbed on campus

By LOIS CORBETT

A WOMAN WAS ATTACKED and robbed early last Sunday morning while crossing the Dalhousie football field on her way home.

Halifax staff sergeant Len Hosterman said the woman was walking home in the dark alone when a man jumped out behind her and grabbed her.

"She resisted and then he stabbed her three times, and took her wallet," says Hosterman.

Hosterman says the police are looking for a 25 year old white male, about 5'9" tall, with a dark, bushy beard.

"She was stabbed and attacked because she resisted," said Hosterman. "It was an armed robbery."

Max Keeping, Dalhousie's director of security, said the Halifax police are keeping the entire investigation. Keeping said the woman "received some pretty good bumps and bruises, and was stabbed once in the lung."

## Cuts deprive universities

By LOIS CORBETT

ONTARIO'S DAVID PETERSON lead a pack of premiers in denouncing Ottawa's plan to cut \$6 billion from federal transfer payments to the provinces at last week's first minister's conference in Halifax.

Peterson said reductions to the federal government's contribution to health and post-secondary education funding will "cut right into the bone."

"They will cut right into our ability to provide the faculty, libraries and state-of-the-art equipment that are needed to teach and train the next generation of Canadians," said Peterson.

Peterson told Prime Minister Mulroney the first ministers must approach financing in a way that "does not jeopardize our national commitment to first class health care and first rate education and training."

Peterson joined Manitoba Premier Howard Pawley and Quebec Premier Marc Johnston in criticising the federal government's "unilateral" action in proposing the cuts to Established Program Funding announced by federal finance minister Michael Wilson in October.

Pawley said the Mulroney government's actions were "indistinguishable from the approach of the former government."

"What happened to the 'new era in federal-provincial relations?'" Pawley asked.

Pawley called on Mulroney to "immediately suspend action on any cuts in federal programs

affecting the provinces" for the next two years.

Johnson, in Halifax for only the first day of the conference because the Quebec provincial election campaign closed Friday, said cuts to health care and post-secondary education funding, supposed to take effect next April, "are unacceptable."

Johnson also criticised the "unilateral reopening of the present fiscal arrangement one year before their expiry date."

Pawley said Mulroney's argument that the provinces have to bear a fair share in order to reduce the federal deficit is phony.

The provinces all face financial pressures too, especially the smaller ones, and we all have to make hard choices. The issue isn't the deficit, it's priorities, he said.

Premiers Jim Lee, of Prince Edward Island, Richard Hatfield of New Brunswick, and Brian Peckford of Newfoundland also denounced the proposed cuts in their opening addresses to the two-day conference.

## Flasher reported

By NAA DEI NIKOI

A FLASHER WAS REPORTED behind the Life Science Centre last Thursday evening.

The incident took place around 8:30 near the Children's Care Centre.

Campus Security says the man is the same one seen on previous occasions behind the Arts Buildings at King's College by some residents of Shirreff Hall.

"This sort of thing was a serious problem on campus last year," says Max Keeping, director of security.

Keeping says that any area with a large female population is prone to incidents of this kind.

Many of these cases go unreported so it is difficult to tell if the incidents on campus are increasing, says Keeping.

## Prompt action

By VALERIE MATHESON

LAST THURSDAY NIGHT, A Dalhousie student was caught after breaking into the maintenance room of the Life Science Building on Dalhousie campus.

The fourth year Biology student stole some tools and proceeded into the tunnel area of the building.

Once in the tunnel, a silent alarm was triggered in the Security Building office.

"Our alarm system allows us to pinpoint the exact position of anyone who is in the tunnel," says Max Keeping, Director of Security.

The Security Patrol caught the man with his pockets stuffed full of tools. Security then called the city police, who took the student into custody.



Canadian Federation of Students Chair Barb Donaldson rallies NSCAD students in front of City Hall. On the other side of the street in the World Trade and Convention Centre where the First Ministers' conference was held last week. Photo by Russ Adams, Dal Photo

## NSCAD hit the most

By MARY ELLEN JONES

LAST WEEK, 100 students loudly protested the cutbacks to post-secondary education discussed at the Annual First Ministers' Conference in Halifax.

After receiving no recognition from the politicians the day before, the students held a "study-in" on the steps of the World Trade and Convention Centre.

The students, mostly from the Nova Scotia School of Art and Design, chanted to the beat of bongos and clapping hands.

Rick Janson, a student from the college, said the students brought books, sculptures, and paintings in order to study, but "we were sitting on the steps until the cops came and booted us off," he said.

NSCAD students in particular are hit when there are cuts in education, said Carolyn Zyaed, one of the few Dalhousie students attending the demonstration.

In addition to a \$2,500 yearly tuition fee at NSCAD, the

students must pay \$1,500 for study supplies. "Some choice," said Janson. "Pay or stay uneducated."

While waving a placard, Canadian Federation of Students field-worker Judy Guthrie said, "the focus of the conference, EPF transfers, is not being covered."

Barb Donaldson, chair of CFS, agrees with Guthrie. "These cutbacks are the most significant thing that has happened since the agreement between the provinces and the federal government in 1977.

"No one is talking about education. It is all being negotiated by one man, Mr. Wilson.

"The demonstration is fantastic. The NSCAD students wanted to demonstrate in support of other students across Canada who couldn't be here today," said Donaldson.

Although the students had been trying to give Minister of Finance Michael Wilson 1500 signed letters to protest cutbacks from students across Nova Sco-

tia, Wilson avoided the students.

One of Wilson's aides went to accept the letters, but the students would not accept anyone but Wilson.

"If Wilson does not come and get the letters we will send all 1500 to him at a cost to the taxpayers," said Guthrie. "We will also expect replies from each letter."

"We must show Mulroney and Wilson that the concern for education is wide-spread. We don't feel the deficit can be reduced at the cost of education and health care," said Donaldson.

"I think Mulroney thought the conference was going to be pretty easy stuff. Was he wrong," said Donaldson. "The honeymoon is over."

Allan Sharp, Vice-president of Canadian Association of University Teachers, said the demonstration was essential in showing the students' concern for education. "It is time to fight back," he said.