

20 years ago

Dal students smuggled bibles into USSR

Twelve Canadian university students were temporarily detained by Soviet customs when it was discovered they were attempting to smuggle bibles into the USSR.

The students, six of whom were from Dal, were on a language exchange program to the Pushkin institute in Moscow. The seven bibles were all in Russian.

A spokesman for the students, who said they had specifically been warned against it, attributed the event to a lack of experience and maturity.

Bibles were legal in the Soviet Union if declared, and for personal use only.

Athletes sued US college

Eight US college athletes filed a multi-million dollar suit against the California state university system, alleging they did not receive the education promised them.

The athletes, who attended California State University in Los Angeles during the early 70s, alleged they were lured into the university's athletic program with promises of getting college degrees.

One athlete said he was promised tutors, counsellors and a complete educational package leading to a four-year degree in criminology.

Instead, he said he was encouraged by his coach and advisor to take such "toughies" as beginning baseball, badminton, rugby, golf, backpacking and waterpolo.

After four years he was denied a degree. He and the other students sued for loss of education.

New wave rock accepted

Many progressive rock stations were beginning to accept new wave rock and roll after an initial resistance.

One New York radio station

instituted a format it called "Elvis to Elvis" which incorporated the best of new wave and established artists.

It referred to Elvis Presley and Elvis Costello.

Recordings of Costello as well as the Clash, Blondie, the Cars and the Police were all cited as new wave music that had mass appeal.

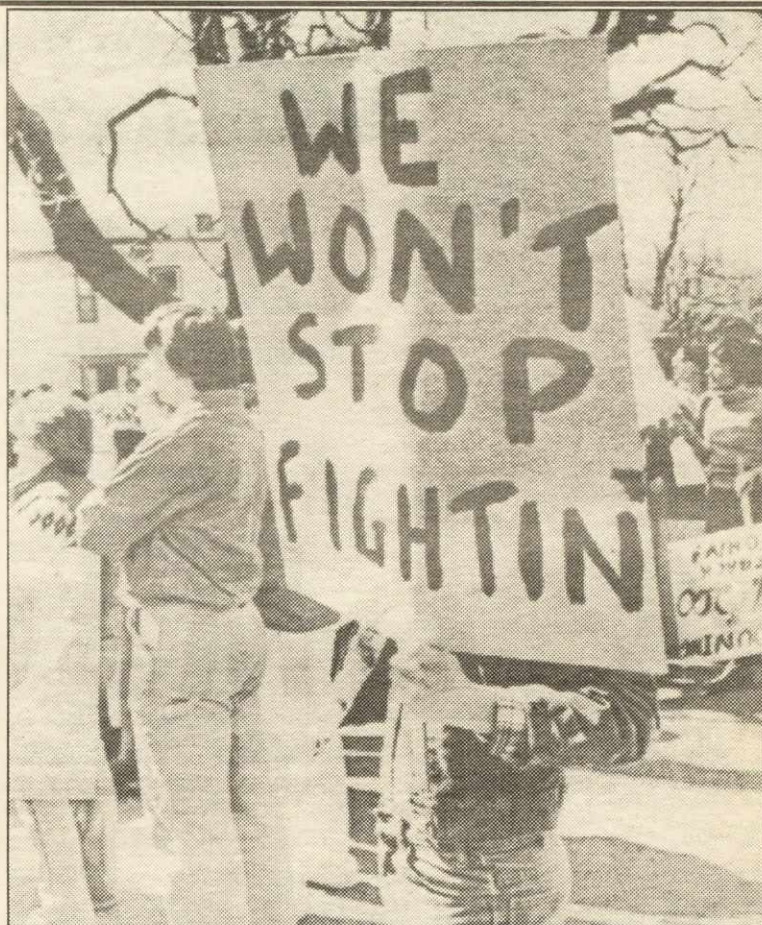
Resistance to new wave music was cited as stemming from people who disliked the Sex Pistols and their outrageous conduct.

Same as now, except now it'd only be 300

About 3,000 students from across Nova Scotia marched from Dal to the provincial legislature to protest inadequate government funding to post-secondary education.

Students cheered as student representatives called for a tuition freeze, an increase in operating grants and a long-term plan for education.

One minute of silence was held to mark the death of education — complete with a coffin.



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DSU buys bank shares

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shareholders is the best forum for the discussion."

Jourard says Chiasson did succeed in bringing the issue to the attention of all present at the meeting, but it wasn't necessarily something shareholders wanted to hear.

"There is a problem with the student loan program," she said. "It doesn't work."

Rick Kuwayti, a spokesperson for the Bank of Montreal, agrees.

And he says, though he wasn't present to hear Chiasson speak, he doesn't see the Bank of Montreal becoming involved in the Federal Student Loan program

anytime soon.

"There's a good reason for that," he said. "Over two thirds of students don't qualify for government funding. There's a large part of the market not being served."

And Kuwayti says the Bank of Montreal is focussing on those students with an in-house student program that includes a line of credit and a student credit card.

In the end though, the Bank of Nova Scotia's Jourard does agree the issue has to be dealt with in some forum, soon.

"It's a matter of... getting the stakeholders together to work out the problem," she said.

"[And] we certainly appreciate the share purchase."

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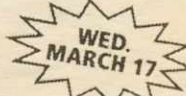
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