

Students may

by Judy Reid

Debate still rages as Dalhousie Student Union members remain divided on whether to introduce body piercing as part of the DSU voting process.

In previous elections, poll clerks would punch holes in voters' student ID cards to ensure that voters wouldn't vote more than once. The motion to use body piercing as a new form of control was brought forward as the result of reports from poll clerks during this year's DSU elections.

"Students were refusing to vote," said poll clerk Betty Lou Smith. "When they saw me punch a hole in a voter's ID card, about a third of the students in line would back away from the polling station with their student IDs clutched to their chests," said Smith. "Even the ones who went ahead and voted looked like they were in pain."

The intensity of fear felt by voters was fully realized when one hysterical student, after seeing a hole punched in the bottom left hand corner of his ID, ran out of the Killam Library and into a snowplow. No serious injuries were sustained although

the driver of the snowplow, President Howard Clark, remains in shock.

"Body piercing is the only practical alternative," said council member Monty Preston. "There's very little pain involved. And if the voter decides that he or she doesn't want a permanent hole in his or her body, it will eventually grow over." Preston added, "There's no way you can repair a pierced student ID card."

Body piercing has already been enforced as part of the electoral process in other North American universities. The University of British Columbia used this form of voting control during their last Student Union election and achieved an unprecedented 43% voter turnout. The biggest challenge that faces UBC students now is finding parts of the body that haven't already been punctured.

Council member Vanna Hepburn does not see this as a problem for the Dalhousie Student Union. "Dalhousie is a conservative school. You might see the odd person with a nose ring, but it is by no means the norm. The important thing now," said Hepburn, "is for the DSU to agree to use body piercing before everyone has their

vote 'til it (ouch!) hurts

nipples pierced."

The only thing that appears to be holding back the DSU from implementing body piercing as part of the voting process is the money needed to buy new equipment for the poll clerks. Preston, however, believes that poll clerks should continue us-

ing the same hole punchers that were used in the past.

"There might be a little more blood," said Preston, "but I think most students would appreciate that we'd all be saving money — first, by not buying new equipment, and sec-

ond, by not having to replace damaged ID cards."

"A new card costs twelve bucks," he said. "Don't students have a right to be angry that they face more and more payouts just for the privilege of attending Dalhousie?"

Kim takes a crack at it

by Jocko

The Tory leadership campaign heated up today when Kim Campbell revealed that she spent her childhood hooked on crack cocaine.

Her remarks followed an admission last week by Minister of the Environment Jean Charest. The brown-haired Charest is the youngest cabinet member (35) with eyes fixed on Brian Mulroney's crown. He admitted to smoking marijuana AND inhaling several times in his

youth. "It was natural for young people to experiment with the drug at that time; it was part of growing up," he said.

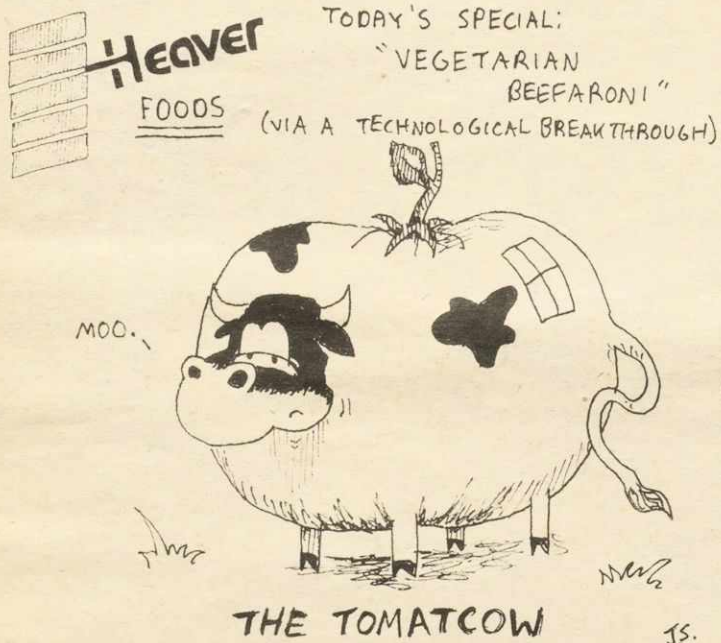
Campbell soon tallied with an admission that she too had tried the drug, although she quit "because I realized there were more important things in life."

Her remarks were criticized by Citizens On Drugs, a national coalition of groups dedicated to the legalization of narcotics.

"We certainly don't appreciate

politicians putting us down," said spokesperson Hemp Tripper. "People who use narcotics have very little political representation as it is. What Ms. Campbell said was a deliberate attack on our collective mentality, a puritanical reproach. In effect, she said that she was one of us (a drug-user) before she 'matured'."

In a surprising move today, Campbell revealed that she had spent her childhood hooked on crack cocaine. "I absolutely loved it," she said.



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