

# opening in Halifax Alternative Bookstore Serves Region

An alternative bookstore is opening in Halifax next month and it expects to serve the entire Atlantic region.

The bookstore, called Red Herring Books, has been set up on a cooperative basis and according to board member Cathy Crouse "will attempt to serve the Atlantic region by providing access to books that are difficult to find. This is especially important to P.E.I. since there are no bookstores (on the Island) specializing in the books we plan to stock."

"To serve the areas outside Halifax, we are setting up a very good mail order service. Because we are a small operation ourselves, we will be very conscientious about processing small orders and therefore hope to provide faster and more efficient service to the individual book buyer."

The general topic areas that Red Herring will stock include women, labour, the Third World, children's literature and political economy.

"Of course we realize," says Crouse, "that these types of books are not best sellers. In order to get around a lack of high stock turnover, we will be keeping our overhead to a minimum by operating entirely with volunteer labour."

"Also we have raised the initial capital needed to pre-pay our first order of books by selling shares for \$10 each. One share entitles a person to full membership and voting rights, although many people have chosen to demonstrate their support

for the store by purchasing several shares.

"So far we have 289 members and almost \$6,000 in capital. We have ordered books, are preparing our location and plan to open the store early in December.

We're quite excited about it because people have been complaining for years about the lack of good bookstores in the Atlantic region, but nothing has ever been done about it. Because we're not primarily interested in profit, although we have to survive financially we are able to bring in a good selection of books in areas that are not generally stocked by private business enterprises.

"Our democratic cooperative structure, which is

not controlled by the members with the most investment, encourages the input and participation of a varied group of people who believe in the store.

Because our members control the store policy we have been able to serve special needs which are not generally catered to by popular bookstores. We have stocked both french books for our French-Acadian members and Chinese books for our members of the Chinese community.

By serving the needs of our members, we, in turn, serve the community at large.

"This orientation is reflected in our dividend policy. Any surplus that the store generates will not be returned to individual members in the form of an amount of money,

but in the form of increased services for everyone, members and non-members alike. People become members of the Co-op because they wish to both have access and provide access to the reading materials that Red Herring will be selling. As a member they are able to participate directly or indirectly as they choose and are kept informed about the co-op by a regular newsletter."

Anyone who wants to become a member of the Co-op by purchasing shares may mail a cheque payable to Red Herring Cooperative Books, 1652 Barrington St., 2nd Floor, Halifax, N.S.

Or if you would like to know more about the store, drop them a line or drop in to visit any time you are in Halifax.

## SECURITY UPS RESTRICTIONS

The U.P.E.I. Security Department is beginning to be strict concerning illegal parking.

A.J. MacLeod, chief of the Security Department, said that he regrets having to tow away cars but it was the only alternative the Department had left.

He said that the department had tried other methods in the past but nothing proved successful. The issuing of tickets was halted when people simply did not pay them. Students used to

have marks withheld by the University until they paid their fines, but this procedure was halted since it penalized students but not faculty, staff or visitors.

Keith Shaw, the man who tows the cars, said that he has towed approximately fifteen cars since September. Although he gave students a discount at first,

he now charges the regular fee of \$15 during the day-time and \$20 at night. This was brought about after some students gave him

checks that bounced.

"Using the emergency break does not help" stated Mr. Shaw, "dolly wheels that slip under the car handle that." This costs another \$10.

Students, faculty, and staff are restricted to parking lots A through E and visitors are only allowed one hour parking in the visitors parking lot.

There is parking at the taxi stand or behind Bernardine.

## A NEW COUNTRY PLANNED GOVERNORS I. BOUGHT BY PFA'S\*

The U.P.E.I. Sun has learned that Governor's Island has been bought by PFA's and that they are going to set

up a new country.

The two pioneers did not want their names to be published but one is going to University in Cambridge and the other is now touring Europe.

They said that the new country is to be dubbed the Muckdabaheenie Empire. They plan to get recognition by first being recognized by countries not recognized by Canada.

When allies of these countries see them recognizing the new state, they

may also recognize it. In this way the founders hope to force Canada to acknowledge them.

"Financing the Empire will be no problem," one said. "We plan to allow the U.S.S.R. to build missile silos for a 'nominal' fee.

We are also hoping they will give us 'some defenses'".

The new empire is to be founded on sex, drugs, and violence.

\*PFA is an Islandism for "people from away."

FAMOUS PLACE-KICKER BE-COMES FAMOUS FATHER!!!!

The staff of the SUN wishes to extend its congratulations to Mike and Pam Kennedy on the birth of their 6 lb., 8 oz. daughter, Amy Leigh, in the P.E.I. Hospital last Sunday. After having viewed the little bundle of Kennedy, this reporter can assure you all that the LONG-

WAIT was well worthwhile.

Rumour hath it that in the very near future she will become the proud owner of her own little Barn, just like her daddy's, complete with tiny Panther Lounge, tiny beer bottles, and tiny, midget Picone bartenders. We know she'll do a great job.