

# Students storm Legislature

By Tom Schneider

Tuesday afternoon and just another day at the legislature. An unmarked truck is slowly backing up to the Province House doors. Not an unusual sight since renovations have been going on inside the building. But this truck is different. Suddenly the back door flies open, releasing a cheering horde of protesters. A cascade of people pours from the truck waving sloganed signs such as "WE're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore". Soon more people arrive and after rallying their forces

briefly, the group descends into the building, streaming through the doors and up the stairs to the Legislature Gallery.

These are university students, concerned and angry with the way the provincial government is administering federal higher education funds. Figures used by the students and opposition party in confronting the provincial government show a discrepancy (over 3 million dollars in the last year) between federal allocations and actual provincial spending. When asked to explain this situation the Minister of Education, Fred Driscoll, stated that

the figures used by the opposition and the students were incorrect.

Student Union President Phillip Brown, however, claims that the provincial government is merely trying to smoke screen the issue by throwing different figures around. Brown stated that the issue does not end here and that this protest is only the beginning of students enquiry into higher education funding.

The student union is concerned with seeing that this problem is sorted out, beginning with positioning a student on the Established Programs Financing (EPF) Committee. The present EPF agreement expires on

April 30, 1982. To this end, the student union has received a commitment from Driscoll to look into getting a student on the next EPF Committee.

Although the protest on Tuesday had no immediate effect on alleviating the students' financial concerns, it was a success in other ways. Student support for the protest march was very good despite the weather, showing both government and students that apathy is not the number one course on campus. The government now knows that students are actively concerned with higher education funding and will not just sit back and take whatever happens without question.

## S..U. elections were dull

by Nanci Waugh

There is only one word that describes the Student Union Elections 1981, DULL. Many have been wondering why, and there seem to be a number of possible reasons. The first is quite obvious: many positions were acclaimed, particularly the positions of President and Treasurer, along with council positions of science representatives and business representatives.

It would seem too that elections were not held at a good time. With the date so close to the end of the semester, most students were more concerned with finishing up papers, assignments, and tests. Elections should be held previous to the March break, or at the very latest (and probably a better date) the second week after March break, with nominations closing the Friday before Break begins. This gives

those running for positions an opportunity to build a campaign. Time, no doubt, was one of the main factors why there were no issues set forth this year.

Speeches held in the Library Lounge at least made people aware that an election was going on, but there were no microphones. A combination of people

talking, eating, passing through, and using the vending machines made the speeches impossible to hear. No wonder there were no questions asked.

For those of you who have been able to endure this column the results are:

- Vice President Internal
  - Larry LeBlanc 105
  - Sue Parlee 278
- Vice President External
  - Patti Bradley 273
  - Debbie Dinelle 141
- Senator
  - Dave MacFadyen 267
  - Lachlan MacQuarrie 108
- Arts Reps.
  - Mary Driscoll 105
  - Jane Ings 53
  - Claire MacAulle 75
  - Marsha Smith 58
  - Sandra Warren 40



THE NEW EXEC'S, L-R:

Sue Parlee, Patti Bradley, Terry Palmer, Bruce Hickey.

### Thanks from King Brown

I graciously thank all UPEI and Holland College students for participating in Tuesday's march down to the PEI Legislature. Some may have felt little was accomplished, but the truth is, we did achieve something. The Government is now aware of the fact students know and are concerned about their handling of post-secondary funds. As for the

future, student representatives from either UPEI or Holland College are to sit on the Provincial team responsible for negotiating the new EPF Agreement (commitment from the Minister of Education, Fred Driscoll). These two obvious accomplishments are a big step forward in Provincial/Post-Secondary institutions cooperations. Yours sincerely, Philip Brown

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