

# Students Rally Against Impacts of Via Rail Cutbacks

The UPEI Student Union Council, at a recent Council Meeting, denounced the Conservative Government's plans to cut-back services of VIA Rail and initiated a Cutback Campaign. Student Union President Lisa Murphy states, "This, so called 'deficit reducing' measure is unacceptable to students who are high users of the service in PEI elsewhere." She says, "It's tough times for students this year, the Conservatives proposing Bill C-33 Education Cuts and the VIA Rail Cuts, puts already financially burdened students in a crisis situation." Further, Murphy says, "As Islanders, we are particularly sensitive to transportation issues. As students, already subject to tremendous costs in obtaining a post secondary education, we just don't have the money to pay for other, more expensive modes of transportation."

VIA Rail offers a discount of 33 1/3 % reduction in fares of student users. About 11% of Canadian post secondary students use VIA Rail. Students count on affordable quality transportation at a National level. Murphy says, "Students, who are not permanent Island residents, are hit really hard by the Cutbacks as they attempt to travel to and from their homes in other provinces." These students make up a large percentage of the UPEI population. "These students are left feeling isolated with further financial burdens."

The UPEI Student Union has initiated a letter writing campaign to government officials at both Provincial and Federal levels. A VIA Rail Cutbacks Petition circulation is scheduled for January when students return from the Christmas break. Murphy stated, "The Students of the Union will rally for the cause and make their concerns known." The Student Union expressed equal displeasure about the government's lack of concern for the thousands of people who will lose employment because of the VIA Rail Cutback and the governments actions excluding proper public input. Student Union President says, "We call on Parliament to take immediate action against the Cutback and to ensure a sufficient budget for VIA Rail to operate a National quality transportation service that is accessible to students in PEI and Canada."

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## MAN MASTURBATES OUTSIDE STUDY ROOM

(Source: the Watch)  
by Laurie Cook

HALIFAX (CUP) - Three women discovered a man masturbating outside their basement study room at King's College's residence.

Tracie Wagner, Gillian Seymour and Leanne Hachey were studying when they heard someone making noises in the hallway after midnight on November 15.

"The noise outside sounded like two people having a conversation," said Hachey. "We asked him to quiet down and he said, 'I'm just waiting for my girlfriend'."

When the students heard loud moaning Wagman opened the curtains in the window facing the hall and discovered the man on his knees "whacking off" with a white handkerchief.

The women said he must have been watching them through the curtains.

Wagman said they ran out of the study room and went upstairs.

Security officials did not call city police about the incident.

Campus security chief Greg Kennedy said it was not up to

him to call police. "The Deans (of residences) were notified, and it is up to their discretion."

He said security officers will be stepping up security in the building.

"I am taking the matter extremely seriously because the number one objective is to make sure the girls feel safe," said Kennedy.



## 75 Years and Going Strong

Henderson and Cudmore, one of the oldest family run clothing stores in Charlottetown remains a well established landmark located on Grafton street in Charlottetown. This store was open in 1914 by 19 year old Roy Cudmore and his partner Seth Henderson to sell mainly shirts and ties during the hard times of the war. The Haberdashery began only one quarter of the size it is now. In the mid 60's Mr. Cudmore purchased additional buildings on that same corner, demolished the wooden building that housed the Haberdashery and erected the concrete and steel building which exists now. About that same time Henderson and Cudmore expanded into jeanswear and shortly thereafter into ladieswear.

Fresh from graduating from UPEI in 1976, Chris Cudmore, grandson of Roy Cudmore, realized the strong potential for competition in the jeanswear section of the store, Dave's Cave. Mr. Cudmore decided to get a jump on its prospective competition and capture a large portion of the market share with a new jeanswear outlet in the Charlottetown Mall.

In 1977, Henderson and Cudmore opened their second jeanswear outlet, Christopher's. Since then Christopher's now called Christopher's Beach Club has opened outlets at the Cavendish Boardwalk and North Rover Causeway; and, also a fourth store in Moncton called Strike Anywear.

Dave's Cave and Christo-

pher's Beach Club carry natural fiber sportswear for the contemporary shopper. They stock such well-known brands of jeans as Levis, Buffalo, Edwin, Brown, Pepe, Used, and the Brand New Kyoco. Henderson and Cudmore is one of the four retailers in the country chosen to test market this new Japanese product which has already gained popularity across the world. Henderson and Cudmore is expecting to have a total of five styles of this new jean.

The Haberdashery, the men's clothing section offers such prestigious lines as Ralph Lauren, Gant, Alexander Julian, and Hugo Boss.

Charlotte's, the ladies clothing section, carries such lines as Alfred Sung, Looks, Anthony Sicari, Jeffery Rogers, and Cliche. These lines are attractive not only to the casual, and working women, but also to the eccentric women who would like to make a definite fashion statement.

In order to keep in touch with the customer, Chris Cudmore, general manager of jeanswear, hired the Business Institute to do market research for the jeanswear stores. The Business Institute conducted a jeanswear focus groups with the help of the following UPEI students:

Lisa Chandler  
Tom Gass  
Bob Driscoll  
Dawn Corrigan  
Scott Campbell  
Jowy Murphy  
Al Ryan

Kelly Dunne  
Lori Hughes  
Brenda Richard  
Dolly Bhatia  
The focus group proved to be

a very beneficial marketing tool as Mr. Cudmore was able to sharpen his focus on the clothing desires of their stores major target markets - University Students.



## Specials

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**Tuesday**

Order a large portion of wings receive a free draught

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