



From left to right: Jane Arnold, CFS National President; Cathy Campbell, CFS UPEI President; Geoff Clark, Holland College Student Union President; Vicki Willson; Lisa Murphy, UPEI Student Union President.

## Schtudies? Ve Don Need No Schtinkin Schtudies

OTTAWA (CUP) - Prime Minister Mulroney's proposed new study into Canada's "human resources development" will tread very familiar ground, Canada's student federation says.

The announcement came at the November first ministers' conference after much speculation and a closed session to discuss post-secondary education.

The proposal doesn't say what shape the study will take, who will actually do the work or how long it should take, but it suggests a five areas of interest.

Canadian Federation of Students executive officer Todd Smith said much of what the proposal wants to examine has already been covered.

"There's been enough consultation," he said. "It's time for some concrete action."

"If this is another delay in dealing with the many real problems, then it's nonsense," he added. "Next year there will be more would-be students shut out by enrolment quotas, more students getting an education compromised by huge classes and inferior lab equipment."

"It won't help them," he added.

Mulroney's proposal would assess:

"Canada's human resource development needs;"

"Human resource requirements of a 21st century, knowledge-based economy;"

The results of Canada's education system, from pre-schools to university, technical and vocational training;

It would also develop recommendations and "examine ways of allocating resources more effectively with a focus on results."

"There's all this talk about returns for the dollar and making the system more efficient," said CFS chair Jane Arnold. "We have to be wary of this, because issues of accessibility and quality didn't even seem to be a topic for discussion."

Arnold said the study likely won't touch on federal transfer payments to the provinces for education either.

"Still, it's good to see the issue back up for discussion at that level," she added.

The proposal will be fleshed out at the next provincial education ministers meeting in February 1990.

## Christian Campus Group Called a Cult

TORONTO (CUP) - A University of Toronto Christian student group has been called a "destructive cult" by a cult awareness group.

Helga Tucker of the Council on Mind Abuse said 'Christian Advance', which has about 60 members at U of T, is a branch of the Boston-based International Church of Christ.

Tucker said the group was harmful.

"In my experience with support groups (for ex-members of the church) there is not one person who doesn't have a great amount of self-destructiveness when they leave," she said.

One former member, a fourth year student who did not want to be identified, said the group did not want her to quit, and they harassed her for several weeks after she did.

"As I tried to get out I was getting calls at two and three in the morning. They were very persistent."

She said she went without a phone for a year after dropping out to avoid further harassment.

But Clovis Grant, the president of the group, said he has trouble believing this story.

"To me that doesn't strike a logical note," he said. "No one is bound by chains to stay in."

But the former member said leaving wasn't easy.

"There is a lot of guilt involved," she said. "If you leave they say you'll go to hell because they are the only ones who live under God's word."

"They manipulate the teaching of the bible to back up their teachings," she added. "They win you over gradually. And when you go through it, it all makes sense. Through the pro-

cess of conversion you're told everyone you know isn't a Christian."

Grant said the group is as committed to God as Christ was, and he is not surprised people have trouble accepting them.

"Christ demands total commitment," he said. "Jesus would offend many people today."

Tucker said the group is renowned for targeting vulnerable people, particularly young students from other countries. "Especially those susceptible, needing friendship."

"They call it love-bombing," she said. "It's very hard to push away someone who is offering something."

Grant said the group is always trying to find new members.

"That's what Christ taught," he said. "Our purpose is to save people, and that means interacting. It's all part of being a disciple."

"But we're not trying to impose our doctrines on anyone," he added. "God has given us all a choice. And we call on everyone to make a decision to obey the scriptures."

Tucker said other Church of Christ groups were recently banned from Guelph and York universities, but it is doubtful this would happen at U of T.

"I can understand the University's difficulty," she said. "Does the group have the right to religious freedom?"

U of T assistant vice president of Student Affairs David Neelands, said U of T has no way to deal with these situations.

"Their tactics of recruiting are insidious and it's hard to see them infringing on the law," he said. "Society is not totalitarian, and we do recognize their freedom of religion."

## Suzuki Pulls Scholarship For Bad Reviews

OTTAWA (CUP) - Prominent scientist and writer David Suzuki is withdrawing a scholarship offered to Carleton students because a Carleton professor gave two of his books a bad review.

In a letter to Kenzie Thompson, assistant director of Development and Alumni services, Suzuki writes, "I intend to fund scholarships elsewhere."

"A faculty member in the School of Journalism at Carleton has reviewed two of my books in a most unpleasant and uncalled for way."

"Of course, that is his prerogative but I don't see why I should continue to support students in a faculty with such a puerile member."

The \$1500 Setsu Suzuki and Carr Suzuki scholarships were awarded to Carleton graduate and undergraduate students studying science and journalism.

The reviews in question are believed to be those of Christopher Dornan, assistant professor of journalism.

Dornan's reviews of Suzuki's autobiography, *Metamorphosis*, and *Genetics*, a collaborative work with Peter Knudtson, appeared in the *Montreal Gazette* on Oct. 10, 1987 and July 23, 1988.

Anthony Westell, director of the School of Journalism, said he's surprised by Suzuki's letter.

"The result will be to deprive

two students of a scholarship who had nothing to do with the professor and his reviews," Westell said.

Suzuki, who has an honorary doctorate of science from Carleton, was unavailable for comment.

"People hired as professionals are encouraged and expected to publish their work," Westell said. "That's a praiseworthy thing to do."

Vik Peck, a fourth year biology and journalism student, won the scholarship in her second and third years. She said the scholarship has been extremely important to her studies.

"When you combine

two fields, it's a thankless adventure. Because of scheduling problems, you end up taking five years to get your degree.

"That \$1500 can make or break a student."

Another winner of the scholarship, Lori Maclean, said Suzuki's reputation as an example for science writers is now tainted. "I think it's a shame...As

a science role model, it doesn't seem all that role model-like to do something like this.

"I don't see how cutting off the scholarship is going to silence journalists or professors at the School of Journalism."

Westell agreed, "If he wishes to bring about pressure on the professor in this manner, I find that improper."