

MC LAUHLAN RETURNS

Six-time Juno Award winning Canadian entertainer, Murray McLaughlan, will appear on the Confederation Centre's Main Stage for one performance only, Wednesday, February 9 at 8 p.m.

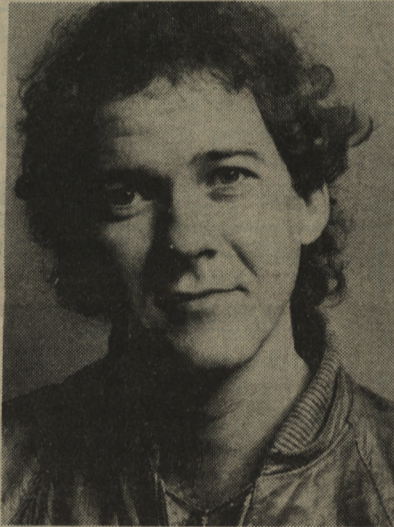
McLaughlan, singer and songwriter of the acclaimed hit "Farmer's Song", has been winning Juno's ever since 1973 including Composer of the Year, and Folk Artist of the Year. A dynamic vocalist, some of whose better known songs include "Down by the Henry Moore", "Whispering Rain", "On the Boulevard" and "Child's Song", McLaughlan has released 12 albums under the True North label. His most recent album, WINDOWS, contains two popular cuts, "Jealousy" and "Happiness".

Most recently, McLaughlan has become involved in various film projects. He wrote the theme song "Never Far Apart" for MELANIE, a film starring Burton Cummings. He has also scored two other feature films, PARTNERS (1976) and RIPOFF (1971). In April, 1981, McLaughlan completed writing the theme song for the feature length drama, Alligator Shoes. Featuring several of his older songs "On the Boulevard" and "Down by the Henry Moore" as well as the theme song "Alligator Shoes", this film was one of two official Canadian entries at

last year's Cannes Film Festival.

The Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled chose McLaughlan's hit single "If the Wind Could Blow My Troubles Away" as its theme song for the 1981 International Year of the Disabled Persons. A simple ballad from the STORM WARNING LP this cut is backed with both a 61-voice Methodist Choir and a Toronto's children choir.

Currently on tour in the Maritimes in Freder-



icton, Halifax, Wolfville, and St. John's, tickets for the Charlottetown performance are available at the Centre Ticketworks. Prices for reserved seating are \$7., \$8., and \$9.

To the Editor:

There is something seriously wrong with the student loan system that requires students to repay their loans at rates that are higher than generally available consumer loan rates.

Under the present system, graduating students are forced to consolidate and begin paying their loans six months after leaving their full-time program, whether they are employed or not. Many graduating students who started making loans three or four years ago when rates were around 10% will be locked into repaying those loans at 15 7/8, the rate set for 1982/83, and a rate which does not reflect the recent drop in interest rates. That is not right.

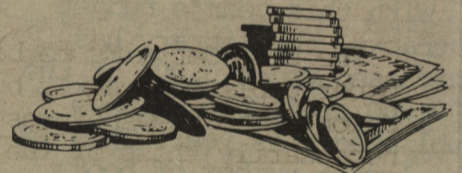
It is my belief, and that of the New Democratic Party, that the Federal Government should require the banks to allow renegotiation of student loans to reflect the lower rates which now prevail. In the future loan rates should be established on the basis of a weighted average of the loan rate in effect every year that the student makes a loan. The interest-free period of grace should extend to until the student has found a job.

Young Canadians have been encouraged to take up post-secondary education by the availability of supposedly

low cost student loans. The combination of the Government's high interest rate policy and the inflexibility of the administration of the Canada Student Loan program yields a situation where students, who face a youth employment rate of 20.7% and are often unemployed themselves, are required to pay student loans at inflated rates. The only party which benefits in this situation is the banks who are collecting interest.

Should the Government not comply with our requests to lower the Canada student loan rate, students should be aware that if they can delay the consolidation of their loan until after July 31, 1983, the new and hopefully lower 1983/84 rate would be applicable to their loan.

Yours sincerely,
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