

# CAMPUS POLITICS: CF

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ANYONE WHO STILL WONDERS ABOUT THE PASSION and intensity of the student movement obviously did not attend the Canadian Federation of Students' annual general meeting Nov. 7-14 in Hull.

Among other things, the CFS voted to stage a one-day nationwide strike in protest against the Liberal government's social security reform proposals on Jan. 25, 1994.

The CFS is a national lobbying organization that represents more than 50 campuses across the country. It is designed to give students a powerful voice in both tiers of government. It typically deals with student concerns such as tuition fees and social justice issues.

Many delegates agreed that action against the social security reform proposals was the single most important element of the general meeting this year.

"This year, students from across the country have joined together and agreed that one of the most critical things facing students is the social program review," said Chloe Burgess of Malaspina Students' Union. "We are going to strike."

She underlined the importance of the CFS's voice. "According to Maclean's magazine two years ago, we're one of the top 10 most powerful lobbying organizations in the country."

She added: "It's something that should keep people

going because if we don't join what's coming up, people who tutions are going to be much

"The motion to support that a national strike and action as a result of the federal government of students loans and the

Andrea Harrington, chair of the Student Union, expressed her support

"I think that our coalition on students who can get large do effective media action to support which is education -- but for the

She stressed. "We're looking at Canada's way of life, and if we ... then I think we're letting a lot to support this."

John-Henry Harty, CFS Island Student Association agreed people to support this motion. ... out the working class, the working people.

"Every constituency group is crucial. If we don't stand up for and accept privatization of post-secondary education is

Others such as Kelly Lam

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LUCKY DRAW ON NOV. 28



## Duffocalypse -- The Mornin' One Bio's View Through the Smoke

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I AM A FOURTH YEAR BIO STUDENT WHO IS ALSO employed as a lab assistant in the biology department. Like many of my colleagues, I spent Monday morning wandering around campus like a homeless child, listening to whatever rumours or scraps of information I could glean about Duffy. I was lucky in that I had lost nothing in the fire except class time and possibly a job. Some students lost notes, discs, books and the hip-waders that were stored in the biology lounge. The professors whose offices and labs were in Duffy were the biggest losers.

It has now been determined that the fire was caused by an electric heater in the biology lounge on the third floor. Immediately above the lounge is the "fish room", which incurred the heaviest damage. The floor of the fish room buckled due to heat from the floor below and the weight of the aquarium. The floor in the centre of the room is now at least eight inches lower than the floor at the edges.

Dr. Ed Johnston had been doing research on Pacific salmon reared in this room for years. His entire stock of fish, approximately 50 animals, has been eliminated. These fish were also used for the cell and animal physiology classes, as well as Johnston's fish biology course.

Also damaged was the research lab on the third floor. The back of this lab is adjacent to the student lounge. A laboratory skylight had to be broken while fighting the fire. This lab was shared by virtually the whole biology department.

The remainder of the building is more dirty than dam-

aged. The walls will have to be re-scientific equipment returned to enough cleaning. Some water damage floors of the building. Luckily, the in Duffy will only have to be cleaned layer of soot covers everything and For the first two days after the fire.



equally sure that students will not be allowed in the building until 1995.

Classes have been relocated to various buildings across campus, including in at least one case to the actual floor of the gym in the sports centre. Some labs are taking place in the Atlantic Vet College. Others have been cancelled for the rest of the semester. Professors are either assigning extra class work to be completed during laboratory times, redistributing marks or doubling up on laboratory periods when classes resume in December.

For the time being, biology professors have been relocated to the fourth floor Dalton Hall and the department office relocated to the first floor of Memorial. Engineering profs are in Cass. Physics profs have also been relocated.

laboratory periods in Duffy will resume before the end of the semester, others seem

3) Judy MacIntyre's honour project was also unhurt.

4) The marine fish that were collected by the Biology 361 class were released on Sunday morning.

5) Duffy is getting a new coat of paint.

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