

## Women taught to protect themselves

By Carol Doiron

Attacks occur in many ways. So UPEI's Women's Centre has initiated a campaign of their own.

The Centre recently sponsored a self-defense demonstration by Bob Harris, firearms and self-defense instructor at the Atlantic Police Academy. He and his courageous wife Bonny showed those in attendance a variety of 'basic redirection and manipulation techniques' to help in almost any situation.

Although only a handful of people showed up, the evening was still a success. The pair displayed and explained the moves very clearly. For each new move, some members of the audience were asked to get up and try it themselves.

"If you are attacked," explained Instructor Harris, "position yourself and don't panic. Don't try to pull away. This is a very common mistake.

"Crowd the assailant and force him to make the centre-line of his body vulnerable. This is where your attacker is strongest and is therefore where you will have the most effect." (Most victims find it difficult to match blows with their attacker, who is usually bigger and stronger ... or



Okay, okay, we're equals! Husband and wife team demonstrated a move at last week's self-defense session, sponsored by the UPEI Women's Centre. (Photo: Yorston)

carries a weapon.)

Then use all the leverage at your disposal."

Many people believe that it is best to hit a male assailant in the groin. "But if you are going to do it," explained Bob, "you'd better make damn sure you do it right. Injure him badly or you will only succeed in making him angrier."

What should you do if the person has a knife?

"Get a large protruding object (ex. a chair) between the two of you. Or throw as many things as you can find. And for Christ's sake, don't back away. If you continue to do this, you will eventually funnel yourself into a corner."

Director of the Women's Centre, Mary McCarvill said they are hoping to sponsor other, similar evenings dealing with women's issues in the near future.

"The next lecture will hopefully be about the situation of women in employment," she said Monday.

The centre is, in the meantime, waiting to receive a grant from the Secretary of State, for which it applied a few months ago.

(PLEASE NOTE: The use of 'he' in this article is not meant to imply that the

attacker is always a male. I was just following literary tradition for lack of a better solution.)

## Cabinet comes to UPEI

In the first move of its kind in recent memory, the P.E.I. government Cabinet Ministers met last week with the Board of Governors for a tour of the campus and some insight into the way the university is run.

Student rep Ken Mutter says "nothing spectacular" happened at the meeting last Wednesday. The Cabinet was shown the run-down condition of the Gym, the Rink and Main Building, and heard reports from the Chairmen of the Board, William Wedlock and some of its committees such as Budget and Buildings and Grounds.

In the next month or so the P.E.I. government must decide what increase in federal transfer payments the university will actually be given.

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission recommended 4.5%, but the Budget Committee has said it needs at least 5 or 6% to retain the same level of operations.

## Election spots

Nominations for positions on the '85-'86 Student Union Council closed on Wednesday, February 27 at 1 p.m.

Chief Electoral officer Tracey Arsenault announced the following people are running for positions:

### President:

Gordon Cobb  
Robert Hanf  
Steve Zakem

### Vice President Academic:

Kevin O'Brien  
Carolyn Ryan

### Vice President Operations:

Karen Blacquiere  
Bob Stanley

Elections for these positions will be held March 13 and 14, 1985. Public speeches will be held in conjunction with the spring general meeting of the Student Union on March 12, 1985 at 1 p.m. in Duffy Amphitheatre.

Also on the election ballot will be a referendum question from WISC's local committee on campus. Details page 7.

The following people were acclaimed to their positions:

Treasurer: John Orr

Ombudsman: Paul Peacock

Senators: Inga Dorsey and Paul Ledwell

Arts: Joe Byrne, Betty Johnston, Jane Mallard, Barbara Younker

Business: Paula LeClair and Tanya Mamye

Science: Robert Kelly

asn an exercise in arithmetic and not as a strategy for post-secondary education," she says. "It's madness to drift along as we are."

"Universities are clearly in a state of damage and a failure to invest adequately

at this this time is a failure to make an investment that is desperately and urgently needed."

The federal government does not earmark funds for education nor penalize provinces that fail to pass on the increases.

## Millions in education funds gone

OTTAWA (CUP) — Two hundred and eighty million dollars in post-secondary funds will not make their way into provincial coffers this year, thanks to the combined efforts of the old and the new Parliament Hill.

The Tory government has no plans to restore the millions of dollars lost under the old Liberal government's six and five restraint program, imposed on education transfer payments since 1983, and will leave the provinces with considerably less.

Nearly \$120 million was lost in the 1983-84 funding year, more than \$250 million in the year after that and now about \$280 million will be lost in 1985-86. The provinces, which could have expected a total of \$4.8 billion in federal education transfer payments this year, will receive only \$4.5 billion. The drop reflects an eroding base level of federal contributions.

Though the federal government has said it will not alter existing formula governing federal payments to the provinces and will in fact increase education funds by more than seven per cent this year, it is shrugging off sug-

gestions that it make up the accumulating losses.

"It's like crying over spilled milk," says Nigel Chippindale, a senior bureaucrat in the secretary of state's office. "it's like saying something is half empty instead of half full."

Chippindale says the Tories promised not to restore the losses during its election campaign and referred to a statement in the Canadian Association of University Teachers' Bulletin a monthly newsletter, in which the federal party explicitly said it would not do so.

"Why should the government restore the losses? It's on record in the election campaign that the government would do what it's doing. It's not inconsistent," he says.

But according to the Canadian Federation of Students, the Tories' position is ironic because they vehemently criticized the Liberal government when it introduced the bill, called Bill C-12, in Parliament in 1984. The bill was retroactive to 1983.

"The Tories are legitimizing Liberal policy by not restoring the losses," says

CFS economic researcher Jean Wright. "They're right in saying it's not a cutback, but it's surely a cutback in expectation."

Had the restraint program not been imposed, the provinces would have received a 9.3 per cent increase in post-secondary funds in 1983-84, a 8.3 per cent increase in the next and a 6.4 per cent in 1985-86. Wright says the provinces will continue to lose money because the federal government will not adjust its base level of contribution when it calculates transfer payments in upcoming years.

During the House of Commons debate on Bill C-12, on PC MP was particularly outspoken. Flora MacDonald, now employment and immigration minister, said at the time: "Surely this is the time and place for investment, not for the kind of discouragement which (Bill C-12) is bringing. If Canada really wants to maintain its standard of living and be more than a mere supplier of natural resources for other industrialized countries, we must develop our own technology ... without enough highly

trained people that will be impossible."

"Universities are without doubt the major training ground for these people," she said.

The Tories now say the fate of this year's funds for education is up to the provinces, some of which failed to match the federal government's five per cent funding increase in 1984-85.

While Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta increased university operating grants by nearly or a little more than five per cent this year, Newfoundland virtually froze funds and British Columbia cut funding by five per cent. Manitoba passed on a three per cent increase. Figures for Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec are not available.

CAUT president Sarah Shorten says the current arrangement between the federal and provincial governments, called the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Agreements and Federal Post-secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, makes university long-term planning impossible.

"The government treat it