

# Women Want To Be Led, Says Candidate

HALIFAX (CUP) - A male candidate in a recent student council election at Mount Saint Vincent University says women don't run for council positions because they like being led.

"Girls, really, are more complacent. They look to the men for some strange reason. Generally speaking women seem more likely to accept being led than to accept leadership," said Rod Benteau, who tried for - and lost - a seat on senate.

Ten student council positions were up for grabs in the October 13th and 14th elections, in which only eight per cent of the student body voted. Seven spots were uncontested, and six were won



by men. The results mean that men make up about one third of the council.

Over 80 per cent of the University's 4,100 students are female.

Benteau based his comments on an observed lack of female participation in classrooms. He said that histori-

cal institutionalized sexism is hard to shake.

Said Benteau, "Let's blame society."

But other students point to apathy and an overwhelming female presence as the reason men are getting involved.

"It's one good way to let the university know how the males feel," said student Rick Collins.

"Maybe males are trying to make a statement," adds student council entertainment director Karen Seaboyer. "Guys are perhaps trying to find their place because they've been feeling slighted by the female dominance."

At UPEI, both males and females are taking an active role in the Student Union. On the Student Union, about half the representatives are female and half male.

# Cat killers charged at SMU

by Bob Smith

HALIFAX (CUP) - Two male students at Saint Mary's University have been charged for allegedly torturing and killing a six-week-old cat.

Halifax police and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals investigated the incident after residence students reported that the kitten had been drugged, shaved, and thrown from a twelfth floor window.

"I could understand this kind of thing from six-year-old kids, but this has gone far beyond. I would expect better conduct from university students," said Don Marston, head investigations officer for the S.P.C.A..

The university has been besieged by phone calls from irate stu-

dents and community members, said Liz Stevens, director of information services.

"They should be shaved and thrown out the window," suggested one irate student.

"The 12th floor was in chaos," commented one resident. "I still can't believe that someone would do that to a helpless animal."

An 18-year-old student and a minor have been charged and issued court appearance notices.

"We've advised (the two students) that they have been expelled from residence and that they have to be out by Friday," said Keith Hotchkiss, SMU's director of student services. "The university's policy is not to release the names in incidents such as this."

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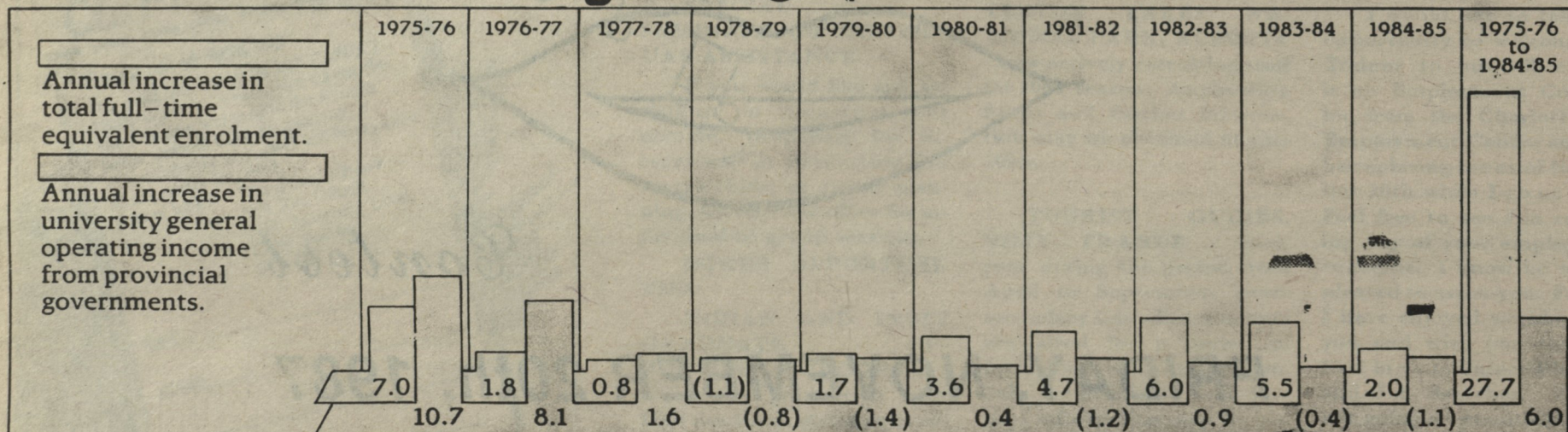
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