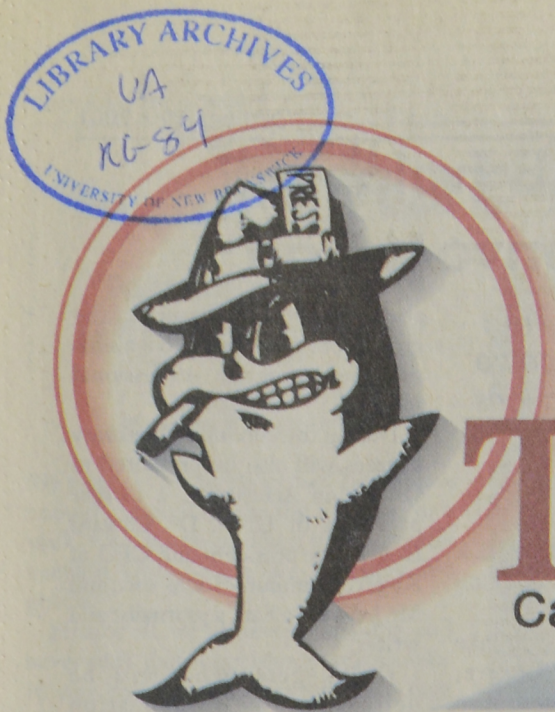




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Protesters plead for peace

Demonstrators call for humanitarian military effort

by Sean Patrick Sullivan

A group of peaceful demonstrators blocked the main entrance to Canadian Forces Base Halifax last Saturday in protest of Canada's involvement in the war in Afghanistan.

Organized by an ad hoc committee of activists, many of whom are members of the Halifax Mobilization for Global Justice (MOBGLOB), the sit-in grew out of a march earlier Saturday afternoon. Over 100 people gathered in a downtown park before weaving their way through the city to the naval dockyards.

Fronted by a large Canadian flag depicting a peace symbol framed by the words 'democracy' and 'freedom,' the group shouted chants and passed out leaflets.

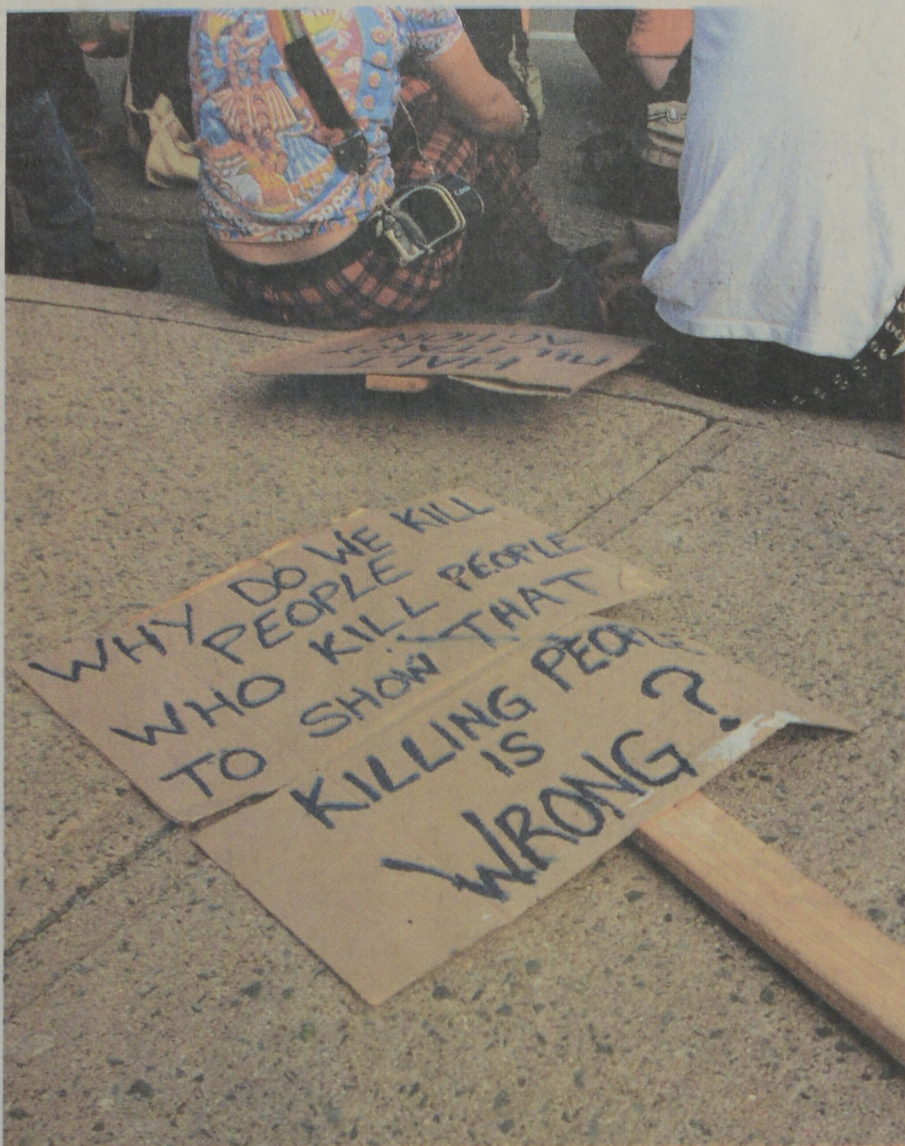
"We are not against the men and women who have been forced to go overseas," said Isaac Sancy, one of the organizers. "We are against Canada's subservient role, being a junior partner to the United States' imperialism."

"This establishes the concrete reality of Halifax being a warport," he continued. Approximately 900 troops, almost half of the Canadian delegation, left Halifax on Wednesday. Canada is contributing six warships, six aircraft, several Sea King helicopters, and about 2,000 military personnel to the US assault on the ruling Taliban government in Afghanistan.

The protesters were calling for a halt to the mobilization of Canadian forces, demanding the government shift towards humanitarian efforts and peaceful solutions to the crisis.

Speaker Jessica Squires likened the current situation to the protests in Quebec earlier this year. "There is a continuity we need to acknowledge. International globalization leads to increased militarization, and that's part of the reason I'm against the war."

"When we're done here today, don't



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Demonstrators block a military base in Halifax

quit this now. Go to your schools, go to the street corners... and make sure everyone tells the Canadian government that this war should stop," added Adam Lavigneur.

Military police and Halifax regional police kept an eye on the situation during the day, and a navy spokesperson told the Canadian Press Saturday there were no plans to forcibly remove the protesters.

Early Sunday morning, however, the

military police gave an order to disperse.

Unconfirmed reports on the Maritime Indymedia website said police gave an ultimatum to disperse or face pepper spray and the use of 'pain compliance holds.'

Navy spokesperson Mike Bonin said those reports are "completely false," and that after being asked to leave, the crowd quickly cleaned the area and dissipated.

Safety concerns were cited as the major reason for the order to leave.

Ottawa introduces anti-terrorism legislation

Proposal received with praise and criticism

by Ben Conoley

In response to an ever-increasing terrorist threat, Ottawa has introduced the Anti-Terrorism Act. Justice Minister Anne McLellan would like to see the measures pass through parliament by Christmas.

Under the proposed act, police would be allowed to carry out "preventative arrests" against those who are suspected of terrorist involvement. Anyone brought in would appear before a judge within 24 hours, but could be held for up to 72. Police would be able to compel someone with information on terrorist activity to answer questions before a judge. The Communications Security Establishment would be able to monitor all communications involving Canadians. Terrorist groups would be put on a national list; however they could appeal to the Solicitor-General regarding their inclusion. Jail sentences would also be toughened in all aspects of terrorist activity.

The government has defined terrorism as, "an action taken for political, religious, or ideological purposes that threatens the public or national security by killing, seriously harming or endangering a person, causing property damage likely to injure people or by disrupting an essential service of facility." The definition also makes clear that protesting and striking

will not be included under the act.

The proposal has been receiving both praise and criticism alike. McLellan defended the act by saying, "People who live in daily fear of their personal security and safety cannot live in a free and democratic society....Freedom must not be a victim of terrorism." She also states that every section of the act respects the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Opposition parties have stated that they support the bill, but would like to see a few changes made. The Canadian Alliance has stated that it would like to see membership in terrorist groups outlawed and that jail sentences should be life without parole for those convicted of a terrorist act.

On the other end of the spectrum are those to opposed or questioning the proposed bill. Alan Gold of the Ontario Criminal Lawyers Association said the measures have, "a powerful potential for misuse." He also said the measures "threaten to turn Canada into a police state. To do so in the name of liberty is bizarre." He also said that, "Your guilt depends on your popularity with the current attorney-general."

Vice-president of the Canadian Bar Association, Simon Potter, is worried as well and wants to work with the government. "We're going to have to make sure these things are defined appropriately so that a travel agent doesn't suddenly find himself or herself a criminal. So that people know when it is they're breaking the law."

Peacekeeping conference

by Joseph Fitzpatrick

Starting this afternoon, and continuing over the weekend, students, academics and experts will present papers and lead discussions about peacekeeping.

The three-day conference at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel is divided into three themes: changes in peacekeeping, the role of peacekeeping partners, and the impact of peacekeeping.

Students from UNB and St. Thomas will be presenting, as well as experts from as far away as Ireland, Calgary and Pennsylvania.

UNB student Lee Windsor will speak on Canada's implementation of the Medak Pocket Agreement, a tense peacekeeping episode in the former Yugoslavia in 1993.

Brent Wilson will present a paper that examines the impact of peacekeeping crises on military-civilian relations. Judicial reform in Kosovo is the subject of St. Thomas student Fatmir Zajmi's paper, which is to be presented this afternoon.

Notable topics also include the role of women in police peacekeeping presented by RCMP officer Jennifer Strachan, the family impact of post-traumatic stress presented by Dr. Rakesh Jetly and the challenge of organized crime by David Gairdner.

The conference is being jointly hosted the UNB Centre for Conflict Studies, the UNB Military and Strategic Studies Program, and The Lester B. Pearson International Peacekeeping Centre.

Alex Morrison, President of the Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, Pearson Centre will deliver the opening address. He will speak on the evolution of "Personian peacekeeping" which is traditionally defined as neutral moderation of conflict between two states (think of the Canada Heritage Moment on Cyprus.)

A speaker's list can be obtained online at <http://www.unbf.ca/arts/CCS>, by phone at 453-4587 or by sending email to: conflict@unb.ca

New Brunswick gets new Education Minister

Dr. Dennis Furlong adjusts to new portfolio

by Chris Wilson-Smith

New Brunswick has a new Minister of Education. Dr. Dennis Furlong, who was given the portfolio of Health and Wellness on March 23rd, 2000, switched portfolios with Education Minister Elvy Robichaud in last week's cabinet shuffle.

Although Dr. Furlong admits that the transition process is hectic, he also

mentioned how Premier Bernard Lord's cabinet works well as a team.

"I understand the relationship that exists between the two departments (Education and Health), the most apparent being the overall employability of the people of New Brunswick," said Furlong.

Dr. Furlong, who spent the first ten years of his career as a phys. Ed. teacher, looks forward to the challenge of creating a better education system, focusing on health programs. In his 23rd year as a family doctor, he recognizes a need for improving the way health is taught in schools.

"We need to inform our children of the risks of smoking, drinking, and putting chemicals in their bodies. Presently, more attention needs to be put on eliminating the problem of children with inactive lifestyles," said the minister.

Dr. Furlong, who holds four university degrees, received a bachelor of physical education from UNB. Throughout his career, he has been involved in a number of professional societies, including a tenure as president of the New Brunswick Medical Society from 1988-89. In 1990, he served three years as a physician member on the Premier's Council on Health Strategy.

Dr. Furlong, who worked as a family physician at the Dalhousie Medical Clinic from 1977 to 1997, also has a distinguished record of community service. From 1991-94, he chaired the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons, and in 1998 served as president of the New Brunswick Lung Association.

Dr. Furlong's new portfolio also includes the Culture and Sport Secretariat. The department exists to facilitate and encourage quality sport and recreation,

as well as encourage the development and preservation of New Brunswick's distinct culture.

The department is responsible for the planning and organization of the 2003 Canada Winter Games, which will take place in the Chaleur region. Furlong, who chaired the committee that successfully bid for the games, looks forward to the event as a venue for Canadians to come together as a nation.

"I see this (the Canada games) as the only annual event that exists solely for the people of Canada. It brings people

together from sea to sea, encouraging patriotism and a sense of spirit," said Furlong.

Presently, both Robichaud and Dr. Furlong are going through a transition period that will be made easier by their knowledge of each other's mandate, according to Furlong.

"We've made a very rapid transition. Minister Robichaud and I have changed mandates, and we will be working together daily to facilitate the change as much as possible."



Mark McGinnis/The Brunswickan

Dr. Dennis Furlong was recently named New Brunswick's Minister of Education.

Student Union Election Results

Board of Governors	Business Rep
Scott Duguay	Tim Vail
Brian Crothers	
Senate (2 yr)	Education
Michelle Sarchfield	Jennifer Fox
Student at Large	Arts Rep
Matt Clark	Fane Dezan
	S. Leblanc
Grad Class President	Dan Malone
David Gorman	Janice Linton
Computer Science Rep	
Kristina Hildebrand	
Mark MacRae	
Brunswickan Referendum	
(...do students support a \$3.00 increase in the Media Fee Agreement)	
Yes	No
247	122



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