## Tories will stick to health promise, says Ted Chudleigh

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Boosting health care spending by 20 per cent is an election promise that the Tories intend to keep, says Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh.

But the beefed-up investment isn't likely to be a free ride, he warned.

"Traditionally, governments have thrown money at problems and that is irresponsible," said Mr. Chudleigh. "How we spend that extra money is important."

The answer, he said, is to marry the cash with accountability.

"In some of the public opinion testing we did, people still believed there's a lot of waste in health care. I think there will have to be performance strings attached to that money."

Exactly how that will be accomplished hasn't been determined.

But one thing is likely — it will bug someone, said Mr. Chudleigh.

"I'm sure there will be a great deal of opposition to anything we do that involves change."

But two months into the Tory government's second majority victory, Mr. Chudleigh is prepared to follow the plan that got his party elected in the first place.

"The four year business plan is clearly laid out for people so they know what they are voting for," he said, referring to the Tory blueprint.

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Ted Chudleigh

That means tackling education and cutting taxes.

Thanks to lingering criticisms, it can also mean defending the party against charges of callousness.

But programs such as workfare are proof of the government's soft heart, said Mr. Chudleigh.

"There was a huge hue and cry that we were mean spirited, we were kicking people off welfare. Are we cruel? I think it is far more cruel to leave people on welfare."

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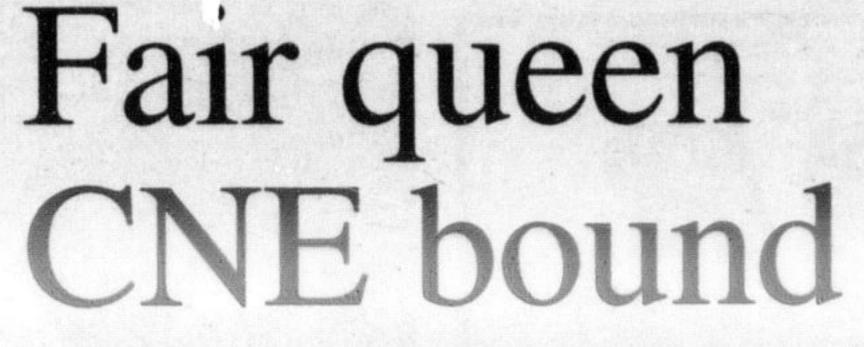
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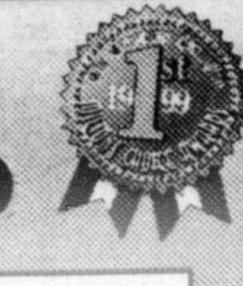
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Each entrant will undergo a five-minute personal interview with the judges. The top seven will later be selected on stage, where they'll each recite a speech and answer impromptu questions.

If she's selected, Ms Johnstone said she plans to speak from the heart about what the Milton Fall Fair means to her.

"I think she has an excellent chance," said Annette Winter, chair of the fair board's ambassador committee. "I think she's got what the CNE is looking for in an ambassador."

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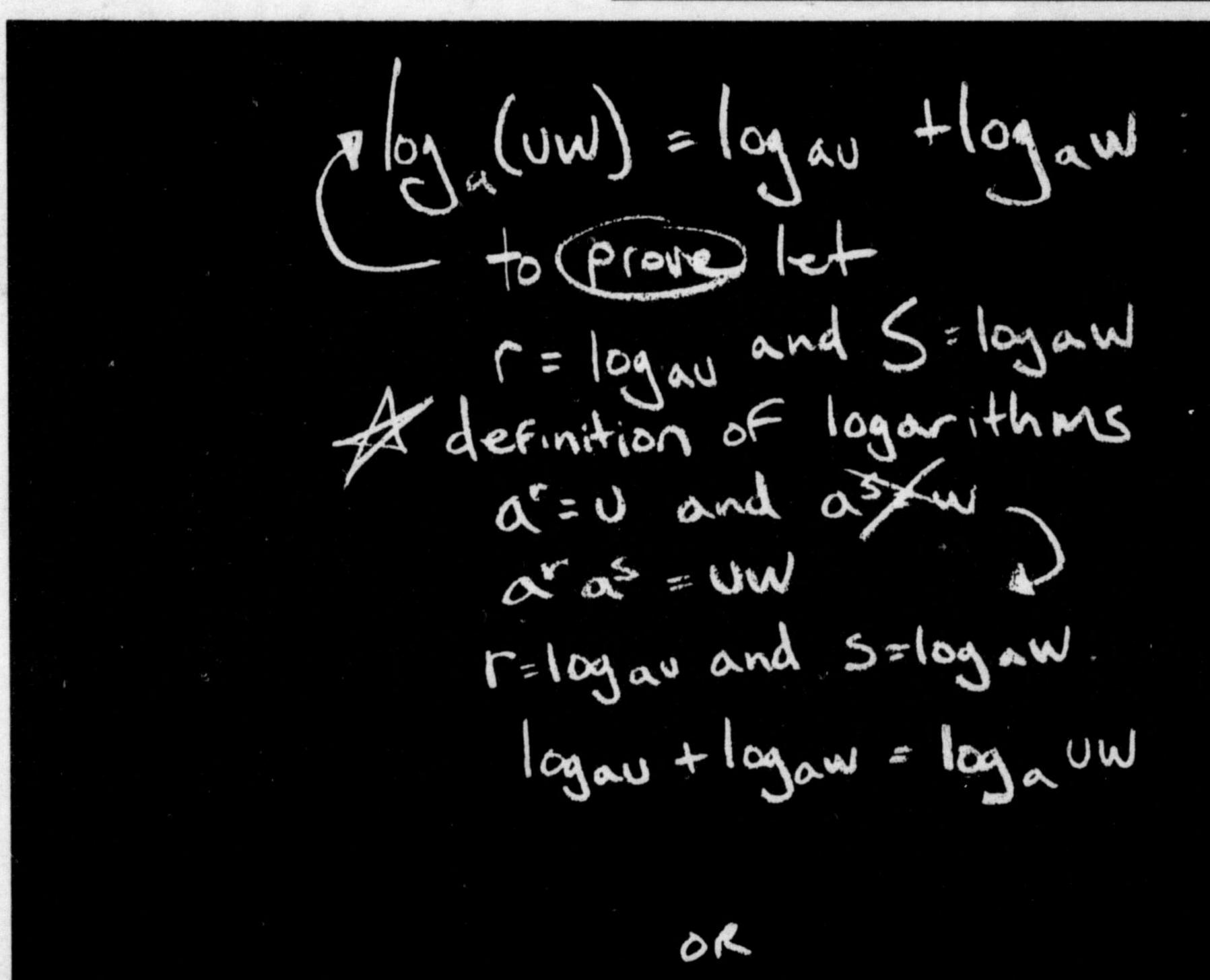
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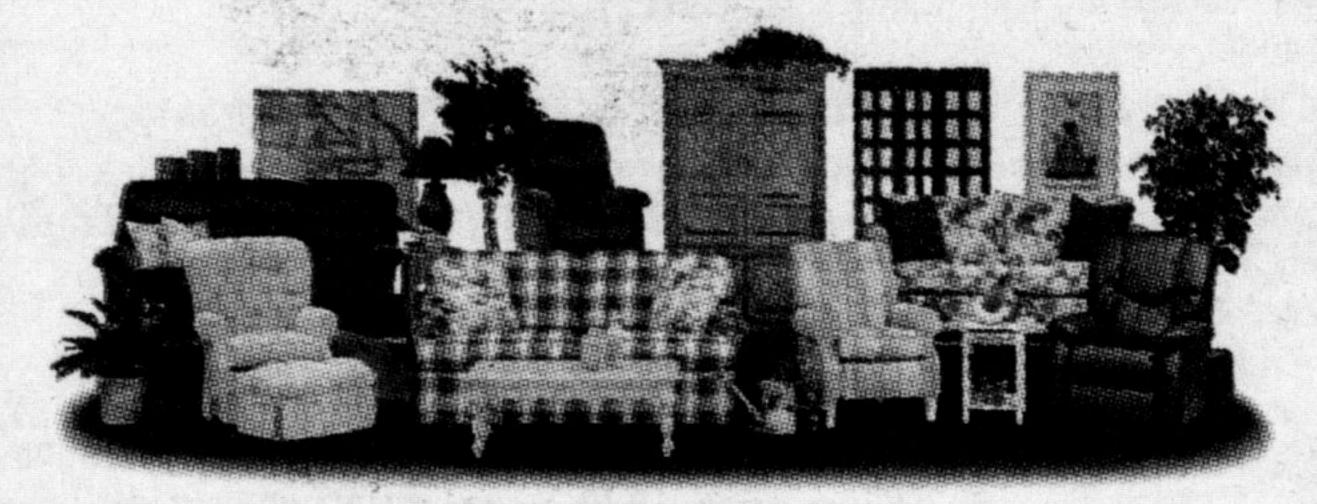
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