

Oldland not coming but...

Council backs probe call

by Julia McMahon

In a news conference Wednesday, Robert Oldland said that he had changed his mind about accepting the appointment as Halifax city manager.

Speaking in Oklahoma City, Oldland said that the pressures against him in Halifax were a deciding factor in the reversal. It was also rumored that the Oklahoma City Administration offered him more money to stay on there.

The previous Monday (March 16), Students' Council threw its support behind those seeking an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Oldland's appointment.

Council members decided to adopt the resolutions appearing on the petitions which have been circulating the city. The motion was passed by a large majority.

Mr. Milton Veniot, a lawyer representing what has informally come to be known as the People's Committee, who originated the petition, spoke to Council outlining their case for demanding a government investigation.

He said that the allegations made against Mr. Oldland to the effect that he is insensitive to minority groups need to be aired. Both sides of the story must be told; city council should not be allowed to railroad such appointments through without listening to what many of their constituents have to say.

He pointed out that while city council itself has only a three year term of office, the city manager's position is contracted for five years. At such a critical time in this city's growth, it cannot risk the danger of further aggravated racial or labour tension.

A member of the gallery, also from the Peoples Committee, said that this would be the first time that students had ever formed a working alliance with labour on an issue and that this was a good thing.

Council then passed a motion granting \$250 to the committee for their efforts in pressing for an investigation — the cost of printing newspapers etc.

Wednesday was declared petition day for the circulation of the petition on this campus, with tables to be set up in the lobby of the SUB for that purpose.

Council members who were willing to do so were encouraged to go to their respective constituents to try to raise more money and gain popular support for the aims of the committee.

Notable in the voting were Paul Edwards, the Commerce rep, who voted against all the motions, saying that he did not think his Commerce students would favour such motions, and Pat Warren, the Engineering rep, who abstained on all counts.

T.Y.P. gets approval in principle... but no money

by Trevor Parsons

Another step has been taken towards the establishment of the "Transitional Year Program", with the approval in principle given to the program on Monday, March 9 in a regular meeting of the academic Senate.

However, the approval was granted with a number of qualifications.

"Further consideration" will be given to the program by the Faculty of Arts and Science and "outside financial support" must be obtained or the program will be scrapped.

The Transitional Year Program, or T.Y.P., is being instituted to help black and Indian students who do not meet the normal academic requirements. It is designed to help these students improve their basic skills so they can adapt more easily to regular academic programs.

Vice-President MacKay stated at the Senate meeting that funds for the project were being sought from governments and foundations. So far, these efforts have been unsuccessful.

The idea for T.Y.P. was originated by graduate students Terry Kemper and Paul and Sylvia Norton last year. At the beginning of the academic year, they were optimistic about its success, but many observers now believe that the program is doomed. It was originally slated to begin operation in January, 1970, but has not yet materialized.

No new programs

Another related motion passed at the meeting stated that no new programs would be instituted for the 1969-70 academic year unless (a) no large expenditure is involved, (b) outside financial aid is available, (c) there is unusual pressure favouring a particular program.

Some observers feel that this virtually eliminates any possibility of the formation of a "Black Studies Department". There has been some talk recently of the initiation of such a program.

M. D.'s leave

The Faculty of Medicine said recently that Nova Scotia was in danger of losing the majority of its medical graduates to other parts of Canada.

At the senate meeting it was pointed out that Ontario was offering a generous scholarship and job program which was attracting many local students.

A representative of the faculty stated that the plan gave students "\$3,000 a year plus a salary of \$26,000, per year after graduation" if they agreed to work in Ontario. He also stated that the Canadian forces offer an equally generous plan.

"In fact," he said, "some of the participating students drive bigger cars than their professors."



National Rochdale Week opens April Fools Day

TORONTO (CUP) — Rochdale College, Canada's oft-publicized high-rise free school, laid claim Friday the 13th (March) to their "rightful tithe" on all marijuana pushed in Canada for the week beginning April Fool's day. Those who don't sell dope can buy themselves a degree... cheap.

Rochdale national co-ordinator Ian Argue announced the tithe and the degree sale from the institution's 'war room', as 14 members of the college prepared for a 9-day, nation-wide campaign in conjunction with "national share the wealth with Rochdale week", April 1 to 7.

The move, Argue said, is an attempt to arouse national interest in the beleaguered institution during its current crisis: overdue debts with the government-owned Central Mortgage and Housing corporation.

CMHC reportedly is considering turning over control of the 18-storey concrete college and residence building to Campus Co-operative Residences Incorporated. The move follows recent notice that Rochdale is \$100,000 in arrears on payments towards a remaining \$4.5 million CMHC mortgage.

The campaign, according to a Rochdale press release, is to "raise funds to support Rochdale's revolutionary educational programmes," which are currently "totally unsubsidized."

The average subsidy for Canadian post-secondary stu-

dents is 91 per cent, Argue said, except at Rochdale where the subsidy is less than one per cent.

"In other words," he said, "for every \$100 spent by a university student on his education, an additional \$1000 is added by the government, through grants. For every \$100 we spend on our education budget, the government chips in 60 cents."

The 14-member national tour team will be selling memberships in the college. They will also sell degrees to anyone who wants one.

According to the press release:

"The B. A. granting course is \$25. Course length is 24 hours, and the degree will be awarded on the answering of a skill-testing question."

Fifty dollars and a question of the student's own choice buys an M. A. degree. PhD's are going for \$100 — no questions asked.

The prices are reversed for non-degrees. A non-PhD can be purchased for \$25 with the only requirement "that you say something."

Fifty dollars and saying "something logical" buys a non-M. A. A non-B. A. costs \$100, with the candidate required "to say something useful."

And for those pushers hampered by the new federal credit restrictions, "Rochdale is willing to accept 10 per cent of all cannabis in lieu of cash."



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