

Students get \$7700

Study set up on the college system

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The 1971 College System Study which is being run by three Vanier students has been allocated \$7,700 to conduct an intensive research programme examining the aims, achievements and failures of the existing college system at York.

Bob Colson, a member of the group, said the money came from president David Slater's contingency fund and is needed to keep the research going for eight months. Regarding the purpose of the study, Colson said:

"We don't believe that the college system is working and we're conducting the study to find out if it is valid or not."

The Statement of Purpose of the study is:

1. To discover the original historical purpose of the College system at York University.

2. To study, from the student viewpoint, both the successes and failures of the system to date with regard to the original historical purpose.

3. To state the reasons for the aforementioned successes and failures.

4. To determine whether or not these failures are inherent in the means of achieving the purpose of the system.

5. To propose alternate means if said failures are shown to be inherent.

6. To propose means whereby the non-inherent failures may be rectified.

The study group aims to accomplish their purpose by conducting intensive interviews with those who were responsible for the conception of the system at York and with both past and present students from each of the presently existing colleges. Questionnaires will also be mailed out to students.

When asked if the results of the study point to the retention of the present system, Colson said, "We will make recommendations so it will work better. But, if it's not valid, we plan to replace it by a new system." The new system, he said, is part of the main objectives of the study.

Of the approximately \$7,700

allocated, a little more than one half will be paid to the working members who are the students. The rest will be spent on travelling, especially to and from university campuses; on questionnaires and other articles to be mailed out; and on other expenses that may be encountered.

So far, Colson specified, the group has spent about one hundred dollars on psychological research tasks. They also have conducted a visit to University of Waterloo as part of the programme.

The college system study is composed of eight members including three students and an advisory committee. Its office is situated at the south side, 2nd floor Vanier college.



Leader of the opposition party Bob Stanfield generated so much enthusiasm at York last Thursday that many people left half way through his informal talk. TIM CLARK

Protest over Public Order Act

Chartrand coming to Toronto rally

By MIKE SAVAGE

Simone Chartrand, leader of the Quebec Woman's Movements, will be among those marching with Torontonians to Queen's Park on Sunday to protest the Public Order Act and the political trials in Montreal.

Mrs. Chartrand's husband, Michel Chartrand, is the Quebec labour leader currently on trial for seditious conspiracy along with other members of the "Montreal Five" — Pierre Valliers, Charles Gagnon, Robert Lemieux, Jacques Larue-Langlois.

Pierre Bourgault, former head of the RIN and current head of the Quebec weekly 'Point de Mire', and Michel Bourdon, vice-chairman of the Montreal Labour Council, will also participate in the march. Both Bourgault and Bourdon were jailed under the War Measures Act and later released.

The march to Queen's Park will be preceded by a rally at the Ontario College of Education on Bloor Street West. A permit for the march has already been requested from the police.

The rally and the march are being sponsored by the Emergency Committee for the Defense of Political Rights in Quebec, the organization which sponsored the Toronto visit of Larue-Langlois on January 17.

A committee spokesman stressed that the group did not take

a political position for or against the independence of Quebec, but was concerned strictly with violations of civil and political liberties there.

"We're defending the political prisoners not because of their politics, but because they have been jailed for their ideas and not

for any criminal act. The trials and the Public Order Act are issues which affect us all, regardless of political outlook or where we live," he said.

For further information contact the Emergency Committee for the Defense of Political Rights in Quebec at 483-7689 or 485-4268.

Union finds secret government paper

MONTREAL (CUPI) — Montreal's Confederation of National Trade Unions has disclosed what it calls a confidential federal government document.

The CNTU has challenged the government to deny the authenticity of the document which it claims could have settled the problem of the G. Lapalme Inc. mail truckers strike eight months ago.

Over 400 Lapalme drivers lost their jobs when the Lapalme contract was not renewed last April in favour of five other trucking firms. The trucks were

used for distribution of mail.

The drivers of Lapalme have a history of trade union militancy. They have been picketing Parliament Hill in Ottawa almost daily since October. Since Christmas, they have been wearing toques of red, white and green colours of the 1837 Patriote rebellion.

The CNTU's unsigned document which originated from the federal treasury department was apparently circulated among federal cabinet ministers on April 6.

It says the Lapalme case could have been solved by setting up a

Crown corporation to handle mail trucking in the city.

Marcel Pepin, president of the 225,000 member CNTU, said it is obvious that "the government acted in bad faith all along."

Police in Montreal Thursday January 28 raided two buildings housing offices of the CNTU, and seized documents belonging to the organization.

A police spokesman said the documents were connected with charges against CNTU union executive Michel Chartrand, arrested under the War Measures Act for seditious conspiracy.

Zionism/Arab teach-in draws small audience

By WENDY DENNIS

Only a handful of students turned out to a teach-in on Friday, on Zionism and the Arab Revolution.

The forum, organized by the York Young Socialists, featured

Students vote to end boycott at the U of T

University of Toronto Faculty of Arts students voted Friday to end their boycott of classes.

The boycott affected attendance at classes very little. Students had voted by a margin of 54 votes out of 8,174 votes cast not to strike. But confusion over the ballot at Erindale College resulted in the advocates of a strike carrying the issue in their favour. The sit-in was removed from the terminology last week by referring to the action as a boycott instead of a strike.

The boycott was in support of demands for student parity with faculty on the Faculty of Arts council.

On Monday, about 200 students succeeded in preventing a meeting of the general committee of the Faculty Council from taking place. The students passed two motions endorsing parity in front of the faculty members.

speakers expressing various viewpoints on the mid-east crisis.

Bryan Belfont, member of the Y.S. stressed that the Progressive Students for Israel were invited to defend the Israel point of view at a panel discussion but boycotted the teach-in instead, labelling it "propaganda"

Maan Zaida, Arab supporter of the Democratic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, saw the Palestinian resistance movement as the "only hope" for his people.

"The role of Israel is to play as a tool of American imperialism. The only alternative that can work in that area is a democratic state with full rights to both Israelis and Palestinians," he said.

Seymour Melman, a former Zionist and present professor of industrial engineering at Columbia University, spoke about a bi-national solution to the mid-east crisis.

He stressed that there "is no workable military or nationalist-extremist solution to the Arab-Israeli problem".

"What is needed above all else for the people of that area is a base of co-operative development among Israeli and Arab workers, farmers, technologists, scientists and intellectuals as a counter to the antagonism of nationalist-extremists and militarists," he said.

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