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intimate Islamic views feeds Western prejudices about Moslem fanaticism.

"The Ayatollah and his apologists threaten to create an anti-Moslem backlash in the West by ignoring the fact that the overwhelming majority of Moslems do not support the Ayatollah on

this, nor indeed on many issues," says Flint. He said that recently the 26 major Moslem organizations of North America publicly condemned Khomeini's behaviour as "un-Islamic", and that the recent Islamic Conference of 46 nations refused to endorse the Iranian position.

To Starnes, this criticism misses his point. "I am only trying to raise questions about our blind mob reaction here in the West," he says. Therefore, neither the contents of the book nor Khomeini's legitimacy concern him. He says he merely wants us to consider "whether our dogmatic

insistence on freedom of speech boils down to the West using its muscle to force the Islamic world to accept our position."

Development

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group that would work to expand students' roles in promoting awareness of development issues and the possibility of working in research projects in their field.

The present aims of Students for Development is to attract a body of students from all disciplines interested in international development. The local group at each campus would be linked nationally to form a network of action-oriented projects.

A \$100,000 grant has been provided by CIDA for the start-up of the program. CIDA has also guaranteed ongoing funding for the organization.

Despite a high profile, the program has had a shaky start. Seth Asimakos, the regional representative, says despite repeated attempt to contact various societies and students groups, he has had

Other faculty members dismissed Starnes' article with negative opinions ranging from "unbalanced" and "bizarre" to "shameful" and "appalling".

little or no student response.

Asimakos also says organization for the project has suffered due to lack of coordination. For example, Asimakos has had little contact with the Ottawa-based regional director since the start of the program. His phone calls and other attempts to contact her have not been returned.

Asimakos, who was elected almost by attrition, says he is discouraged by the lack of response within the organization and from the student body. He has not even bothered to claim his \$100 a week honorarium.

Asimakos speculated that the poor organization of this project was due to its bad timing. He says the program required student commitment in the spring, the busiest time of the year for students. Asimakos hopes the program will become more organized over the summer in time for the next academic year.

Fenwick

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reason for them to leave.

Crawley says a number of the students he spoke with at Fenwick Place feel "overwhelmed and angry". Some students told him finding extra rent money at this time of year will be difficult.

Sutherland says no Fenwick students have yet complained to the Housing Office about the

deadline this year. She encourages students whose finances are tight to come to speak with her, and says "the university is not cold-hearted."

But Crawley says many students at Fenwick feel a great deal of resentment toward the university. He sums up the basic sentiment this way: "It's bad enough that we lost out during the strike. Now we have to pay an extra \$50 or \$60 to finish exams?"

Said No

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However, Wayne Aspinall, DSU Elections Returning Office, says a lack of administration involvement in this year's referendum "took the leg out of the Yes campaign. When only students did it, the truth came out." According to Aspinall, voting at the Dalplex was down 33 to 50 per cent from past year. "The Yes

vote just didn't get the storm up this year," he said.

One of the major initiatives which was to have taken place had the Yes campaign been successful was the resurfacing of the fieldhouse floor. However, without the money from students, a new floor is no longer possible. According to Martin, "a temporary resolution is being looked into. The repairs will only be a stop-gap measure."

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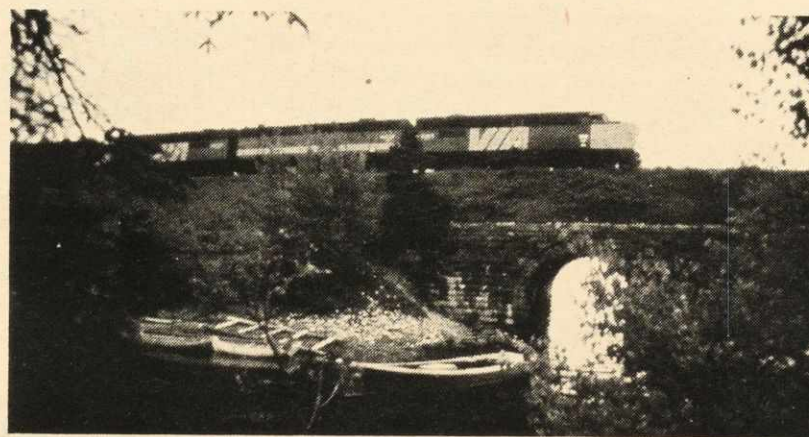
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