

Tableware taken

Versa Food loses \$4,000 in thefts

By MANNY MASONGSONG

Over 15,000 pieces of tableware costing close to \$4,000 have been removed from the campus dining halls and cafeterias this year.

Charles Kirk, chairman of the Food Services Committee terms the disappearance "grand larceny" and says the matter is a very serious one with many bad implications due to the large amount of money involved.

At the beginning of the year, a certain amount of money was budgeted for replacement of missing items but this year's loss amounts to over twice that of last year's. Due to overdrawn accounts no further expenditures for replacements will be made this year.

Kirk says "Most of those who are responsible for this are graduate and undergraduate residents. Some of the non-residents are to be held responsible too."

"I can't say that the students are stealing. I consider them as borrowers because we expect them to return the articles later, probably at the end of the year," he said.

He said residents are not taking the items into their rooms purposely to be kept but probably wanted to have dinner in their rooms and in this way have been letting the utensils pile up inside.

Kirk notes having caught students taking items to their rooms. All he asks is that they return the used items. He has heard from people seeing others taking plates home on the bus.

"I don't care if they take these things for a while, as long as they return them," he said.

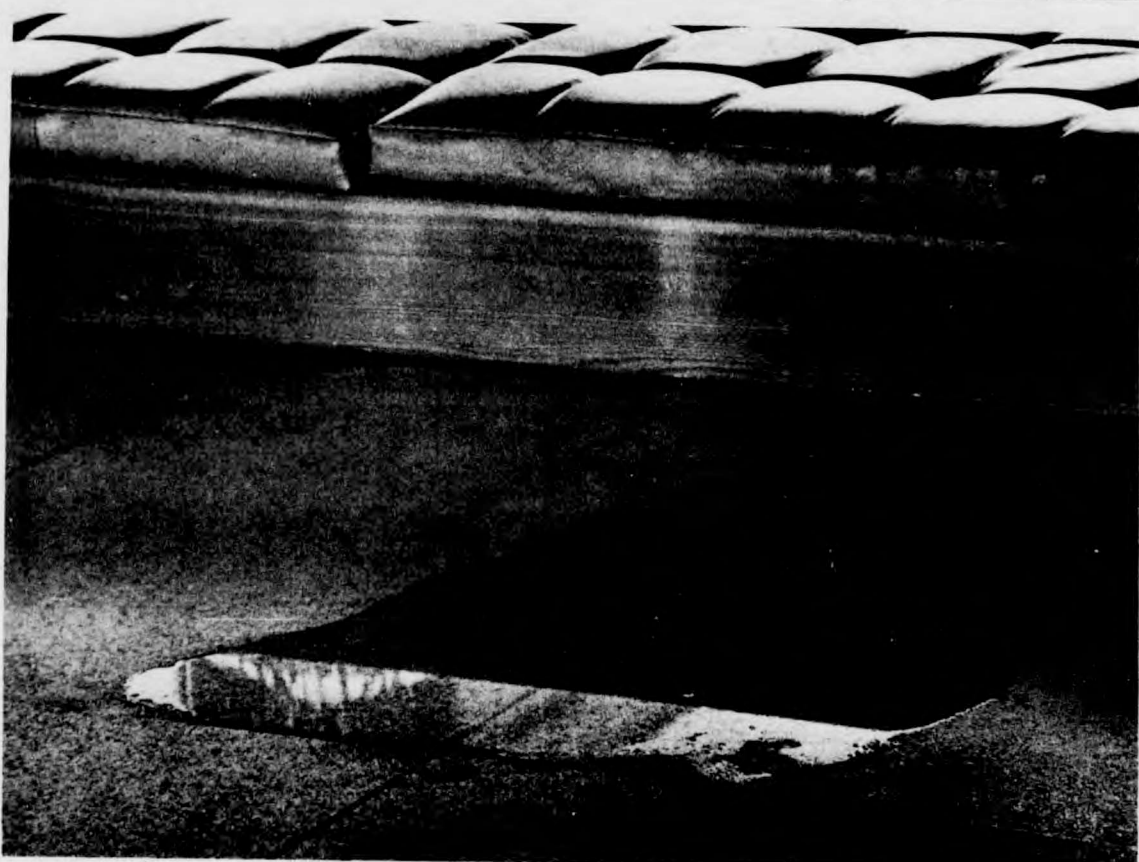
Concerning the implications of the mass disappearance of tableware, Kirk said it is day students who are affected the most. They have to pay the \$1.25 for lunch and then eat it with plastic knives and forks. More seriously, he pointed out that the losses might drive food prices up. To make up for the money spent on replacements, approximately \$4,000 of food must be sold. That makes a lot of lunches that must be eaten by the few people here.

General food sales on campus

are higher at this time of the year than anticipated. This could have allowed for a profit, but with rising costs including those of replacing the missing items, a loss is expected.

Asked what has been done so far to recover the missing tableware, Kirk replied by noting the help he has received from two volunteer McLaughlin residents. Betsy Livingston and Ruth Gallant set up their own campaign and returned quite a bit of the missing tableware. They went door to door in the McLaughlin residence and collected 399 missing items. Unfortunately, a university-wide campaign held in December wasn't nearly as successful.

"What has been done by these two girls is tremendous and encouraging," Kirk said. "We need more cooperation from the other college residents."



By university, you're expected to be fully housebroken.

photo by Harry Kitz

Considering social and political reforms

Fletcher releases list of topics for CYSF

By BARRY LERNER

Newly-elected Council of the York Student Federation President Mike Fletcher has released a memorandum concerning topics which he thinks the CYSF should involve itself with this year. These range from an examination of the board of governors, with an eye towards student membership, to the setting up of free phones.

Stating "It is a question of the survival of a central council at York," Fletcher says the 53 items

listed are all of prime importance.

The topics range over a wide area of interest. They include a reorganization of the present methods of running the CYSF, better organization of student facilities on campus and more communication and interaction with other organizations at York, on both campuses.

Some of Fletcher's proposals are designed to meet complaints which arose over CYSF last year. He

wants tighter financial control of the CYSF and clubs, more communication with the college councils and solutions to old unsettled problems such as parking and Versafood.

Fletcher, who did not campaign on a political platform came up with many political suggestions. He proposes making the board of governors more relevant and less elitist to the students, a campaign to get the greatest possible number of summer jobs for York students,

action on Americanization at York, more student representation on governing bodies and an examination of the first year general education programme.

He also calls for study on the relationships of the "average student" with various organizations. Fletcher wishes to examine possible alterations in the Board of Communications which would allow it to reflect student opinion as its first criteria for evaluation of the campus media.

Lemieux to appear before Bar Association

The Quebec Bar Association has finally given into pressures from numerous lawyers who have been demanding for several months that Robert Lemieux be brought before the organization which oversees his profession.

Lemieux will get either a very severe sentence as an example to others or a long suspension (2 or 3 years) or a fine so high he will have difficulty paying it.

Once things began to happen in

October, the Bar Association had difficulty making a complaint against Lemieux because he was acting as negotiator between the government and the FLQ.

The next lawyer that the Bar is aiming at will be Pierre Cloutier who is presently defending Paul Rose.

Montreal lawyer Serge Menard announced this information to Quebec-Press January 30 following accusations that the Bar

made against Lemieux.

The Bar is accusing Lemieux of not serving justice and holding up the authority of the courts to ridicule, of speaking out against the Law and of supporting the insulting statements of his client Claude Morency, last September.

Menard said he wasn't surprised by the Bar's action. Well before October, he said, a good number of lawyers complained that the Bar wasn't taking any action against Lemieux.

Today these same lawyers are rejoicing at the decision of their organization but they are unsure of the moment chosen by the Bar to act on their complaints.

Menard also said the lawyers needn't wait until a large number of complaints against Lemieux are brought to the Bar. The large

majority of the lawyers find the attitude of Lemieux inadmissible and unthinkable.

Lemieux, who is principally responsible for ensuring the defence of "political" prisoners over the past few years and for denouncing alleged collusion of political power and the justice system, cannot count on his co-workers to help him.

It is outside the bar amongst those who are fighting against the Bourassa regime that Lemieux is expected to find his support.

Gives lecture at McGill

Kate Millet speaks on liberation

MONTREAL (CUPI) — "There's a spectre haunting the country these days and it's called Women's Liberation." These were Kate Millet's opening words as she spoke to a crammed auditorium in Leacock Building, McGill, at a lecture sponsored by the McGill debating union.

Millet called for total change in our society's economic, political, social, and cultural structures. She stressed the need for alignment of all groups of oppressed peoples including blacks, students, women, and even man who must be liberated from the pressures of their status.

"Men are encouraged to strike for superiority which they are incapable of attaining," she stated. "Great changes must be made until masculinity and femininity give way to humanity."

Recounting a brief history of the movement, Millet recalled that in the years between 1840 and 1920 women fought for and received "minimum rights which proved to be superficial". In the fifty years before the recent revival of the movement a "counter-revolutionary" environment prevailed which is being challenged by the modern movement.

To emphasize the plight of women, she cited her work last summer with prostitutes who provide "the most flagrant case of oppression. They are exploited by everyone. Imposed self-hatred has become their whole life. This is the most crucial and most heart-breaking situation of women today."

Employment statistics speak for themselves in proving extreme exploitation of women. Women's average incomes are half those of men, while the educational level of women is generally higher than that of men in comparable income brackets. Miss Millet calls her perspective on Liberation "Sexual Politics" which manifests itself in our society where "one group controls the lives and destinies of another. The value system has entered into the psychic structure of its victims. Men and women are two cultures with totally different experiences."

She stated that the patriarchal basis of our culture oppresses women by maintaining their economic dependence and perpetuating myths of the inferiority of the female. "This system is very carefully policed. We are made to suffer very, very much, if we do not conform."

To abolish "the ownership of people under the guise of affection" and social oppression of all people, Millet emphasized the unification of all liberation groups.

"Gay Liberation and Women's Liberation will have to work together, for when men are despised for being effeminate, women will never be free."

Children too have been deprived of their rights and are regarded as possessions. "People have children for selfish reasons. The solution is to have decent child-care centres that are not kiddy parking lots."

Even women students are victims of oppression, for "there is an illusion of equality among students which ends at graduation. It's a shill!"

Millet condemned the press for its light-hearted and sensationalistic attitudes towards the Women's Liberation movement, citing alleged bra-burning incidents as an example.

"The press treats political movements with frivolity. The movement is very serious, not funny and not to be condescended to. We are trying to restore human dignity to women."

Fingerprinting WMA prisoners was not legal

OTTAWA (CUP) — Fingerprints taken of persons arrested under the War Measures Act, but never charged constitute illegal acts.

Federal Justice Minister John Turner told the Commons January 3 that the RCMP has been ordered to return all illegal fingerprints of such persons.

However, his office said later, the fingerprints were not returned to the persons involved, but sent back to the police forces that took them.

"What happens after that is beyond our jurisdiction," said the minister's aide, "You'll have to ask Quebec Justice Minister Jerome Choquette."

The RCMP has also been ordered to destroy fingerprints and pictures taken by their own personnel of people not charged with any offense. It is not known whether they have complied with the instruction.

Universities buying 75% foreign books

Ontario university libraries are contributing to the crisis in Canadian publishing by purchasing more than 75 per cent of their books through U.S. and British jobbers, according to a submission to the Province's commission on post-secondary education.

The submission, by the Canadian Book Publishers' Council, calls for a department of university affairs study into university book purchasing; Government grants or forgivable loans to allow academics the freedom to write books; expansion of college bookstores and Government support for the cost of translating works between the two official languages.

Publishers council president Campbell Hughes, said his group is mainly concerned with promoting Government aid to Canadian authors and urging university libraries to purchase books, be they Canadian or foreign, through Canadian publishers.