

Kent's "Bitter Ash" Banned At McMaster

HAMILTON (CUP)—Dr. H. G. Thode, McMaster University president, ruled last Wednesday that "Bitter Ash" could not be shown on campus at the end of the month because it had not been approved by the Ontario Censor Board.

Tuesday, Toronto minister Reverend H. A. M. Whyte wrote letters of protest to Dr. Thode and Hamilton Mayor Victor Copps.

The film was produced by Larry Kent, a student who was in Toronto last week to publicize the film. (Executives of the Student Christian Movement, U of T, saw the film Tuesday and plan to show it publicly in February.)

Dr. Bernard Banaschewski, film society faculty advisor, said that the program of the society should not be made subject to approval of private citizens.

UNCLEAN ACTS

Rev. Whyte said: "I'm a minister of the Gospel who has had considerable experience in helping people recover themselves from seeing the portrayal of acts which are not clean . . . A Young Christian man should avoid contact with the vulgar and licentious. Every Christian minister marries a man and woman into a state of secret holy wedlock and any portrayal of the sex act outside of holy wedlock is forbidden by the Bible."

Reverend Whyte's son Stephen a McMaster student, said: "I admire the stand of my father, but wouldn't have the guts to do it myself. I think people, especially students, who go to see a film like that go for sexual excitement with only one thought in mind. (He was referring

to the film's depiction of the sex act which has been widely criticized as obscene.)

DETRIMENTAL EFFECT

"I feel the people involved ought to be ashamed. How would you like someone to take a picture of you sitting on the toilet? A film can have nothing but a detrimental effect on the students. This could pervert them for the rest of their lives."

The Silhouette, McMaster student paper, in an editorial said: "The president's cancellation was prompted by a simple and sensible consideration of the existent law in this province. Any film of 16 mm or more shown in Ontario is subject to the approval of the Ontario Board of Censors."

"Though very few films are viewed by the Board, attention can be brought to trouble makers to a showing and prosecution for pornography can follow. "Bitter Ash" is in the eyes of many pornographic and the administration is therefore wise in avoiding unpleasant and wasteful involvement over this film until some ruling has been heard from the Censors."

The film runs for 87 minutes and has been seen by students at UBC, University of Saskatchewan and McGill University. Carleton University will show it this week and U of T the following week.

Mr. Kent has been unable to find a Toronto theatre willing to show his picture even after suggested editing of the film had been made.

Preston Likes \$96, Other Leaders Don't

By Gerry Ohlsen
Political Reporter

Preston Manning, leader of campus Social Creditors, supports the raise in residence fees.

Manning said Monday his campus party had not made an official policy statement on this question, but in his opinion the raise of residence fees is a natural result of a general rise in education costs.

He said he feels that since the students of this campus pay only a "fraction" of the costs of their education, there is no justification for asking taxpayers to also carry the cost of supporting residences.

Other party leaders had less sympathy with the administration move.

TWO-FACED ATTITUDE

Ian Pitfield, campus Liberal leader, said "The decision to increase fees is without basis and shows the two-faced attitude of Mr. Manning's government. On the one hand, they try to implement an inadequate financial assistance program and then tax it away by increasing residence fees."

Progressive Conservative leader, Gordon Young, said that he felt the raise was unreasonable. He said that members of his party had determined that three people could rent a new apartment, drive a car to campus, and eat as well as in residence, for \$96 apiece.

Speaking as a representative of the newly formed Constitutionalist Party, Student's Union Treasurer Doug McTavish said that this raise in fees is further indication of the provincial government's opposition to higher education. He pointed out that this is the third time in two years that the administration has raised costs for university students.

SPIRITLESS STUDENTS

McTavish feels that the administration takes advantage of the student body as they have neither the spirit nor the voice to object to financial pressures.

He said also that perhaps the most unfair aspect of this action is that it will cause rents in the areas to rise.

Commenting on the administration, McTavish said that we receive no financial statement from the University, they have "no cost accounting." This, he feels, results in their "dreaming up an arbitrary fee" to meet a deficit which might be made up elsewhere.

GOVERNMENT'S FAULT

New Democratic Leader Robin Hunter said "The main fault lies with the provincial government which has completely ignored the students' rights in their price policy over the residences.

"They seem to think that because they can't charge rents all year round that students should be forced to pay through the nose to make up for it."

"The whole point about the residences is that they can't be expected to make a profit. This is an issue which calls for government support for education, not penalization of those who are trying to get educated."

Fund Drive WUS Success More Money This Time

By Lawrence Samuel
(DPNS)

The WUS fund drive was an unlimited success.

Dave Ford, chairman of the World University Service fund drive wishes to thank all the people who worked on the drive and all those who donated.

The total receipts from this year's drive were \$2,800. This money is now being used for the education of Negroes in the Union of South Africa.

80 PER CENT INCREASE

The results were \$200 short of the aim of \$3,000. It is still "very good" since the objective has only been reached once in the last 10 years. It is an increase of 80 per cent over two years ago.

The average was about \$10 per canvasser. Several canvassers did much better.

The highest individual canvasser was Nancy Wildgoose who collected \$133.86.

THETAS GET \$295.77

The highest of the women's fraternity teams was Kappa Alpha Theta which collected \$295.77.

The teams averaged about 10 people each; they were divided into those who canvassed faculty members and those who canvassed students.

The highest team canvassing the staff was that of Jane Auxier. Her team collected \$284.05.

The highest team canvassing the students was that of Tom Radford, which collected \$231.88. Nancy Wildgoose's team of student canvassers was second with \$213.30.

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