

National Anti-Nuke demonstrations

by Cathy MacDonald

2000 anti-nuclear demonstrators from across Canada marched to Parliament Hill last Saturday, October 13 to protest the present government's nuclear policy. Costumed genetically deformed beings with no arms and extended feet were a part of an enthusiastic crowd chanting "No Nukes", "Nucleaire, Non Merci!"

Edward Brooks, president of Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, cited nuclear energy as "unprofit-

able, immoral and irresponsible." He demanded an investigation into all aspects of nuclear power. "We only have the formality of an enquiry while sales, licensing, uranium mining, etc. continue."

Brooks wanted overseas sales stopped. "Third World countries don't want Nukes, only military dictatorships do."

Concerning overseas sales, Evelyn Gigantes, provincial NDP energy critic from Ontario, said "Flora McDonald has identified herself as a

person to keep up the moral fight."

Canadian geneticist David Suzuki criticized the nuclear establishment for ignoring the dangers of radioactive contamination and doubting the possibility of melt-downs.

"There will be accidents in nuclear plants", he said.

Suzuki also stressed the importance of finding alternative energy sources before it is too late.

Sister Rosalie Bertell, one of the central figures in the American anti-nuclear move-

ment, protested against the Canadian government's insistence that nuclear power is safe.

She informed the crowd that there is no law requiring civil authorities to notify the public in the event of a nuclear accident. She also criticized

the Canadian definition of the maximum permissible radiation dose, equivalent to about one hundred X-rays.

"The problem is that we are dealing with unsafe regula-

tions of an unsafe substance', said Bertell.

Poster captions included "Make Love, Not Plutonium", "SOS—Stop Overseas Sales", and "Rotten To The Core".

53 protesters went from the Maritime Provinces. Elizabeth May, from the New Brunswick Landowner's Association, said Three Mile Island warned us of the dangers of nuclear power. "I suggest Atomic Energy Control Board has outlived its usefulness and should be taken out and buried."

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Day care facilities needed

by Margot Griffiths

Stalling tactics on the part of the university administration have brought plans for the creation of a campus day care center to a standstill. Dalhousie is one of the few universities in Canada which does not have day care facilities.

The Dalhousie Day Care Committee was formed in February 1977 to determine if there was a need for a day care facility at Dal. A study conducted by graduate students concluded such a need existed and suggested possible types of services. In December 1978, the committee was assured a building on South Street had been earmarked for such a facility, but were told the area had to be re-zoned for the proposed rink first. When the rezoning was refused, plans for a day care center were apparently abandoned also.

Tom Keating, DAGS representative, said the Day Care Center was hoping to open in September 1979, but during the summer the house

was turned over to an incoming faculty member, and there were no indications that an alternate site would be provided.

University administrators are now recommending another study be done, as the old one is outdated. Committee member Judith Fingard said that Vice-President Andrew McKay is now denying the University ever made a preliminary commitment. When contacted, Mr. McKay stated he knew nothing about the previous study.

Although the Committee has been dormant for some time, Tom Keating said the situation needed to be brought out in the open again, to determine if there was still a need, and to do something about it.

Such a center would not be funded directly by the University in the sense of employees salaries etc. The University would be asked to supply and maintain the building and perhaps contribute a grant of some kind, but otherwise, the center would be self-supporting.

Course evaluation to be studied

A committee for course and professor evaluation is now being formed by council, says Dick Mathews, president of Dal Student Union. \$4,000 from this year's council budget has been allotted for the committee's research and analysis.

Mathews said that by next year the committee should be producing an "anti-calendar", describing the strengths and weaknesses of individual courses and professors.

Until three years ago, student council annually published a calendar of this form.

"Students didn't use or read the calendar three years ago

because it was poorly laid out and didn't contain the right kind of information," said Mathews. "However we plan to put a lot of time and hopefully money into this project and come up with a much better project."

Mathews became interested

in the idea of an anti-calendar while attending a National Union of Students (NUS) meeting in Vancouver over the summer and has written to NUS and several other universities for information on anti-calendars.

"We might try something like what they have at Carleton University. Carleton asks all the students to fill out forms evaluating the professors.

They also give the professor a

few lines after the evaluation to offer a reason why their course was good or why it was a flop," said Mathews.

One of the main problems with a calendar of this type is the reaction of the professors themselves. However, Professor Marriot, Dean of Student Services, says he does not foresee too many problems.

"It's difficult to say exactly what the administration's view

of an anti-calendar will be, but the idea of course evaluation is good," said Marriot. "The main thing we are concerned about is the use that is made of the statistics and data compiled. If the calendar is used as a method through which learning takes place,

then we will have no complaints. Any system that gives students feedback they need is good for the students and the university."