

Ontario strike continues

TORONTO (CUP) — After three weeks on the picket lines, teachers from Ontario's 22 colleges see no end to their strike, and one union official says the government is not taking the union's position seriously.

Caught in the middle are the 120,000 full-time and 160,000 part-time students who continue to be shut out of classes and risk losing their academic year.

Some programs with rigid certification standards, such as nursing and Canada Manpower training, are most severely affected.

Despite these problems, teachers are gathering much support from students and morale is high among the 7,600 faculty involved in the dispute.

"We don't have any control over the Tory government, but what we would prefer is for the Council of Regents to take this situation seriously," says Katie FitzRandolph, spokesperson for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, representing the teachers.

The union is standing firm in its demands for a 45-hour work week for teachers, but the council, representing the government, refuses to discuss the matter further.

The council examined the union workload proposal but considered it unworkable in the college situation, according to Bob Burnhardt, staff relations officer for the ministry of colleges and universities.

Seneca College union rep Ted Montgomery told a recent rally it is a now or never situation for Ontario colleges. "If we don't stand up now, the quality of education will slip-slide away until their (students') certificates aren't worth the paper they're printed on."

Many teachers have taken to wearing buttons with the slogan "I'd rather be teaching."

Eileen Burrows, a teacher at Centennial College, said: "We are going to result in quality education in Ontario."

The council said little else but "no" at the bargaining table, but has infuriated teachers by taking out province-wide newspaper ads calling the strike "unnecessary" and demanding union leaders call it off "before more damage is done to the community colleges and to the careers of the students."

Union negotiator Ron Martin says the council is wasting money "in one of the most senseless ways imaginable."

"We don't have the money government does (to run ads)," Montgomery said, "but we have right and reason and that's why we're going to win this thing."

Student Services report

The following is the conclusion of a summary of the 1983-84 Student Services Annual Report. The Canada Employment Centre on campus was featured last Thursday.

Student Counselling Services

102 Athabasca Hall, 432-5205
Student Counselling Services was one of the busiest services last year. The bulk of the counselling was related to personal problems: 1231 out of 1353. The service reported that the peak periods for counselling were during mid-term months.

Student Counselling Services offers group counselling on a regular basis. Topics include assertiveness training, self-esteem, studying skills, and test anxiety reduction.

Office of Native Affairs

124 Athabasca Hall, 432-5677
ONA is concerned that natives are "grossly under-represented at this university at about one-tenth equitable representation," although it sees the numbers slowly increasing. There were between 110 and 120

native students enrolled at the U of A last year. The majority of them are admitted as non-matriculated adults. ONA provides formal tutorial assistance and academic tutorial assistance. It also provides emergency loans.

International Briefing Centre

300 Athabasca Hall, 432-4145
IBC opened in February this year. IBC provides information, briefing, workshops, seminars and conferences on international work and cross-cultural communications. It also coordinates and manages international educational and training programs and guides visiting delegations.

Presently, IBC is working on exchanges and other projects with Asia, reflecting the current interest by government and the private sector in that area.

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would cover the humanities and social sciences.

University officials have said that a similar fund for medical research has helped make Alberta "an internationally recognized centre of excellence in medical research."

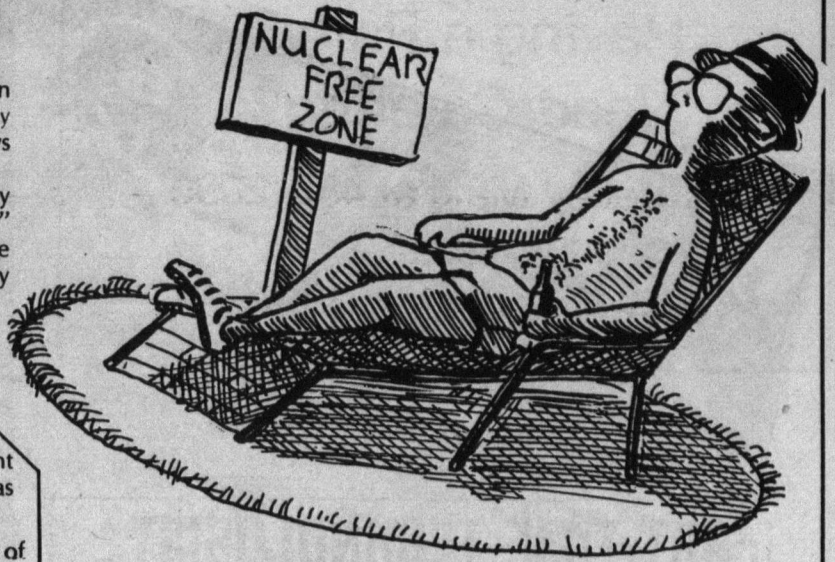
Transfer of technology generated by the academic community to society was also discussed.

Some faculty members felt this was not an issue and that the real

problem was developing or attracting the entrepreneurial talent to transfer scientific and technological advances into economic growth.

Alexander was sympathetic to these and other proposals.

However, he said the government's ability to fund new programs depended on stable economic conditions and that any drastic event, such as the collapse of world oil prices, would cripple any new initiatives.



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Awareness Week 84

Films, debates and a Remembrance Day lecture by Dr. Helen Caldicott are all part of Nuclear Awareness Week 84 which continues through this week.

The Students' Union sponsored week will attempt to promote discussion and heighten awareness about the nuclear issue.

The highlight of the week will be the lecture by Caldicott. An internationally recognized proponent of the nuclear freeze, Caldicott is

founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament.

Other features include performances of the plays *Bombs and Not About Heroes* and the films *On the Beach* and *Dr. Strangelove*.

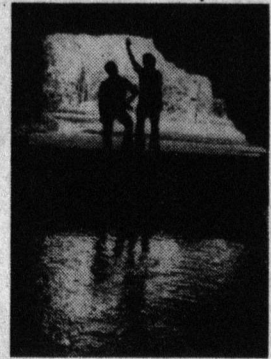
The controversial academy award winning documentary *If You Love this Planet*, featuring Caldicott, will also be aired.

Newswriters meeting today at 4 p.m.



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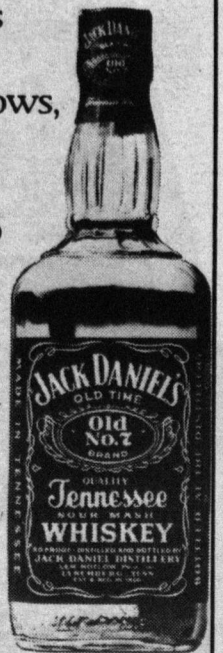
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