

Canadian University Press DATELINE

McCoubrey favors joining UGEQ

MONTREAL—McGill University's students council president, Jim McCoubrey, made an unexpected about-face last week, when he came out in favor of McGill joining L'Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec.

His action brought a startled "you're kidding" from U of A students' union vice-president Marilyn Pilkington, who added she had "no comment at the moment."

McGill joined the U of A delegation at last fall's Dalhousie CUS Congress in a severe criticism of that union's political involvement—and political involvement at all levels is a cornerstone of the Quebec union.

The reversal came just three weeks before a Feb. 8 referendum, when McGill will decide whether to quit CUS, join UGEQ, or stay out of both.

After a dinner meeting with UGEQ president Robert Nelson and his executive, McCoubrey said he cannot fully accept UGEQ's syndicalist view, but he is "very impressed" with the organization's view of politics.

McCoubrey said he feels McGill would have no effective voice in Quebec student affairs unless it joins UGEQ.

In an earlier statement, he and external affairs vice-president Arnie Aberman had opposed membership in the unilingual organization.

No mention of the language issue was made in McCoubrey's surprise statement.

Reagan advocates tuition

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—California's new governor, Ronald Reagan said he believes the mental attitude of University of California students would be improved if they paid tuition fees.

"There is no such thing as free education—the question is, who pays," he said during his first news conference since becoming governor.

"I think there is nothing wrong with young people being responsible for a part of the cost."

He suggested that those "who come to agitate, not to study" might think more seriously about demonstrations if their money was invested in school fees.

Only non-residents pay fees at the university. But charging tuition to California residents would raise \$16 million toward an anticipated deficit budget of \$475 million planned for California this year, Reagan estimated.

Students volunteer services

MONTREAL—About 15 McGill University students have offered to assist the Montreal Catholic School Commission during the current strike by 9,000 elementary and high school teachers.

They volunteered to cross picket lines and help strikebound classes to continue with their studies.

Some 200,000 Montreal students in 500 schools are affected by the walkout, which centres around teachers' demands for an 18 per cent salary increase, improved working conditions, increased consultation with teachers and security benefits.

The McGill offer was relayed to the commission by students society president Jim McCoubrey, who said he and the other students are "seriously concerned" that the strike will cause a lengthy interruption in studies. He suggested some students would find part-time jobs and then fail to return to school after the strike is settled.

CBC could fade away

TORONTO—Patrick Watson, former host of "This Hour has Seven Days" thinks the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation could fade away.

"The CBC shows could become so boring that no one would care and the government would get little reaction if they decided to sell it or abolish it," he said.

"The shows will not lose their imaginative programming and audience as long as there are shit disturbers like me around," Watson said.

Watson prefers CBC's new show "Sunday" to CTV's "W5". "Sunday is a new adventure treading new ground," he said.

Watson said "Seven Days" was dropped because the self-conscious administration of the CBC feared the authoritative combination of Watson and Leiterman who "knew what we were doing".

Watson and his former co-host Laurier LaPierre still "keep in touch" and are to co-operate in a new show for the CTV network.

Model parliament vote Feb. 3

Model or mock, that is the question!

Model parliament has, in the eyes of many, been a mock parliament. But not so this year, says Barry Chivers, chairman of the inter-party committee.

This year's model parliament elections will be held on Feb. 3 following a week of campaigning by the four political parties.

The sittings of the House in Con Hall will be held in conjunction with Varsity Guest Weekend, with evening sittings from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Feb. 16, 17 and 18. An afternoon session will sit from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The Speaker of the House will be Marcel Lambert, Progressive Conservative MP for Edmonton West and former Speaker of the House of Commons.

Dr. F. C. Englemann will be this year's Governor-General.

To prepare the erstwhile parliamentarians for their ordeal, the Hon. Arthur Dixon, speaker of the Alberta legislature, will be giving lectures on Feb. 6, 7 and 8 on parliamentary procedure and other aspects of conducting oneself in the House.

"The best way for people to get involved and learn something about a party is to go through a campaign," said Chivers.

All parties would welcome helpers, he added. Those who are interested in participating can contact Dale Enarson, Social Credit; Ken Novakowski, NDP; Morris McMannus, Liberal; and Larry Bodie, PC.

Anyone wishing to devote his talents to setting up the elections and organizing the parliament can contact Chivers at 469-1134. Returning officers and scrutineers are in high demand.

West Indian

West Indian Week, sponsored by the U of A West Indian Society, starts Sunday.

Dr. Walter H. Johns, university president will declare the week open Sunday at 7 p.m. in Dinwoodie Lounge. A panel discussion and film about Guyana (formerly British Guiana) will follow.

A panel discussion about Barbados and a film about the West Indies will be shown Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Dinwoodie.

A cultural evening variety show will be held Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in Dinwoodie.

The week will be rounded out by a dance and variety show to be held in the Hazeldean Community Hall (96 St.-66 Ave.) at 8:30 p.m., Feb. 3.

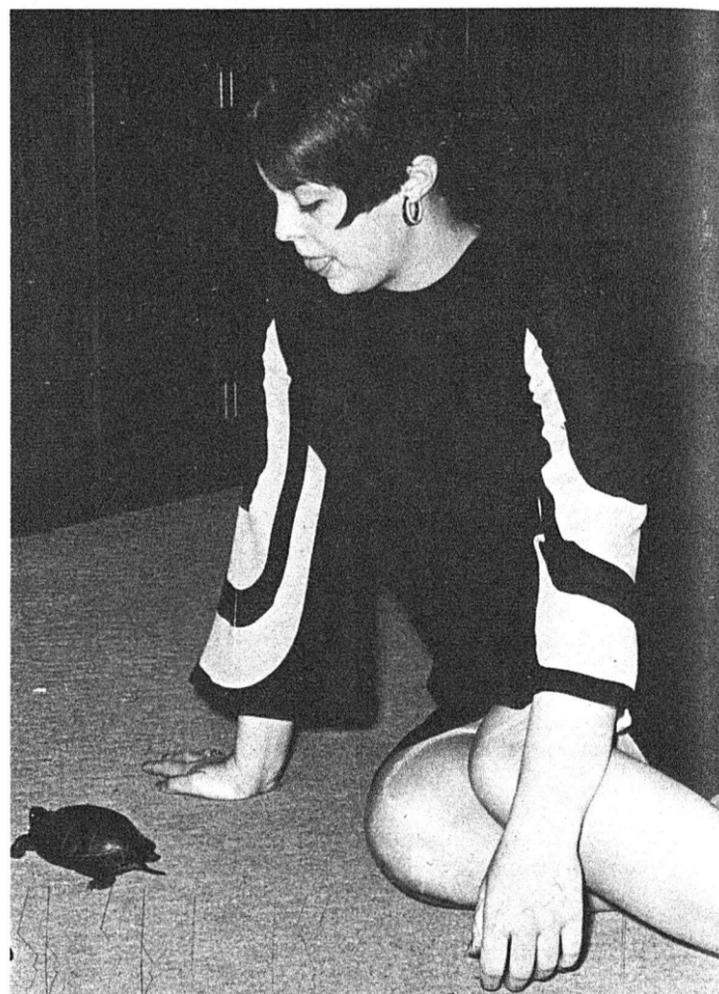
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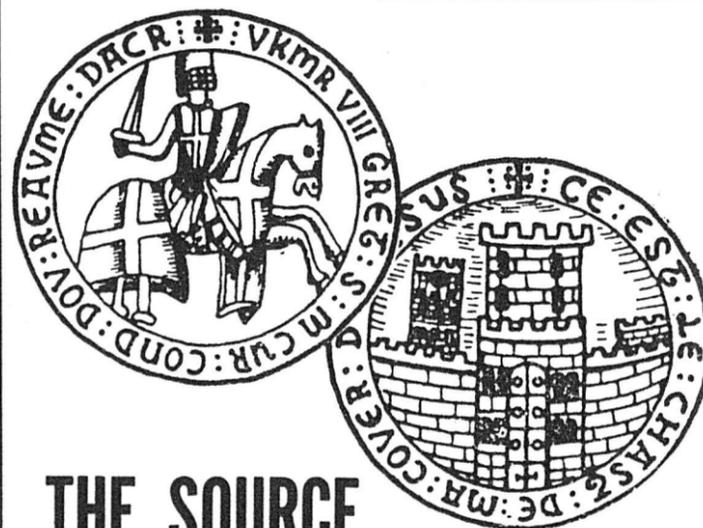
—George Barr photo

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET—That's little Thomas Turtle, seen here in training with his friend Ann Ingle, arts 1. And he'll have to be good, to keep up with the rest of the entries in this year's turtle derby. This annual event, sponsored by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, is set for Friday between periods of the hockey game.

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