

At Universite de Montreal:

Boycott Nears Third Week

MONTREAL (CUP) — The student boycott of the University of Montreal's cafeteria nears completion of its third week without any sign of the conflict between the university's student council and the administration being settled. André Deslisle, the council's internal vice-president says the administration has yet to answer three proposals put

forth by the students as a means of reopening the cafeteria.

The U de M administration closed the cafeteria Wednesday, Sept. 28, after students, refusing to pay increased prices, boycotted it in favour of temporary food services established by council.

Proposals presented one week ago by l'Association Générale des Etudiants de l'Université de Montréal (AGEUM) to university authorities are:

- lowering of prices for one month on a trial basis,
- establishment of a commission to study cafeteria services,
- engagement of a professional to manage the cafeteria with his salary paid jointly by the administration and AGEUM.

The university administration said Friday it will answer the first proposal by announcing that current prices will be maintained. No reference was made to the other two proposals.

Meanwhile, AGEUM is continuing operation of its cafeteria. During its first day of operation the cafeteria served 1,200 lunch-hour patrons and 250 supper customers. The cafeteria can serve up to 2,000 dinners at a single meal hour, according to student officials.

The makeshift cafeteria charges prices used by the administration cafeteria before the rise in prices. Full course meals sell at 55 cents, sandwiches between 15 cents and 25 cents — a 10 cent decrease in both cases from new administration prices.

The temporary cafeteria is breaking even financially, says Deslisle.

Students are dealing with a Montreal catering company and if the food service were under its own administration it would "definitely show a profit" according to Deslisle.

"We are able to boycott all year if we have to," he says. The university administration blamed rising wages, food prices, and operation costs for its cafeteria's price boost.

Hunter Favours Boycott

"We are going to have to start boycotting the McConnell Hall cafeteria soon," said Student Council President Lawson Hunter late last week.

He was discussing the new menu in the men's dining hall. "All we get is beef chow mein and chicken chow mein and egg on toast," he said.

"Now they have a three-week rotating menu. It was brought in from the head office. The management here does not want it, but the administration has forced them to take it," Hunter reported. "I think it's terrible," he added.

"We can force them to take off this three week rotating menu," Hunter said. "It is being used on all the campuses in Canada that Versafoods is catering to."

The student council President said he thinks the students should protest. One suggestion he made was "to alternate daily between eating at McConnell Hall and Lady Dunn Hall." By exhausting the supplies of food at these locations, he felt, sufficient wastage would result to convince those responsible that the students mean business.

At Carleton:

Co-op Bookstore

OTTAWA (CUP) — A Carleton University student group has proposed establishment of an off-campus co-operative book store.

Claiming high prices and poor service abound at the university-operated book store group spokesmen say they intend to establish their own co-op book store by next fall.

Student support for such a project was indicated last month by sale of \$5,000 worth of books at a student-run store on campus. It was reported this operation resulted in a five per cent drop in university book store prices.

University president David-

son Dunton has said the Carleton administration is neither for nor against such a project.

Explaining the 10 to 30 per cent profit on book sales at the university store, the president said all this money is invested in student activities.

"The province does not support such activities as athletics, residences and cafeteria," he commented, "and the \$18 students pay each year doesn't cover these costs."

Dr. Dunton warned that if book store profits were eliminated, Carleton students would likely face a fee increase.



Dr. A. Foster Baird, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at UNB and member of the University's faculty from 1916 until his retirement in 1951, headed the list of cornerstone-laying guests at the new Engineering Building. The cornerstone was laid for the building's three million dollar extension, expected to be completed late in 1967.

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