

Canadian University Press DATELINE

The rights of the English

MONTREAL—If McGill University withdraws from the Canadian Union of Students to join Union Générale des Etudiants du Quebec, it must join a bilingual UGEQ, student council members say.

A referendum, to be held Feb. 8, will allow McGill students three courses of action—membership of CUS, membership in UGEQ, or rejection of both organizations.

Both council president Jim McCoubrey and external vice-president Arnie Aberman say they oppose McGill's membership in a unilingual UGEQ.

Aberman says he recognizes that "French should be the working language of UGEQ, but English should have the same status in UGEQ as French does in CUS.

"If the students of an English university won't fight to maintain the rights of the English language, who will?"

Aberman says he feels McGill should not belong to either organization. McCoubrey, on the other hand wants McGill to retain its CUS membership because it acts "as a medium through which students can voice opposition or approval on subjects that concern them."

Doug Ward, CUS president and Robert Nelson, UGEQ president, have been invited to speak on McGill's membership in these organizations. So far, only Ward has accepted.

CYC denies implication

TORONTO—Two organizers for the Company of Young Canadians led a student demonstration protesting the Vietnamese war in front of the United States Consulate General on University Avenue.

However, CYC director Alan Clarke denied David DePoe and Lynn Curtis were acting under authority from the government agency.

DePoe, son of news broadcaster Norman DePoe, and Curtis claimed to be CYC organizers in Toronto and Victoria.

About 150 students who had attended the Student Union for Peace Action convention at Waterloo University during the week-end participated in the demonstration.

The singing, long-haired marchers shuffled by the Consulate-General waving signs of peace, then painted 'war' and 'LBJ' on the signs before stamping them underfoot.

They marched in silence as a youth punctured balloons. The popping of the balloons was supposed to represent bombs falling on Hanoi.

DePoe, who conceived the demonstration while attending a SUPA conference, said he is not a member of the student peace organization.

Ryersonian reinstated

MONTREAL—The Daily Ryersonian, suspended from membership in the Canadian University Press for a one-year period, has been readmitted to the national association of Canadian student newspapers.

Delegates to the 29th national conference of CUP voted by a narrow margin of 14-13, to readmit the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute's laboratory newspaper to full membership. There were five abstentions.

After two staff strikes last fall, a student-controlled board was formed to administer the paper's affairs. The Ryerson board of governors is the major contributor to the paper's budget because the Ryersonian is published in conjunction with journalism courses there.

Priest changes faiths

HAMILTON—Father Anthony Stephenson, a Jesuit priest and associate professor of religion at McMaster University, formally severed his connection with the Roman Catholic Church on Jan. 6.

In a ceremony in Toronto, Father Stephenson was inducted into the Anglican Church, an institution which accepts the Roman Catholic priesthood orders as valid.

By becoming an Anglican, Father Stephenson automatically excommunicated himself from the Roman Catholic church and severed his ties with the Jesuit order, from which members may be dismissed but may not resign.

Father Stephenson said the changed faiths for theological and ecclesiastical reasons. "I still have the greatest respect for the Roman Catholic church and the great Jesuit order" he said.

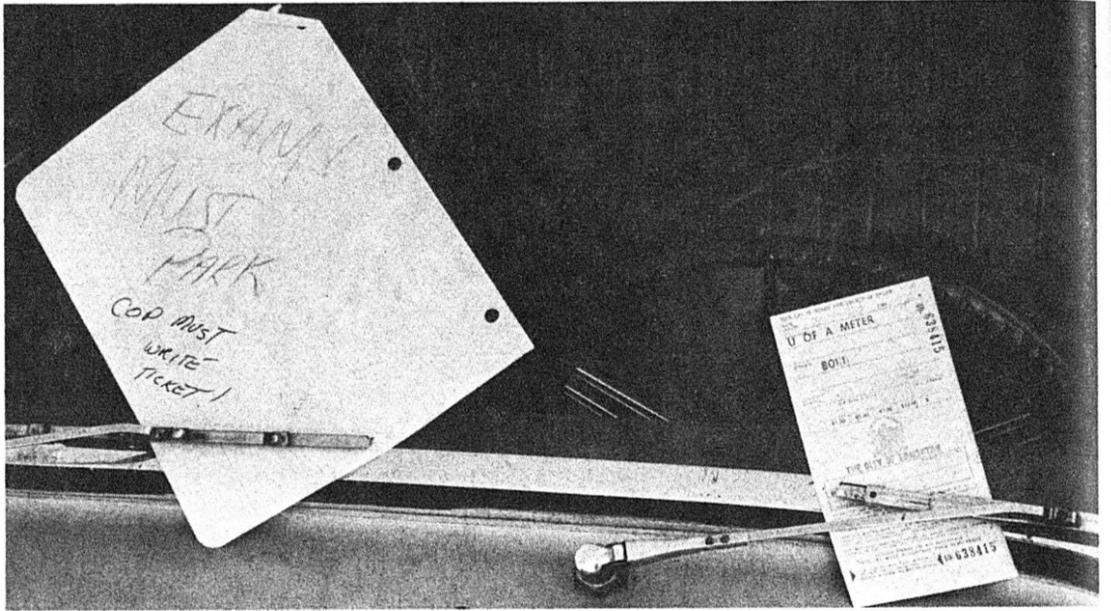
Arts program approved

VANCOUVER—The University of British Columbia senate has unanimously passed arts dean Denis Healy's new arts program.

The senate agreed to allow a pilot project of the new program to be set up. Six arts faculty members are now working on the program and hope to have it completed by April for the beginning of the fall term.

"By setting up the pilot project we hope to introduce the arts program slowly so as to do it properly," Dr. Healy said.

The program will affect first-year arts students only. When first introduced by Dean Healy last fall, it called for the abandonment of departmental divisions in the humanities and social sciences for first and second year students.



—Brian Campbell photo

THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW—Or maybe the problem is too many of the miserable things. When some poor soul had to park illegally to get to exam on time he thoughtfully left a note of explanation for the police. Unimpressed, the police wrote out a ticket, and their own cheery little note of explanation. It is nice to see our men in blue have a sense of humor, and we are sure that the above sight brought a warm, salty tear to the eye of the owner of the vehicle.

University obtains extensive new computer hook-up device

No flashing red lights.

No hulking piece of machinery of overwhelming proportions.

Just a whirr and perhaps a slight clang now and then.

Computing systems are developing a new image, as illustrated by the terminal recently acquired by the computing science dept. Located in the computing centre of the math physics building, it puts the university in contact with a computer in Yorkton Heights, approximately 50 miles from New York.

The terminal consists of a type-writer-like console and data-phone (telephone with data-transmission device).

The user dials the code number of the computer he wishes to contact and listens for a beep which signifies acknowledgment. He then hangs up the phone and uses the keyboard, which has meanwhile been unlocked by the computer, to type his message to the computer.

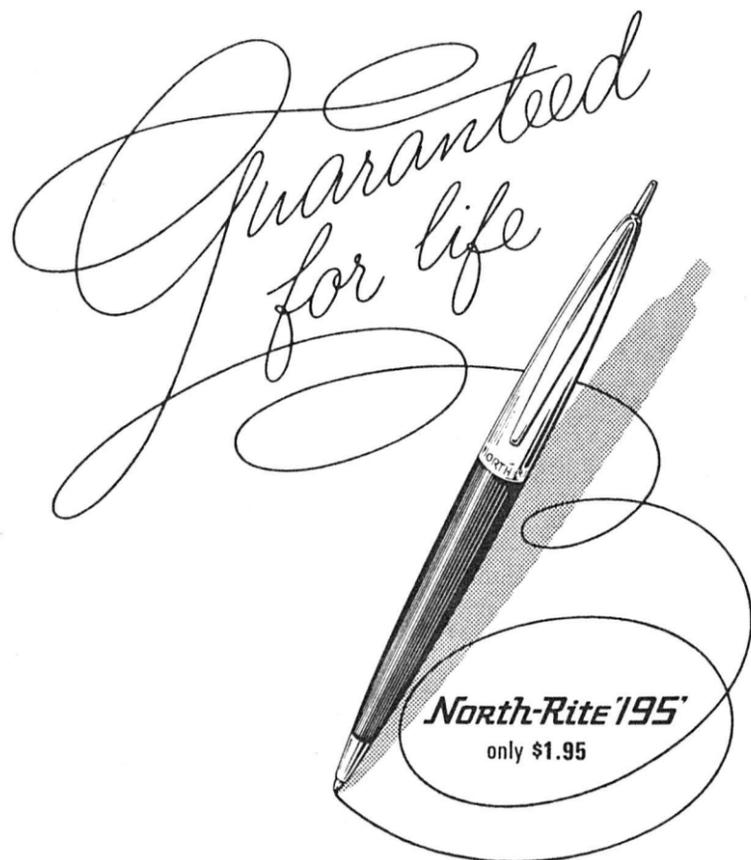
This is all part of a newly developed procedure known as "time-sharing" whereby a small portion of the computer's time is devoted to each problem.

In the past, the traditional method involved feeding information into the computer in great batches. The typical batch would take up to one hour to run, and it might take anywhere from one

hour to several days for the individual user to receive his results.

Not only does the new procedure save time, it also makes working with computers a little less impersonal. Al Heyworth, manager of the computing centre, said the user "will be able to, in effect, carry on a 'conversation' with the computer."

The new terminal was installed primarily to simplify the work of researchers on campus who generally use computers. "It will be made available to selected people," said Mr. Heyworth. "How far we go beyond that is a matter of time, patience, and desire to use computers as tools.



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