

Sexism taboo with CUP

by Loreen Lennon

While the less dedicated were heading west to the mountains for Reading Week, a Gateway delegation of four travelled to Regina for the spring conference of the Western Region, Canadian University Press (WRCUP).

Hosted by U of R's *Carillon*, the conference was attended by representatives of student newspapers from British Columbia to Manitoba.

Sexism and racism were two issues raised at the meeting, during which men and women caucused separately to discuss sexism and sexuality.

The women's caucus came forward from its session with a proposal to assemble a women's supplement. To be compiled by interested persons throughout the region, the supplement should be available before the end of the term. Gateway made no specific commitments but hopes to contribute local articles and print the completed volume when available.

The men's caucus focussed on male response to the whole concept of sexism including feminism and male oppression. In a bull-session atmosphere the men questioned the importance of such points as the "he/she" - "they" syndrome and stressed the need for both sexes to escape the bonds of role-playing.

In recognition of the delegates' disapproval of racist attitudes, the position of Women's Coordinator within WRCUP was altered to become Human Rights Coordinator. *Carillon* staffer Mik Nagy was elected at the final plenary and will now act as WRCUP "watchdog" with regard to racist and sexist content.

Papers carrying stories or advertisements deemed unacceptable by Nagy (in light of CUP's constitution) will be advised of their indiscretions and hopefully withdraw the offending copy. In cases that are disputed Nagy will act as

mediator between CUP and the errant newspaper. This change reflected a prevalent attitude among the delegates - that is, women are not the only oppressed faction of society.

Other topics that aroused interest included the way in which the student press can oppose cutbacks in education and/or related student issues, and a continuation of the discussions on CUP expansion brought forward at the National Conference during Christmas.

A special national meeting will be held March 12-14 to conclude this issue of expansion.

WRCUP will then be supporting a proposal to improve the news service by the addition of a second WRCUP fieldworker and the institution of a WRCUP bureau chief to coordinate regional news. Funding for these and other areas of expansion will be the major issue at the March National Conference in Ottawa.

The Regina conference adjourned by delegating sponsorship of the August WRCUP meeting to newspapers from the Castlegar B.C. area, *The Sword*, *The Sounder*, and *The Arrow*.

Gov't and business thought to be against students

by Kim St Clair

Business corporations were charged at a Canadian University Press conference in Regina with directing government decisions on education.

Withdrawal of student aid programs, cutbacks in summer employment projects and decreased university funding were viewed as moves urging students to leave universities in favor of technical colleges and the labor market.

Ex-NUS (National Union of Students) fieldworker Bob Buckingham explained these charges to university newspaper reporters gathered from all over western Canada.

"We now see the corporations lobbying for more money to go into technical institutions," he said. "They needed people to manage companies during the university boom of the sixties and early seventies; now they need blue collar workers so that's what they are trying to produce."

Government, he alleged, has succumbed to pressure and now favored industry over education. They are "still under this crazy concept that to produce new jobs you have to give more money to corporations."

Discarding this concept, he urged a coalition of labor, community, and student voices to oppose such treatment of education and social services.

"Cutbacks affect the whole social service system," he said, "not just students. We should approach the issue from a community angle. We haven't been successful in gathering support from the public because they haven't seen decreases in university funding

as having a community effect."

Daycare, native help, and all social services have been hit as well, he pointed out.

Buckingham said the isolation of the university from the community must be broken before any effective voice can be raised against these moves. He cited Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, where trade union movements have expressed willingness to support students, as having already made headway on this point.

Although there is "a certain militancy" in the student movement across the country, the whole movement lacks direction, Buckingham claimed. "There is a whole new group of student that hasn't been involved in any kind of protest. We have to have strong leaders who will work with and organise a group of people that hasn't had any experience in this sort of thing."

A potential linkup between NUS and provincial student organisations was seen as one means of pooling student influence. Because fee increases across Canada are still only in proposal stages, Buckingham felt that students can still be a strong lobbying force.

Cutbacks in student employment programs include the loss of 30,000 positions in Opportunities for Youth alone. Programs in BC and Ontario have been cut by 80% and 90% respectively. Similar cutbacks have occurred across Canada.

All provinces have voted for fee increases except Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island, and these are expected to soon follow suit, said Buckingham.

CKSR waves hello

Yesterday, after a full one and a half years of dead air, the University of Alberta Radio Station reopened its broadcasting on campus.

Owned and operated by the Students' Union, CKSR had been closed because of financial and staff difficulties. However, with an optimistic financial projection for the upcoming year, Students' Council voted two months ago to provide the funding necessary to have the station begin broadcasting again on a regular basis.

"As a volunteer operation, CKSR is designed to give in-

terested students some insight into the operation of a radio station, while providing a credible university information channel," says Director Brent Kostyniuk.

The station will serve the campus on a closed cable network. It will operate 14 hours per day with programming geared for the student population.

News will be aired at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.

Highlights for this week are as follows:

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon - "Unhalfbricking": Two hours of traditional, contemporary and electric folk, with Gordon Turtle. This week the program traces the career of folksinger Sandy Denny from her beginnings with the Strawbs, through the historic Fairport years, her solo career, and her return to Fairport Convention in 1974.

Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - "The Jazz Hour" with Darrell Podlubny, featuring the best in contemporary jazz.

Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - "Chicago Bound" with Keith Layton.

Saturday 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Jerry Yanitsky presents a special on the music and career of Billie Holiday.

Man goes rank

BOEBLINGEN, WEST GERMANY (CUP) - An American soldier, apparently under the influence of alcohol, went on the rampage here with a 50 ton tank injuring five persons and demolishing three automobiles.

A police spokesperson said the 22 year old serviceman, whom he declined to identify, took the M-60 tank from an American barracks and rumbled full speed past oncoming cars, injuring five persons, one critically.



Gateway photo editor Brent Hallett down and out on the slopes. It's a dog's life ...

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