

Canadian University Press DATELINE

Loyola may have to close

MONTREAL—Loyola College is \$7.5 million in debt and may shut its doors next September.

Student council president Graham Nevin plans to ask students to withhold fees for the coming year until the Quebec government bails the university out.

Quebec has not yet recognized the 3,100-student institution as a university. It gets operational grants as a classical college at a rate of \$550 per student. Universities receive grants based on \$1,500 per student.

The administration has been asking for a university charter for ten years, with no luck. The government has promised to review Loyola's case this month prior to release of the provincial budget.

Nevin hopes to dramatize the plight of Loyola in order to force the government to act.

Student strikes against war

KINGSTON—A student at Queen's University has gone 24 days without food.

Madeline Murray ended her self-imposed fast against the war in Vietnam last week after three weeks on coffee and tea. She began her protest because the hunger-strike was the most emphatic way I could think to say the war should end.

"This is the time to be as noisy as you can be," she said.

In a letter to the Globe and Mail Feb. 10 she said: "I know that bombing will not cease because I have not eaten for weeks, but this act is not pointless.

"It is a demonstration of another person's deep commitment."

Senate agrees to open meetings

BURNABY, B.C.—The academic senate at Simon Fraser University voted last week to open its meeting to the public.

The first Canadian university to approve student senators in 1966, SFU now becomes the first to opt for open decision-making.

Rules, procedures and arrangements for open meetings will be established at the April meeting. The May meeting will be the first one open.

A committee appointed in early February to study the question brought forth a unanimous opinion.

Dr. John Walkley, committee convenor, said after the decision the opening of the senate to the public will lead to better understanding between the senate and the community.

"All responsible persons of the university and the surrounding community will be eligible to attend," he said.

CUS urges fee freeze

OTTAWA—If you don't want your fees to increase next year you'll have to get out and fight for it. And go on strike if you have to.

That's the advice from Canadian Union of Students president Hugh Armstrong, who last week urged student governments and provincial unions to take the initiative in leading the battle.

He said tuition fee increases are imminent in all but four provinces—Manitoba, British Columbia, Quebec and Newfoundland, and residence fee hikes are even more widespread.

Armstrong said CUS is ready to offer strong support to such efforts, but the prime responsibility rests with the provincial students' unions.

"It is clear that costs must go down," he said. "But provincial governments want to let costs go up."

High-schoolers suspended

WINNIPEG—Four Winnipeg secondary school students were suspended recently after publishing an underground newspaper.

The paper, called The Word of Dzon, contained an article asking for reforms in the school system, and carried some poetry and a letter to the editor which was written "against the plastic people that run this establishment."

Six hundred copies were printed and distributed to students outside Grant Park High School. There are 1,700 students from grade seven to grade 12 at the school.

J. L. Wright, one of the vice-principals, said the students were suspended for distributing the newspaper and "for sending a copy to the superintendent."

He objected to the name of the school being used in the newspaper and said the editors should have printed their names in it.



ST. ONGE AND REIERSON AT PANEL DISCUSSION

—Jim Peachey photo

... speaking on "Separatism—Then What?"

Canada could exist without Quebec Reierson tells Social Credit panel

By GAIL EVASIUK

If Quebec should separate from Canada, the rest of Canada would remain a viable economic unit, Education and Labor Minister Raymond Reierson predicted Wednesday in SUB.

He was speaking at a panel discussion, "Separatism—Then What?" sponsored by the Campus Social Credit Club.

"With the large area, the aggressive people, the top six inches of rich soil, and the abundance of natural resources, there is no doubt that Canada would not remain a nation if Quebec seceded," he said.

"I don't believe the price Quebec will have to pay for a social atmosphere of independence will ever justify the economic suffering that will ensue with separatism," he said.

"It is my hope there will be a concentration on opportunities to learn French and a greater interest in each other that will lead to greater trust and national faith."

VITAL FACTOR

He said the separatist movement must be defeated because it limits the future.

Another panelist, Dr. Maurice Cohen of the philosophy dept., said, "the U.S. has to be considered as a vital factor in any talk about separatism."

Because of Canada's strategic defence position, no government in the U.S. would let Canada become an uncertainty, he said. "Canada will never be allowed to become a political question mark."

He said, "the notion there should

be pure ethnic unity in a country is a myth. That only leads to nationalism and racism. We have instead a unity of shared historical experience."

J. C. St. Onge, philosophy dept., distinguished between separatism as a political ideology and political program, and separation as a force of social change which creates genuine political alternatives. Because Canada's confederative framework restrains Quebec's freedom, separation is "the valid alternative to the status quo" he said. A new social order would shape a new political consciousness."

NATIONAL LIBERATION

Separation is just one more step in the attainment of genuine freedom; it is meaningful only if it is discussed in the perspective of national liberation throughout the world, he said.

The situation today cannot be understood unless the past and the Quebecois response to the past is understood. Quebec nationalism

is an ideological and cultural reaction to cultural and economic in-subordination, he said.

"I don't know what's meant by Canada's unity. If somebody finds it, will they please bring it to me. Canada's unity just exists in someone's mind; I don't know whose," he stated.

IN THE LONG RUN

"Separatism would be dreadful for Quebec, Canada, and Alberta," said Dr. Grant Davy, of the political science dept.

"I doubt that a separated Quebec could maintain itself economically in the long run," he said.

He explained that separation would lead to the disintegration of Canada: "The Maritime provinces would not remain part of Canada for very long because of a strong economic sense to be part of the eastern U.S."

Western Canada would not continue as a unit without Quebec because there is also a strong trading pull to become part of the U.S., he said.

Hoye offered \$300 to return

VANCOUVER (CUP)—First, he was elected. Then he was asked to resign. Now he has been offered \$300 to come back.

That's what happened to Dave Hoye. He was elected University of British Columbia student union treasurer a year ago. But the student court recently decided he was ineligible because he didn't enrol in September. They just found

out about it quite recently.

He resigned, but now council finds they can't do without him, so they've hired him back as a financial advisor to student council president Shaun Sullivan, who was appointed acting treasurer for the rest of the school year.

Hoye will "advise" Sullivan until the newly elected treasurer takes office.

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 15, 1968

APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENTS' UNION POSITIONS OUTLINED IN THE PERSONNEL BOARD BOOKLET will be received up to **March 15, 1968, 5:30 p.m.** Apply to the secretary, students' union information desk, second floor SUB. Personnel Board booklets and applications may also be obtained at the desk.

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