U of T Student Council Unco-operative

OFS Demonstration Threatened

TORONTO (CUP) — The Ontario Federation of Students may be forced to scrap plans for a mass demonstration against the provincial government following the University of Toronto student council's refusal to participate.

The council's Wednesday night (Oct. 25) refusal to go along with the protest, defeated the proposal by a 3 to 2 ratio.

The demonstration, recommended by last weekend's (Oct. 21,22) OFS general meeting, would have brought students from member campuses across the province to Toronto for the opening of the provincial legislature early next month. Earlier this month, students overwhelmingly endorsed OFS demands for repeal of last spring's \$100 tuition fee hike and increased student loan ceilings, increased accessibility to student aid schemes, and full consultation of all concerned before any further detrimental changes to post-secondary financing programs occur. They also voted to withhold second term tuition fees if negotiations with the government fail.

Delegates from U of T, Queen's University and the University of Western Ontario, representing the largest member schools and the constituencies which had most strongly supported the OFS demands in the province-wide referendum, had opposed the demonstration at the general meeting.

OFS general co-ordinator Craig Heron cautioned the U of T council "If U of T drops out, it will cause a hell of a lot of damage." He conceded that the demonstration would not likely be held, denied U of T support. Debate on the protest

focussed on possible negative public reaction and the amount of time and organization required. An engineering SAC rep suggested it would be best to sit back and negotiate for more "credibility" rather than staging the demonstration.

Ironically, the council passed another OFS motion supporting momentum-building actions in the community and educational institutions prior to the demonstration.

Heron said Sunday, October 30 that the OFS executive would meet early this week to decide whether to cancel the demonstration.

Kraft Banned

LETHBRIDGE (CUP) — Continued student pressure has persuaded the administration to remove most Kraft products from the University of Lethbridge cafeteria.

Food services director Bob Powesland announced that all lines but one are being replaced by non-Kraft products. He said he has been unable to find a replacement for Kraft salad dressings.

Powesland said the decision came only when it was apparent the issue wouldn't "blow over". Successive articles in the student newspaper, The Meliorist, contributed to the move. The first was a lengthy feature on the national Kraft boycott by Canadian University Press. A later Meliorist article dealt specifically with the Lethbridge cafeteria.

A Kraft sales representative told Powesland that agitation at the Universities of Calgary and Alberta had died down and the administrations did not move against Kraft products at either campus.

The National Farmers' Union is in the second year of its nation-wide boycott against Kraft Food Ltd. The NFU is seeking the right to bargain collectively with Kraft to secure higher prices for farm products. Kraft refuses to negociate.

Harbour Drive controversy continues

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stating that development in downtown Halifax is proceeding at accelerated pace, despite the lack of Harbour Drive.

Another speaker pointed out the increased volume of cars would necessitate the construction of 23 Tex-Parks downtown or one Tex-Park 116 stories high to alleviate the stress on parking.

David Reynolds, of the Ecology Action Centre, said this increased volume of traffic would result in polluting downtown Halifax with 4 tons of carbon monoxide and an equal amount of other poisonous exhausts. He went on to say that buses produce 1/4 as much poisonous exhaust, and one bus is equivalent to 24 cars.

The final and most impressive group of speakers was made up mostly of North End residents who questioned the economic and social implications of the displacement of the people of the North End. Murray Warren of Gottingen Street summed up the opinions of this group by saying "we need a Harbour Drive like we need a third hole in the head". He alluded to his own case of expropriation in which he received "a cracker-box" (O'Hearn Manor) in return for a home

Throughout the meeting there

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was a general feeling that the city was in a shambles of disorganization and ignorance. Residents of the North End expressed uncertainty and anxiety, businesses have been caught in a limbo of indecision, and the mayor failed to answer many of the questions asked. Speakers continually referred to the building which extends out into the middle of Barrington Street as indicative of the bungling incompetence of a City Hall, championed by the mediocrity of "Googie" Fitzgerald.

A discussion of Harbour Drive

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requested it

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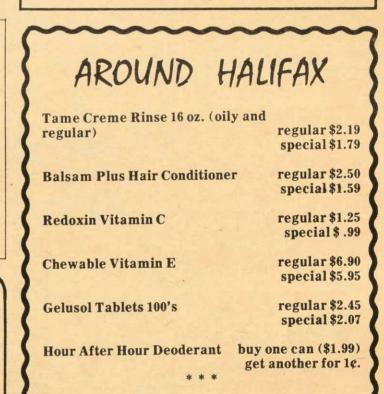
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cannot be concluded without some mention of the Spadina Expressway in Toronto. The example of Spadina shows clearly how a concerned and informed populace can stop the destruction of a community by the sterility of asphalt.

Anyone who is concerned enough to save Halifax from the Mess of Los Angeles, Detroit, New York, Boston, Montreal or Chicago, can do so by simply writing the mayor, or by volunteering their services to MOVE on Argyle Street above the downtown Book-Mart or by writing Box 992, Halifax.

> As Council approved it

6. What the Taxpayer wanted!

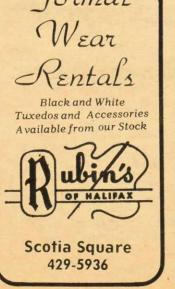


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