

Mouritsen only dissenter

Student poll shows uprising around corner

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

Thirty-one students were asked if they would support a boycott of the Central Square cafeteria and why. Of



Jackie Greatbach

this group, all but one said they would support the boycott. The exception was CYSF president, Michael Mouritsen.

The boycott, which will be discussed in the Bearpit today at 12:30, is sponsored by CYSF and supported by Excalibur. The details of the boycott are still being worked out but Colan Inglis, one of the boycott organizers, outlined the objectives as being "to force an increase in the quantity and quality of the food and insure that it is sold at a reasonable price, and to force the administration into refunding unused scrip at face value."

The tentative boycott plan would involve students selling their scrip outside the Central Square cafeteria at face value.

It is felt that this plan would be more effective than a total boycott since the scrip has already been paid for. There would still be no new intake of money and the students would still be fed.

Versa would have their source of

new income, cash, cut off.

Thirty-one students were asked if they should support a cash boycott of the Central Square cafeteria and what the reasons were for their positions.

Martin Lerman, a third year business administration student said, "I would support the cash boycott. Residence students should be able to return unused scrip. They're being shafted. I'm not too upset about the prices."

First year arts student James Ince said he too would support the boycott. "I will do anything that will screw Versa as long as I can keep eating,"



Kevin Gordon

he said. "Versa found a sucker in the York administration. They're in

business to make money so I can't blame them; it's the university's fault.

"It's a shame that the students are being screwed. Since most students don't have jobs, they should be given financial assistance. This means subsidizing their food costs, book costs and any other costs. I'm against anything on this campus that tries to make a buck off students. At the Sorbonne in Paris you can get an "all you can eat" meal for 23¢. The government subsidizes it."

"They have raised food prices 10 per cent but they didn't raise the quality of the food or services," said Founders representative on CYSF, Jackie Greatbatch.

She said she would support the boycott and she also suggested that alternative food outlets should be established until the administration and Versa back down.

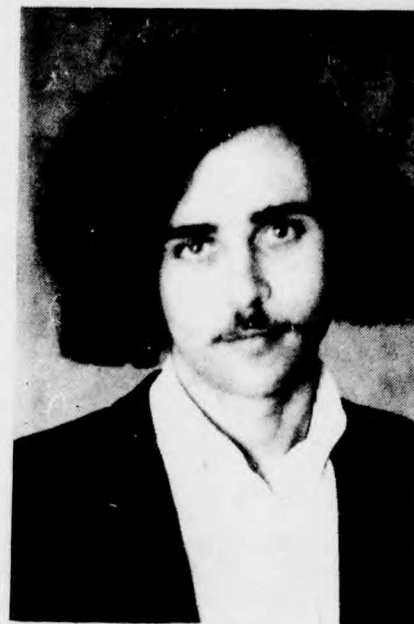
Kevin Gordon, a first year science student, said, "There is a lot of scrip leftover because the food is so bad no one will eat it. They should cut the number of outlets and improve the quality of the food. I would support the boycott."

Another boycott supporter, first year fine arts student Mike Ross said: "I don't know the financial situation of Versa but the prices are high and the food is lousy. A boycott would effectively reflect these sentiments."

Pat Read, an Atkinson student and boycott supporter, said, "We should also get after the residence people, they must have approved the scrip plan in the first place."

Michael Mouritsen, in objecting to the boycott, said, "I wouldn't support it because it's not the crisis it's made out to be. Dale Ritch (student senator) is using it as part of his CYSF presidential campaign strategy."

"I think they should wait until next



Mike Ross

year. At the moment, CYSF has a committee investigating food services.

"I don't think day students would buy scrip at par. I would support a "Scrip bank" where CYSF bought scrip at a 20 per cent discount and resold it at a 10 per cent discount," Mouritsen said.

The boycott is tentatively scheduled to begin the week after reading week, if there is enough student support.

Drapeau

Opposition is growing

MONTREAL (CUP)—Community and labour groups in Montreal are organizing to oppose mayor Jean Drapeau in the upcoming civic elections.

Although the elections are 10 months away, militants in the Party Quebecois, in community groups, and in Quebec's three major trade union federations are forming committees to mount an effective campaign for a more livable city.

The Montreal daily, Le Devoir, published a statement issued by a union group entitled "Montrealers must retake control of Montreal." Although it has not been adopted as a policy statement, the working paper attacks Montreal and its "king" for the miserable existence of much of its population.

The objectives and apparent political direction are similar to those of Le Front d'Action Polique (FRAP), a community organization that ran a complete slate of candidates in the last civic election.

Support for FRAP appeared relatively strong and it looked like Drapeau would have his control of city council challenged. While they did not run a candidate against Drapeau for mayor, they concentrated on the council's fifty-two seats.

A week before the election, Quebec's labor minister was kidnapped along with the British high

commissioner. The War Measures Act was read. Some believe that the sweeping powers of the Act allowed Drapeau to arrest his major opponents, including union representatives, teachers and community leaders, using the situation to discredit his opponents.

Two days before the election, Drapeau told the media, blood would flow in the streets if FRAP managed to gain city hall.

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Socialist editor says conditioning promotes female dependence

By ROSEMARY McCracken

Women can be liberated without negating their reproductive function, said Linda Meissenheimer editor of Young Socialist and former student council president of Simon Fraser University.

In a Young Socialist forum, Tuesday, at York, Meissenheimer outlined the socialist analysis of women's oppression.

Marx first rejected the biological view of women's repression and attributed the roots of male dominance to basic problems in society.

Engels linked the subjection of women to the patriarchal family which came into being with the rise of class society.

Edgar Tyler and Louis Morgen, pioneers in anthropology, found societies characterized by greater equality in which women were great leaders because of their reproductive and food gathering functions.

Meissenheimer said this disproves the theory that women can only achieve liberation by removing their reproductive duties.

"Men are not the enemy which women must be fighting, but the capitalist system which tries to pit men and women against each other, when in reality both are equally exploited," said Meissenheimer.

Meissenheimer cited the family as a tool employed by the

"system" to teach children conformity and acceptance of authority.

"Social conditioning brings women to want a place in a family. The family keeps women dependant on men. Women who work outside the family are charged with neglecting their primary duty," said Meissenheimer.

Meissenheimer sees no real alternative to the family in the frame-work of this present society. "It is hard in this society to escape the effects of the family, until we have a society in which food and child care is produced communally. The social pressures are still strong."

Meissenheimer cites communal living and common law marriages as alternatives to the family within the framework of the present society.

"Women must become part of the process to change society and the capitalist system in order to put their liberation into effect," said Meissenheimer.

"Women's special problems are a lack of birth control and abortion facilities, day care planning, and the prevalence of psychological conditioning which prevents them from seeing the limitations of their situations."

"Social change for women will come about with the organization of all women to get support from all sectors of society in a struggle against those institutions which oppress women," said Meissenheimer.

Hurtig denounces energy exports

By GARFIELD M. PAYNE

Mel Hurtig, chairman of the Committee for an Independent Canada, denounced the continuing export of oil and natural gas to the United States, at a North York branch meeting of the committee Friday.

Before a predominantly middle-aged audience of 85, he characterized the recent proposal by Jean-Paul Goyer, federal minister of supply and services, for the accelerated development of the Alberta tar sands and the export of the synthetic oil to the United States as "lunacy, madness and insanity."

The maintenance of the present oil export tax would generate twice the revenue needed to set up four new 100 per cent Canadian-owned extraction plants at the tar sands, he said.

Hurtig, an Edmonton publisher, said the federal and provincial governments should buy back the tar sands leases, giving the oil companies a 200 per cent profit.

But Hurtig said this payment would be minuscule in relation to their worth.

The original sale price of the leases was a few cents per acre in contrast to the average price of \$41,320 per acre for the Colorado Oil Shale leases, he said.

The federal government should get on with the formation of a national petroleum company with its own exploration, production and distribution systems, he continued. This process should include the purchase of the foreign-controlled shares of Panarctic Oils, the joint exploration venture of government and industry in the Arctic.

Hurtig was scornful of the federal government's foreign investment review board which he described as a "mickey mouse" organization. He cited the recent sale to American interests of MacDonald Tobacco and other significant Canadian firms as proof of the agency's impotence.

Hurtig dismissed the anti-Canadian sentiments of some American legislators, and their suggestion that the U.S. should get tough with Canada. He sardonically asked if this meant the Americans would decline to buy Canadian oil, natural gas, newsprint and nickel.

Hurtig pledged that the committee would be very conspicuous in its opposition to suggested changes in the Federal Bank Act to enable foreign banks to enter Canada as the quid pro quo for entry of Canadian banks into of action, he said.

The shift of the committee's main office to Ottawa, where they can more effectively pressure federal legislators, would facilitate this type of actions, he said.

Hurtig closed with the warning that if the wrong decisions were made on the MacKenzie Valley pipeline and the tar sands, then we might as well forget any hopes of preserving a sovereign Canada.

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