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McGill may join UGEQ

MONTREAL—McGill University will make application to join l'Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec at UGEQ's Congress on Oct. 26.

An overwhelming majority of the McGill students' council decided to make a common front with Quebec's French-speaking students and their concept of student unionism.

Continuing membership for McGill in the Canadian Union of Students is problematical. UGEQ's constitution does not allow members to belong to any other body, unless special permission is granted by the General Assembly.

Council members showed concern over this point, and negotiations will be undertaken in an attempt to secure dual membership for McGill. Whatever the conditions of acceptance, the Students' Society will have to finally ratify them following the congress.

Rhodesia condemned by CUS

OTTAWA—The Canadian Union of Students has climbed on the world bandwagon in condemning a possible unilateral declaration of independence by Rhodesia.

The union joined the United States, the Soviet Union, and 105 other powers in a stern message to Premier Ian Smith Oct. 12.

The telegram read: "Canadian Union of Students representing 140,000 students condemns possible unilateral declaration of independence by Rhodesian government. Majority rule by all Rhodesians must precede independence. CUS supports United Nations resolution calling for force against Rhodesia if necessary."

Asked about the value of organizations like CUS sending such telegrams, Paul Ladouceur, CUS secretary for international affairs, said:

"It is done in order to show that Canadian students are concerned with the problems at hand and that we do have a definite stand to take.

Mobilization appeal launched

OTTAWA—About 125 young people from more than 80 Canadian youth organizations met here Oct. 15-17, to launch the Young World Mobilization Appeal.

Sponsored by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, the appeal will urge young people to tackle problems of hunger, disease and oppression in the developing countries.

The Youth Committee for International Co-operation Year and the Committee for the Canadian Assembly of Youth Organizations sponsored the meet.

Money raising ideas ranging from selling raffle tickets for dates to collecting old text books to send abroad were aired.

One suggestion was that an education programme be set up to make Canadians aware of the country's discriminatory immigration policy and the plight of Canadian Indians.

SFU appoints ombudsman

VANCOUVER—Simon Fraser University students have elected an ombudsman to investigate student complaints.

At a council meeting Oct. 31 John Mynott, a second-year student, was chosen for the post.

Students with grievances against faculty or administration will be able to take their problems to Mr. Mynott, who will go to the parties concerned.

Sex distinction ignored

CALIFORNIA—After years of putting students through the machine, the University of California committed the final ignominy—the distinction between the male and female students has finally been erased.

At least that seems to be the case since the University began putting draft deferral forms, bureaucratically known as "SSS Form 109 for undergraduates" in registration packets sent to women students.

A spokesman in the registrar's office explained that the cards were automatically put into all of the registration packets sent out.

"However, the instructions were clear," he said.

Junior colleges forgotten

VANCOUVER—The recommendations of the Bladen Commission create a danger of forming an "intellectual serfdom" in Canada, Vancouver school trustee Fred Rowell charged Oct. 12.

He said the report ignores altogether problems of financing junior colleges, which cater mainly to students who will never go to university.

Citing the Vancouver City College as an example, he said the report is apparently based on Eastern Canada needs and failed to consider the development of junior colleges in Western Canada.

Mr. Rowell said that the government could end up paying for the education of an academic elite.

Meurin envisions council as a puppet government

By ALAN GARDNER

"It will be like a puppet government. A professional administrator will come in and say 'this is what we need', someone on council will stick up their hand and say 'so moved', and it will be passed."

Gordon Meurin expressed this fear at Monday's meeting of Council while commenting on the growing number of professional administrators the students' union is hiring.

"I have my reservations. We're losing the main plank in our student government that we have been so proud of for so long . . . that students run the student government," he said.

The controversy arose over council's decision to hire a building manager for the new SUB as soon as possible.

Richard Price, council chairman was the first to answer.

"I think that we've had a strong student government in Alberta. I think that students always have to stay a little ahead, that their role is policy making."

"My main reservation is 'do we need him so soon?'"

Eric Hayne compared the students' union to a large corporation.

"We are a large corporation now. All corporations are headed by a board of directors. In this case, we are the board of directors. Despite the number of professional people

in a corporation, the board has the final say."

"It is the students' council which will have the final say," he said.

Price didn't think that there was a problem. "I personally, working this summer with Mr. Clark and Mr. Swenson, have not found that it is a problem."

"The important thing to consider is the type of professional person we bring in" he added.

Meurin said, "student government has failed miserably during the last few years on this campus and as far as I'm concerned it's getting worse."

"We should get students back into the administration of the union. For example, a student might appreciate the experience of running the bowling alley in the new SUB," he said.

Mr. Swenson explained the reason for a building manager for the new SUB.

"I feel that when we have committed ourselves to a \$4 million building" he said, "we are committed to having someone to run it well."

"It's going to take a lot of organization and it's going to take people with specific skills."

"The key to the whole thing is finding people who will co-operate with students and not exert their influence too much," said Mr. Swenson.

The reason for hiring the building manager so soon was to have a complete organization ready to move into the new SUB.

"We've got to be ready to use that building as soon as it opens" said Fraser Smith. "I think it pretty important that the building pay for itself right from the start," he said.

Candidate defines platform

An outspoken candidate in the Nov. 8 federal election, Bill Stocks, U of A grad student, advocated free tuition at an informal campaign rally Monday.

Stocks is running on a platform of legalized birth control, national lotteries, easier divorce, free drugs for addicts, legalized abortion and a change in the education system.

"I think there should be free tuition," he said.

"But this should be accompanied by high entrance standards.

Entrance exams to all universities might promote "a common education system throughout Canada," he said.

He was answering how he planned to incorporate provincial control over education with the need for a standardized system.

One of Mr. Stock's reasons for running is "When an independent doesn't have a chance, we haven't got a democracy," said Marshall Laub, arts 2, assistant campaign manager.

"The election of an independent indicates that his views have found wide agreement among fellow citizens," he said.

Mr. Stocks said an independent has a chance to make his views heard in government.

"I can vote for what I think is right, not for the party line," he said.

However, as an independent, I will be able to suggest laws but there is no guarantee they will be passed, said Mr. Stocks.

'Some students ignorant of job qualifications'

Many student find themselves with an insufficient knowledge of employer needs and occupational qualifications, says John LeMay, supervisor of the student placement office.

The services of the student placement office aim at maximum personal satisfaction and maximum economic performance for the students, he said.

"Students should study their positions in the fast-changing development of the country. They should complete employment applications now and arrange for interviews with employers in whom they have a genuine interest. Our information is free," he says.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Nominations will be accepted for the position of President of Women's Athletic Association by the Secretary Treasurer up to 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

E. R. Hayne
Returning Officer

Science rep election held today in SUB

The election for science representative on students' council is held today. Science students may vote by presenting their campus A cards at the pooling booth in SUB. The Gateway presents the candidates election platforms.

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Alan Gardner

It has never been so important for a member of student government to know the issues, to be able to act on them and to be aware of the needs and aspirations of the students he represents.

A vote for Alan Gardner is a vote for this sort of responsible and representative government.

I stand on several issues:

The need for a science undergraduate organization has been neglected too long. Such a organization could provide students with an opportunity to gain experience in leadership and organization, put pressure on the administration for a science student lounge, organize faculty intramural sports and look into the possibility of student evaluations of professors.

Many students are lacking text books for their courses and this is due not only to slowness in the bookstore but carelessness on the part of faculty in ordering. This is a serious matter for students trying to learn a course without a text. It's difficult. The whole matter should be investigated to see if it can be improved.

More students, should be involved in student organization and government.

The opportunity is yours. Consider the issues and the candidates before you Vote!

I am prepared to serve you.

Alan Gardner
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Carol Kosior

My decision to enter into the campaign for science rep arose from a Gateway article stating, "student apathy has struck the science faculty." By no means are science students more apathetic than the students of any other faculty!! True, at present, they are an unorganized group. What is required is a science undergraduate society to provide a basis and to organize activities for science students.

Such a society's purposes would be comparable with those of other existing undergraduate clubs. A science undergraduate society would provide an opportunity for students of similar interests to meet and discuss problems and exchange ideas.

In addition, through SUS, science students could sponsor a social event. It seems that all faculties have one event that is distinguished as their own, and has become an annual, much-anticipated event, for instance, the commerce rodeo, the aggies' Bar-None, the med show, and so forth.

If elected, the formation of a science undergraduate society would be my major project. In addition, I would hope to set a few precedents, and, of course, to carry out my position as a students' council member in a responsible manner.

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