

YSM's 'guerrilla theatre' disrupts Winters' teach-in

A forum on "The Faces of Toronto" was disrupted last Thursday when members of the York Student Movement turned out in strength to challenge the guest speakers.

Although posters advertising the Winters College-sponsored teach-in urged students to attend and "confront your environment" neither Jack Saywell, dean of arts and science, nor Liberal MP Phil Givens, ex-mayor of Toronto, expected the kind of confrontation they received.

Saywell barely started his speech before being challenged by a YSM member and when Givens at one point tried to come to his rescue he was denounced as a liar and forced to sit down.

YSM members questioned Saywell on why corporations were not being forced to pay the cost of pollution control. They claimed the consumer was forced to pay the bill while corporations continued to rake in profits.

Soon a heated discussion developed between Saywell, the YSM people and the audience.

Saywell remained very cool throughout the affair, although he hedged on some of the pointed questions thrown his way. He never did finish his speech.

When the discussion turned to exploitation of people by corporations, Phil Givens, who had made a speech earlier, got up and said countries do not have enough resources to satisfy all their people.

"That's a lie!" shot back YSMer Andy Stanley pointing his finger accusingly at the ex-mayor.

When Givens continued to speak, Stanley shouted again. "That's a lie! That's a lie! I'm not going to let you continue from a false premise!"

When Givens refused to reply to Stanley's charge, another member of YSM walked over, put his arm around Givens and smiled at him.

Givens, obviously unfamiliar with such "guerrilla theatre" tactics was flabbergasted and after one beseeching look at the audience went to the back of the room and sat down.

Shortly after, Saywell decided to leave and the formal meeting broke up.

However, YSMers encouraged about 50 people to remain afterwards and talk about what had just happened and why the forum had been disrupted.

The YSM people said they were attempting to break down the one-way passive learning experience which exists when students sit and listen to an "expert" or professor.

They said they wanted to create a situation like the one they were now experiencing, where people get together in a group and talk about their problems and how to solve them.

Students eagerly questioned YSM on their beliefs and goals. Two hours later the discussion was still going on.

The fact that people stayed so long was cited as proof by YSM members that the kind of communal learning situation they advocate is viable.

Students are socialized into accepting their passive role said YSMer Lib Spry. "To break out of it is to challenge authority," she said.

If a professor says something that a student disagrees with he should get up and say "No, I don't accept that. It isn't true," she told the group.

Not everyone was pleased with YSM's tactics.

Colin Campbell, senior tutor of Winters college, charged that YSM tried to destroy Saywell, not engage in discussion with him. What resulted was "a yelling match," he said.

He asked how YSM would have liked it if a group of John Saywells had come in and interrupted SDS speaker Eric Mann who spoke the day before.

Marshall Green, president of Winters college council, said afterwards, "I admire the ideals of YSM," but "They weren't trying very hard for dialogue."

Referring to the YSM guerrilla theatre, he said: "I lost a lot of respect when they had to lower themselves to attacking a man rather than the system that has made him the dupe that he is."

However, Green said: "The attack on Saywell was good. He didn't expect it. He was after a nice quiet afternoon."

They said they hoped that in the weeks to come students would become less concerned with marks and listening to professors and more concerned with organizing themselves to deal with people's real problems.

Canada Briefs

SFU PSA department decimated

BURNABY, B.C. — The department of political science, sociology and anthropology at Simon Fraser University — formerly one of the most democratic university departments in Canada — has been "purged". An administrative tenure committee has denied four professors in the department tenure and further renewal of contract — three others have been granted only one-year conditional renewals of contract and one other professor has been denied promotion. The tenure decisions were made on the basis of doubts about the teaching or scholastic ability of the professors, although all have been highly ranked by their colleagues. The dispute over the PSA department first reached a crisis this summer when the administration of SFU declared the department incapable of handling its own affairs and assumed direct control of its operations. The PSA department has responded to this action with a statement signed by 12 members of the department demanding autonomy within the PSA department.

Sask. students can't afford fees

SASKATOON — The results of a Saskatoon student survey taken at the end of the summer shows that 16.5 per cent of the 2,414 students who applied to a questionnaire cannot afford to continue their studies this year. On the 9,000-member campus, this would mean 1,400 students dropping out because of lack of funds. One-fifth of the students surveyed could not get work this summer. The average student expects to save \$508.43 of his summer earnings and students who applied for loans will get an average of \$732. Yet students spent an average of \$1,640 in the academic year 1968-69. Fees at the Saskatoon campus were increased five per cent this year, a "significant" amount to 70 per cent of the sample.

Charges laid after demonstration

MONTREAL — Thirty-seven men and women were charged Thursday in connection with the 'French only' demonstration at St. Leonard, and Quebec justice minister Remi Paul has declared that "several charges will be laid against leader Raymond Lemieux. All the charges were laid in connection with the march that ended in violence last Wednesday night, as right wing demonstrators broke ranks in a march on Jerome Le Royer school in St. Leonard, smashing windows and attacking Italian residents of the district. Police allowed much of the violence and destruction to take place without hindrance, confining themselves to protecting large stores in the area while leaving predominantly-Italian small businesses to the mercy of the demonstrators. The St. Leonard crisis has grown out of a year old dispute over the language to be taught in local schools; French parents opting for French-only instruction, Italian parents for English.

Rochdale anti-union says Wernick

Andy Wernick, a leading figure in the radical Toronto Student Movement, recently resigned from the 12-man council of Rochdale, charging the institution was bourgeois, anti-intellectual, idealist — and anti-union. Wernick claims other members of the council have manipulated the situation within the college to prevent members of the caretaking staff from organizing a union, and succeeded. In addition to its anti-union position, Wernick said, "The culture of this building, for all its radical rhetoric, is inefably bourgeois; it is escapist." The general manager of Rochdale commented: "as far as I am concerned, we realize the benefits of unionizing if and when Rochdale people feel it is needed."

CUPE backs peaceful student struggle

The Canadian Union of Public Employees last Thursday backed students who use "peaceful means" in struggling for greater democracy on Canadian campuses. At the biennial convention here the resolution was endorsed after Maggie Bizzell, a delegate from a CUPE local representing 17 employees of the University of Toronto's student council, warned the assembly that unless union leaders get involved with encouraging "responsible" change at the university, students would continue to get a prejudiced view of unionism from university officials. The CUPE resolution followed a speech by Gerard Rancourt, vice-president of the Canadian Labor Congress, who attacked student radicals for trying to "manipulate unions on behalf of their own revolutionary purpose," and declared that Canadian workers "are not going to be used by any group for revolutionary aims."

Canadian University Press

Orientation programs cost thousands but organizers say it was worth it

By MIKE SAVAGE

Guess how much your college spent on orientation week activities? If your guess is between \$1,000 and \$2,000 — you're right.

You may wonder what was bought with this money. If you do, then you attended few, if any, activities sponsored last week by your college and CYSF. You may have attended many of these functions and still wondered where the money went.

Orientation is an attempt to acquaint incoming freshmen with their fellow collegians. Another aim is to introduce the new student to many of the facilities and activities of the university.

Events ranged from general discussions to a Master's Sandwich Lunch and dance at El Zorro for Winters to a four-hour ferry ride for College E.

"The basis of the program", said McLaughlin organizer Alan Shefman, "was that all activities would be free of charge to Mac

students". That included all students and fellows of the college.

Identification buttons and an itinerary were mailed to members of the college. The button enabled the wearer to participate in Mac sponsored events. Events included a soccer game, jazz concert, free dinner, tug-of-war, barbeque, and hayride.

The highlight of the week, said Shefman, was the Total Environment Dance, which featured a light show by Catharsis. He felt the week's activities were successful and well worth the \$1,000 cost.

Winters College spent "\$1200 or \$1300" on orientation week, said organizer Marshall Green. Last Thursday a teach-in "The Faces of Toronto", featured John Saywell and Phil Givens. There was no charge for dances, and a 25 cent charge to see "Yellow Submarine".

Highlight of the week was Winters night at El Zorro. Normal \$4.50 price of admission was re-

duced to two dollars for Winters students.

College E or the "Un-College" spent about \$2000. An organizer noted that \$700 had to be spent on tents because the college had none of the physical facilities the other colleges enjoy.

Talks, films, and a karate display were part of the events featured. Highlight of the week was a four-hour ferry boat ride. Called "The Floating Happening" the ride was hosted by Virginia Rock, College E, master.

There was no cost whatever to the students College E councillors said. The events which were described as successful, were organized by Tony Ditosto, a third year student who was in Vanier last year.

CYSF spent "about \$1500" said external affairs commissioner Judy Darcy. Events included films and speakers. Unlike the college programs it had a heavy political orientation.

"Liberation Struggles", "Women's Liberation", and "America The Great" were some of the films presented by CYSF. When asked if the money spent was worth what YSF received, Miss Darcy said: "It's irrelevant".

She said what happened in orientation week cannot be measured in monetary terms and considered the program to be a success.

"About \$2200" was spent on Founders orientation week said treasurer Stephanie Dowe. Events included films, a hayride, flag-football, and frisbee throwing.

She considered the week to be a success and worth the money spent.

Vanier councillors and organizers were not available for comment.

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ALL HISTORY STUDENTS are welcome to the first meeting of the History Students' Association on Tuesday, September 23 at 3 PM in the Colloquium Room, Stedman Lecture Halls. Election of a 5th executive member, ratification of student nominations to Departmental Committees, and discussion of our merger with the Historical Society will be the main items of business.

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