



—Neil Driscoll photo

HIS PEDALS DON'T WORK—It's a known fact that some automobile engines won't turn over at -20 degrees, and jumper cables have been more common than skipping ropes in university parking lots this week. Here, two stranded motorists struggle with their frozen beast in SUB lot Wednesday—only with more success than most.

Honoraria, special benefits sought

House committee may resign unless agreement reached

By LORRAINE MINICH

Men students in Lister Hall may be without a residence house committee unless an agreement with the administration is worked out before Jan. 31.

In a letter sent to Provost A. A. Ryan last fall, the Men's Residence House Committee threatened to resign Jan. 31 unless certain demands were met. In another letter sent Wednesday, the students again outlined difficulties in residence and areas which require investigation.

Committee members have been negotiating with the administration since the original letter last fall regarding demands for honoraria and special benefits for committee members' rooms.

Prof. Ryan told The Gateway Wednesday neither of the letters could actually be considered a threat to the administration. Instead, he said, they are an appeal for co-operation.

This is the first year that residence government is completely student-run. According to Prof. Ryan, student government is the best way to run the residences.

"Considering the only administrative representative in residence is an assistant dean, the students have done a remarkably responsible job," said Prof. Ryan.

Prof. Ryan agreed committee members are going more work than they should have to and they should not have to bear the brunt of attacks by disgruntled students.

"Committee members have had to act as bellmen for students who are locked out," said Prof. Ryan. "When they found no thanks for these minor duties, they logically

suggested payment for their services."

Prof. Ryan suggested the House Committee members be given student activity awards rather than wages.

It's only fair that committee members should have better rooms, an extra-curricular award, and credit on the transcript of records when they leave the university, said Prof. Ryan.

The committee heads need help in enforcing discipline, said Prof. Ryan. Most of the students in residence are freshmen who don't know about residence government.

"The committee is doing a good job, but they need full co-operation, especially from some senior students who have been setting a bad example."

The publicity which has been given to the residences by The Gateway has been bad, said Prof. Ryan. The publicity is hurting residence at a time when it needs help.

"It's about time The Gateway decided whether its wants news or the truth," said Prof. Ryan.

Quebec class boycott ends

Committees formed to study employment and financial aid

By WILF DAY

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MONTREAL—More than 27,000 Quebec students, on strike this week protesting a three-week extension of their school term, today returned to classes after reaching a compromise agreement with the Quebec government.

Under the agreement, the school year extension will remain, but two committees of student and government officials have been set up to study financial aid and student employment possibilities.

The Quebec students have argued bitterly that the extension would cut down their summer earnings.

The committees, scheduled to have equal representation from the two groups, will begin work immediately. The financial aid committee is to report before March on what new financial measures should be taken to aid technical school students in Quebec.

The second committee is designed to establish an employment policy so the government can assist students in locating summer jobs.

Announcement of the agreement was made late Wednesday night, following a meeting among Michel Delorme, president of the Quebec Specialized Students' Federation (FEESQ); Robert Nelson, president of the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec (UGEQ), and Quebec Education Minister Paul Gerin-Lajoie.

Delorme came out of the meeting proclaiming a "victory" for the students because they have been given committee representation.

Even though the students were scheduled to return to classes today, each of the 60 schools being picketed will take a vote on acceptance or rejection of the agreement.

Delorme said he expects the vote to go in favor of acceptance, but if any schools reject the offer, there will be study sessions held until a suitable settlement can be worked out.

The strike began Monday after a series of strike votes at the technical and specialized schools across the province were held, when the education minister refused to allow students to appeal the three-week extension of the school term.

The votes had averaged 90 per cent in favor of the strike. Only one school, Granby, turned it down.

Students picketed schools while policemen stood by during the week, but no students crossed the picket lines and no incidents were reported.

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PC-Socred coalition denied

By SHEILA BALLARD

The president of the Alberta Social Credit League says the UAC Progressive Conservative-Social Credit merger appears to be a PC publicity stunt.

"I hate to think it was engineered but the UAC Social Credit group has never asked for any affiliation or assistance from us at any time," said Orvis Kennedy.

The two Calgary groups merged last weekend to run under the PC banner in the upcoming UAC model parliament elections.

Mr. Kennedy discounted the claim of the young Social Credit group that the move was made because of lack of funds.

He said since the group had never approached the Alberta league for assistance this indicated their action was little more than a move to embarrass Social Crediters.

Mr. Kennedy contends the amalgamation defeats the purpose of model parliament.

"Since the purpose of campus political parties is to explain and advocate the policies of the particular parties a merger of any two parties makes this impossible," said Mr. Kennedy.

Certainly had the group been officially affiliated with the league we would have discouraged such a move on these grounds, said Mr. Kennedy.

The Edmonton campus Socred leader, Dale Enarson, says the Calgary group is not affiliated with the Canadian Students' Social Credit Federation.

He agreed the move was possibly a PC publicity stunt.

"Their claim of having no funds is a pretty feeble excuse because assistance is available if they go through the proper channels," says Enarson.

Asked if the views of the Socred party on this campus were close to those of the PC party Enarson said "I can't say how close their policies are to ours because they have never expressed their policies."

"I might co-operate if I found us on common ground but I see no reason to dissolve the campus Social Credit party to become part and parcel of the PC party," Enarson added.

THE WEATHER

The Edmonton weather office predicts continued very cold weather with sunny skies and light winds.

Last night's low -27... Predicted high today -20.

Low tonight and high Friday are -30 and -20.