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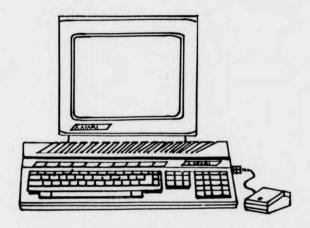
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Western admin. faced with strike

by CASEY MAHOOD of the Gazette

Western University's administration is under fire once again for its handling of the (food and mainenance workers) strike, this time by the Faculty Association...

The strike by the Canadian Union of Public Employees Locals 2361 and 2692 representing Physical Plant and Food Services staff has entered its 14th day.

Edward Ebanks, president of Western's Faculty Association, said his group objected to many of the university's actions taken to maintain services on campus, such as the Volunteer Assistance Program. The program offered university personnel \$6.50 an hour to clean buildings usually maintained by the strikers.

"We don't want scab labour on campus," Ebanks said. "We think that in doing this we (the university) are delaying the solution of the problem," Ebanks said.

He said the Faculty Association's executive committee urged all instructors to continue meeting with their classes as normal. They also asked the union locals and Western's administration to return to the bargaining table and end the strike as soon as possible.

The administration and the union locals managed to honor the first request of the Faculty Association after they agreed to meet on Friday to start up negotiations...

Geoffrey Rans, an English professor, said he objected "very strongly to Western administration's attitude of using strikebreakers."

Rans said he joined pickets on Wednesday to show his "solidarity" with their cause, but added that he had no classes that day and was not in favor of boycotting them... Miriam Lapp, president of the New Democratic Party Club, said she was pleased with the results of their boycott considering Western students are generally not supportive of labor groups.

"We have achieved success today because people are talking about it," she said.

Lapp said about 50 students were at the Richmond gates "on and off" throughout the day. Lapp blamed student apathy for the poor showing of students on the line.

"Western is a country club. The whole campus is run by the PC youth," she added.

McGill Daily is confiscated

by Mike Brown Imprint staff

Students at Montreal's McGill University newspaper had a firsthand encounter with censorship when the term's first issue was confiscated by the university's administration.

The orientation issue of the McGill Daily was yanked off the shelves and removed from campus buildings because it contained a photograph the administration deemed obscene...

The controversial photo is a picture of woman holding a man's penis close to her own vagina while she simultaneously straddles the man's legs. The six inch by seven inch photo takes up half the page.

The erotic picture is a reproduction of a photo removed earlier in the summer from a local gallery by Montreal police.

The original photo is a part of an exhibit on pregnancy and sexuality by Martin Lebovitz. Reproductions of the photo appeared in the French daily newpaper La Presse and Voir. No actions were taken against these publications by police or any other

legal agencies.

Mike Gordon, a writer for the Daily, said this week the staff are deemed newsworthy.

The administration returned the papers that were not destroyed but at no time offered any apology...

Waterloo gets research boost

by Mike O'Driscoll Imprint staff

The University of Waterloo senate this week approved two new research centres designed to enhance natural resource development.

At its monthly meeting September 21, senate gave the green light to the Natural Products Research Institute and the Solar Thermal Engineering Centre.

Professor K.G. Hollands, who is heading up the latter project, said that although solar/thermal research is nothing new to the university, approval of the centre will allow the various labs involved to integrate their research and approach outside funding sources with a firm identity. The centre embraces three of the half-dozen research units dubbed "centre's of expertise" by the federal department of energy, mines, and resources.

According to Roger Downer, a biochemistry professor involved with the Natural Products Research Institute, senate approval for his team will open up a number of opportunities...

However, Downer says a successful future for the institute may mean as many as 10 additional research staff, dozens of support staff, and possible even a new building to house the project. He called that kind of growth "the realization of [his] wildest dreams."

The NPRI will search for new ways to synthesize natural resources used in the production of medicines and agricultural agents in an attempt to avoid the mass exploitation of such delicate regions as the Brazilian rain forests. Downer called the institute "a chance for Canada to assume a lead role in addressing a problem that is of major global importance."



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