

Law students will join CYSF if referendum passes next week

By GREG McCONNELL

Osgoode Hall Law School is thinking of joining the York Student Federation.

At a meeting in Osgoode's Moot Court yesterday, Osgoode students seemed in favor of taking the school out of the isolation which has kept her out of campus-wide activities up till now.

The meeting was called to inform voters about the federation, prior to a referendum Oct. 16.

YSF president Paul Koster and former-president John Adams outlined the federation's case, supported by John Kirby of Osgoode's Legal and Literary Society.

Bob Aaron, editor of the school's newspaper *Obiter Dicta*, gave his case for staying out of the campus-wide union. About 40 students attended the meeting.

Because of its status as a separate faculty Osgoode did not become a member of the federation automatically when the school became a part of York.

Koster listed the benefits of Osgoode's membership in the union. EXCALIBUR, Radio York, Zaardvark and most of the campus clubs are sponsored by the federation. CYSF also has the responsibility of deciding how student senators are chosen and the council would be a means for Osgoode's beefs to gain more attention from the administrators at York, he said.

Aaron spoke for Osgoode's independence. "I don't think Osgoode is going to join; in fact I know Osgoode is not going to join," he said. He had \$10 to say so.

Aaron said it would take a long time to break down the law school's spirit of independence. As a voice in the community he claimed, "with its prestige, Osgoode is a much stronger voice on its own than as a member of the YSF."

There was some support for Aaron's view in the audience. One student claimed that Osgooders would get such benefits as EXCALIBUR without paying \$10 annually. Another said entry would be a useless involvement in petty politics.

Some students, predominantly first-year, felt that Osgoode as a member of the York Campus, should not try to ignore the rest of the university. One spoke of working within the council to get at bigger issues than was possible from the law school. Those who favored entry were the only ones to get applause.

Publicity on behalf of CYSF will be handled by Stu Keely, the federation's vice-president. There will be handouts and articles in the *Obiter*.

In the Oct. 15 issue of the *Obiter* there will likely be a joint column by Koster and Bruce Savage, Osgoode's Legal and Literary Society president who supports entry.

The anti-confederates, however, have been swifter on the draw. The Sept. 30 *Obiter* contained an ad exhorting the school to "Vote No To Y.S.F."

The outcome could be close.

Although the second and third year law students comprise a majority (32 and 26 per cent) which probably favors continued Osgoode autonomy, the first year students (42 per cent) are, if yesterday's meeting is any indication, less defensive about Osgoode independence.

Canada Briefs

McGill council may charge QPP

MONTREAL — The McGill University students society may bring charges against the Quebec Provincial Police and a local trucking firm in connection with incidents during a student border blockade last Wednesday. Society vice-president Dave Young said Thursday the society lawyers would be asked to investigate legal action against the QPP, who impounded five buses laden with demonstrators driving to take part in the national protest against Thursday's underground A-blast in the Aleutians, and against a firm whose vehicle charged through leafletting demonstrators at the Champlain, New York border crossing. The QPP forced demonstrators to walk the last eight miles to the crossing, claiming the buses were not licenced to transport people "under these circumstances." The transport truck attempted to crash the student blockade at the border, sending students scrambling out of its path. In a similar incident at Sarnia, a Michigan woman ran a student blockade at the Bluewater Bridge and injured two students. She will not be charged. One of the students, David Pettinger of London's Fanshawe College, was dragged 300-feet when the car tried to run the 1,000-student blockade. Lambton County crown attorney S.A.K. Logan made the decision not to charge the 66-year-old woman Friday after viewing a film of the incident.

Trent students vote down CUS

PETERBOROUGH — There are still only 13 member-unions in the Canadian Union of Students, following a referendum at Trent University last Thursday. Students at the 1,300-student campus turned down the national union by a vote of 954-415 following a largely perfunctory campaign. Student council president John McQuade put it down to complacency on the part of Trent students. Trent had never previously belonged to CUS. CUS's record now stands at 1-1, with the victory recorded at Simon Fraser University September 25 and 26.

Police refused to throw out president

OTTAWA — It takes more than a complaint to bring police onto the campus at Carleton University. It takes the say-so of administration president Davidson Dunton. A group of 15 students tried and failed to bring the police to their support last Friday when they confronted Dunton in his office to demand he repudiate the working paper of the Committee of Presidents of Universities of Ontario, and guarantee non-interference in any political activity on campus which did not involve personal physical injury or significant property damage. In the midst of a heated debate with Dunton, one of the students telephoned the Ottawa police to demand they arrest "a man who is occupying the president's desk against the wishes of the people." The response: "Only Dr. Dunton can call us, not the people." Dunton had just claimed he would not take the initiative in calling police on campus. The students left after Dunton refused to reveal the names of the draftors of the CPUO report which called for hard-line disciplinary measures against virtually all forms of campus unrest except ordinary picketing. "They're colleagues of mine, and that's privileged information," he said. Sources in Toronto say Dunton was one of the four draftors of the report.

Profs plan class boycotts to end war

WATERLOO — Three professors at the University of Waterloo are attempting to organize a one-day moratorium Oct. 15, in solidarity with a U.S. national campaign aimed at ending the Vietnam war. The three, Fred Kemp, Ted Cadell and Ron Lambert, have so far received little support from faculty at the university. In calling for the one-day boycott of classes the three explained that "There is a growing feeling that academics, including those in Canada, are not doing all they could to stop the war in Vietnam. We feel a day off from the regular activities of the university could be a good start." Originally planned by anti-war student organizations in the U.S., the moratorium has received support from about 500 student council presidents, campus newspaper editors and several administration presidents across the States. The project would escalate by one day per month until "significant" peace efforts were made by the U.S. with students, workers and businessmen ceasing to work to discuss the war and its implications.

Montreal gets women's group

MONTREAL — Montreal's first Women's Liberation Movement was born last Wednesday under the leadership of McGill sociologist Marlene Dixon. The group will press for day-centres for working mothers, more flexible employment opportunities for women, and an end to feminine oppression in universities. Starting with university women, the organizers hope to eventually reach working women too, because "younger women are rejecting the popular image of women as sex objects," whether in university or not. Miss Dixon, an American, sparked a student occupation last February at the University of Chicago after she was fired on the grounds of "lack of scholarship" — she and the students who occupied the building said she was being discriminated against for her sex and her politics.

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