

"Someday bicyclists will be like lemmings..."



"...and all drive off the High Level bridge."

Mark Spector



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U.S. group to bring Soviet divestment plan to Canada

by Catherine Bainbridge
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MONTREAL (CUP)—A right-wing foundation in the United States, taking its cue from "misguided" drives against investment in South Africa, wants to bring its Soviet divestment campaign to Canadian universities.

The campaign, called Save the Oppressed People (STOP), is underway on over 15 college campuses in the United States, according to

Bonner Cohen, international director of the Young Conservative Foundation. Seventy-five more college groups have applied to the foundation for information on how to start a campaign.

The Washington-based foundation, set up two years ago, is calling on student groups to get their universities to sell stock they own in companies doing business with the Soviet Union.

Targetted companies include

Pepsi-Cola, General Motors, Ford Motor Company and Xerox.

The expansion into Canada will be started by January or February, according to Cohen. "We have contacts in Toronto and Montreal," he said, "so we will probably start on a campus in one of those cities."

"We will probably concentrate on one university," he said, "using ads and staging a protest to get things moving."

The main thrust of the campaign is a reaction to the successful South Africa divestment campaigns sweeping American universities. "It is our hope to reshape, restructure and redefine the foreign policy debate taking place in North America," said Cohen.

The Young Conservative Foundation is funded by tax deductible private contributions. Cohen, who is neither young nor a student, is one of several full-time paid employees of the Foundation.

"We believe the Soviet Union is by far the world's worst human rights violator," he said, "and it comes out looking considerably worse than South Africa."

International focus on South Africa is not a priority, said Cohen, because the Soviet Union, unlike South Africa, is an expansionist superpower. Business should stay in South Africa or blacks will lose jobs. Business should get out of the Soviet Union because economic losses will force them to spend less on arms, he said.

Nigel Crawhill, head of the McGill South Africa Committee, sees serious flaws in Cohen's arguments.

"South Africa is the only country in the world with constitutionalised racism," said Crawhill. "And the day the Soviet Union enshrines racism in their constitution, I'll fight them too."

"They (the conservative student groups) do not give a hoot about the Soviet Union," he said, "They are out to sink us, not to divest from the Soviet Union."

Crawhill also said divestment is a particular strategy and not appropriate in every case. In South Africa, polls taken by U.S. polling agencies show that the majority of black South Africans want divestment — if they suffer now, in the long run it means a better life for their children.

Crawhill referred to Henry Kissinger's views on divestment from the Soviet Union. "Constructive engagement (of business) makes much more sense in the Soviet Union because it is already quite autonomous," said Crawhill. "Henry Kissinger said long before I did that if the West isolates the Soviet Union, it will have much less leverage with it, which is really dangerous and destabilizing."

Jobs, jobs, jobs

by Bill Daskoch

Job placements for graduates should be up 10 to 15 per cent over 1984-85, but will still be below pre-recession (1981) levels, says campus employment centre manager, Donna Beech.

Actually, the CEC annual report showed that in 1984-85, 419 employers visited campus, versus 418 in 1980-81. But they only had 614 interview-days vs. 1,049 and permanently placed 335 fewer people. However, Beech was optimistic.

"I think it's quite promising," she said. "The employers are coming, and the students who are applying are well-prepared and have positive attitudes."

One problem she mentioned was employers weren't getting the quantity of applicants they expected, although they have generally been happy with the quality.

"There seems to be a general feeling of 'there's no jobs, so why bother'."

The best bets for placements are with accounting firms and energy companies, which generally means people in business, engineering or earth science programs.

This holds to the same pattern as last year as business, engineering and education counted for over 80 per cent of all placements.



Employment Centre's Donna Beech: Think positive.

However, Beech cautioned that their statistics might be misleading.

"We don't handle placements for dentistry, pharmacy, medicine or nursing. In addition, we don't keep statistics on those who may have gotten permanent work independently, such as through being kept on by summer employers."

To improve one's chances of landing the elusive permanent job, Beech said a new series of creative job search seminars — which teach resume writing and interview preparation skills — would begin in January.

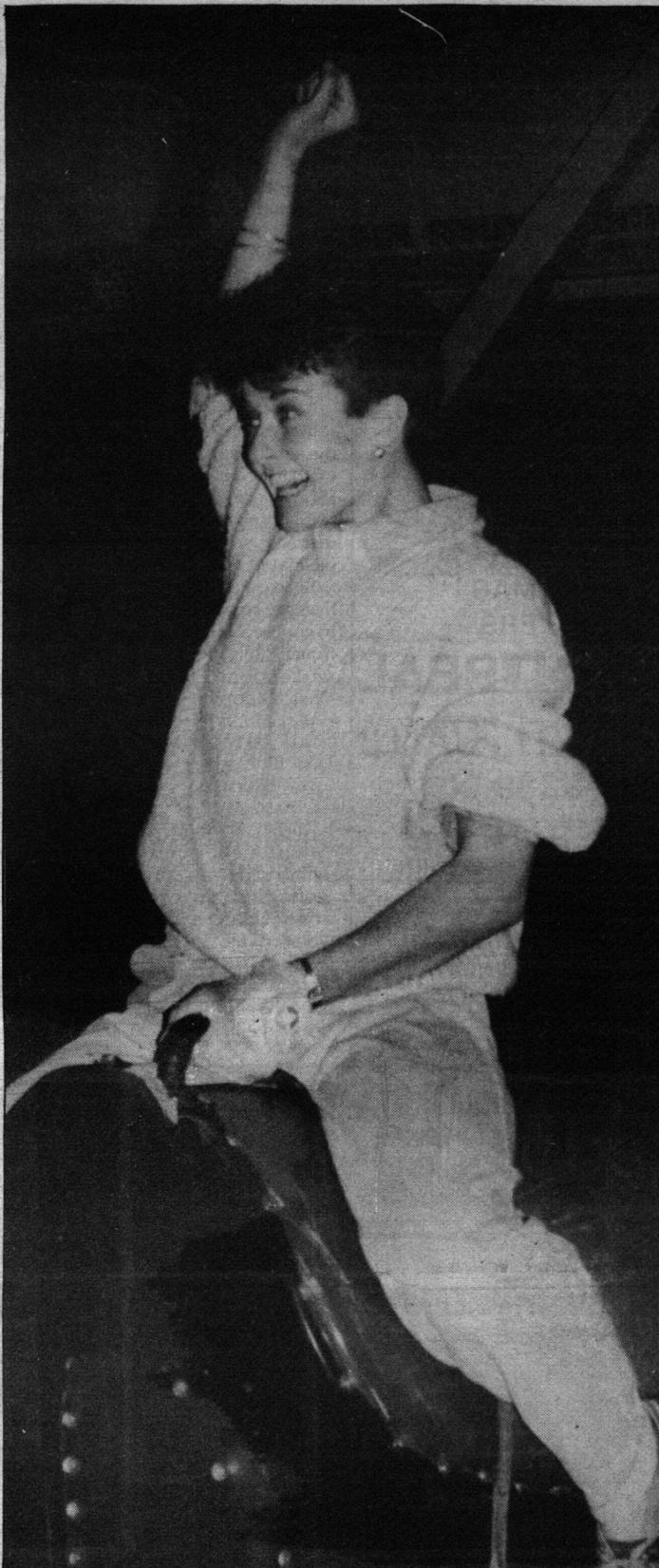


Photo Bill St. John

Whoa! Ride'em cowgirl! This little lady was just one of the country-types who two-stepped up a storm on Saturday at Bar None.

The dance was the finale to a week of down home fun.

Showdown and the Cam Molloy Silver Weasel Band played to a full house at the Butterdome.

Bar None was sponsored by the U of A Ag Club. Beat that, you engineers.

'Whites Only' —

Groups recreate South African life

by Suzette C. Chan

Whites Only.

That is the slogan of apartheid that two campus awareness groups have adopted to recreate a little of South African life at the U of A.

"[The posters] are just to drive home that people in South Africa, especially blacks, are subject to this their entire lives," says PASAG member and student council rep Brinton McLaughlin.

PASAG, in conjunction with the Committee Against Racism and Apartheid (CARA), are sponsoring a three-day apartheid awareness "video and visual display" in HUB mall Nov. 27-29.

PASAG feels that the information blitz is needed since the South African government has placed restrictions on what events can be broadcast outside of the country.

because of the news blackout, people figure things are settling down but it's still going on, it's still a problem," said McLaughlin.

On display will be video-clips of interviews and TV documentaries on apartheid including a segment featuring Jerry Falwell debating the issue of apartheid with Jesse Jackson.

Films such as Bishop Desmond Tutu's *Winds of Change* will run on Friday, although location and time have yet to be finalized.

PASAG president John Towers emphasized that the campaign is "aimed at racism in general."

He said that CARA and PASAG are looking to eventually try to persuade the university, the SU and governments to divest.

"Our long-term goal is to fight racism wherever it occurs," he said.

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