

U.B.C. Students Take Over Faculty Club

Ignored Members Only Sign

VANCOUVER (CUP) — "What needs liberating at UBC?" asked Yippie Jerry Rubin.

"The faculty club," someone shouted. And that was that.

Over 2,000 gleeful University of British Columbia students marched a half mile to the faculty club Thursday (Oct. 24) and took over.

The students, led by Rubin, and members of UBC's Students for a Democratic Society, paraded a squealing pig (presidential candidate for Rubin's Youth International Party) into the opulent faculty only restaurant and bar.

The takeover was accomplished early Thursday afternoon and lasted until Friday morning. Some 60 spent the night in the building.

By late Thursday afternoon, observers had estimated 3,000 UBC students passed through the doors at one point or another, ignoring the "Members Only" sign.

There appeared to be few concrete demands or problems to justify the takeover though one SDS member advised the crowd to stay until charges are dropped against the Georgia Straight, a Vancouver

underground newspaper. The paper has been charged by the city prosecutor with printing obscene material.

On Friday, at a mass meeting of over 2,000 UBC students, occupiers said they left the building to talk about academic reform.

The occupiers said they hoped the action had set the stage for dialogue about the problems of the university.

Faculty club president D. S. Huberman, a UBC commerce professor, was not upset; "This is just delightful — there's nothing against your being here as long as you don't break into the liquor cabinet or damage the building. Otherwise we will consider prosecution."

The next day, officials estimated the damage at \$5,000, mostly in missing silverware. They were never able to bust into the liquor cabinet though. Early in the evening, they cleaned out the club's open supply but couldn't get into the well-stocked and well locked liquor cabinet.

Thursday, many occupiers turned on (with pot and hash), others drank, and political discussion buzzed through the building.

One student took a skinny-dip in the faculty club fountain.

Student president Dave Zirnhelt said the students had no right to break into private property but said the council would take no action against them.

Neither did the RCMP who confessed to be "unconcerned".

Acting administration president Walter Gage had a terse "no comment".

And one person who took the whole thing like a trooper was Singapore prime minister Lee Kuan Yew, who is staying in the faculty club's presidential suite during a visit to Vancouver.

"I'm totally unconcerned," he said. "It takes a lot worse than this to get me excited. I can't see the point of it all but it's rather funny".

As if the campus hadn't had enough trouble, Mark Rudd, SDS chairman at Columbia and leader of the spring revolt there is scheduled to speak on Thursday (Oct. 31). There is some doubt about him being allowed into the country and if he is, some people at UBC are reluctant to follow Rubin with Rudd.

Principal Power Ad Condemned

TORONTO (CUP) — Toronto area teachers are upset about an advertisement placed last week in major Ontario newspapers by the executive of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Many teachers strongly condemned the ad at a stormy Toronto district meeting Thursday night (Oct. 24) but spokesmen said there would be no statement forthcoming until next week.

Robert Brooks, Toronto district president of the OSSTF, said the executive "made a mistake in

assessing the tone-feeling of the membership in the province". Brooks was not involved in the ad placement.

Meanwhile, student teachers at the 5,000-student Ontario College of Education are circulating a petition that condemns the ad and calls for "clarification" by the provincial executive. The OCE is an associate member of the senior organization.

Gary Pollard, a leader in the petition movement, said the ad "sounds like fascism to me".

"Anyone who looked at the ad didn't like it", he said. "It was offensive. I can't describe how I felt about it exactly but it just rubbed me the wrong way".

The advertisement called on citizen support of principals trying to maintain "proper order and discipline" in their schools. It said principals were hampered by "irresponsible actions" on the part of a few "students, trustees, parents and organized pressure groups".

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