

## President raps governments for inadequacy

VANCOUVER (CUP) - The federal and provincial governments have failed to provide adequate inexpensive housing for students, according to the student council president at Capilano College in Vancouver.

In an interview November 6, Bill Bell pointed to the scores of high priced condominiums currently springing up across the road from the college, literally a stone's throw away. The units will be out of the price range of the average student; from \$40,000 to \$70,000.

"I doubt that even most of the faculty could afford them," said Bell.

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Funds for student housing "simply didn't look like they would be available". Capilano College has had to cut back academic

courses to break even on the amount it is allocated by the government.

The condominiums are being built by the Dunhill Corporation, owned, ironically, by the provincial government.

"Students are apparently low on their list of priorities," said Bell. "They feel students at a community college should live in the community."

This is not a realistic attitude, however, "since our college serves three school districts, covering a large area and there are obviously no funds to build more colleges."

All B.C. colleges face a 15 percent ceiling on annual increases according to a recently announced policy. This has been widely denounced as inadequate to maintain present levels of services.

"The problem is especially serious," because Vancouver has some of the highest rents in Canada. Clearly, we need low cost housing, not only for students, but for everybody. These condominiums are not going to provide that," Bell said.

"As for building right next to the college," he continued, "this is a disaster. There is not even a buffer zone."

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Capilano College refused to comment on the Dunhill development saying, "Do not discuss politics."

Frances Burstein, former president of the faculty association, was less reticent. "I suspect that some people lacked intelligence while this was being planned."

Ed Lavalle, president of the faculty association, was even less reticent. "As long as housing is viewed as a commodity for speculative profits rather than a utility to which everyone has a right, you are going to have this kind of profiteering."

"The answer is obvious," said Lavalle. "Socialism, not NDP semi-state capitalism."

## Reform said possible only when equal pay is given to women

WATERLOO (CUP) - The exploitation of women workers will only end when both male and female labourers own the means of production, a University of Waterloo audience was told October 29.

Nan McDonald, spokesperson for the Communist Party of Canada (CPC), said the exploitation of women as evidenced in the disparity of wages between men and women is rooted in Canada's economic system - monopoly capitalism.

Though women may make some gains in the present system by pushing for social reform, they will never be "emancipated" until the means of production are owned by the Canadian working class,

McDonald said. According to her, the source of exploitation of women can be traced back in antiquity when "people left the tribal community to embrace a private propertyed one".

The use of women in the work force began in the days of slavery, developed during feudalism and reached its height under capitalism.

Hard labour for women in Canada was first highlighted in an 1888 Royal Commission report on the exploitation of labouring women and children. The Commission determined that women and children were increasingly used in factories and mills to maximize profits since their wages were low,

McDonald said. In 1918 more women were recruited into the workforce to fill the labour gap caused by World War I.

Today, she said, the Canadian government is trying to maintain the low wages of women by freezing their pay with its "economic war measures act".

This "bipartisan declaration of war" by the Liberal and the Progressive Conservative parties against workers, and in particular women workers, will ensure that "unorganized women in the sweat shops" continue to receive low wages, she said.

"If the guidelines are 10 percent for wage increases, the how can women get ahead with a 12 percent inflation rate?" she asked.

If Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau is really concerned about the issue of women's exploitation, he would have to "attack the monopolies" that in 1974, according to Statistics Canada, derived seven billion dollars from women labourers, McDonald said.

Instead of helping women workers, the government is removing their rights embodied in the labour code and placing them under the Human Rights Code, as a gesture for International Women's Year. With this shift women will have no way of ensuring they receive equal pay for equal work, she said.

## Boycott ends

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) - Classes resumed October 28 at the University of Prince Edward Island for the first time since October 23 when students began a boycott of classes to support striking maintenance workers.

The students voted to return to their classes after negotiations between the workers and the university administration resumed.

Student organizers say they will call for another class boycott if the talks do not show early signs of progress for the workers.

The strike, which began October 17 was called after the university refused to grant increases of \$1.25 an hour to members of the workers union.

The strikers, most of whom earn \$4700 a year, have since reduced their wage proposals.

On October 27 about 350 students marched on the offices of Premier Alex Campbell but he refused to intervene in the strike.

## Quang still in Canada

OTTAWA (CUP) - Almost four months after being ordered deported, former South Vietnamese General Dang Van Quang is still in Canada. Immigration Minister Robert Andras said October 30 he does not expect to make a final decision on the general's expulsion for a "few months".

The United States has refused to allow Quang to enter as an immigrant, a refugee, or as a special case, Andras told the House of Commons.

Quang arrived in Montreal on a special ministerial permit on May 15 after the fall of the South Vietnamese government.

He applied for landed-immigrant status, but an investigation which

followed a public outcry about Quang's presence in Canada showed he had been guilty of "nefarious activities" related to the drug trade in South Vietnam.

The ministerial permit was cancelled and General Quang was ordered deported on July 7, once he located a country that would take him.

Andras said discussion with other countries to take the general have not been successful. "The United States is really the one that is most likely".

Andras said he would prefer to see General Quang deported to the United States rather than face "the final decision as to whether or not to send him back to South Vietnam."

## Housing construction pressed

CALGARY (CUP) - A \$27,000 report recommending the construction of a 1500 bed-unit housing project has been presented to the University of Calgary student council.

The recommendation came from the Student Housing Commission, and proposed building low rise apartment type housing on the football field.

The study was done by the student commission in consultation with a local planning firm.

The cost of the study was shared with the university Board of Governors paying \$5,000 and the student council \$22,000.

According to student council

president Dave Wolf, the report must now be approved by students' council and then approved by the business and finance committee of the board before it can be submitted to the Alberta Minister of Advanced Education.

The approval procedure could take as long as two months or more, he said.

The project recommendation calls for development in three phases to be completed by August 1981.

The first phase of 500 bed-units is due by September 1977, with fifteen months allotted for the other two phases and construction to be completed by 1981.



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