

# National Notes

## "Nobody" gets elected

GUELPH (CUP) — Students at the University of Guelph decided last week that nobody was better than anybody else in their presidential election, and gave the nod to the "no-candidate" option.

Out of 2417 students voting, 1080 favoured the no-candidate option, which will force the Central Students' Association to hold new elections. Runners-up to nobody in the contest, in which students voted for both a president and vice-president on one ballot, were Gerry Theoret and Ross Parry with 990 votes.

The other slate running picked up a mere one-fifth of the votes cast for nobody.

Student dissatisfaction with the candidates was cited as the main reason for the no-candidate's stunning win. The election cost the CSA more than \$1000 to run.

In the other election results, a fee referendum giving campus radio station CFRU-FM a \$1.50 per student refundable fee easily passed.

## Anglos say no to PQ education

MONTREAL (CUP) — Four Anglophone CEGEPs have decided to oppose the Parti Quebecois government's White Paper on CEGEP Education because proposed mandatory courses on Quebec history and the province's economy are an attempt "to socialize students towards separation."

According to Mayssa Risia, secretary general of the Students' Union of John Abbott College (SUJAC), CEGEP representatives from John Abbott, Marianopolis, Dawson and the St. Croix campus of Vanier were all opposed to the policy paper at a meeting Mar. 3. A second meeting to discuss the method of publicizing their opposition will be held Mar. 13.

The second meeting on the White Paper, which was introduced last fall, will be held at Marianopolis College and representatives from both French and English language CEGEPs will be invited.

## McGill rejects student organization

MONTREAL (CUP) — McGill students rejected membership in Quebec's national student organization, L'Association Nationale des Etudiants du Quebec (ANEQ), in student association elections Mar. 7.

Benoit Lorin, External Vice-President-elect said the 747 to 1,841 no vote indicated McGill students were not satisfied with the way ANEQ is currently structured. "We will try hard to change it from the outside," he said.

Outgoing student society president Gary Eisen said he was pleased that students voted against membership.

"The executive committee did not support ANEQ," Eisen said, and he was glad to see that "students agreed with us."

## "Trashy" paper dumped

(HS-CUP) — A formal student-faculty grievance committee hearing has been requested for the student body vice president who "trashed" 3,000 copies of the school paper which features photos of women in wet T-shirts.

Student vice-president Karen Bjorneby reportedly admitted to throwing away the newspapers as a "symbolic protest" over a feature she says was "degrading to women."

The article described a bi-weekly ritual at a local saloon where young women soak their T-shirt-clad torsos in cold water and appear before an audience for applause. The feature included pictures of three women in wet suits.

New University editor, Richard Clucas, meanwhile, is suing Bjorneby claiming that the newspaper lost \$600 in advertising revenues because of the dispute.

The hearing is expected to take place in March.

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parties controlling perhaps 80-85% of the support. The primary opposition is the Left, led by Jagan.

"It is an objective of the imperialists and the CIA to shut off nations who struggle for national liberation," said Jagan. "But, as we saw in Angola, imperialists cannot directly intervene as they used to."

This was Jagan's reason for suspecting the CIA was involved; they wanted to be able to use Jonestown at some future date.

Jagan also discussed some of Guyana's internal problems, arguing recent trends have been, not in the direction of socialism, but back into the hands of capitalist imperialists.

"We hope that not only the sordid details of Jonestown will come out, but that details about the situation in Guyana will also come out in the press."

## Economist urges autonomy

# Get your act together Canada-Watkins

by Margaret Donovan

"When we need Solar Energy, we will probably discover that Exxon owns the Sun." As depressing or silly as that sounds, according to Mel Watkins, who owns what in this country is the most serious question in Canada today.

Sponsored by Varsity Guest Weekend (VGW), Watkins spoke about the economic crisis in Canada Saturday.

A respected economist who has done much work on the Staple Theory, Watkins is best known for his ideas on foreign ownership.

Our current economic malaise, with double digit inflation and unemployment will probably last for the next 10-20

# Awareness Week unnecessary

Is there a need for Native Awareness Week? There shouldn't be. Native students are like any other students on this campus but they are not generally accepted by them, says the Advisor of Native Affairs, Marilyn Buffalo MacDonald.

There are 64 native students enrolled here, with equal numbers of males and females. They are registered in all faculties and their dropout rate is zero says Buffalo MacDonald.

On the average, fifteen more native students come to university each year, most often leaving their families behind in Northeastern Alberta, the NWT, BC and Saskatchewan. They find life lonely and scary here and financing their education is often difficult, she says.

Native students have no special role to play on campus, says Buffalo MacDonald, nor do they have any special programs or services. They do not need

them, she says, since the problem they face adjusting to university are the same as those countered by white students.

Communication is the biggest obstacle between native students and white students though, says Buffalo MacDonald. "White kids do not encounter enough Indians," she said; "the present system is not geared towards equality, she said; students therefore have a lot of negative feelings about native students. The ensuing lack of communication is blamed on the minority, she says.

Buffalo MacDonald is helping native students adjust to university life. Her office, Native Affairs, is located in Athabasca Hall and her duties include coordinating native student programs. In conjunction with Native Awareness Week, the Native Students Club, a native student lounge in Athabasca Hall will be opened on Tuesday by Lieutenant Governor Ralph Stienhauer. The lounge will contain a display of contemporary native artwork on loan from the Eagle Down Gallery.

Also in conjunction with Native Awareness Week, a claims forum will be held March 15 between noon and 5 pm in room 115 of the Education North Building. On Friday, an Elders Forum on the theme of children will begin at noon at the SUB Theatre. Also on Friday a pow wow will be held at Sacred Heart School, 9624-108 Avenue beginning at 7:30 pm. Dr. C. Urion who has just received a PhD in Anthropology from the U of A will participate in a naming ceremony.



There's a lot of controversy about whether VGW was a success or not, but this youngster seems to have transcended it all and had a good time.

## REMINDER

VP Finance Dave Fisher would like to remind groups with uncashed grant cheques that March 31 is the end of the fiscal year and therefore the last day for obtaining unclaimed grants.

## The Lister Hall Story

by Alison Thompson

The Council on Student Services (COSS) will meet Thursday or Friday of this week to consider recommendations on the future of student government in Lister Hall.

The recommendations will be coming from a committee established by COSS to deal with the student objections to an earlier proposal. This earlier presentation by the Director of

Housing and Food Service, Neil Brown was greeted with outrage by students. COSS is awaiting the return of the Dean of Students, Burton Smith, to meet and make its decisions.

The controversy about price changes in the Ship, the student pub, has died down, however, Frank Whipple, Mackenzie Hall President, said, "No one really cares about the Ship anymore." He referred to a letter in last

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week's Gateway from Brown, which she had asserted that prices in the Ship had not been lowered. Students maintain that they had indeed been lowered in response to student protest. Whipple said prices in fact come down, but that is not an important issue.

The more important issue student government will decide at the end of this week.

"Panama Canal of Canada", will only be built, he says, if the Americans want the gas. The Canadian content in the project, will be the trench.

Watkins said we can blame the private sector for failing to provide jobs. Unemployment reflects the slow growth of the economy, but it is "nonsense", he said, to expect the private sector to solve the unemployment problem, since they created it in the first place.

The creation of a "branch plant economy" has led to inefficient industries with no autonomy. This has resulted in the development of the provinces becoming "client states of the US". While noting the Alberta Conservatives "have ridden a

long way on the backs of OPEC," Watkins said the Ontario government should have created a Heritage Fund out of the INCO mines.

Watkins defended the union, saying that they were "deserving institutions", and to lay blame for the economic ills of the country at their door was foolhardy. For the most part, they are trying to protect the real income of the members, a legitimate cause according to Watkins.

Watkins said, "Alberta is willing to take on Ontario, not the US." Yet if Canada is to "wither away and dissolve into the US," the country has to act together at the national level."