

# Pullout demanded

MONTREAL (CUP) — About 800 Concordia University students have signed a petition calling for the withdrawal of university funds from the Bank of Montreal because of the bank's investments in South Africa.

"We've been hearing a lot of UN (United Nations) resolutions and Canadian government stands on the issue, but no action," said Mary Ellen Diacoumacos, a member of the Concordia South Africa Committee (CSAC).

The petition, which CSAC has been circulating for three days, will be presented to the Board of Governors later this term.

Concordia currently keeps most of its funds in the Bank of Montreal and the smaller accounts in the Royal Bank, both of which

invest heavily in South Africa. Diacoumacos said the university is supporting the apartheid regime by continuing to deal with these banks.

"Maybe the Board of Governors does not support apartheid, but they are directly supporting the regime," said Diacoumacos.

"If we're going to keep talking about human rights and what is happening in South Africa, we have to show our support against what is happening in the regime," she said.

She also said South Africa is the only country in the world with legalized racism built into its constitution.

But the committee is up against stiff opposition.

University president John

O'Brien said there would be a number of problems meeting the committee's request.

"I would have to assume that we would leave the Bank of Montreal because South Africa is centre stage. In the future, if we were at another bank and the finger were pointed at it, then would we (have to) leave as well?" said O'Brien.

O'Brien also said he doesn't think the issue is important at Concordia because the university is carrying a running six million dollar deficit and, with the cut-backs in university financing, the school will be counting on its long-established banking relations to secure large loans.

But CSAC member Adrian Archer disagrees. "Concordia should show it doesn't support investments in racism. If times are hard what better time to stand up?" said Archer. "The president shouldn't come to us with his bureaucratic runaround."

According to the committee, there are plenty of banks Concordia could be dealing with that have no South African involvements, such as the National Bank.



Hong Kong Week is on

This display in SUB 142 is part of the week designed to give U of A students exposure to life in Hong Kong.

# Gateway takes its lumps in debate

by Peter Michalyshyn

It wasn't much of a debate, but they made their point.

A rather strongly worded resolution, "That the Gateway has no value and future editions should be stopped before it is too late," was defeated 23 to 17 in a debate staged by the U of A Debating Club Thursday, February 19.

It was not a victory for the Gateway, however; the alternative to the resolution was only slightly less indicting: that the Gateway has potential to be a great newspaper, but that potential has not been realized.

Kevan Warner, arguing for the resolution, outlined the failings of the Gateway but maintained that a "real" campus newspaper was of crucial importance to a university.

He said that the Gateway fails to meet at least three of the following four criteria in the SU bylaw: (1) that the student paper should stimulate thought on student issues; (2) that it should accurately and completely cover campus news; (3) that it present as many opinions as possible; and (4) that it aid and promote the publicity of student events.

Arguing against the resolution, although he admitted "We don't represent the Gateway —

we're just being hypocrites," Norm Ingram said the Gateway has at least some value; for example, it could be used as bird-cage liner, or to make a paper-mache effigy of editor Keith Krause to burn.

Ingram suggested that an editorial board with students-at-large sitting on it would give the Gateway more feedback, and keep closer watch on its coverage.

He also said Bridge, an interfaculty newsletter, would be unnecessary if the Gateway was fulfilling its mandate as "a service paper of the student body," Ingram said.

Though he debated for the motion to shut down the Gateway, Bill Inglee found himself accusing the against side of not debating fairly. Ingram, and sidekick Dennis Theobald, unwillingly agreed that they couldn't bring themselves to say anything in support of the Gateway.

Nevertheless, Inglee, despite his position as a Gateway photographer, proceeded to level an attack on the paper's incomplete coverage of important issues such as sexism at the university, concentrating on Engineering Week and virtually ignoring other manifestations such as the Med Show, for example.

# More scrip forced on students

# Buy more, pay more

by Mike Walker

U of A students living in university residences will have to buy about 20 percent more scrip, the currency they buy their food with, next year, if the the Board of Governors approves increases Friday.

Students at the Faculte St. Jean residence, Lister Hall and Pembina Hall will be required to buy \$200 more scrip in September than they did this year.

This represents increases of 18 percent for Lister Hall, 17 percent for Faculte St. Jean and 21 percent for Pembina Hall, to \$1,300, \$1,400 and 1,150 respectively.

Does this mean food prices at university-owned outlets (where scrip must be spent) will increase by 20 percent next year as well?

No, says university Housing and Food Services (HFS) director Gail Brown. HFS expects food prices to rise about 15 percent, she says. Students will be expected to

buy more food with the rest of their increased scrip reserves.

But she says this should not be a problem. Over the last two years, she says, required scrip purchases have been \$230 to \$250 less than the average student expenditure at university outlets. In other words, the "average" student spent over \$200 more on food than the required minimum.

Brown is quick to point out that the average can be deceiving.

"For some students it's too much, for some students it's not enough," she says. But, she adds, with the scrip system students who have too much can sell it off to others who can use more.

But some students don't want to be on the scrip system at all. They think they should be able to pay cash whenever they eat at university outlets. This would leave them free to eat elsewhere when they liked.

"We should have some kind of choice as to what kind of a food plan we're on," says Don Greer,

president of Pembina Hall, which houses mostly older students and grad students.

But most universities need to guarantee that res students will eat a certain amount of food at their outlets because small-scale food operations cannot break even.

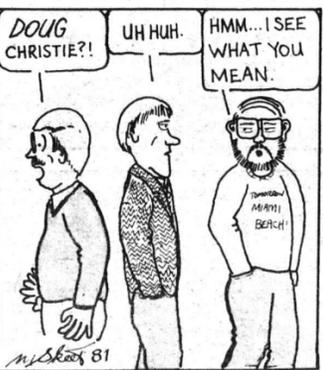
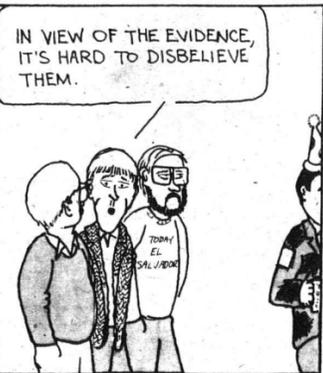
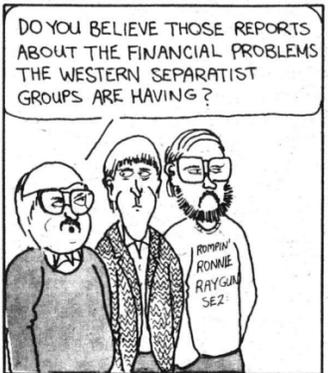
"We need to know the money is going to be in the system," Brown says. Given this, and the university policy that food services must break even, she says the U of A scrip system "gives the student the most flexibility."

University of Calgary and others still use the old meal-ticket system (as does the Faculte St. Jean residence here). Under this system, students pay a certain amount of cash in September for all their meals. They must eat at campus outlets.

In addition the U of A's food prices are lower than those at other universities, she says: the U of C charges its res students \$1,600 this year for food.

photo Bill Inglee

# Baz by Skeet



# bouquets and brickbats by Deacon Greese

Here it is! Brix and Boux's sure-fire, perfectly legal investment scheme:

## "Beer-a-mid"

B&B

Krause Michalyshyn

It goes like this: The four people on level three buy Brix and Boux a beer. I get drunk and the beer-a-mid splits. Four more people join the bottom of the two new beer-a-mids and buy the Gateway editors (once and future) beer. And so on until everyone at the U of A passes out.

It's all perfectly legal because the beer is exchanged in RATT where such action is recognized as a legitimate social activity.

For the price of a beer you can get a sudden windfall blast. Hurry on down to the Gateway offices! (Knock five times and ask for "Deke".)

