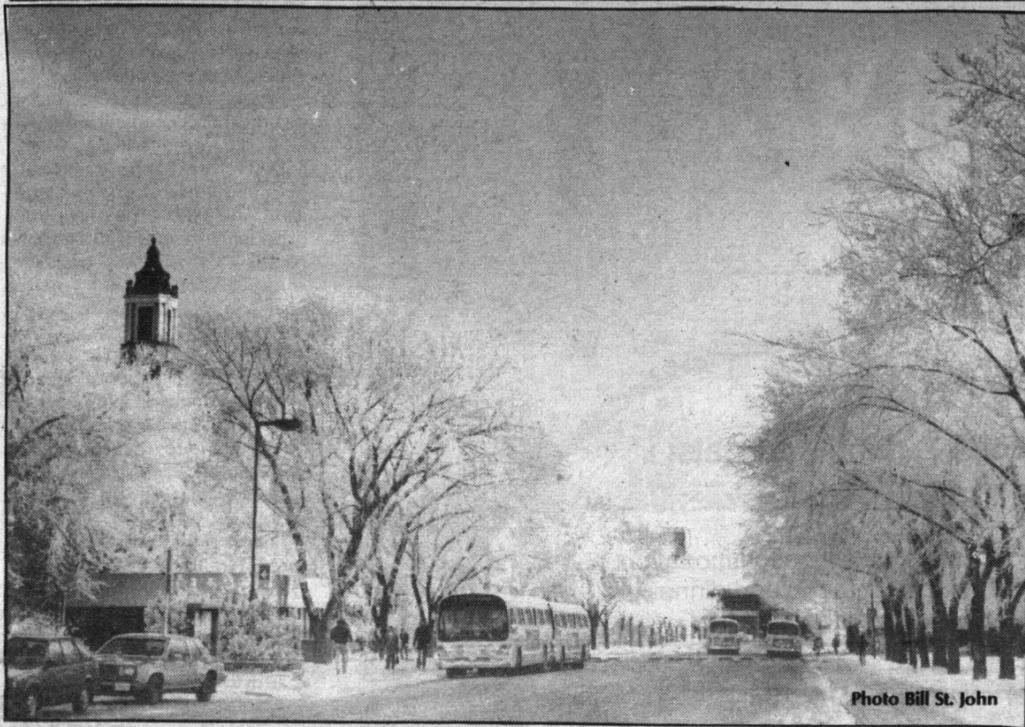


We shouldn't rustle leaves...

...just to see them fall.
Paul Alpern

The Gateway

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Busing in a winter wonderland.

Photo Bill St. John

American right funds eastern university papers

MONTREAL(CUP) — A powerful American organization with ties to the Republican party is funneling money and guidance to a new wave of student publications which have sprung up at universities across Ontario and Quebec in the last 18 months.

The Institute of Educational Affairs, a non-profit foundation based in New York and directed by William Simon, one of the Republican party's most successful fundraisers, gave grants to at least three Canadian student newspapers: the McGill Magazine, the University of Toronto Magazine, and Libertas, a new publication at Queen's University in Kingston. The IEA also gives advice to the editors of these papers.

In a phone interview from New York, Jonathan Cohen, the IEA student journalism co-ordinator, confirmed the Institute gave money and guidance to the three newspapers. Cohen refused to say how much money the IEA had given to each paper.

McGill Magazine associate editor Peter Theotikos said the publication got "quite a bit" of IEA money last year. Editor Mark Proudman said that although he was in contact with the IEA, so far this year the Magazine had not received any money from them.

None of the publications list their connections to the IEA anywhere.

The IEA was founded in 1980 by William Simon, U.S. treasurer under Richard Nixon's administration and President Gerald Ford's administration, and by well-known neo-conservative journalist philosopher Irving Kristol.

In the 1980 election, Simon, a Reagan supporter, made a reputation for himself as one of the Republican party's most successful fundraisers. He authored two books, "A Time for Truth" and "A Time for Action" which Mark Proudman editor of McGill Magazine described as "Republican manifestos."

Simon is president of the influential John Olin Foundation, which is

IEA's major contributor. Simon also sits as a director on the Board of the Canadian Haliburton Company Power Corporation.

Since 1980, the IEA has funded 69 "alternative" student newspapers in North America including the three in Canada.

McGill Magazine and University of Toronto Magazine run many of the same articles. Last year, the McGill and U of T magazines printed features attacking the European peace movement, and criticized students for being "anti-American" without referring to any specific organization.

Libertas and U of T carried a review of the book "Sex and the Brain" which claims sexual inequality is genetic. Both Libertas and U of T published an article saying the United States is afraid to act in world affairs after Vietnam. This year, all three magazines accused the three leaders of Canada's main political parties of being "liberals."

Libertas carried a pre-election interview with U.S. vice-president George Bush.

Seven other clone newspapers, identical to Libertas, have appeared this month on Canadian university and college campuses. These newspapers are published by one man, Ranci Willers, a twenty-four year old McGill student. With minor exceptions, each newspaper contains exactly the same articles, including the Bush interview, while each was given its own cover and name.

Libertas editor John Mullholland, contacted in Kingston, said Libertas was produced with IEA money and assistance.

"Willers got the money, they put

SU budget passed

Council debates budget, Gateway

by Peter Block

Students' Council met for over four hours Tuesday night yet managed to pass only two motions.

The first item council dealt with was the Gateway lawsuit against the City of Edmonton for seizing the paper three years ago.

The issue was whether the Gateway should proceed with their lawsuit or accept an out-of-court offer made by the city.

The offer was to pay the Gateway \$3000 for lost advertising revenue with the condition that any Gateway story on the subject was approved by city lawyers.

Council decided after a one hour closed session to allow the Gateway staff to decide the fate of the lawsuit.

During the budget debate, VP External Paul Alpern's performance became a central issue.

Arts Councillor Todd Rutter charged that "there hasn't been a damn thing done" on external issues relating to funding of the university.

Alpern said he had been working with the External Affairs Board to develop ties with the outside community and that he does not support action for action's sake.

The issue came up again when the SU final budget was debated.

The Anti-Cutbacks Team (ACT!) budget triggered a barrage of questions regarding the lack of an issues campaign to date.

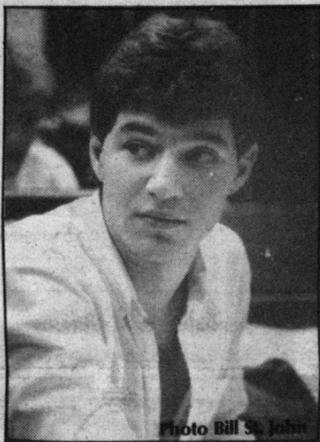
Rutter said a total of \$45,000 had been budgeted for issues in a \$5 million budget. He said this was "disgusting and there is no way I can accept this budget."

VP Finance Christine Ens corrected Rutter's figure, saying a more accurate total would be approximately \$9000 out of the \$5 million budget.

Ens and Alpern also had differences of opinion as to what exactly was said in a similar debate at the Administration Board.

In the end, the budget passed 16 to 3 with Arts Reps Don Millar and Todd Rutter and Science proxy Ken Bosman casting the opposing votes.

Other contentious issues included on the agenda were left to be debated at the next meeting.



VP External Paul Alpern

Talks to continue

by Neal Watson

The Gateway has decided to settle a three-year lawsuit with the city out of court for \$3000, but has refused to accept any editorial interference in the coverage of the settlement.

A staff meeting held yesterday overruled an executive decision to accept the city's earlier offer.

The city had offered the Gateway \$3000 to settle the dispute if the

Gateway agreed to let the city review any stories written about the settlement.

The lawsuit stems from a 1981 incident in which about 12,000 copies of the Gateway were seized by the city for a story written about a campus fire.

The SU launched the suit against the city in April of 1982 seeking \$100,000 in damages.

out the first issue," he said.

Willers admitted he got a grant from the IEA for Libertas.

Nigel Wright, the first editor of University of Toronto Magazine, confirmed the IEA is giving money to the U of T Magazine.

"Yes it is," Wright said. He would not reveal the amount of money.

"No, our funding is not public," he said.

Wright is now a policy advisor in the prime minister's office.

David Frum, part-time writer for the National Review (a conservative U.S. magazine) and Saturday Night, and brother of McGill Magazine's first editor and present Editor Emeritus, Linda Frum, asserts the IEA is exerting influence in Canada.

"The IEA is operating on both sides of the border," he said.

Cohen describes the IEA as "a small grant-making foundation for

worthy projects."

But in 1983 alone, the IEA earned \$180,000 for student newspapers and gave start-up funds for 17 more in North America.

All three IEA funded newspapers have been directed by students connected to prominent Canadians. Linda Frum, the first editor of McGill Magazine, is the daughter of Barbara Frum, host of CBC's The Journal. Nigel Wright, a well-known campus figure at U of T, now works in the PMO's office. John Mullholland, Libertas editor at Queen's is the son of William D. Mullholland, chair and chief executive officer of the Bank of Montreal.

Cohen said the wealth of the applicants doesn't figure in funding.

"Whether you're rich or poor it doesn't matter," he said.

In the U.S., the IEA's appearance on camps has cleared the way for

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Bombing diffused

by Neal Watson

The Business building was partially evacuated early yesterday morning when Campus Security received a bomb threat.

An unidentified male called at 7:46 a.m. saying there was a bomb in the Business building, said Campus Security Director Doug Langevin.

The caller said the bomb was set to go off within half an hour.

Langevin said the City Police Department was immediately called and campus security officers attempted to evacuate the building.

"Some people absolutely refused

to leave the building," said Langevin. "And that can be really dangerous."

"Our policy is to evacuate the building," he said.

"A sergeant and two constables from the police responded to the call and after the half an hour (when the bomb was supposed to go off) had elapsed, the police determined it was a fake," said Langevin. "They were satisfied there was no danger."

The policy in these incidents is to let the police take charge when they arrive, said Langevin.