

Allende presses for reform

by Brenda Mallaly

The niece of former Chilean President Salvador Allende, Denise Pascal Allende, recently addressed about 200 people at a forum organized by the Committee for the Solidarity of Latin American Women.

Allende praised the courage and past accomplishments of women, and stressed the importance of continued effort in the fight against all forms of oppression.

She said "the passive attitude of women is a dress that should be placed in the trunk of memories."

As inspiration, Allende offered the example of Cuban women. She drew a parallel between Latin American women and their Cuban counterparts, saying "...they have begun to follow in the footsteps of Cuban women."

Allende went on to say "when a woman dies through revolutionary effort, she is a beautiful flower, ready to be rendered to the nation that cultivated her." The speaker urged women "to unite and rise up against the oppression that has dominated them for too long."

Because of the very nature of Allende's familial ties to the former President Allende, her message called for another form of solidarity: one which encompassed the collective group of men and women.

Allende said "men and women must stand side by side to proceed with the revolution that has started and must proceed."

She urged the audience to unite and work for the goals her uncle died defending: democracy, social reform, and solidarity among Latin American

people.

On 1973, a military coup overthrew the Chilean government. Moments before it began, President Allende was given the choice to stay or to flee.

He stayed and died defending his beliefs. Because Allende did not desert his people, support for him is overwhelming in the Chilean community.

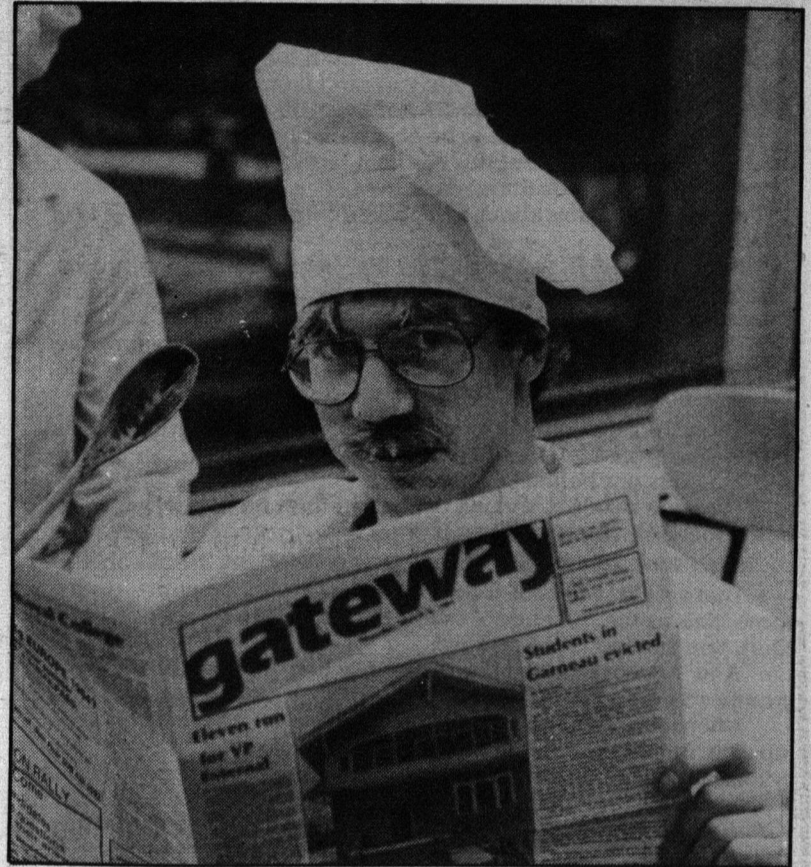
During Denise Allende's speech, the atmosphere was charged with a sense of urgency. The Chilean people understand the immediate need to eliminate oppression, be it women's or any other.

The emotion charged audience united to sing a song calling for the end of all oppression, culminating the event.

Rah, rah, rah,

Tomorrow the Golden Bears leave for Trois-Rivieres to contest the Canadian Intercollegiate hockey championships. After exhaustive research, the Gateway has culled the official varsity yell from the 1926 bound edition of this same publication. It's your duty to learn the following chant:
Varsity, varsity, rah! rah! rah!
Varsity, varsity, Al-ber-ta!
Hi-yi, Ki-yi, rah! rah! rah!
Rip it out, tear it out, rah! rah! rah!
Varsity, varsity, hip-hooray!
A-L-B-E-R-T-A

This piece of paper will self-destruct in fifteen seconds.



Several costumed students participated in a Pub crawl last weekend.

Solidarity during Women's Week

by Ann Grever

A news conference was held last Thursday, to mark International Women's Day (March 7) to announce the parade held last Saturday (see story page 1). The conference also announced the International Women's Day parade on Saturday (see story page 1).

A cross-section of issues from violence against women to women disarmament movements were discussed by various speakers.

Christine Connley, the chairperson of the International Women's Day Committee first gave a brief outline of IWD and its history: On March 8, 1857, textile workers of New York's Eastside staged a huge protest and strike. In 1910 this date was declared International Women's Day by the Congress of the Second International in 1912. The slogan of the women mill workers, "Bread and Roses" became the symbol for IWD.

Yet she emphasized the importance of IWD and the parade Saturday for "celebration of life and solidarity among women."

Connley then introduced Sally Isenman, from the Women's Disarmament Campaign, who stressed the integration of the two issues - disarmament and feminism - and said that it would be "difficult to achieve peace until women's perspectives are respected and dominant in world affairs."

The next speakers were Jeni Ellman and Jane Karsteadt, who spoke on women's reproductive rights and violence against women respectively.

Ellman was "concerned about daily life" and the standard of living for women with no "rights to determine their own fertility."

She emphasizes "equal and dignified access for all women" to abortions and contraceptives, rather than only to those with money. Darstaedt gave statistics

on the frequency of violence against women and children, such as wife battering, child molestation and sexual assault.

She felt that society "must address the roots... that two camps exist in society and that one is stronger" and the other is always vulnerable to victimization.

Sexist ad censored

MONTREAL (CUP) — For the first time in its history, the judicial arm of the Concordia student association ruled that an ad was sexist. The board also ordered the Student Human Rights Commission to come up with a workable definition of sexism by month's end.

The offensive ad, saying "Cruise women ... and missiles," was paid for by the Engineering Students' Association. It ran in the *Concordian*, a fledgling paper competing with the student newspaper, *The Link*.

The *Concordian* and the engineers must now offer public apologies to all Concordia students and refrain from racist or sexist advertising in the future.

While the student association has long been opposed to racist and homophobic copy, this is the first time someone has actually been reprimanded for discrimination.

Myrna Lashley, one of the four students who complained about the *Concordian* ad, hopes to have the newly affirmed standard applied to all campus

publications. Her main target is the *Bogge News*, the Engineering magazine known to frequently run discriminatory copy.

Johnston refuses remission

by Ken Lenz

Despite the endorsement of the University Board of Governors and the Minister's Advisory Committee on Student Affairs, Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston has turned down a SU proposal to revamp the Student Loan Remission system.

At present, the remission a student receives on his student loan is not calculated until the student is finished his academic career. The Provincial Government pays the interest accrued on the loan while the student is

attending school.

Under VP External Andrew Watts' proposal, remission would be paid on a year by year basis, and "the student would know exactly how much they owe," he says.

But in a meeting with Johnston last Friday the Minister indicated he would not implement the program, and now Johnston is unavailable for comment.

According to Watts, the reasons the Minister gave for turning the proposal down were that "it was cheaper for the

government to make one financial outlay at the end of four years rather than year by year."

But Watts says Johnston's reasoning is inadequate. "At present (the Provincial Government) pays interest... they already calculate the remission year by year now... I can't see where it makes any difference if they pay \$4,000 at the end of four years or \$1000 each year."

Watts intends to keep lobbying MLA's to "keep the pressure on Johnston."

Calgary CFS referendum fails

Calgary (CUP) - Alberta is a province that eats student organizations.

Earlier this year it appeared Albertan students would reverse history and breathe much-needed life into the Canadian Federation of Students, but last week the University of Calgary dealt a decisive blow that ended a five-in-a-row winning streak for the federation.

Students voted 1632 to 898 against joining CFS in a March 8 referendum. Although federation proponents never had high hopes the 16,000 student campus would join the national student organization, the loss still serves to deflate the federation's momentum.

"The no side talked about a lot of things that were not true," charged Myles McDougall, a CFS supporter recently elected student society president.

The relatively quiet campaign saw a spark of controversy when Don Millar, Alberta's representative on the CFS central committee, was caught ripping down "no to CFS" posters. Outgoing student society president Dave Singleton, an ardent CFS oppo-

nent, says he saw Millar in action.

Doug Tarrence, CFS representative for the University of Calgary graduates, was also caught removing posters.

Though Singleton was confident the no-campaigners would win, he was surprised by the margin of victory. "I could say something like students know what they're doing. I could say something stupid like that," he said.

Ironically, it was here at the University of Alberta that CFS first won its soon-to-be series of victories. The U of A became the federation's largest full member when students here voted 56 percent in favour of joining in an October referendum.

But students have since elected a new student society president who plans to run another referendum next fall. He wants to clear confusion caused when the October referendum was nearly overturned, and the new vote may kill CFS on that campus.

Federation members said the U of A victory gave momentum to

CFS. The momentum continued on into 1984, and CFS went on to win four small campuses.

But now March, the biggest referendum started on a dismal note.

Alberta's cold shoulder to student organizations is nothing new. In 1968 the U of A dealt a death blow when it dropped out of the Canadian Union of Students because the group was too "radical".

Albertan students participated in the Western Student Services formed one year after CSU's demise, but it collapsed in 1972, \$40,000 in debt.

The National Union of Students, which lasted until 1981, could never get much support in Alberta because of its perceived radicalism. And the Federation of Alberta Students was effectively killed in late 1982 when the University of Calgary pulled out of the organization.

CFS, Canada's newest version of the student movement, faces trouble in Alberta because it is perceived as leftist.

