

Federation policies revealed

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Following are some of the policies passed by the Canadian Federation of Students of behalf of students in Canada:

Passed, October 1982

Gay Rights - CFS recognizes the right of lesbian and gay students to organize and meet on campus.

Peace - CFS demands that the Canadian government, in order to maintain a consistent policy of peace, take the following actions:

1. Terminate agreements that allow for the operation of US nuclear facilities in Canada (e.g. Comox, BC)

2. Stop the manufacture of nuclear armaments or compounds thereof in Canada.

3. Ban the production of biological and chemical weapons (as happened with napalm and agent orange during Vietnam)

4. Maintain a policy of "no trespassing" with respect to foreign military training in Canadian territory.

5. Ban testing of US cruise missiles in Canada.

Also, CFS, in order to have a consistent policy in defense of world peace, demands that the Canadian government condemn, at the UN and at other international forums, the use of force

in the conduct of international relations, that it deplore all violations of national sovereignty and the right to national self-determination, and that it urge the United States and the Soviet Union to enter into meaningful negotiations for the limitation and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons. In addition, CFS,

1. Calls for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons, starting with the two biggest nuclear powers, the US and the USSR.

2. Urges the Canadian government to withdraw from NATO and NORAD.

3. Demands that the Canadian government condemn at the UN and at other international forums all aggressive actions of both the US and the USSR.

At the October conference it was moved to delete part 2 of the above motion. Seven student associations had their opposition recorded, and three recorded their abstentions, including the U of A.

Class struggle - CFS resolves that the local organizing of students be based on the principle of creating a common front with the local trade union and employee associations, and the CFS work closely in conjunction with the Canadian Labour Con-

gress in our common front approach, as our aims and objectives are the same in our pursuit to create a better Canada.

The U of A and five other associations noted their opposition.

CFS also passed policy:

- condemning Chilean university laws, and calling for support of the "House of Students Program" being organized by Chilean exiles.

- recognizing the aims and objectives of the revolutionary FDR-FMLN in El Salvador as being representative of the majority of the people.

- condemning federal and provincial fiscal restraint in social services.

- supporting native, single parent, and part-time students.

- opposing differential fees, or tuition fee increases "that attempt to change the fee structure and threaten the right of students to an accessible education."

- holding that activities like break-ins, letter-opening, and maintaining files on activists are "unacceptable" whether done illegally by the RCMP or legally by a new security service.

- calling for organization against apartheid.

More policies were passed in May 1983:

- opposing military research on nuclear weapons, weapons of mass destruction, and delivery systems, at Canada's post-secondary institutions.

- committing the CFS to challenge differential fees in court when the Canadian Charter of Rights becomes binding on provincial governments. The University of Waterloo asked if this motion had been referred to the budget committee or the Treasurer. It hadn't, but was passed anyway.

- supporting the May general strike in Chile.

- mandating the CFS international committee to research any case of suppression of academic freedoms in the world.

- protesting the channelling of EPF (Established Programs Financing Funds) by the provincial governments away from post-secondary education.

- demanding that the federal government make a commitment to regional economic development in labour intensive fields that contribute to the social development of Canada.

- supporting a full-employment strategy.

Mascot tackled

Hamilton (CUP) - Not only did McMaster University lose a recent football game, it got plucked.

While the players were taking a beating on the field, McMaster mascot Maud was tackled in the bleachers at the Sept. 24 game at the University of Western Ontario.

According to a witness, "Western flag carriers poked Maud up against the fence with their flags, two Western student

police pulled him into the bleachers by the hat

"Twenty or more fans swarmed Maud, pulled him up onto the floor of the bleachers and began physically tormenting both Maud and the costume."

Maud wasn't hurt, but the costume was damaged.

"The eyes were really foggy - I could hardly see. The next thing I knew I was upside down. I was under people, I couldn't move and I had a little trouble breathing," said Maud.

"Maud" says he will never again play the mascot.

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