

CUP discusses politics, finances and Hetrocles

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National funding for regional fieldworkers and ad revenue distribution were the main issues on the agenda of the 47th CUP conference, but the 170 student journalists were more occupied with the reaction of the hotel staff and local townspeople to the conference.

Oak Island Inn, 20 miles outside of Halifax, was booked solid, but townspeople visiting the hotel's lounge were upset over signs advertising meetings of the Gay and Lesbian Caucus.

The supervisor of the Hotel's bar and dining room Deidre Enright, was quoted in the CUP 47 nightly newsletter as saying the wariness of the townspeople and the hotel staff

was typical of attitudes in an isolated community. "In any small town, attitudes and values are set — and don't think they're going to change."

Enright said one member of her staff told her that she could not tell whether delegates she passed in the hall were gay or heterosexual.

Enright added that a couple of regular patrons of the hotel's bar were scared to talk to anyone from CUP 47 after they discovered that the sign announcing a meeting of the gay and lesbian caucus was no joke.

Despite their concerns, Enright says members of the hotel staff act in a professional manner in dealing with the needs of delegates.

Ken Petrie, the owner of the Oak Island Inn agreed, saying every guest is treated exactly the same

way by all of his staff. "In this day and age, most of us are liberally minded," he said.

Lane Mason, one of two resource persons with the Gay and Lesbian drop-in centre, said local people have nothing to be suspicious about. "We'll be gone in a few days and we just hope to leave a favourable impression, but it's a shame because there are gay and lesbian people all over the world who have come out of the closet and they're not going back. We just want to be accepted as people," he said.

In regularly scheduled CUP business, the co-operative organizations 65 members voted to hire a second staff person to fieldwork the Atlantic region papers.

A new subsidy formula for distribution of a national ad revenue was also hammered out.

Besides innumerable other resolutions dealing with CUP organization and policy direction, the membership voted to condemn efforts of the National Citizens Coalition (NCC) an American group, the Institute of Educational Affairs (IEA) to finance campus newspapers.

CUP expressed support for the formation of a committee to "investigate and disseminate information concerning the motives, financial backing and affiliation of newspapers that serve or aim to serve the student market."

Student unions that helped send delegations to CUP 47 would be happy to note that the conference was infamous for a lack of fun.

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The McGill Daily compiled a pamphlet on right-wing intrusion into campus papers supporting a move to condemn the NCC and the IEA.

Besides misplaced modifiers in plenary motions, what little levity found at the conference was provided by Theatre Shmeatre, an improvisational theatre group from the McGill Daily delegation. Hetrocles, Plenary Man and Ultra-Fem-

inist were just some of the rip-roaring skits performed by this young, committed, politically correct collective.

Next year's national conference will be held in the West for the 1st time since CUP-42 in Edmonton.

SU entertains for a week

by Kent Cochrane

The SU is presenting Entertainment Week this week until Friday, featuring beer gardens, live music, and intellectual, stimulating speakers every day.

The beer gardens run from 3:30 to 7:30 in Dinwoodie.

Admission is \$1, with the money going to charity. Once inside, you can drown your post-holiday sorrows with \$1.75 beer.

There are bands playing every day, including Absolute 9 on Tuesday, Voice on Wednesday, and 17 Seconds on Thursday.

As well, there are musicians playing in L'Express every noon hour,

and speakers in SUB from 12:00 to 2:00

To add to all this excitement, movies at SUB Theatre are \$1 this week.

VP Internal Gord Stamp, who organized Entertainment Week, said he got the idea from the University of Manitoba.

Stamp said there was no reason not to have an Entertainment Week at the beginning of the second term as well as the first.

"I wanted to give students the chance to relax and get to know each other before classes get too heavy," said Stamp.

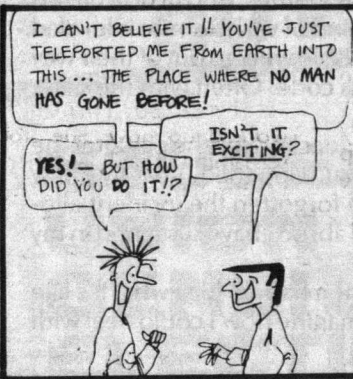
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