

UT students battle for pub

TORONTO (CUP) — More than 1,000 University of Toronto students and professors took part in weekend-long demonstrations to protest the closing of a local beverage room.

Students were at first sceptical of the report in the Varsity that the King Cole Room of the Park Plaza Hotel was to be closed, but as belief spread, students began to stream to the KCR for a two day party that was several times interrupted by showers of broken glass.

About 500 students gathered in the beverage room Friday afternoon, pressing the waiters from all sides for their last KCR beers. Beer prices soared, as waiters - afraid to push through the crowd in the beverage room - auctioned off bottles and draughts at the bar.

Tradition--

A petition circulated on the U of T campus and at the 'K', asked the management to keep the KCR open "for the sake of tradition which has become a vital part of this university."

But hotel manager Ed Shaughnessy remained determined. "There's nothing I can do," he said.

Eventually, students began throwing empty bottles and glasses at the giant mural of King Cole from which the room got its name. By closing time Friday afternoon, the floor was covered by a carpet of broken glass.

Demonstrators were so violent

Friday evening that police had to be called to close the pub.

Saturday afternoon and evening saw a repetition of Friday's proceedings, with reporters joining students in a last day shower of glass that closed the 'K' early and forever.

News of the disaster was announced Thursday by the management of the Park Plaza, who said that the KCR is being closed strictly by its own decision. Earlier rumors suggested government pressure was responsible for the event because of the admittance of under-aged students, but the Liquor Control Board of Ontario denied this.

Reaction to the closing was violent. Anthropology Professor Walter Kenyon told the Toronto Varsity "I consider this the passing of an age. It's going to set academic endeavor back several generations."

Members of the Political Economy Department - who have in the past held tutorials in the KCR - expressed particular concern. Professor J. McLeod said, "All right thinking and public spirited men of good will should protest this."

In a special statement to the Varsity, Students' Administrative Council President Marc Somerville lamented: "The daily lives of many of our number will be seriously disrupted."

NFCUS TODAY - AND TOMORROW

By Walter McLean
Federation President

"I consider the National Federation of Canadian University Students particularly important because it officially represents the student councils in each university and they in turn represent all of the students within the university; this without regard to politics, class or creed, but on an official representative basis."

President N.A.M. MacKenzie of the University of British Columbia has continued throughout the years to feel that Canadian students should think of themselves in a national sense, and that they should act together in their own behalf. Men in business and government across the country have shown their concern and interest in the Federation. Why are the most ardent supporters of NFCUS often outside the Federation while its members often condemn and criticize it?

In the next few weeks the National Secretariat hopes to answer some of the questions which NFCUS members may have concerning their Federation, and to work for informed members rather than misinformed or uninformed ones.

Our Federation represents 38 Canadian universities and close to 100,000 students. Ninety-five percent of the students of this country belong to the Federation and have an active voice in determining its policies. There is no doubt that NFCUS has the interests of the students at heart. Why? Because the ideas imple-

mented by the National Secretariat come from the local campuses through representatives usually the student president to the National Congress and not out of thin air.

Our current series of memos will include articles by individuals on the National Executive and National Secretariat on various aspects of the policies and programme of NFCUS. International Affairs, Finance, Travel, Scholarships, National Affairs, Executive Duties and Co-ordinating Activities will be outlined - resolutions which Canadian students have made for themselves. We are hoping that you will share our concern for the Federation and will show sympathy for the job we are trying to do.

Problems arise mainly because of a lack of liaison - between Councils and Council Presidents; between the Councils and local NFCUS Committees; between Editors and Councils. Student leaders and undergraduates alike often ask such questions as "What is NFCUS?"; "What do I get of NFCUS?"; "What does NFCUS do?". The Federation is often seen as an organization which attempts to invade the precinct of the campus. But surely the main point has been missed. NFCUS is an entire campus! It is only through informed members and their representatives - The Stu-

dents Council - that the above questions can be answered adequately and satisfactorily.

We will attempt to tell you first of all what is planned for the year, so that you will know in advance of the many projects and members which NFCUS offers its members. Next, we will outline "The State of the Union" - what our Federation is and what it stands for. Canadian students tend to be basically self-centered, with a pronounced lack of concern for matters not bound up with their own immediate environment. The student should be encouraged to develop wider responsibilities arising from his position as a member of a university community that knows no frontiers and as a citizen in a democratic state. He can begin by doing his part as a NFCUS member - by learning about his Federation, and then unholding and selling it. Can we count on your support, your interest and your efforts - to publicize NFCUS and to offer constructive criticism of its progress and policies? The Federation is as strong as its weakest unit! It's a pity that weakness is often little more than ignorance.

Girl Strikes Against Strikes

DETROIT, Mich. (CUP - UPS) --A Wayne State University co-ed who said she was "appalled and disgusted" by hunger strikes, has gone on a hunger strike.

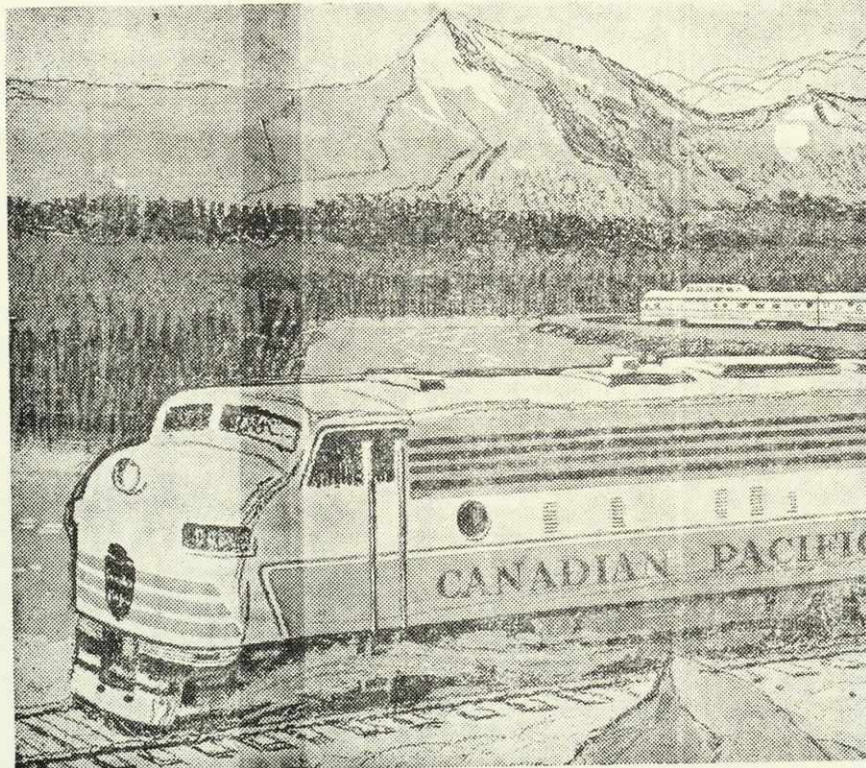
Susan Swan, a sophomore and a member of the Young Republican Club and the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), plans to drink nothing but water until the hunger strikers realize "how ridiculous they are and what a whole farce this is."

Miss Swan's hunger strike is aimed specifically against one called by other students at the University. Miss Swan is upset by the impurity of their strike.

She explained: "It has been my understanding that a hunger strike entailed abstinence from all forms of nourishment. These noble ascetics however, have limited themselves to a liquid diet, which could include almost any type of food such as malts, juices, Metrecal, and anything else that can be processed in a blender."

"For these reasons, I am calling a self-imposed hunger strike to show these people that their behavior is ridiculous."

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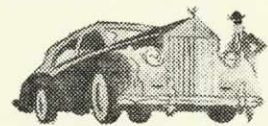
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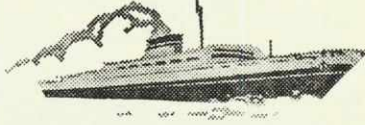
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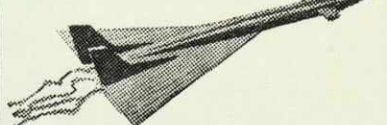
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