

CFS fees questioned

by Brenda Mallaly

The Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board of the SU may rule the collection of CFS fees unconstitutional, if law student Patrick Mahoney's argument is upheld.

In a presentation to DIE Board Sunday Mahoney claimed the SU had not followed its constitution because Section 9 (a) of the SU Constitution says an increase in fees above the Consumer Price Index then concurred by students with a majority in a referendum.

The SU is arguing the motion to join CFS is what has to be accepted by the students; not any specific changes to the constitution to accomodate this.

The second charge put forth by Mahoney was that the SU, under the Universities Act, only has the power to levy taxes for its

own purposes - not for outside organizations such as CFS.

But SU lawyer Sheila Greckol says the SU can approach the Board of Governors and have them collect the fees, then transfer the money to the Students' Union.

Greckol says the SU has the mandate from students to collect the four dollar fee because the fee was in part included on the October referendum question and that "precedent has been set for this kind of action."

"What could be more democratic than acting on the basis of students' wishes," she says.

Both of Mahoney's charges have to be upheld for the collection of fees to be considered illegal.

DIE Board's ruling is expected sometime today.

Two campuses for CFS

Ottawa (CUP) - Decisive referendum victories gave the Canadian Federation of Students two new members last week, but the federation barely missed quorum at another university.

Students at the Emily Carr College of Art and Design in Vancouver and Mount Saint Vincent university in Halifax overwhelmingly agreed to join the federation, while a favourable referendum at Fanshaw College in London fell 135 votes short of quorum.

Emily Carr students March 14 gave CFS the most decisive referendum victory in the federation's two year history: 171

to 14 in favour of joining. Thirty-six per cent of the 550 students voted. Mount Saint Vincent students voted 87 per cent to join the federation, and 25 per cent of the students cast ballots in the March 14 referendum.

At Fanshaw College, students voted 596 to 447 in favour of joining CFS, but the March 13 referendum fell 135 votes short of the 20 per cent quorum regulation.

Full membership is obtained by campus referenda, and several more such votes are scheduled for this month.

Claus wins editorship

by Tom Wilson

Gilbert Bouchard will be next year's editor-in-chief of the Gateway.

Bouchard was chosen by the Gateway editor selection committee Sunday March 11 and ratified by the Gateway staff last Thursday.

There were three other applicants for the position.

Bouchard is currently the Gateway's managing editor, and has been a contributing writer for the past two years.

For the first time in Gateway history, the new editor was unilaterally chosen by a committee of Gateway staff, instead of by a committee combining student union representatives and Gateway staff.

The deciding factors in the committee's choice were

Bouchard's two years experience with the paper, his fluency in French, his working knowledge of English, and his ability to recruit new staff.

"Gilbert's boundless energy and enthusiasm won it for him," said selection committee chair Mark Roppel.

Gateway staff members described Bouchard as "jovial and good-natured," "a real Franco-Albertan," and "jolly and comical, like Santa Claus."

Bouchard, whose favourite colour is blue, says that Dylan Thomas is his favourite poet and Billy Idol is his favourite musical performer. He predicts that Gary Hart will be the next Prime Minister of Canada. Bouchard says that if he could be any kind of animal in the world he would be a wolf.



Last weekend the Faculty of Forestry held several intercollegiate competitions.

photo Bill St. John

Peace caravan crosses Canada

by Ken Lenz

The Peace Petition Caravan Campaign was kicked off last Thursday in Edmonton and across Canada with the signatures of several labour, church, native, environmental, women's, professional, and peace groups.

Beginning March 15, buses will travel slowly from each end of the country towards Ottawa, collecting signatures on a four point petition. There will be demonstrations in each major city, organizers say.

"We have to get thousands, if not millions of signatures, from across Canada," said Edmonton Caravan representative Robin Denton.

"In other situations we have directed our process and anguish towards the Canadian government - in this instance we are directing to each and every citizen," he says.

Alberta NDP leader Grant Notley, who signed the petition on behalf of the official opposition, said "we feel Alberta can no longer sidestep the issue (of disarmament)."

"Mr. Lougheed said last year it wasn't his jurisdiction - the preservation of human life is everyone's jurisdiction," he said.

Canadian Labour Congress representative Kerry Woolard also signed the petition and said, "we represent approximately 200,000 members and are going to be trying our best to motivate them on this issue and help in the way to sanity."

Other prominent Canadians who have given their personal support to the campaign include Pierre Berton, Patrick Watson, Margaret Laurence, Mel Hurtig, Mayor Marion Dewar of Ottawa, Mayor Eggleton of Toronto and Mayor Harcourt of Vancouver.

The four points on the petition include:

- That the Parliament of Canada act to refuse the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada and to reject research, production, testing and transport of any nuclear weapons, their delivery

systems or components in Canada, and;

- That Canada be declared a Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone in accord with similar initiatives by other nations and become actively involved in working for the multilateral de-escalation of the arms race, and;

- That wasteful spending on the arms race be diverted to fund

human needs so as to ensure prosperity through peace, and;

- That the above stated objectives be subject to ratification through a "free vote" in the Parliament of Canada.

Caravan organizers expect "massive support" and are timing the caravan to coincide with the upcoming federal election, hoping to make disarmament a major issue.

Film festival planned

by Neal Watson

The woman tells the camera she thought the operation was reversible.

The narrator charges that sterilization was social policy based on eugenics - the science of selective breeding to produce a superior human being.

These scenes, in a disturbing film from Puerto Rico - "La Operacion" - tell about the sterilization of women by the US government.

The film is part of the Edmonton-Learner Centre-sponsored 3rd World Film Festival to be held March 22-25 on campus.

The Festival - now in its fourth year - will primarily feature films on the political and social conditions in Central American and African countries.

Friday, March 22 will be devoted to films on disarmament - including the controversial Academy Award winning NFB film "If You Love This Planet" branded as propaganda by the US Department of Justice (Sat. 8:00 PM)

Part of Sunday's program will highlight films exploring the conditions of Canadian immigrants.

In "A Time to Rise," the struggle of immigrant farmworkers "fighting exploitation" in the lower mainland of BC is depicted.

Keith Wiley of the Learner Centre and one of the organizers of the festival, says the purpose of the event is to "give people here an alternative look at the world."

"The 3-minute clip on the news does not help us understand," he said.

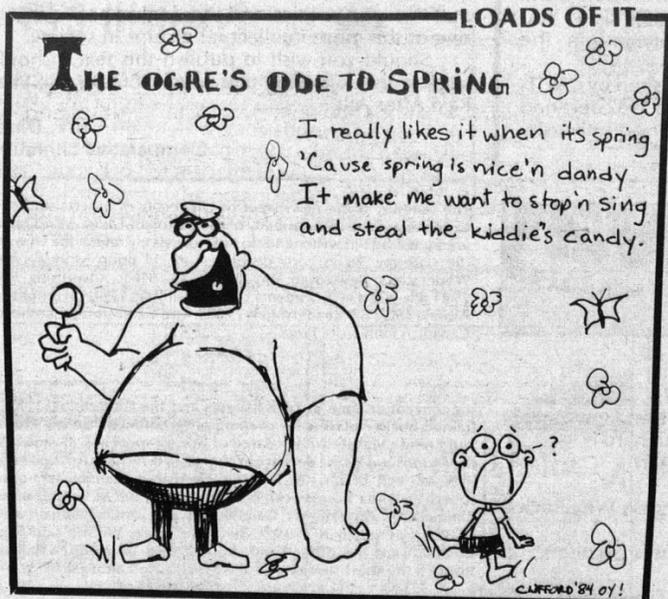
During *La Operacion* it is charged that Puerto Rico "has been used as a laboratory for the development of birth control technology."

Sterilization was legalized and promoted to control population with no accompanying counselling for women, the film contends.

According to Wiley, last year's festival was very successful with total attendance of approximately 2500.

Martin Duckworth, a noted Canadian documentarist will be the keynote speaker Saturday afternoon. Other activities include children's films, displays and discussions.

For more information on the Third World Film Festival, contact Keith Wiley at 424-4371.



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