

NEWS BRIEFS

Administration defeats AUCC self - look

OTTAWA (CUP) The annual meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada wound up on a slightly uneasy note, as the resentment of most student politicians spluttered briefly in open session before being squashed by a show of solidarity by the administrators present. The student leaders presented a resolution demanding that the association of university administrators establish a commission to review its structure and function. Moved by Bob MacKenzie, student council president at University of Western Ontario, the motion was seconded by Albert Tucker, principal of Glendon College. The administrators defeated the motion 26 to 20.

The association recommended that the Council of Education Ministers establish a national task force on student aid and supported the federal government's Committee on Youth Report suggesting that financial assistance be broadened.

Abortion coalition march next Saturday

The Mass Assembly at Ottawa next Saturday for the repeal of abortion laws is gaining momentum. The Ontario Women's Abortion Law Repeal Coalition has arranged for buses to take people to Ottawa with Day care provided in Toronto. Buses will leave Neill Wycik College, 96 Gerrard St. East at 7 am Saturday and will return the same evening. Tickets are \$9 for students and unsalaried and \$11 for salaried. Both men and women are invited. Tickets and further information can be obtained through the York Women's Liberation in Ross N 105.

Winnipeg strike temporarily over

WINNIPEG (CUP) The strike of over 350 high school students at West Kildonan Collegiate to protest the administration's failure to deal with their demand for non-compulsory attendance is over for the moment. Students and administration wait for the local school board to approve a compromise worked out by a student-faculty negotiation committee. Non-compulsory attendance of classes with a proviso that students not leave the school is the proposal. Students say they will resume the strike if amnesty is not granted to strike-leaders.

UQAM and U de M disputes settled

MONTREAL (CUP) The strike of faculty and non-teaching staff at the Universite du Quebec a Montreal ended last Monday when the administration gave in to faculty demands that blue-collar workers be paid for the strike period. The strike began Oct. 13 and involved about 600 faculty members. By Oct. 29, the striking professors had come to an agreement in principle concerning the proposed collective agreement, worked out by the two sides in the dispute. The collective agreement, which expires May 31 of next year, is the first working contract between centrally affiliated unionized professors and a Quebec university.

The Universite de Montreal office and lab workers voted 456-60 to accept the last administration offer and classes resumed last Tuesday.



photo by HARRY KITZ

Over 2,000 demonstrators marched down Bay St. on Saturday to Nathan Phillips Square and to the U.S. Consulate. Chanting anti-war and anti-Amchitka slogans, the marchers remained peaceful and dispersed after 5 p.m. when the Amchitka blast went off.

Meeting open to women only

200 women plan abortion campaign

In October, historic meetings took place all across the country. In Toronto there was a conference of 200 women planning the campaign to repeal the abortion laws. The conference was open to women only. They voted to have an all-women coalition in order to make decisions and as women, fight for women's rights.

Some criticized that to limit the guidance of the movement is self-defeating, that such a tactic is in direct contradiction to the ultimate aim of the women's liberation movement, which is the freeing of both sexes from their traditional roles. Some said the fear that the presence of men in the movement would hinder the full contribution of women is a real one and consequently one that should be dealt with head-on rather than avoided by eliminating men.

This radical pretension is saying that women should not organize as women to fight for their rights. Women felt they have fought other people's battles for too long and now they are beginning to demand that their needs be met, like their need to control their own bodies as a first step to controlling their own lives. The women's movement is based on the idea that women have rights

that have been denied them and that they as an oppressed sex, want to fight for those rights. There are other groups in society with common interests, that organize independently, like the trade unions.

Organizers say the all-women's movement is not anti-men, nor is it primarily concerned with the liberation of men. It is pro-women and wants to fight for the liberation of women. They feel the dynamism of such a movement that is women only, fighting for women's rights and oriented to fighting those institutions and laws that deny those rights, is very powerful.

It is putting all its energies into involving women and building a huge campaign. It has launched a Canada-wide petition campaign that will reach out and involve millions of women. It is planning a massive assembly in Ottawa next Saturday where it will let the government know the sentiment of the majority of Canadian women.

Most important, organizers feel it will give women, many of them for the first time, a feeling that, united, men can be a powerful force. That feeling of strength they say, is much more dynamic and positive than the feeling of helplessness that simply confronting male chauvinism generally produces.

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