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Students protest library closing

By RICK SPENCE

Protests have been voiced following the announcement last week that the Scott and other main campus libraries will be closed for 9 days out of 11 during the Christmas break.

In a letter to President Yolton, CYSF president Michael Mouritsen complained that the closing "would represent a real hardship for many students," and asked that he be allowed to meet with Yolton to discuss the matter. Five days later, Mouritsen had yet to receive an answer.

The Scott library, normally open seven days a week until midnight (except Saturday), will be open only Dec. 27 and 28, during the break from Dec. 22 to Jan. 1. The hours will be shortened for those two days to eight hours, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mouritsen feels "the fact that the library is open on the 27th and 28th indicates they recognize there is a need for the library to stay open" during the Christmas holiday.

He notes that the library remained open last year during the break, and that "financial cutbacks must be weighed carefully against the university's obligation to provide such a facility for its members."

However, library officials and members of the library committee believe there is insufficient use of the library during the period to warrant keeping it open in a time of financial hardship.

Sociology professor Ray Morris, a member of the library committee, at

whom much student protest was directed, said he had been approached only by the members of a fourth year anthropology thesis class, who had been under the impression that the library would not be open at all during the holiday.

A survey conducted in one class by Morris indicated that only three per cent of those polled would be "strongly inconvenienced" by a shutdown of the library for the entire break. He believes the two open days will satisfy this three per cent.

Vice-president Bill Farr viewed the closing as an economy measure.

"The university has a deficit and nobody wants to do anything about it," he said. Economy measures must inconvenience some people, "but nobody ever wants to be the one affected."

Farr estimates the plan will save money both on salaries and on the overall heating bill.

"During the Christmas break, you could shoot a machine-gun around here, the campus is so deserted," he suggested. "Newman (Bill Newman, associate director of libraries) can do whatever he thinks is best" if it saves money.

In the event that Mouritsen's protest fails, those who will require the services of a library over the holiday can make use of the Downsview branch of the North York public library at the corner of Keele and Wilson.



John Penwarden and Susanne Wilkins do research in library.

Controversy ends?

Clubs budget allocated

The Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) passed its annual budget Monday evening. The budget details the amount of money that is to be allotted to each club and association on the York campus.

Under the allocation Student Clubs (\$2,500), the following grants have been awarded:

York Young Socialists \$15 for duplicating fees

York Waffle \$15 for duplicating fees

York Masquers \$300

International Association of Students in Economics and Commerce (AIESEC) \$85

Under the allocation, Academic Affairs - Student Societies, (\$1,800), the following grants have been awarded:

Brotherhood of Geographers \$190

English Students' Association \$165

L'Allumette - French Club \$100

G.S.A. Emergency Loan Fund \$150

Other groups such as the Flying Club, the Italian Club, the Ontological Club, the Russian Club and the Pro-Life Group each received \$15 dollars for duplicating fees.

Clubs and associations involved with dispensing cultural information and providing student entertainment received substantially greater sums:

Black People's Movement \$500

The Company \$300

Radio York Bearpit Programmes \$225

Red and White Society \$400

York Cabaret \$50

Chinese Students' Association \$135

York Masquers \$300

The York University Tenants Association also received \$125 for duplicating expenses, the installation of a public telephone and expenses for the gardens.

The total funds allotted to the various clubs amount to \$2,380. The total CYSF budget for the year is \$96,400.

Greek dictatorship faces student revolt

The latest confrontations between students and police in Athens could lead to a full-scale revolt against the Greek military regime, according to information released by the Panhellenic Liberation Movement in Toronto.

The unrest began when 50,000 people commemorating the death of George Papandreou five years ago demonstrated against the government Nov. 4, said PAK. Seventeen people were arrested.

Four days later, when the 17 came to trial, student demonstrations led to the closing of the University of Athens. On Nov. 14, court sentences were delivered, and 5,000 students occupied the Polytechnic Institute.

The following day, more people joined the demonstrations and two more schools were occupied, according to the liberation movement. Anti-regime and anti-American slogans were chanted, together with demands for democracy.

Last Friday, Nov. 16, police and private citizens battled in the streets as protests increased. After midnight, tanks surrounded the Polytechnic Institute, and several hours later they moved in. The Canadian press reported five persons killed; the BBC said 25. Sources within Greece said hundreds were injured.

The next morning martial law was declared while fighting continued in the streets. A 4 p.m. curfew was put into effect.

Sunday, the airport and newspapers were shut down and the rules of martial law were broadcast constantly on the radio. Several more deaths occurred as fighting continued. According to Tuesday's Toronto Star the streets of Athens were quieter Monday night, after the mass arrests of students and workers. The Star said eight people were sentenced to up to five years imprisonment for taking part in the demonstrations. Troops are reportedly stationed outside the government buildings to prevent further disturbances.

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CYSF votes for NUS

By S. JENNIFER HUNTER

Despite the president's cry that it was "an outrageous waste of money," the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) voted to join the National Union of Students (NUS), Monday evening at their annual budget council meeting.

Michael Mouritsen, CYSF president, claimed he had taken a poll of Ontario universities, as to the proposed membership in the NUS, and stated that Western, Fanshawe, Windsor and Guelph had decided not to join.

Jack Layton, a graduate student representative on the CYSF, commented that by joining the NUS, CYSF will be performing an important function, if it performs important functions at all.

"I find it interesting that the York

student council executive would be willing to follow the lead of those other universities," he further commented. "A large portion of post-secondary education is funded by the federal government; therefore it is important to have student representation

at that level."

In another surprise move, the council voted to give support to the strikers at the Artistic Woodwork plant and carried a motion to allow, in principal, financial aid to students who have legal fines.

Mme Allende at U of T

As the military junta in Chile continues to tighten its grip on universities, trade unions and political organizations, world-wide protest is increasing.

A significant part of this movement in Canada is the forthcoming tour by Hortensia Allende, widow of Salvador Allende, who died during the coup last September.

Mme. Allende will speak in Toronto Tuesday Nov. 27 at 8:00 p.m. in Convocation Hall, University of Toronto.

The York Committee for A Democratic, Independent Chile is helping to organize the event and all members of the York community are urged to attend. Admission is free.