

NEWS

Anti-war movement growing

by Lisa Fernandez
McGill Tribune

War in the Persian Gulf has energized the Canadian student community.

Students nationwide are involving themselves in anti-war coalitions, urging the Canadian government to withdraw their troops from the Middle East.

Students, churchgoers, city members and even the Physicians for Nuclear Disarmament rallied outside the federal building opposing Canadian presence in the Gulf, according to Karla Krahn, sociology student at the University of Calgary.

Omar Ghouse, a student at the University of Saskatchewan was "sick and tired of watching the military build-up and not doing anything about it."

In just two days, Ghouse collected 300 signatures against the war.

Ghouse was surprised at the strong reaction at the University of Saskatchewan.

"I expected flak and cynicism," Ghouse said. "I even expected more people to support the war. But I've found that when war hits home, people don't want anything to do with it. Especially if it means fighting in the Saudi desert."

The university of Victoria and York University are leading the anti-

war movement.

Russ Williams, vice president internal at the University of Victoria attributed part of the success of the campus anti-war coalition to the fact that University of Victoria has been historically prone to activism.

"We're a pretty political campus," Williams said. "We rallied for Oka, and we rallied against tuition hikes. We're getting to be professional ralliers."

Jean Ghomeshi, president of the York Federation of Students, admitted to a "strong left-wing element" intrinsic to York's campus, but said that "a lot of new groups are interested in the movement as well."

Seven hundred people came to York's first demonstration against Canadian troops in the Gulf.

Student council involvement is key in forming a successful anti-war coalition, according to Williams.

"It's the only way to do it," William said. "Student council has the financial means to endorse the teach-ins, the rallies and the campus demonstrations."

York and Victoria have the only student councils who fund such demonstrations as official anti-war representatives of the schools.

Although some of the Islamic groups on its campus are just beginning to mobilize, the Univer-

sity of Regina does not have a strong

Susan Knoss, Regina vice president external, suggested that one reason for the lack of activity on campus is internal problems with the student council which has prevented them from acting on peace as a "priority."

"It's not that we don't care," Knoss said. "It's just that we've had other battles to fight first."

In light of York's success, Chantal Sundaram of McGill's Troops Out coalition wants the Student's Society of McGill University to show more active support for the group. The anti-war organization has initiated several demonstrations but has received no financial support from the society.

"Maybe it's utopian to hope for, but I wish SSMU would sponsor us and help us organize teach-ins on campus," Sundaram said.

SSMU has taken a "no-war" position, while allowing for the presence of Canadian troops in the Gulf.

Vice President External Alex Usher suggested that Students' Society will organize an anti-war group on campus, but he disagrees with the mandate of Troops Out.

"Troops Out would undermine sanctions imposed by the Canadian government," Usher said.

Campus Chronicles

by Jennifer Lim

Queen's University

Subscriptions for *Playboy* magazine have been cancelled at the Douglas Library due to budgetary cuts.

Elizabeth Skeith, acting chief librarian said that the cancellations were not made because of censorship.

Maurice Breslow, a drama professor, offered to pay for the subscriptions out of her own pocket.

According to Breslow, terminating subscriptions for *Playboy* would be a restriction on the "freedom to write, publish and read as we wish."

University of Manitoba

Nursing students at the University of Manitoba are backing the nurses' province-wide strike.

Vera Chernecki, president of the Manitoba Nurses' Union, said the nurses are determined to hold out until a fair wage proposal can be worked out.

If the strike continues, the student nurses' practical work experience will be at risk.

The Nursing Students' Association is asking students for a show of support with pickets and monetary contributions.

Wilfrid Laurier University

Also with facts taken from *Imprint* (University of Waterloo) *The Cord* (WLU's campus newspaper) was threatened to adopt a code of ethics by Jan 18 or face being banned from campus.

In *The Cord*'s joke issue, the paper published stories such as "Shit-in planned" with a picture of a dog defecating, "Jocks just not for cocks" which featured a female equivalent of the jockstrap and a cover which depicted Santa Claus in front of a urinal.

According to WLU Students' Union president Stuart Lewis, *The Cord* has also published poorly researched and potentially libelous material in the past.

Fred Nichols, dean of students and Jim Wilgar, WLU associate vp student affairs feel that the paper is not up to the standards required by a university.

Chord editor-in-chief Tony Burke felt that Lewis, Nichols and Wilgar over-reacted and there was no need to deliver such an ultimatum. "All they had to do was ask us nicely — we think a code of ethics is a good idea," Burke said.

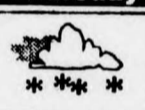
Weather Swami's four-day forecast

Wednesday



periods of snow, windy
High -4 Low -14

Thursday



mostly cloudy, with flurries
High -5 Low -11

Friday



variable clouds, windy, mild
High -10 Low -18

Saturday



increasing clouds, chance of snow
High -2 Low -13



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Are you concerned about the safety of others on campus?

Do you feel that all teaching personnel, including TA's and lab demonstrators, should have telephones in their offices?

Is your office space adequate?

Do you feel that you are adequately trained to handle an emergency in your laboratory?

Is your office a safe place to work?

Is the air quality in your workspace poor?

Do you feel that services for disabled members of our community are inadequate?

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CUEW SAFETY AND SECURITY SURVEY

As you may be aware, our Union will be entering into contract negotiations this spring with the University Administration and one of the most serious issues that will be on the table will be the safety concerns of our members. Please take 30 minutes to voice those concerns to your Union and to the York University Administration through this survey. You will receive your copy of this survey shortly.

Contact the project director Ramona Morris through the Union office (736-2100 ext. 55154) if you have any questions about the study. Our findings will be published by the Union as soon as they are available.

Smoking: a major heartbreaker



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You've probably heard a lot about the benefits of quitting smoking. Smoking is a very serious risk to your health, and to the health of people around you. In fact, it's getting harder to smoke. New laws are coming into effect that will limit when and where you can smoke.

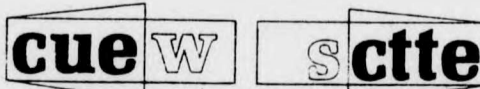
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