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THE TOUGH GO SHOPPING"

Council passes boycott motion

by Cathy McDonald

Dal Student council joined the ranks of the international "Nestle Boycott" campaign, last Sunday.

The "Nestle Boycott" refers to international pressure against a number of corporations who use "reprehensible" marketing techniques to sell baby formula in Third World countries, explained law student Peter Kavanagh at the meeting.

Canada, along with 120 other countries, has endorsed a ban on this activity in a resolution of the World Health Organization, Kavanagh said. The WHO is a United Nations organization.

Nova Scotia should live up to Canada's commitment not to allow Nestle to promote its formula in Canadian hospitals as a part of the boycott, said Kavanagh. Leone Steele, Science rep, questioned whether such a motion would have any effect.

The motion requests the Nova Scotia government to stop the promotion of infant formula in provincial hospitals.

It passed with no opposition, and five abstentions.

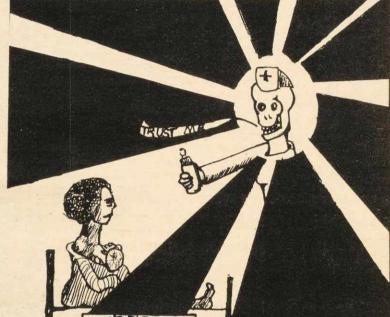
The marketing techniques involve women in white nurse's garb handing out free formula to new mothers in hospitals, pointing to pictures of "healthy North American and rich Third World" babies, Kavanagh said: Unfortunately, if the mother uses the formula, she loses the ability to produce natural milk. In poor Third World countries she may likely find she cannot afford the formula in the future, and is dependent on the formula which she must dilute to make it stretch. Another serious problem is the unavailability of clean water to mix the formula.

"What it amounts to is killing babies," said board of governors representative Atul Sharma.

Dalhousie students will be taking a stand on Canada's links to the nuclear arms race in the February elections. Student council approved the following referendum wording, as composed by the Dalhousie Disarmament Society:

"Should the Canadian government oppose and not participate in the development, deployment and testing of nuclear weaponry?" Students will vote "yes" or "no".

The question refers to the controversial agreement between Canada and the United States to test the Cruise missile in Alberta. The Cruise, when developed, will carry a nuclear warhead. 572 of them will be stationed in Western Europe to match Soviet missiles that are targetted at Western Europe.



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Visa students face chilly Concordia reception

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Cold weather is not the only thing international students face when they come to Canada.

A recent Concordia study concluded the university's foreign students face discrimination, language barriers, bureaucratic hassles and higher tuition fees. This contributes to the feeling that nobody cares, said one foreign student.

Foreign students interviewed for the study said discriminatory attitudes exist among the people they study and work with. "Professors mark lower because they have doubts that work done is our own," claimed one student.

Another student said staff deliberately misinform international students because of their foreign origins, citing bogus directions' to information centres for example.

Students cited other examples of discrimination: they are accused of lying, cheating and being too demanding, while Canadians are referred to as normal.

Differential fees, which tripled two years ago in Quebec, were also seen as discriminatory. "I think foreign students should pay more because they're not citizens here. But to pay three or four times more than Canadian students, that's too much," said one international student.

The effect of large differential fees "is like telling us not to come here," said another student. The current differential fees at Concordia and McGill are among Canada's highest.

Many students interviewed said understanding spoken English is a major problem. "I don't always understand professors (when they speak), especially when they get into something abstract or slang," said one foreign student. "Sometimes they are joking and all the rest of the class is laughing and I just sit and look at them. I feel alienated."

The report blames the students' poor oral skills on the emphasis on grammar in English courses taught abroad.

Before admittance to Concordia students must pass written English competency exams.

"Their (foreign students') ability in English is an asset in written exams, but in Canada a student must be able to communicate with the teachers," said Jane Magnam, assistant co-ordinator of the Learning Development Centre, which was involved with the report. Difficulty in communicating with professors was also attributed to culture. One Chinese student said "We are brought up in the Chinese way so we do not usually tell our problems to teachers. We don't relate. One must behave honestly, obey teachers, and not argue with them."

Bureaucracy is another large problem for international students. "If you have a problem, you have to talk to 25 people in 25 different offices. You might never find the right person to talk about the right problem in this university," said one student.

The report recommends improving language courses, emphasising oral skills and requiring first-year on-campus residents to help combat culture shock.

B.C. Socreds want higher visa student fees

VANCOUVER (CUP) - Foreign students at B.C. universities will pay "a more realistic share of tuition fees" than their Canadian counterparts if the B.C. Social Credit party members get their way.

Delegates to the party's annual convention November 13 voted overwhelmingly for a resolution calling for a two-tiered tuition fee system.

The motion was introduced by North Vancouver-Seymour MLA. Jack Davis who introduced a similar motion at last year's conference. "It's a ridiculous situation, really unique in the western world," Davis told delegates. "We give them the same subsidy as our children."

Davis said B.C. could recover up to \$28 million if the system was imposed. Similar moves in the United States and Ontario are along the right lines, he said.

The same motion was passed last year but never acted upon. Premier Bill Bennett previously said he did not favour differential fees for foreign students.

Universities minister Pat McGeer said he had made universities aware of the Socred position. Universities currently set their tuition fee levels.

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