

Reasons for student power are simple and materialistic

"Students have an instinct . . . social power"

By GAIL EVASIUK

"It is no secret that something is going on in campuses all over the world," said Ernest Mandel, a West-European left-wing political commentator and economist in SUB, Monday.

"The student movement shows how ripe the world has become for social reform.

"There are materialistic and simple reasons for the student power movement," said Mandel. "First, there is the university explosion," he started.

"Increases in the numbers of students brought about such significant trends as a change in

the social origin of the university student."

Formerly, students were from the upper and middle classes. Now they are from the lower middle class and lower social classes, he explained.

"Second, there has been a change in the possible destination of the student upon graduation."

Whereas students had become members of the bourgeois, they are now future wage and salary earners. For intellectual labor, there is a market and a purchasing price, which fluctuates with supply and demand, said Mandel.

"Also, a new and changed atmosphere is resulting from the university explosion and inadequate material infrastructure conditions," he said.

"The administration and the university organization itself are inadequate for the large influx of students.

"There is now a transference of the workers' problems to the student milieu."

But, he said, students have the advantages over workers because they have more time, more access to information, and more access to a critical sifting of knowledge.

"By analysis of imperialism and monopoly capitalism, the students realized the only way to institute change was through a socialist revolution."

There are two distinct types of student movement, said Mandel.

One student movement occurs when the students try to get in the framework of the university and society so that the running of the university can be co-determined by the students and administration, he said.

The second type of student movement is that in which students use their collective power to get specific rights which enable them to have political freedom and administrative rights.

This movement is found in schools of socialist reform, revolution, and agitation, said Mandel.

"Student power should be an instrument for anti-capitalist agitation in the university," Mandel said.

"If the movement is limited to purely student issues, it should be condemned. The whole movement must have the purpose of penetrating society," he said.



THREE EMILIES—The Blitz mascot needed these two of her namesakes when her hair began to fall off. Pat Killips, home ec 3, wields the needle and Christa Loeffler, arts 3, lends support. The two live girls represent two of the seven divisions which compete in Blitz. Christa represents the Neuman club and Pat is the 'emily' for home ec and agriculture. Emily shows a bit of skin to convince you to help out Blitz.

Ag students on faculty council

By JUDY GRIFFITHS

Two students will be able to express their opinions in a faculty council for the first time on campus.

Bryan Perkins and Richard Andrews, both ag 4 students, have been elected by their fellow students to the Agriculture Faculty Council.

They will not be allowed to vote, but will have the right to speak in the discussions.

Their position is stable at least until the General Faculty Council meets and confirms the elections.

The faculty council has the powers of:

- determining the programs of study
- appointing the examiners and conducting and determining the results of the examinations.
- authorizing the granting of faculty degrees.
- determining the conditions under which a student must withdraw from or continue his program of studies in the faculty.

Men allowed in Pembina

Men will be allowed into Pembina Hall for the first time in university history.

The majority of the 139 girls in the residence approved the visitor system for a trial period of three weeks at a one hour general meeting held Oct. 7. At the end of that time, the girls will take another secret ballot to determine whether to continue it.

The decision was reached after "heated discussion", said Pembina hall president Phyl Basaraba, fine arts 2.

In opposing the motion at the meeting, one girl said, "What would the boys think of us if they knew they could have use of our rooms?"

Conditions placed on the visits are as follows. Girls must meet boys in the reception area and escort them to and from their rooms. Visiting hours are restricted to Friday from 7 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 2 to 11 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. Noise must be cut down to a minimum and men must not wander the halls or use the washrooms.

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