

Tuition hikes, BOG secrecy part of campaign

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Alice Klein's platform dealt with the tuition fee increases and membership in the OFS-NUS. In addition to the \$100 increase and the promise of more to come, the government plans to cancel all grants to dependent students, and student aid is inadequate as it is, according to Klein.

"These problems come at a time when we can't afford to pay more. This will be the worst summer yet for jobs for students." For these reasons, Klein said she feels that "It

is extremely important for CYSF to work within the OFS-NUS to make post - secondary education available to all students."

She also feels students should work with other members of society to fight against government policies of cutbacks. She is also in favour of the course unions and further support of the social co-op.

As well, the Board of Governors candidates Mike Brooke and Richard Andriansky and Harvey Pinder presented their platforms.

Brooke feels that students should

be able to assert more power on the board. "I will tell Excalibur and other groups what goes on in these meetings." He said he feels closed meetings of the Board of Governors do not serve the interests of the students.

Pinder, the United Left Slate candidate, said the Board of Governors is the financial centre of the university. Of its thirty - two members, only four are elected by the York Community. "The BOG is business - dominated," he said, "These businessmen are among the

most powerful in Canada".

"I am all for an end to the secrecy and the business domination for a truly representative body of students and faculty."

Osgoode student Richard Andriansky is in favour of building a walkway or tunnel connecting the Stong-Bethune complex to the Ross Building. As for the business domination of the BOG, he said, "if not for the commitments of the top dogs we would not have a university." He would like to see a representative of the North York community or the provincial government on the Board of Governors so that they would be able to work with BOG representatives in the interests of the students.

Ian Kellogg, a Stong College student who is running for CYSF on the United Left Slate ticket, said, "We are the only candidates to oppose the financial barriers to post-secondary education." He said he feels the OFS - NUS are effective organizations which organize the students to fight against the cutbacks in university education. "CYSF has done nothing about these cutbacks."

Gary Empey, a Stong student who is running for CYSF, is opposed to the OFS-NUS. "Out of a budget of \$150,000 a year, they spend \$100,000 on salaries. The fieldworkers who come to campuses earn \$13,000. We pay \$23,000 for services rendered." He said further that the OFS-NUS engages in protests, rallies, and confrontation. "This method is ineffective. Parrot will no longer discuss the problems with the OFS-NUS after these tactics."

He said Premier Davis has promised that OSAP grants will increase in proportion to tuition fees.

Stong student Bill Hogarth, another CYSF candidate, said the \$23,000 membership fee paid for OFS-NUS would be better spent at York. "We have seen no direct result of the \$23,000. CYSF has other things to spend their money on. We should put York first. These organizations are not working constructively for us." He feels the \$100 tuition fee increase is "something that has to be paid." If we don't pay it, the burden will fall on our parents. These are hard times and we all have to pay our share."

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Gays demonstrate against CBC policy

OTTAWA (CUP)—Gay organizations in five cities across the country picketed CBC radio stations February 19 to protest the corporation's policy of refusing public service announcements for gay counselling.

According to David Garmaise, president of Gays of Ottawa (GO), which doubles as the co-ordinating office for the National Gay Rights Coalition (NGRC), pickets were set up in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. An earlier demonstration was held February 17 in Halifax where the dispute first arose last summer.

Groups of 35 to 50 protestors gathered in each city, according to Garmaise. "It was a success," he said, "because it was the first time NGRC mounted a co-ordinated national demonstration."

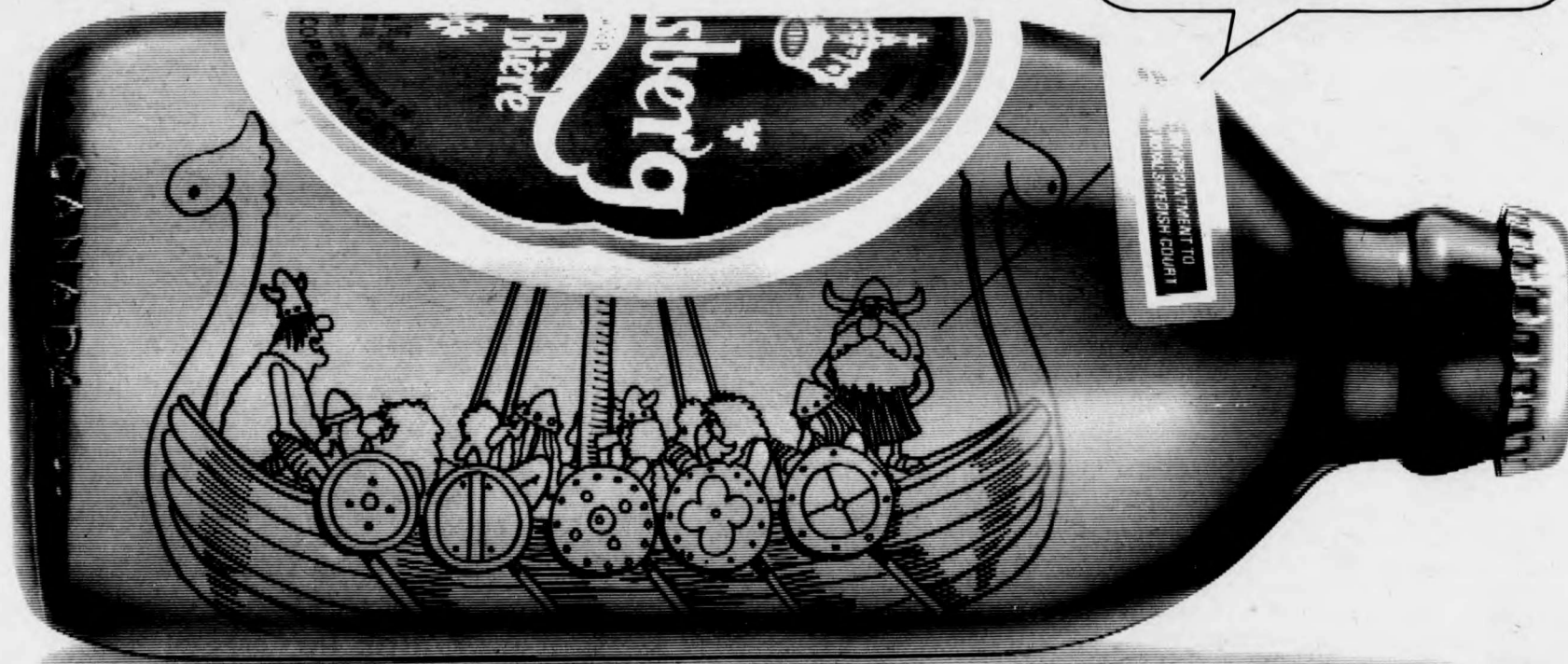
The Halifax Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE) intervened in the local CBC affiliate's license renewal in November. The CRTC tabled the approval of CBH's application until the CBC came up with a national policy on gay public service announcements.

In a January 7 letter to GAE, CBC vice-president for audience and public relations Peter Meggs affirmed that its policy "clearly excludes subjects deemed controversial."

"It is felt that the request of your organization represents subject matter which is still seen as controversial by our audiences and therefore we must continue to apply the policy and refuse your request in the area of public service announcements."

NGRC spokespersons reject the contention that gay people are controversial subject matter. The public service announcement refused by the Halifax station was direct factual information concerning the organization's services, they say.

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