

**Student participation****York support of Artistic sparks solidarity**

A scene from the Artistic Woodwork picket line last November. Many York students and faculty participated in the strike which resulted in the arrest of 108 people.

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The participation of York students and faculty in the four month strike at Artistic Woodwork was a significant and revealing demonstration of solidarity with the striking Artistic workers.

Rallies and videotapes sponsored by the York Waffle made the issues of the strike clearer to interested members of the York Community and inspired many to join the early morning picket lines.

The effect of the strong support from the York community reached the media as well.

An editorial in the Globe and Mail Jan. 30 attacked two speakers at a York rally for Pat Deutscher, a graduate economics student who was sentenced to two weeks in jail and a \$200 fine for assault. Rarely have campus activities been reported in city newspapers and editorial comment is unusual.

One hundred and eight people were arrested during the strike and of that number, 13 were York supporters.

To date, seven have been found guilty. For the most part, these sentences have been harsh.

Charges of mischief, obstructing police and common assault usually produce a no-record conviction plus a \$50 fine. But the same charges here have resulted in jail terms up to three weeks, plus a \$200-\$300 fine or a fine and no jail term.

Participating on the picket line, supporting the rights of workers to organize and challenging the role of police as strikebreakers, all just actions, have been considered acts

of a criminal nature.

The court's attitude towards some of the arrested persons is perhaps typified in a statement made by a judge to a young public school teacher who received a \$400 fine for common assault. In passing the sentence, the judge stated that it was given because the defendant was a "community leader."

The students who were arrested, and those subsequently convicted, have also been subjected to this kind of attitude.

One arrest involved York student, Peter Dorfman.

Dorfman says he was knocked to the ground by a policeman and kicked; when he got up, he says he was told he was under arrest and carried off to the paddy wagon by his neck.

Once put in the paddy wagon, he claims he was assaulted by another police officer in plain view of two other prisoners who were powerless to help him. Dorfman and his witnesses claim he was punched in the stomach, slapped in the face and his head banged against the metal wall of the paddy wagon.

The case of Richard Wagman, a Glendon student, is a classic example of a person arbitrarily arrested on the picket line.

Richard thought he could avoid arrest and perhaps assault by maintaining his distance from the melee. He was actually walking away from the melee to a position where he could observe what he claims was a police assault on a friend. As Richard was about to walk towards the police parking lot, he was arrested from behind by two policemen for mischief. He has yet to come to trial.

**UBC English department says not hiring Canadian faculty**

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The University of British Columbia's English Department has been accused of looking for faculty in the US before hiring Canadians.

The UBC administration president and the BC Minister of Education have both received letters from two English professors at Carleton University in Ottawa, Robin Mathews and Mary-Jane Edwards. Mathews has campaigned against American influence in Canadian universities for several years.

The letter claims the UBC English Department head and two professors, all originally from the US, conducted job interviews at a December convention in Chicago before advertising in Canada.

Edwards said that the positions were not advertised in University Affairs until the February edition was

delivered in late January, a week after the closing date for applications. University Affairs is one of two Canadian publications that usually carry ads for university faculty.

In Vancouver, UBC administration president Walter Gage said February 3, the interviews followed

UBC policy, "It seems worthwhile to me to have conducted these interviews to see who was available", said Gage.

"Department heads are free to interview applicants all over the world," he said, "though interviews don't necessarily ensure employment."

**Conservative students take control of UBC**

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The Conservative Students' Coalition slate has taken control of the University of British Columbia student council executive.

The slate took all seven executive positions in last week's election. Only about 300 of 2,000 students voted—15 per cent compared with 17 per cent last year.

The election surprise was the strong second place finish of a slate of engineering students whose whole platform was the decentralization of the student council.

The three leftist slates made a very poor showing.

Students' Coalition presidential candidate, Gordon Blandstein, said his slate's victory was due to the political apathy of UBC students.

"It is a very conservative campus and the result probably shows students are getting enough political things in classes and outside. They just

want to sit down and relax," he said.

Current council president, Brian Loomes, who ran on a left wing slate last year, said the key factor in the conservatives' victory was the attention attracted by Blankstein's special events committee which brought big name entertainment to campus.

"Everybody knows about the concerts but the left's work on student representation and other issues wasn't as well known. Our political work doesn't work in a big flashy way".

**Merger plan is unfair Loyola students say**

MONTRAL (CUP)—Students at Loyola of Montreal feel their campus is being ignored in the merger planned with Sir George Williams University (SGWU) to form Concordia University.

A Jan. 31 rally, chaired by Marc Tigh and Don Boisvert, co-presidents of the Loyola Student Association (LSA), was concerned with four motions directed towards the improvement of Loyola's status within the merger. None of the Sir George administrators invited showed up.

The first motion called for the Loyola community "to demand parity between Loyola and Sir George on all committees of the Concordia University Senate.

Tigh outlined the current disparity on various sub-committees of the Senate citing the curriculum had six members from SGWU and only one from Loyola, and the Academic Committee composed of nine SGWU to two from Loyola.

When Boisvert asked for a show of hands in support he was stunned by the reaction; no one either opposed the motion or abstained.

The second motion which called for "a substantial increase in the number of representatives from Loyola on the Concordia University Senate was amended to appeal for parity. It passed with two opposed and nine abstentions.

The third motion of the Loyola campus was to defend the two previous

motions at the various levels of the Concordia University administration passed with one opposed.

In an attack on the Sir George administration, Barry Sheehy, a former co-president of the LSA, said, "We don't get treated that way by our own administration because we don't tolerate it from John O'Brien."

The fourth motion brought before the assembly called for the Loyola community "to express its confidence in Dr. J. W. O'Brien, in view of recent public statements by him, and that a new parity search committee be struck to find a new rector."

One of the grievances Loyola students have against O'Brien involves a statement regarding "misunderstandings" over early negotiation guidelines.

O'Brien said, January 29, the key clause in the merger was "Loyola and Sir George enter into these negotiations as two equal institutions."

"This was not intended to mean that once Concordia comes into being Sir George and Loyola will be equal partners," O'Brien said.

**CN - CP choosy students are bad risk**

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

CN-CP Telecommunications will not accept telegrams from people in residence unless they have a private phone registered in their name or a letter from the university guaranteeing payment of the bill, a CN-CP telegram operator supervisor said. But there is some question as to whether they do in fact follow this policy.

Monday night, Debbie Van Kleek of Bethune college tried to send a telegram but when the operator learned that Van Kleek lived in residence, she refused the message.

Van Kleek argued that she was using a private phone with the owner's permission but the operator said this made no difference.

This reporter tried to send a telegram on Tuesday and was also refused by the operator. A customer service representative said the only way to send a message was with a letter from the university. He finally admitted that owning a private phone might also be an exception.

When asked if CN-CP didn't trust students, the representative said this was not true, they just weren't sure students would pay their bills.

**President Yolton faces students in Bearpit**

By DALE RITCH

York University president John Yolton appeared in last week's Bearpit session. Several students took advantage of the situation to fire questions at Yolton. The impending budget cuts, recent food price hikes, and the university structure were the main topics.

Yolton admitted that the budget cuts of approximately \$1 million would result in an increase in the student/faculty ratio but he denied that the quality of education would necessarily deteriorate. When asked about the structure of the Board of Governors, Yolton said that the Board was changing in composition, with more involvement from previously unrepresented sections of the York community.

When questioned further, he admitted that corporate interests still controlled the board. Yolton, however, denied that the board had sole jurisdiction over budget matters, claiming that the president's advisory committee (president, vice-presidents and deans) exercised considerable authority in this area.

In response to questions concerning CYSF and the York University Act (York U's legal constitution), Yolton said that "student government has a role to play in the university." Yolton expressed surprise when informed that CYSF has no legal status or guaranteed source of income.

Yolton thought that the fact that students were only mentioned twice in the York Act indicated that some revisions were necessary.

Yolton refused to make any comments on the recent food and bookstore price increases. He suggested that other administrative assistants might be more knowledgeable.

One insistent student asked Yolton if mid-term price hikes were justified when students are living on fixed incomes and residence students are locked into a fixed contract. Yolton replied that, "I find justice a difficult concept."

Finally, Yolton said that he would favour giving free tuition to Chilean refugees who wished to study at York provided the money was available.

**Beer banned**

BURNABY (CUP)—Beer and ale produced by Carling-O'Keefe Breweries will no longer be sold in the Simon Fraser University student pub.

Last week, the pub management board, composed of students and administrators, agreed to a student council request that the company be boycotted because it has direct ownership links with racist South Africa.

Carling-O'Keefe, formerly Canadian Breweries Ltd., is owned by Rothman's of Pall Mall Ltd. Rothman's through a number of intermediate corporations, is controlled by Rembrandt Tobacco Corporation of South Africa.

Student council made their request two months ago but the management board had been waiting for a promised statement from Canadian Breweries which said it could prove they were not controlled from South Africa. The statement never came.

Beers and ales produced by Carling-O'Keefe are: Black Label Beer, Red Cap Ale, Charrington Toby Beer, Pilsener, Old Country Ale, UBC Beer, Ax Cream Stout, Kronenbray 1308, Heidelberg Beer, O'Keefe Ale, Old Vienna Lager Beer and Stein Beer.

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