

# S U should promote social change

## young socialist forum

"The University, and especially the Student's Union, should serve as an agent for basic social change, because "we don't believe that this system can ever solve the problems which confront us," said Young Socialist Mark Priegert at a Young Socialist forum Friday. The discussion on "How to Make a Red University" attracted about sixty people.

As the third industrial revolution unfolded after the Second World War, "there was a tremendous demand for skilled labour. So suddenly everyone had to get a degree. You were nothing without one. The media, the high schools, the counsellors all put the pressure on. We all came to University to make it big, only to discover that we'd been had, big," said Priegert. "Now, due to a lack of planning inherent in Capitalism, there is a crisis of (academics) over production while illiteracy rules in many countries of the world. It's like rotting wheat in North America while two thirds of the world is hungry." Capitalism isn't interested in human needs; it is interested in profits. We go to University when it's good for Imperial Oil, we stop going when they don't need us," said Priegert, referring to the cutbacks by the government.

The speaker pointed out that the Student Radicalization of this era, "which can only get deeper and more profound" is only channelled into meaningless dissipation by "Mickey Mouse" 'service Unionism' programs such as that of the present council. You slug away at some little reform, and even if you get it, nothing essentially changes, so you blame your frustration on your brothers and sisters for being stupid and apathetic. "The problem is not stupidity or apathy, claims Priegert, but 'bureaucratic, committee-minded, 'service unionism' concepts which

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governors frown on FM stations carrying commercial messages; also the students in the radio station feel that they would be at the mercy of advertisers when it comes to content and programming.

CKSR would like to see themselves as a significant medium in the city and a medium that would provide meaningful programming rather than the repetitive, mindless, record plugging that characterises commercial stations. To this end they feel that the chance to broadcast by cable is an important step in their long range plans.

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underlie the present reformist council." Priegert described the politics of the present council as being "the politics of pettiness, of futility, of elitism, of bureaucracy", and compared that to a council of "struggle", based on mobilization of the student body by the council in support of basic changes.

"We counterpose to that, the struggle for student, faculty, and staff control of the University..to end big business control of the University..for a democratic University." According to Priegert, this would mean support for women's liberation, native struggles, a struggle for universal accessibility to University facilities, and for living

allowances for students.

In a speech which was basically a declaration of his candidacy in the coming Students' Union elections, Priegert said, "The executive and council should see themselves as initiators, as leaders, as an organizing body. Community involvement or pressure on the university doesn't come from committees and briefs. It comes from a mass radical student movement fighting for clearcut demands and organizing ever more and more people around those demands. The question isn't how many reps on a GFC committee or channels of communication. The question is Power—who has it, and who is going to struggle for it."

comment:

## Council's concern for 'Immediate Action' is a good thing

Well, far out! The good 'ol Students' Council is goin' t' take some IMMEDIATE ACTION! My, my. The very title itself sorta takes yer breath away kinda like bein' exhaled on at close range by Odin.

But the title ain't all. Oh no, no, no. (Although it's hard to get yer eyes offa that imposin' all-capitals type title with that mas-ter-flee done black-line emphasisin' the whole thing.

Anyways, we pro-ceed pas the title and right off we're struck by the urgency of the first problem. Short 'n right to the point. "Research Gazette or Alternative and get into production." Yesiree. No shilly-shallyin' about or dipsey-doodlin' here. No beatin' around the bush - just IMMEDIATE ACTION. Like the title says. "Research Gazette!"

Hey! That's us! The Gazette is that thing they wanta print in our little old home spun rag, the Gateway. Well I'll be three-toed cap snaffler! That means the good 'ol Students' Council is goin' t' be talkin' about us.

Oh oh...wait a minute...the thing says here "or Alternative". That means they might be talking about somethin' else. They might not be talkin' about us. Darn it! They never talk about us. Always talkin' about women and pianists and Kant and clocks and benches and power and stuff. Never have enough time to talk about us, darn it.

Oh well. Anyway on to the next item on the a-gen-duh.

Oh, wow! Their gonna do a "SPLASH". And look at this. They're gonna have the merchants to put all their stuff on sale so that...so that...uh...well, so that it'll help, the openning, obviously. And they're also gonna have shopping centre hoopla so that all folks in the shopping centres know what's goin' on and their not gonna enter any conflicts with the Londonderry Moll...oops! I

mean Mall. And their gonna suggest a article to Shattulane Magazine about "Youth" and "Responsibility" (sic--sorry, I just couldn't resist it -- ed.) and "Meeting Needs and etc.'s". Now you gotta admit that that's immediate action. Doin' all those things. Why, they'll be busy fer weeks. And on top of that, there's more.

They're gonna push women's Week and Get Folks Out! by emphasising that it's FREE! and there's babysitting and the men are welcome (don't want them to stay away 'cause they might have some touchy vision of big, husky, ball-bustin' Women's Liberation type females runnin' around demandin' a whole lotta nonsense that can never be accomplished anyway because there are just some things that are meant to be and Lionel Tiger says that men are biologically superior anyway and besides a woman's place has been historically the keeper of the house while the hunter (yeah, they like that image - The Hunter! Snarl!) goes out and get's the food but I'll go and listen to 'em anyway because I believe in equal wages for equal work and universal sufferage so's we kin all get a share of this great and bountiful land), and they'll follow things up with a study session that you can probably avoid anyway and they're gonna get the administration and the Provincial Government involved. So obviously everyone will want to go. And they shore wouldn't wanna go if yuh just told 'em what was goin' on. So, obviously, they're gonna take some Immediate Action.

Then, there's the Day Care Centre. No fools, these boys! They know where the "citizens" are at. Give 'em some "Emotion" and they'll lap it up. Can'tchu see it? Tearfully joyous mothers leading their ragged ill-fed children through the warmly welcoming doors of HUB. Ahhhhhhhhhhh. The "citizens" will love it.

### STAFF THIS ISSUE:

Gingerly placing the massive diatribe on women's liberation into the centerfold of the paper, the male staff reserved comment for as long as they were able, and the full scale discussion was launched when the women on this paper hove to and read of their impending freedom and how to attain it. All took the test on page six and most failed dismally - the scores ranging from 35 to 16. Leading the brigade in the chauvinistic approach we had a grand tie between the Great Grant, Bossy Beal, Gross Gereluk, Slimy Selby. Campaigning Campbell, Howling Houle, Madam Yakimchuk, Miss Ross and Miss Preece were all safe middle of the roaders. Pallard and McCurdy withdrew in some confusion, and Harvey refused to give us permission to publish his results. The element of seriousness was only supplied by our loyal snake in the grass, Thomgirt, who couldn't see why individual independence and the courage of ones convictions were not enough. The typical male reptile....

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But looky here at number five. They're gonna spring the Union *Big Business* story on us at the election. Wow! *Big Business!* And the story is gonna be about a guy named MacKenzie Past President. Seems as though this guy MacKenzie is a law student and a Rhodes Scholar. And He's a "High Quality of person in union positions." Well, that's good. I

don't mean no offense or anything but those poor hardworking boys we got down there this year could use a good example like that MacKenzie guy. Maybe the story will sorta show 'em the way.

Now you must admit that that's a lot of stuff to do as Immediate Action. And those boys are gonna be mighty busy. But they're not just gonna do these five things, no sir. They've even got two small items tacked on the bottom in case they get done with the other stuff.

They're gonna do something about "Opportunity for Youth" and, if they have time left over, from that, they're gonna do some advertising for Summer Employment and get a Director appointed. And it's all gonna be immediate action.

Well, I think that's wonderful. And I fer one am proud to think that our fine universitee is fortunate in havin' such a straight drivin', no nonsense, and decisive group of young men as their students' council. And I think we all might wanna say a few words of thanks to Our Lord right now few sendin' us these fine younq men.

So how 'bout if we all just take a couple of minutes and just set the paper down for a bit and close yer eyes and talk to God. He'll listen.

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### IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Research Gazette or Alternative and get into production.
2. HUB Opening - should be a "SPLASH"
  - Fed. Government i.e. Trudeau or Andras to open
  - organize merchants for sale
  - shopping centre hoopla ... get public involved.
  - be sure not to conflict with Londonderry Mall.
  - Chatelaine Magazine may be interested in a story ... "Youth - Responsibility - Meeting a Need, etc."
3. Women's Week - designed to pull people on campus -- Must Get them Here!
  - Emphasize:
    1. Free
    2. Babysitting
    3. Men Welcome
    4. Study course to follow
    5. Administration and Provincial Government involvement.
4. Day Care Centre - University Community mainly, but good "Emotion" item for citizens generally.
5. Election - Union *BIG BUSINESS* ... Election is good time to tell the story.
  - Story - MacKenzie Past President, Law Student and Rhodes Scholar; *High Quality* of person in Union positions.
6. Opportunity for Youth.
7. Summer Employment - Advertising; get Director appointed.

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