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Union agent calls decision 'ridiculous'

SFU boycotts Carling

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Carling O'Keefe products will soon disappear from the shelves of the Pub at Simon Fraser University.

The Pub's board of directors voted unanimously Sept. 2 to stop ordering Carling O'Keefe products after a brief from a representative of student society employees.

Nick Witherford, a member of CUPE 2396, asked the board to stop the sale of Carling beer because of its corporate connection with the Rembrandt Group, a large South African corporation.

"The boycott is not intended to put Carling O'Keefe out of business, but to see Carling O'Keefe sold, preferably to Canadian interests," said Witherford.

Witherford described the board's decision as "responsible and very welcome."

He speculated that an important reason for the decision was the

recent clarification by the Liquor Control Board that the pub would not lose its licence if it did not carry all four major brands.

Pub manager Andy Miller confirmed that no further Carling O'Keefe beer will be ordered once the present stock is sold.

Sales of Miller beer, Black Label, Extra Old Stock, Carlsberg, Cincinnati Cream Ale, and Fosters will cease once the pub's current stock is depleted.

The Pub joins student-run bars at the Universities of Victoria, Alberta, and Ottawa in recent boycotts of South African-linked products.

Rick Sutherland, business agent for the Brewery, Winery, and Distillery Workers Local 300, reacted angrily when told of the decision.

"We think it is ridiculous," he said. "The apartheid issue is certainly emotional, but the connection to South Africa is so distant that

it will have no impact on the parent company."

He said the decision was no more than a little posturing and a symbolic stand that will do nothing but hurt Canadian workers trying to earn a living.

Sutherland said the Rembrandt Group owns about six per cent of Carling O'Keefe.

In a prepared statement to the Pub's board of directors, Carling O'Keefe regional sales manager Barry Bock said Carling hopes the Pub will withdraw its boycott because Carling is 50 per cent Canadian-owned.

"How we were treated at SFU was unfair," said Bock. "We're not bad people."

Bock said Carling employed more than 1,400 Canadian students in 1983, with total wage bills of \$8.9 million.

Men wait to enter program

Prof fights for funds

by James Young
VANCOUVER (CUP) — The B.C. government could prevent serious injuries to women by adequately funding therapy for wife assaulters, says a University of British Columbia psychology professor.

And the therapy is cheaper than the costs associated with repeat offenders, he says.

Don Dutton, who runs a \$39,000 program treating 27 assaultive men per year, said, "We are having to do this constant balancing act where we are keeping the program alive and viable under minimal funding circumstances."

Demand from the court system indicates the program could teach conflict resolution skills to at least

double the current number of men, some of whom must wait for six months to enter the group, said Dutton.

"From a cost-benefit point of view it seems to be worthwhile to spend some money up front on these programs," he said, arguing that the government must pay more money for police and court costs for the men who become repeat offenders.

Dutton also said assault offenses result in increased social costs for hospital care, transition houses, and therapy for battered wives.

And while direct funding from the B.C. attorney-general's ministry is only \$39,000, Dutton said the Ontario government has alloted \$5 million for programs dealing with wife assault.

Ted Harrison, regional corrections director for the attorney-general's ministry, agrees that some men convicted of assault are unable to get into the kind of program Dutton offers.

"But given the limited resources in this province and the competing demands for services, I am satisfied that the amount of money going into wife assaulters' programs is reasonable," he said.

Harrison said Vancouver is lucky to offer this kind of program which is unavailable in most parts of the province. The attorney-general's office identified only two other programs in Victoria and another based on a private practice model in the interior city of Vernon.

But a Boston study indicated the human cost of inadequate funding is more women ending up at emergency wards, says Dutton.

"Thirty-three per cent of the women admitted to Boston emergency wards were there because of injuries sustained through wife assault or from males they were co-habiting with," he said.

While Canadian statistics are unavailable, Dutton said the U.S. rate of assault for co-habiting couples is about one in ten. While both sexes report equal incidences of violent behaviour, women end up the victims in 95 per cent of the cases. Studies from Minnesota, Oregon, and Arizona indicate similar rates for college populations, said Dutton.

Dutton said the high success rate of the B.C. program justifies expansion.

In a group of 50 men completing therapy, only two repeated an offence within a follow-up period of two and one-half years.

The rate in untreated populations was 40 per cent, or ten times higher.

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