

**Toronto and Dal pull out****CUS to be killed in Nov.**

By JERRY OWEN

The Canadian Union of Students, the world's third oldest national student organization, died last Thursday in a referendum at the University of Toronto.

Students of U of T voted 5,434-2,222, a margin of more than two to one, to withdraw from CUS.

Without Toronto's membership fees it is financially impossible for the union to continue. Martin Loney, the national president of CUS has even expressed doubts about the union's ability to meet its present financial commitments.

"If those who are still members pay, and if Toronto pays the portion covering the last two months, we're OK — otherwise I don't know."

While Loney was worrying about paying the union's workers after the vote count, Gus Abols, the

president of U of T Student's Administrative Council and a leading opponent of CUS, was in a spirit of euphoria, spouting generalizations like: "This proves to me that radicals are no longer the representatives and the students have rejected them."

Loney could not agree that the meaning of the vote was so clear and simple.

"It's unfortunate that the campaigns haven't been fought on issues but on stereotypes and slogans — we were prepared to fight on CUS's policies — that's not what happened."

Loney agreed, however, that the vote did have some political implications. "It shows that a lot of students are no more or less liberal than the general public — when things are put to them in the form of anti-communism they will

respond the same way the voters did in British Columbia — which is a reflection of our educational system and the society it perpetuates." Loney was referring to the recent B.C. provincial election in which Social Credit leader W.A.C. Bennett openly red-baited to defeat a strong NDP challenge.

In the past few months CUS has been under attack from the left as well as the right. As early as last February some radical left students at the University of Waterloo had opposed CUS during a crucial referendum which the union lost by only 17 votes.

Loney was disappointed by the attacks from the left. "In the actual context of what is happening," he said, "they ignored what CUS could do to increase awareness, and instead of giving the organization critical support they sat back and watched the right wing backlash."

Adding insult to injury, last Thursday the students of Dalhousie University voted 633 to 411 against staying in CUS.

Larry Kapz, president of the Dalhousie graduate student association, felt "the defeat of CUS would set the cause of student rights back five years."

In a meeting Monday night the CUS national council voted to phase itself out of existence by the end of November. The council chose the phase-out over two other alternatives: continuing in a reduced capacity or continuing as a voluntary union.

The end of CUS may not, however, mean the end of a national student organization. Gus Abols, president of the Dalhousie student council said he would try to form a new union with campuses that rejected CUS. Abols was instrumental in preparing by-laws for an alternate "federation" circulated in the last CUS congress last August. It was laughed at by moderates and radicals alike and died on the floor of the plenary for lack of a seconder.

Apparently Abols feels he can revive his aborted child in light of the demise of CUS. The proposed union would be "non-political" and yet would supposedly "work for student reforms."

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Avalanche will be one of six experimental works that will be performed that evening by the Creative Associates of Buffalo, a group of the world's foremost experimenters in the field of electronic music. The very nature of this event just could mean the total destruction of Burton Auditorium. We think you won't want to miss it.

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**Canada Briefs****Loyola students go on strike**

MONTREAL — Approximately half of the 4,500 students at Loyola College in Montreal boycotted classes Monday in the first day of a strike protesting the administration's refusal to accept arbitration over their firing of physics instructor S.A. Santham. At least 22 professors have risked dismissal at the college by saying they would refuse to hold classes during the strike. The entire history department at Loyola will hold two-hour study sessions for the strikers in a nearby United Church on each day of the protest. Approximately 80 other faculty members have signed a document upholding the students right to strike, and asking that no examinations be given, and that all material covered in courses during the strike be reviewed later upon request by students.

**B.C. court injuncts SFU strike**

BURNABY, B.C. — British Columbia courts issued an injunction Friday to bring a halt to all activities connected with the strike of the political science, sociology and anthropology department at Simon Fraser University. At the administration's request the court ordered the strikers to not obstruct any faculty member of campus facility, not make any unscheduled appearances, and not to unlawfully coerce any student. Lawyers advising the strike participants have informed them that the order makes them liable to a six month to one year jail term if they distribute any literature, picket in any way, or address any group on campus without the administration having granted them a booking. The strike, one month old as of Oct. 24, is protesting administration interference in the internal affairs of the PSA department.

**Mobilization on Bill 63 underway**

MONTREAL — A four day period of mobilization began Tuesday at l'Universite de Montreal, building to a mass demonstration scheduled for tomorrow against the Quebec government's controversial Bill 63. The Bill supports and ensures a bilingual policy in the French-language province. Teach-ins on the bill began Tuesday at l'Universite de Sherbrooke and l'Universite Laval as well as at U of M, where 13,000 students gathered to hear Raymond Lemieux, leader of the Ligue pour l'Integration Scolaire. At a closed meeting of nationalist and student leaders Monday, detailed plans for a week of protest were drawn up, with the main focus on a march on the Renaissance Club, headquarters of the ruling Union Nationale Party, Friday night. More than 10,000 are expected to march.

**Students run for city council**

SASKATOON — Five University of Saskatchewan students plan to challenge the Saskatoon power structure by running in the upcoming civic elections. They will call for community control of the city newspaper the Star-Phoenix. The paper is owned by the Sifton group newspaper conglomerate. The five students running are representing the Committee for a Socialist Movement. The candidates have all said that they do not expect to win but are running in order to reach the people of the community and help them organize and deal with problems that concern them. They will call for tenant's unions, minimum housing standards, rent controls, free public facilities such as power and transportation, and a revised progressive tax structure. Karen Koppenrud said she is running for the school board position because "essential change, that is necessary change, is only going to come about in schools through organizing the students for political action."

**McGill senators, council resigns**

MONTREAL — Five of McGill's eight student senators and three student council members resigned their posts Friday rather than "stay and legitimize what the senate is doing." Education rep Margo Verral asked student council to send no more students to senate meetings until the administration agreed to restructure the university's highest governing body to include "one-third students, one-third faculty and one-third representatives of the Quebec people." When the student council refused to pass the measure in favour of continuing negotiations with the admin on the government of McGill, Verral, two more council members, and five senators resigned. In a joint statement the resignees accused the council of adopting "a conciliatory and ineffective position vis-a-vis the restructuring of the government of McGill." Peter Foster, one of the resigning senators, said he would continue to "work for the radical transformation of McGill through other channels," such as citizens' groups. Student council president Julius Grey accused the resigning senators and councillors of being "on the side of those who oppose McGill," and said the council's decision to oppose making McGill a French-language university was behind the resignations.

**St. Francis residences opened**

ANTIGONISH, N.S. — St Francis Xavier students voted 4-1 last week to defy the administration and declare open visiting hours in their residences. Last Wednesday the student council accepted a proposal for open residences and called a referendum for the next day. Nearly 80 per cent of the university's 2,400 students turned out to overwhelmingly approve the "open housing" proposal. That night student council president Frank McKenna declared the residences open. Several hundred girls then entered the male residences in defiance of existing rules set by the administration. The demonstration was orderly and ended after two hours. A negotiating committee, set up by the students and administration, met Friday to discuss settlement of the dispute.