



Mais oui, McGill

MONTREAL (CUP)--McGill University intends to change its image as the bastion of the English-speaking minority in Quebec by becoming more French-oriented, says Vice-Principal Michael Oliver.

McGill will continue to be a predominately English-language institution but will introduce more courses and facilities in French.

It will also make a greater effort to play the role of 'willing broker' between the English and French societies and will participate more fully in the affairs of Quebec.

LSD blindings a hoax

HARRISBURG, (CUP)--The LSD sun-blinding of six college students was a hoax perpetrated by a sick Pennsylvania state government official, Governor R.P. Shafer revealed January 18.

The official, Dr. Norman Yoder, had prepared fictitious forms using material drawn from real case histories to convince his superiors, the governor and the press that the students were totally and permanently blinded 18 months ago after staring at the sun for six to eight hours while on an LSD trip.

Yoder has been fired from his \$20,000 a year job as state commissioner of the blind and will be committed to a mental institution.

Flemish students riot

Louvain, Belgium (Reuters)--Several hundred Flemish students clashed with riot police in demonstrations against plans to maintain a French-speaking section at the Catholic University of Louvain.

Scores of students ransacked the offices of the vice-rectors of both the French and the Flemish sections of the 500 year-old university, setting fire to furniture and smashing windows.

The Association of Flemish Professors said it favors a transfer of the French section to Wavre, on the other side of the linguistic border that divides Belgium.

UBC vs senate secrecy

VANCOUVER (CUP)--University of British Columbia students who want to end senate secrecy will get a hearing for their arguments.

UBC's student senators prompted a student rally January 9 in which 600 students voted to stage a sit-in at the Feb. 14 senate meeting.

Student senator Gabor Mate said, 'The real issue in this whole crisis is not merely open senate meetings, but the question of the senate's responsibility to its academic constituents.'

Acting President Walter Gage says a special meeting will be called to study the question. The date has not yet been announced.

Western wants legal pot

LONDON, Ont. (CUP)--The University of Western Ontario student council passed a motion January 23 to urge the federal government to legalize the possession and use of marijuana.

The council plans to lobby for reclassification of the drug from the Narcotic Control Act to the Federal Food and Drug Act, Schedule H, Under Schedule H, distribution of marijuana would be illegal but possession of it would not.

The marijuana committee's report stresses the drug is non-addictive and has no lasting ill effects.

Statistics, please

A total of 74,800 full-time students are now enrolled in Ontario's 15 universities, announced the Hon. Wm. G. Davis, Minister of University Affairs. This is an increase of 16.8% over that of 1966-67.

The total number of Canadian university students is approximately 240,000 according to last October's report from the Economic Council of Canada.

The number of full-time students at each of Ontario's universities for 1967-68 is: Brock, 681; Carleton, 4873; Guelph, 4543; Lakehead, 1585; Laurentian, 1300; McMaster, 5240; Ottawa, 4478; Queen's, 5966; Toronto, 20,933; Trent, 746; Waterloo, 6452; Waterloo Lutheran, 2564; Western, 8530; Windsor, 3202; and York, 3735.

York's enrolment has increased from 2659 students in 1966-67.



York Ski Club's wild weekend was more than just a success on the slopes. York student Paula Ingham, (FII) was chosen Miss Hidden Valley, and won a life membership to Hidden Valley; (worth well over \$10,000, say the H.V. people).

Expo-alive and happening at York

by Ross Howard

Expo dead and gone? Just a passing fancy, and soon forgotten? Don't bet on it--Expo is coming to York.

A five-week series of seminars on Expo as a communications happening are to be produced at York Campus by the Centre for Continuing Education, in cooperation with CBC Radio. The series are to be run 9 am to noon, with two hours of live radio coverage, from the large lecture hall in Atkinson College.

Dr. Murray Edwards, Associate Director of the Centre, told Excalibur Monday the seminars will be informal, unstructured and draw very heavily on student participation.

He said the seminars will be more like a 'happening' than simply discussions between persons instrumental in the phenomenal success of Expo, and interested students and the public.

There will be films from the various pavilions running hall, possibly including the Ontario pavilion film, A Place To Stand, plus closed circuit TV and a TV hookup with other rooms used for the seminars.

He said it is hoped to create an atmosphere of intellectual exploration in the field of communications.

Edwards hopes some of the people who created and fostered Expo will attend and address the seminars.

Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal has expressed interest in the series, and may be able to attend.

Colonel Churchill, the man responsible for the building of Expo and its islands, will probably address at least one session. The designer of Habitat is expected to attend and the former head of visual public relations with Expo has been hired to help co-ordinate and lead some of the discussions. Edwards emphasized the weekends are not to be a post-mortem on Expo, but a discover of how Expo managed to achieve the success it did.

He hopes the student body will not only come to learn, but also to fight back against speakers, challenge them,

and perhaps teach them what Expo did for the average student.

Edwards said the York student body is being asked to play host, in some ways, and is welcome to offer any ideas and suggestions they feel will help make the seminars a total involvement.

Students will be able to involve themselves in several of the technical aspects of the seminars, Edwards said.

The seminars, one for each week, with one possibly held at Glendon, are based on five themes: Expo-the Way It Was, an examination of the successful relationship between the artists and scientists of Expo; This

Smothering Environment--what an environment like Expo did to us; Ya Gotta Sell, Brother--the effect of advertising of such a massive campaign as Expo's; Wake Up, God--an examination of faith, religion and value as treated by Expo; and Images, Idiots and Idols--the effect of Expo as communications media itself.

There will be no admission charge to any of the series, which will be open to all students and the public.

Students interested in participating in the actual seminar procedure should contact Dr. Edwards, in the Centre for Continuing Education.

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