

'Not a political conference'

Vanier hosts Quebec weekend

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Vanier college council is sponsoring a conference "Canadians --

Canadiens: Two Cultures or Two Nations", at York this weekend. Topics discussed will be the state versus the individual, culture, and the constitution.

"This is not a political conference" says Kim Veltman, V4, one of the organizers.

Speakers who will appear include arts and science dean John Saywell, Pierre Trottier, from the federal department of external affairs, John Porter, a professor of sociology at Carleton, Claude Ryan, the editor of *le Devoir* and an as-yet-unnamed constitutional expert from Ottawa.

There will likely be no separatist speakers, though four were invited.

Jacques Parizeau, an economic advisor with the Parti Quebecois is still considering the invitation.

Rene Levesque was not invited.

In choosing speakers, "we were looking for individuals whom we felt could contribute something as people and we tried to avoid politicians more concerned with their image, like Rene Levesque," said Veltman.

But the separatist viewpoint might, be presented by some of the 70 Quebec students who will attend. "People from each point of view" will speak, says Veltman.

Vanier College council is subsidizing the conference by \$4,000 and the Ontario cultural exchange department is giving \$500.

Faculty organizers are Ramsey Cook, Saywell and Atkinson College dean Harry Crowe.

To lighten the proceedings, singer Monique Begin will appear Saturday night at 8:30 in the Vanier common room.

There will be four main seminars, one in each college common room. The discussion in McLaughlin College will be mainly in French.

Tickets for the week-end can be obtained free, from the Vanier master's office.



Dr. Ross returns

York administration president Murray G. Ross was back at work Monday promising "I'll be here now till spring."

Ross, 57, was admitted to Toronto General Hospital Sept. 2 to undergo an operation to remove kidney stones.

"I'm feeling a bit better than they expected," he said Tuesday, but "I'm still supposed to take it a little easy." He had not been expected back at the university until next term.

"I'll just get really going again and then I'll be leaving," he said.

Ross announced in February he would resign as York's president at the end of this school year.

Canada Briefs

Loyola won't allow disruption

MONTREAL — The administration of Loyola College took a new, hardline stance on campus disruption Tuesday, apparently to legitimize the use of police in ejecting student council president Marcel Nouvet from a meeting of the college senate last Thursday. Loyola dean of students Roderick Shearer issued the statement Tuesday declaring that the college senate had instructed him "not to permit further disruption of classes, laboratories or other academic areas." and has authorized all necessary outside help to be called in case of disruptions. Shearer was the administration officer who called police last Thursday to eject Nouvet from the senate meeting after he interrupted several speakers and refused to leave at the request of administration president Patrick Malone. Shearer's statement was issued the day before a mass student meeting called in defiance of an earlier administration order that no protests would be allowed on the campus in connection with the case of S.A. Santhanam, a physics professor dismissed by the college last year without explanation. The students are demanding binding arbitration by the Canadian Association of University Teachers in his case.

Missed curfew; girl expelled

HALIFAX — The administration of St. Mary's University suspended two women and expelled another Sunday for violating a curfew at the university residence. The students — all reported to be 17-year-olds reported in from 15 to 45 minutes late for the 2:30 am deadline at the residence. The penalties made good the threats of administration president Henry Labelle, who said last Friday that any students violating residence rules would be expelled. Residence students voted Nov. 3 to abolish unilaterally the residence curfews and other regulations prohibiting visits between male and female dwellings on the campus. In spite of backing for the action by an administration committee on student life, Labelle instead proposed a trial period of later curfews for women and extended visiting hours in male residences. The offer was refused.

Strike support rescinded

OTTAWA — The student council at Carleton University took a rap across the knuckles Monday when the students decided, at a general meeting, to rescind the council's support of a strike at a local soft drink manufacturing plant. The Carleton council originally voted to support the strike Nov. 4 after Carleton students were reported working as "scab labour" at the plant of Pure Spring Soft Drink Manufacturers in the city. Pure Spring's vice-president, Mervin Merskey, attended Monday's meeting and called the student council's support of the strike "the actions of a kangaroo court." A committee of students was set up at the invitation of Merskey to investigate the legitimacy of the union's wage demands.

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The Osgoode Hall Legal and Literary Society has passed two motions supporting the York cleaning staff if they go out on strike.

At a meeting last night the society passed the following motions:

- "that the Legal and Literary Society of Osgoode Hall supports the efforts of the Building Service Employees' International Union, Local 204 (York and Glendon) to achieve their wage demands of \$2.80 an hour (male) and \$2.30 an hour (female) on the basis that every man is entitled to a living wage."

- "The Legal and Literary Society agrees that in the event that the wage demands are not met the Legal and Literary Society will do everything in their power to encourage and persuade the students and faculty to shut down the school in honoring the picket lines for the duration of the strike."