

Council suggests tuition increase

By Laura Brown

An increase in student fees may be in the works, as a result of a motion passed at the Wednesday, November 23 student council meeting.

Tom Silverhart, finance vice president, for CYSF, proposed that the council be allocated a 23 per cent increase from the York administration. The present allocation of \$2.44 per course would increase to \$3, if the proposal is accepted by the administration. Fees for CYSF members with five courses are currently around \$17.

Council feels the fee increase is necessary because of escalating costs.

Before the new issues of the meeting were discussed, council members were asked to ratify CYSF President Paul Hayden's report, which included the executive committee's proposal to York President H. Ian MacDonald that Lecturer Jeffrey Forest be suspended.

Forest was suspended for two weeks after the November 18 incident in Central Square where a fight broke out at the York Student Movement's literature table, and the police were called in. Forest was arrested and charged with assault causing bodily harm to a York student.

Abie Weisfeld, ULS Graduate Studies representative, said that since Forest was not a student, the matter was not under council's jurisdiction. He added that the executive's decision went against the policy that a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Hayden told Weisfeld that the suspension was due to the charge against Forest. He added there were statements by three students indicating Forest was involved in the assault.

Brian Hayden, social and cultural affairs vice president, said to council that he was "just a little worried about the types of people who are hired at the university if Forest is an example."

Another issue discussed at the meeting was the \$2,577 surplus found at the conclusion of the November 7 budget meeting.

From the surplus, council agreed to add \$1,000 to Harbinger's previously allocated sum of \$2,000. Harbinger will be given \$500 immediately and the other half of the money will be given contingent on the report of vice president of student services and communications David Chodikoff on January 18, 1978.

The council also allocated \$750 from the surplus to course unions.

This allocation will depend on a report from the vice president of academic affairs on January 18, 1978.

Social and cultural affairs was given \$827 of the surplus.

Also discussed in the meeting was a petition presented by Weisfeld which had been circulating within four days after the October 31 council meeting voted to cut all funding for political groups.

The petition had over 600 signatures and Weisfeld proposed that the previous motion be rescinded. His proposal was defeated by a 10-5 vote.

Another motion made by Weisfeld to refer a suggestion of his to the finance committee was defeated. He suggested that the \$10,000 which has been earmarked to stay in the bank this year, without approval by the council of the whole, be included in a revised budget.

The meeting was concluded by a proposal by USL Vanier representative, Cheryl Pruitt "that CYSF reaffirm the previous policy and practices of non-interference on the part of CYSF or the administration regarding accessibility to information on literature tables, specifically the York Student Movement". This motion was defeated 9 against 4.

Mill president gets pie in face

REGINA (CUP) — The spilling of strikers blood on the streets of Montreal this summer led to tossing of cream pies in Regina last week.

Logan Brown, president of Robin Hood Multifoods, was hit with a cream pie while he was speaking at a

debate at the University of Regina. Brown was asked if he thought the pie was made with Robin Hood flour, and answered that he could not tell.

There was a note in the pie saying it had been thrown by a member of

the Anarchist Party of Canada (Groucho-Marxist).

Brown was in Regina to defend the shooting of eight striking workers by company-hired security guards on picket lines at Robin Hood Multifoods Ltd. in July.

The workers walked out Feb. 2 to protest a 40 cent an hour rollback by the Anti-Inflation Board.

Brown's central point when he returned to the podium after wiping the goo off his face was that the striking workers were responsible for their woundings. The strikers' disrespect for the law had provoked the incident, he said, rather than the company or the guards.

He added that controls were "like it or not, put in place by a democratically-elected federal government as a means to assist in reducing double digit inflation which of course was creating serious economic consequences in Canada."

Brown's statements were attacked by Hugh Wagner, a Saskatchewan Federation of Labour representative.

Wagner pointed out, "those wage controls were introduced by a government that had campaigned against wage controls." He said everyone does not share equally in the battle against inflation, using figures showing that while inflation has been up to 8.4 per cent, wages have been held down to six per cent. "If that's an equal sharing, then I guess I don't share in his assumptions about equality."

Brown went on to blame the whole issued on "lawlessness of the worst kind....irresponsibility of the highest order....federal attempts at mediation in an illegal strike."

According to Wagner, the tactics used in the Robin Hood dispute makes labour "damn good and angry." Wagner described it as "organized coercion."

In response to Brown's claim that the law is equal to all, Wagner asked: "How many times have you seen or ever heard of a squad of specially-trained riot police rushing into a corporate board room and beating and arresting corporate executives?"

Wagner called on students to recognize their alienation with labour: "I think it is time that we as workers and students banded together to say we do have rights. We have the right to withhold our labour. We will not take the violence, the crap and all the other abuse that's heaped on us by the corporate board rooms of this country."



Law students demand parity

MONTREAL (CUP) — Law students at Universite de Montreal occupied law faculty administration offices Nov. 21 and have followed up the one-day sit-in with a letter threatening further occupations unless their demands are met.

The students are asking for parity on committees within the law faculty that would provide for equal representation of students, professors and administrators. The committees include the educational affairs committee, the admissions board and the departmental faculty board.

According to law students association treasurer Claude Jolicoeur, students are demanding the same representation that exists

at Universite de Sherbrooke, Universite d'Ottawa, Universite du Quebec, and Universite Laval. Jolicoeur said each of these universities has equal representation of five students, five professors on their faculty boards.

At Universite de Montreal the law faculty admissions committee has one student, three professors and five administrators. The law department committee has five administrators, five professors and only one, non-voting student.

The students have won support from law faculty professors and expect to continue to boycott classes and carry out further occupations until the administration accepts the demands for parity.

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