

## White majority rules out Champlain activities

MONTREAL (CUP) — A bomb threat, objections from the school administration and phone calls from angry parents put an end to apartheid simulation day at a college in Montreal.

For one day during the anti-apartheid activities at Champlain College in St. Lambert, a suburb of Montreal, last week, race relations were to be reversed. Different areas of the college were going to be segregated along racial lines in a school where blacks make up about 8 per cent of the population and whites over 70 per cent.

"In the cafeteria, blacks and coloureds, were to have a sectioned-off area with comfortable couches, and dinner tables with table clothes. The whites only

regular cafeteria tables," according to President of the Champlain Anti-Apartheid Committee Robert Douglas, who organized the weeks' activities.

The organizers were going to put a yellow line on the floors designating where whites and blacks could walk. The two main central washrooms on the first floor were to be for blacks only. Whites would have had to use the more out of the way bathrooms on the second floor. The front door, the only fountain in the cafeteria and the main fountains on the ground floor were to be exclusively for blacks. Benches would be marked "blacks only" and "whites only". Also, the radio station was to be run by blacks. "We were going to play

music disliked by the majority of the population," said Douglas.

White students were to be the monitors in charge of enforcing this simulation apartheid.

The school administration rejected the entire proposal because they were afraid fights would break out between monitors and students. However, once 20 teachers offered to take over the "policing", the administration backed down.

But, the next morning, the director of Student Services received two phone calls from angry parents. One woman said her son should not be discriminated against and his rights should not be infringed upon, according to Douglas. She said school was "a place for education and not this

sort of thing."

Douglas was approached in the hallway by several students. "One wanted to start a petition against the day saying that we treat our blacks well at Champlain and there is no reason whites here should have to pay for the problems of apartheid."

Another student with similar complaints said she had never heard of apartheid, Douglas said. After talking to both students for less than 15 minutes, they had changed their minds, he added.

However a bomb threat put an end to the good will.

Someone from within the college phoned the Director of Student Services Andre LeBlanc and said if the apartheid day went ahead, they would explode a

bomb in the school.

According to LeBlanc, the call was probably an idle threat, however, if they got such a call, the school would have to be evacuated and closed for the day.

"We had to pull the plug on the whole project," said Douglas, "but because of the controversy at least people have had to think about it."

Douglas had to call the CBC's "Journal" and local newspapers, who were going to cover the event, to say the day was off.

"I am black and I think I would have learned something as well," said Douglas. "I would have felt very guilty that day. Apartheid and racism not only hurts those who suffer from it but the people who enforce it too."

## College caught

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The collapse of the Alberta-based Northlands Bank last week left Douglas College's student union president facing impeachment charges and the council holding its breath for \$16,000 of uninsured term deposits.

Without consultation student union president Michael Glavin put \$76,000 of which only \$60,000 was insured into term deposits at the Northlands because it offered the highest interest rate.

But when the bank, which NDP finance critic Nelson Riis said had "hints of a loan shark to it" for its higher interest rates, became insolvent, Glavin did not report the possible loss to the newly elected student council. He said the issue was "virtually resolved" by the time council met.

"We have received \$60,000 of our original investment, leaving a balance owing to us of \$16,000," said Glavin at the time.

However, the student newspaper The Other Press discovered that only \$26,000 had been returned from Northlands.

"So far we've received \$26,000," admitted Wayne Schmuland, the council secretary.

"The rest, including the \$16,000, we'll get within five weeks, guaranteed by CDIC (Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation)" But Glavin admitted this was just a verbal guarantee.

Marg Fartaczek, a council

member, said Glavin ignored a society bylaw which states "all business or financial transactions on behalf of the council shall be approved by the council."

"They (executive council members) decided that policy would come out of the executive rather than the council which is bullshit. The final responsibility has to be the council according to (bylaw 3-1," she said.

Fartaczek said Glavin should resign and threatened to begin impeachment proceedings.

According to Glavin there are some areas in which the executive has to act on its own." Financial things have to be kept going," he said.

Glavin said he knew the constitution restricted his actions but said, "It's difficult to get council approval when you can't get quorum at council meetings."

He said the money had been in deposits which had come to term and he felt he had to do something with it.

"Otherwise we would have had a wheelbarrow full of cash at our doorstep."

"I would have been negligent to leave that kind of money in a chequing account."

"I brought the matter to the council afterwards and they were more than happy about it."

The council meeting minutes do not include a motion indicating council approval.

## National universities week

Dr. C. William J. Eliot will be installed as the third president of the University of Prince Edward Island on Saturday October 19 at a ceremony in Dr. Steel Recital Hall. The Installation marks the beginning of National Universities Week across Canada, and the University has planned several outstanding events to mark the special week. NUW has been proclaimed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, and its theme is 'extending ideas into the community'.

Chairman of NUW is Professor Arthur Zimmermann. Free of charge the Planetarium will feature A Comet called Halley, based on Halley's comet due to appear in 1986. Show times are 1:30, 3:00 and 4:15 p.m. Tours of the Atlantic Veterinary College site may be made on Saturday, October 26, at 2 and 3 o'clock, by telephoning for reservations at 566-0825.

A panel discussion and a debate are set for Monday and Tuesday respectively. The panelists will discuss Why Canada Needs Uni-

versities, with discussants President C.W.J. Eliot, Professors Reshard Gool, Lawson Drake, Roger Black, and senior student Carolyn Ryan. It will be presented in the faculty lounge, Main Building, Monday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The debate will resolve that A Causeway should be built with student debaters Barry Linkletter, Luke Triantafillou, Scott Pryor, and Peter Hunt. It will be held in the Robertson Lecture Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

The Alumni will mark NUW with a luncheon at Inn on the Hill, with William W. Wedlock, chairman of the Board of Governors, as guest speaker.

A lunchtime concert by the Music Department will be presented in the Student Lounge at noon on Wednesday. That evening at 8 o'clock, writer-in-residence Silver Don Cameron will read from his works in the Faculty Lounge.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings Dr. Eliot will visit

Summerside and Souris, respectively, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., as a guest speaker of the UPEI Board of Governors.

The Venerables Present, a performance featuring senior citizens in sketches, monologues and song will be presented in the Dr. Steel Recital Hall on Friday at 12 o'clock. During recent weeks the presentation has been performed at several Island centres with great success. It is produced by the Island Community Theatre. No fee is charged.

In sports Alumni basketball is slated for Friday October 25: women's teams play at 6:30 p.m. and men's at 8:00 p.m. on Friday. UPEI hockey meets Acadia on Saturday, October 26 at 7 p.m. A strong possibility exists that soccer playoffs will be held on campus Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th.

Throughout the week Channel 10 Cablevision has allotted time for 15-minute interviews with UPEI professors and students at 6:45 p.m.