



Student Council to Drop O'Keefe ban

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STUDENT Council is considering whether or not to drop a ban on serving Carling O'Keefe products in the Panther Lounge. The 15-month old ban was imposed as a gester against apartheid because of O'Keefe's ownership by Toronto-based Rothmans Inc., a South African controlled company.

The student council of the university of Victoria in B.C. is also about to end its a 16-month boycott of Carling O'Keefe products. They plan to lift the ban when Rothmans fin-

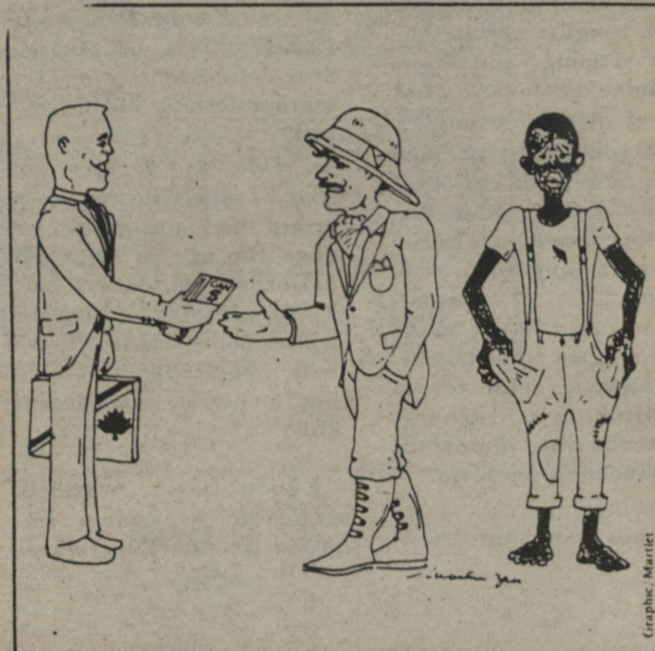
ishes selling its 50.1 per cent interest in Carling to the Australian firm.

Until recently, Statistics Canada had listed both Carling and Rothmans as South African controlled, but placed their ownership status under review about two months ago. Anti-apartheid groups, however, argue that profits from Rothmans flow back to South African citizens such

as industrialist Aton Rupert via parent corporations.

O'Keefe produces brand such as Carlsberg and Miller beers which, until the ban, were very popular with UPEI students. According to Holly Good, Entertainment Director for the Student Union, Carling O'Keefe was a "major sponsor" of events at the Barn.

UPEI Student council decided to keep the ban in place until clear evidence is available that all South African ties to Carling O'Keefe have been removed. Once that is available, hopefully before the end of the semester, an executive decision will be made to reinstate the products.



Katimavik a year away from revival, officials say

Ottawa (CUP) - One year has passed since Liberal Senator and Katimavik founder Jacques Hebert staged a dramatic and heavily publicized hunger strike to protest cancellation of the federal youth program, and it appears another year will have to pass before Katimavik resumes full operations.

Guy de Grandpre, a Katimavik official and aide to Hebert, said monies donated to the now privately operated program have not been fully forwarded, which has led to delays in reviving the program.

"We have to be patient," de Grandpre said. "We would like a faster process, but we have reason to believe the program will be back on its feet within 12 months."

The Progressive Conservative government cancelled Katimavik last year on the grounds that the program, founded 12 years ago by Hebert, was not cost-effective.

Finance Minister Micheal Wilson also cited as a factor the government's drive to reduce the federal deficit.

The nine-month, three-stage program brought volunteer youth from across the country to three separate communities to work on various projects. Volunteers were given \$1 a day, and a \$1,000 bursary on completion of the program.

Hebert ended his 21-day hunger strike, which he held outside Senate chambers on Parliament Hill, when he received assurances that sufficient funding had been pledged from non-government sources.

Katimavik officials first predicted that the program would be in full swing again by last fall. However, not enough promised money has come in.

Although the federal government spent about \$19.7 million on Katimavik in 1985, de Grandpre said only \$400,000 to \$500,000 is needed to run the revised, smaller Katimavik. He would not say how much

money has been raised.

When the program resumes, it will closely resemble the format of its predecessor, except that youth in the final stage of the program will start and operate their own community business.

Hebert, who once called Katimavik a beacon in the night" to describe former governments' commitment to youth, said the death of Katimavik represented the attitudes of the current government towards youth.

"Katimavik wasn't much, but at least it was something," said de Grandpre. "Now we don't even have anything."

The Conservatives pledged to announce a youth program to replace Katimavik, but so far have announced only "Innovations", a program emphasizing entrepreneurial skills for underemployed youth. Hebert, though saying a Tory attempt to replace Katimavik would be "laughable", credited Inno-

vations for at least making an attempt to curb youth unemployment.

"Anything that is helping even one young person is helping the future," Hebert said. Ottawa is committed to spending \$10 million through three years on Innovations.

Jean Charest, Minister of State for Youth, said "Katimavik did not address the problems that young people face in the '80s."

However, critics say the Mulroney government has done nothing to substantially help youth. The

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UPEI wins back trophy from Holland College

The UPEI debating team showed the world of university debating in Charlottetown where the skill is March 10th at an annual debating competition.

UPEI was represented by Barry Linkletter, a third-year Chemistry major, and Jamie Rice, a political studies major. Both were well praised by the judges, and showed terrific oratory skill and good argumentation. The debating trophy, which was won by Holland College last year will now be harboured in

the realms of UPEI, a tradition that will hopefully continue.

The resolution debated at this year's competition was: "Be it resolved that the Canadian government would be more effective if the Senate consisted of an equal number of Senate appointed by each provincial government for the term of office."

Congratulations to Jamie and Barry for a topic well debated. Our team now goes on to the national competitions to be held later this year.