

November 9th is National Student Day

November 9th must be a day unlike any other on Canadian post-secondary campuses.

A national co-ordinating committee made up of provincial and national representatives of Canada's student unions have established November 9th as National Student Day, a day in which post-secondary students can express their concern about the future development of post-secondary education, impact of higher tuition fees, regressive changes in student aid, unemployment and the injustices dealt society by economic controls.

National Student Day was created by an unanimous vote of delegates attending the 4th annual conference of the National Union of Students held in Winnipeg May 16, 1976.

It came as a response to the growing lack of awareness of student issues in Canada both by students and society at large.

Individual students' unions and the various student organizations in Canada have thrown their support and participation behind national Student Day. The Provincial organizations include, the British Columbia Student Federation, (BCSF), the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), the newly formed Saskatchewan Association of Students (SAS), the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) and the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS).

But what happens on National Student Day? Why is November 9th going to be a day unlike any other?

Most activities and programs will be organized on a local level and as such will vary from campus to campus but the national co-ordinating committee has been established to keep those local activities from happening in isolation. It makes sure that the learning and action carried out for National Student Day is mutually supportive and contributes to the national effect.

The co-ordinating committee will also keep the national campaign in order. It has already issued introductory leaflets and a poster announcing the coming day.

At an August 1st meeting in Ottawa, the co-ordinating committee decided that to make sure the day could be educational, and to allow for campus-to-campus differences they would not insist that National Student Day be a boycott of classes. Rather, they said, the day could be one of study-sessions, teach-ins or general assemblies of the student population.

After much discussion about financial barriers to education and the need to remove them, the committee decided to focus the majority of National Student Day campaign on the accessibility to education question and the related social service cutbacks.

Those other issues, of tuition, student aid, and employment, all of which relate directly to accessibility will be played alongside the campaign.

Local campaigns will also include discussions of the content of community college curriculums, the cutbacks in research funding, meritocracy, decision-making in and about post-second-

ary education, and manpower training courses.

Four kinds of NSD material have been proposed for national co-ordination. These include posters, leaflets, pamphlets, and a detailed declaration and explanation of National Student Day concerns.

The on-campus campaign which has already begun includes introductory material making students aware that National Student Day is November 9th. The campaign will then progress into materials and events which would help to educate the student and his/her community about National Student Day concerns and issues.

The program will conclude with the presentation of the declaration of concerns to the eleven governments on November 9th.

According to sources within the provincial organization, BCSF has formed a provincial co-ordinating committee despite the obstacle of community college inactivity during the

summer. The BC universities and some colleges have chosen their contact people and co-ordinators and are meeting to discuss how and where information would be distributed.

Because of the stress of the campus initiative nature of NDS, the BC students have rejected a province wide demonstration on the BC legislature.

Because BC is a province with severe unemployment tuition increases coming, and highly visible cutbacks in the education sector, these are the issues of

financial accessibility which will be stressed in this province.

The members of the Federation of Alberta Students have plans to publish a province-wide distributed newspaper with which to help publicize the issues and events for National Student Day.

The Alberta students have indicated a definite reluctance to initiate boycotts but they have had luck in the past in getting large turnouts of students to general meetings.

Organization efforts in Saskatchewan will begin after a fall conference of students interested in forming the Saskatchewan Association of Students.

Committees have already been formed at two of the Manitoba campuses. Major concerns of Day organizers here include the serious lack of classroom space in community colleges, tuition increases, and cutbacks in educational spending.

Most campuses in Ontario have chosen organizers and have set up a provincial co-ordinating committee. As a major priority of the Ontario Federation of Students the co-ordinating committee will be holding workshops on organizing campus activities.

Many campuses in the Atlantic have started to plan for their participation. Those campuses have relatively close links with their surrounding community which will be a great benefit to the effort.

National Student Day, is the official day of concern for all Canadian post-secondary students.



You know you live in Bernadine :

- when you still think a guy is a WOLF when he wants a kiss on the first date!

- when your entire dinner conversation centers around men and the stories - not necessarily in that order!

- when you wonder how the guys in Memorial can sell oregano at such ridiculous prices!

- when you play "You See Thing" twenty times to convince yourself you're ready to go out!

- when the girl who comes to tell you you're boyfriend is on the phone already has a date with him that night!

- when you're don is waiting for you when you try and sneal through the window - at 8 a.m.

- when you order a pizza from Little Caesar's 'cause you know he'll be the only man you'll see all night!

- when the only time you get crust bedsheets is when you spill your bedtime milk!

- when you skip classes 'cause you can't decide if your eye shadow matches your sweater!

- when you can only walk across the campus in pairs, go to the cafeteria with five, and the Pig with twelve!

The Conspiracy

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highest! GLORY TO GOD

sunday worship

IN THE CHAPEL

holy eucharist 10 a.m.

according to the ANGLICAN rite

morning prayer 11:15am

alleluia! Sing to the Lord a new song, let the congregation of the faithful praise Him!

psalm 149. v1

HOLY.. HOLY.. HOLY