

Canadian University Press DATELINE

Acadia votes to retain CUS ties

WOLFVILLE—Acadia University students have decided to remain in the Canadian University of Students.

Acadia has been wavering all fall in a controversy surrounding CUS involvement in political issues.

When the vote was taken, however, there was little doubt about the decision. Students' council voted to adopt a committee report recommending they stay in the 160,000 member national union.

Councillors voted 17-4, with one abstention, to hang onto their CUS ties.

CUS chairman Jim Coombs resigned after the meeting saying "personal reasons" were behind the move. He had favored withdrawal from CUS.

Named to replace Coombs was David Chanter, a political science student at Acadia. He will do a study on the role of Acadia's local CUS committee while serving the rest of Coomb's term which would have ended in January.

Loyola favors UGEQ

MONTREAL—Loyola College voted to join l'Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec.

Students voted for UGEQ over the Canadian University of Students by a majority of nearly 2-1. This mandate is taken as binding on the Loyola executive.

The two-part ballot asked first whether students wanted to join both UGEQ and CUS and second which, if either, they preferred.

1,366 of Loyola's 2,661 students voted. 367 voted yes to joining both organizations, 527 voted no, and 348 students voted "neither" in response to the first question. Of the two national student unions, 651 preferred UGEQ while 261 favored CUS.

Loyola had dropped out of CUS Sept. 3, in order to permit objective discussion and unprejudiced decisions. Members from both organizations were invited to speak on campus.

CUS president Doug Ward said he favored Loyola joining both unions, but added if only one were to be chosen, it should be UGEQ.

Drop morality charges

TORONTO—Morality charges laid against two girls and 24 men after a police raid on a University of Toronto men's fraternity were dropped in magistrate's court recently.

The charges against the 26 involved in the Nov. 17 raid on the Phi Kappa Pi fraternity house were dropped because of "insufficient evidence", one of the men said.

Five of the men were charged with keeping a common bawdy house, the other 19 were charged as found-ins. The two girls were charged as "inmates of a bawdy house".

"To prove we were running a common bawdy house the police would have had to catch us in the act—they didn't", one of the men said.

U of C—"barnyard morals"

CALGARY—A Calgary public school trustee recently criticized the University of Calgary's new policy of allowing women visiting privileges in the men's residences.

"Women visiting men in their rooms was wrong in 1896, was still wrong in 1926, and is wrong today," Harald Gunderson said.

"It's just another example of the barnyard morals on the U of C campus," Mr. Gunderson said.

However, Charles Linton, assistant to the university president, said the university would be shirking its duty as an educating body if it did not seek to develop a sense of responsibility in students.

"If we are going to develop young people with a sense of responsibility, we must do it while they are here."

"Most of the graduate students are 21 years of age or older and meet all the requirements of the law with respect to anything they want to do", he said.

Under the new visiting program, women will be allowed to visit graduate students in their rooms and undergraduates in the residence floor lounges.

Mr. Gunderson is the education beat reporter for the Calgary Herald.

Drinking lessons

SUDBURY—Laurentian University will begin the fight against alcoholism by teaching its students how to drink properly.

The newly-formed Canadian Pub Advisory Committee plans to establish a student social centre to provide a "congenial atmosphere in which students may meet and learn an intelligent and temperate use of alcoholic beverages".

The centre will also offer opportunities for imaginative persons to introduce features of French and ethnic cultures.

Canadians aloof from politics

Canadians are more aloof from politics than citizens of any other nation, says the chief of Southam News Services.

"Personalities rather than issues dominate the Canadian political scene," said Charles Lynch, Wednesday at the Law School Forum.

Prime Minister Lester Pearson is one of the most puzzling figures, he said.

"Supremely successful as a diplomat, Mr. Pearson is trying to apply the methods that worked so well in diplomacy to politics," said Mr. Lynch.

"He makes no firm stand on any issue," he said. "It may seem Pearson has a rubber spine."

However, Pearson is now more firmly entrenched in the party than ever before. "The idea that he will voluntarily step down may not be realistic," said Mr. Lynch.

"But there is shuffling in the ranks behind him for the line of succession."

Secretary of State for External Affairs, Paul Martin would probably take over the government on a caretaker basis if Pearson dropped dead tomorrow, he said.

NUMBER ONE

Otherwise he is low on the succession list, said Mr. Lynch.

"The number one claim for leader is Paul Hellyer," he said. "Hellyer announced a radical, revolutionary policy and is standing firm."

It seems that he can provide leadership, instead of swaying with the winds of change as Pearson does.

"Mitchell Sharp, number two, has caught the imagination of the country for the same reason as Hellyer," said Mr. Lynch. "He announces a policy and does not swerve from it."

Other possibilities for Liberal leadership include Allan McKechan, the only exciting and effective speaker in the Commons; Joe Green, who disguises himself as a resident of the Ottawa valley though he lives in Toronto; and John Turner, the sex appeal candidate.

Walter Gordon is a has-been, Mr. Lynch said.

OUTSTANDING FIGURE

Leader of the Progressive Conservative party, John Diefenbaker, has been the "most outstanding political figure in Canada."

He is the architect of the greatest political victory the country has ever seen, he said. "It is doubtful if such a fantastic victory will ever be repeated again."

However, Diefenbaker has been virtually repudiated by his party, said Mr. Lynch.

"The men behind him are not as exciting a group as the Liberals."

The Diefenbaker loyalists include Michael Starr, whose Ukrainian background might attract the ethnic minorities but who is a quiet, unambitious figure, and Gordon Churchill, the most loyal supporter.

Others contesting the leadership are George Hees, the most handsome and sexiest politician in the world; Davie Fulton, spokesman for the PC intellectual wing; and three Liberal premiers, Duff Roblin, John Robarts, and Robert Stanfield.

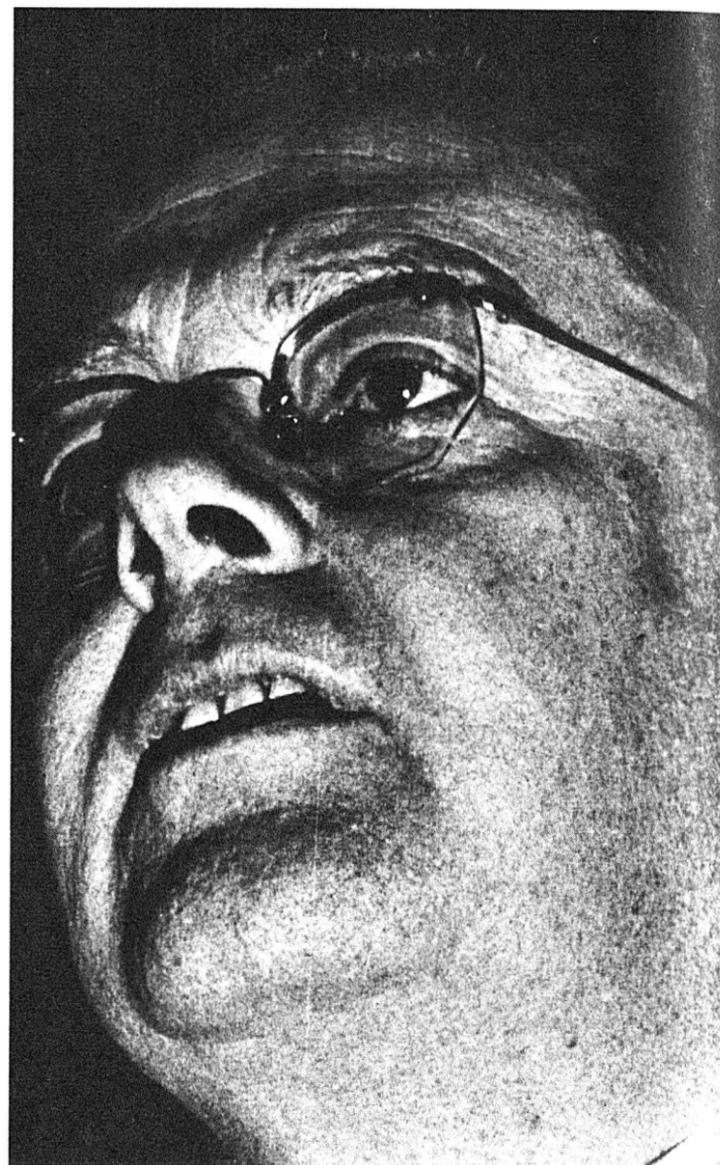
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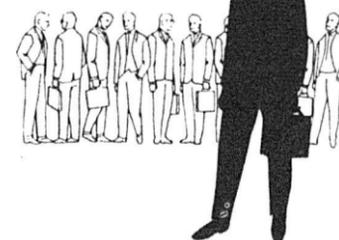
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