

- Council Shorts - Varsity Enrolment To More Than Double In Ten Years

Campaign practices and other aspects of Students' Union-sponsored elections are to be investigated by a newly formed committee.

This committee will consist of Students' Union Secretary-Treasurer Lionel Jones as Chairman, two other members of Council, Major Hooper, and a graduating student.

This action was prompted by a letter from A. A. Ryan, Executive Assistant to the President, written earlier in the term which stated that complaints had been received regarding interruptions of classes, defacing of buildings by tacks and tape on posters, and other incidents.

Considerable discussion as to the composition of the committee took place. Peter Hyndman, Co-ordinator of Students' Activities maintained that a broader outlook could be obtained by including on the committee people not members of Council. This was opposed by Andy Stewart, med rep, and the law rep.

The suggestion that this committee investigate all election campaigns was considered impractical as it has no jurisdiction over many of these.

For the first time in several years the Authors, Composers, and Publishers Association of Canada is demanding payment of copyright fees from several student dances.

Letters written to 11 Canadian universities inquiring about their position revealed that 4 or 5 paid these fees and the rest had never been bothered with them. It is thought that the Association previously considered these fees too small to bother collecting, but now they are starting to stiffen up. Council

recommended that any club receiving letters demanding payment ignore them for the time being. NFCUS rep Dave McLean is continuing his investigation in an effort to ascertain whether there is a way to avoid paying.

Council announced that students would be allowed to eat their lunches in the following rooms. Med 2112, MP 113, Ag 150, Arts 132, Arts 135 (women only), and Admin. 8.

Two Japanese students who proposed last summer to visit the campus and then dropped out of sight have suddenly shown up in Los Angeles. Council received a letter from them reiterating their desire to visit our campus in June.

Council recommended that a letter be sent to these students advising them that there is no one on campus at that time. The students are equipped with films and slides on Japanese life.

Bruce Rawson, president of the National Federation of Canadian University Students sat in on Tuesday's Council meeting, and gave a short talk on the NFCUS scholarship plan.

Various aspects of the plan, which calls for 10,000 \$600 scholarships from the federal government, were questioned.

The matter of more telephones for residences has been dropped by Council. Com rep Ken Campbell stated that new phones for the nurses residence would entail another switchboard operator, and the Administration considered the cost of this prohibitive. New telephones in the two men's residences would entail new trunk lines, which are expensive, and as new residences are to be constructed soon, the expense is not justified.

Enrolment in Canadian universities increased 62% in the last eight years and is likely to rise another 125% by 1970.

Edward F. Sheffield, in a Canadian Universities Foundation pamphlet on "Financial Needs of Canadian Universities," reports that old Universities are expanding and new ones being established in almost every province.

"Ten years ago the Universities were just recovering from the exhausting but rewarding task of providing for the extra thousands of veterans who had dominated the lecture rooms after their return from military service."

"Enrolment was declining: it sank to a post-war low of 63,000 full-time students in 1952-53. Revenues were inadequate. Old buildings were in need of repair; new ones which

should have been built during the previous decade were still on the drawing boards."

Then began a new era of growth and expansion which is still gathering momentum. Enrolment rose to 102,000 in 1959-60, and is expected to top 229,000 by 1970-71.

COSTS RISING

In 1959-60 there were about 8,000 full-time teachers and research workers in Canadian Universities and Colleges, or one for every 13 full-time students. To maintain this ratio staff numbers must rise to 18,000 in 1970-71.

Unfortunately, operating costs have risen even faster than enrolment. Operating expenditure by Canadian Universities ten years ago was approximately \$700 per full-time student. It has more than doubled. This year the average cost is about \$1,500.

There are several reasons for these rising costs. Labor, materials, and

supplies have all gone up. So have salaries.

Ten years ago the median salary for professors in Canadian Universities was \$4,203. Today it is approximately \$8,000.

ALBERTA EXPANSION SEEN IN CANADA

Expansion of graduate studies and research account for much of the rise in cost, for these are the most expensive of University operations.

University of Alberta's expansion program is, according to Mr. Sheffield's report, the most ambitious in Canada, with the exception of University of Toronto's. Alberta's scheduled ten year expenditure (1955-65) is about \$63 million. Toronto's is \$79 million. The total for all of Canada will probably be at least \$700 million.

Of this proposed expenditure about 14 per cent will go to the humanities and social sciences for instruction and research facilities, 37 per cent to the biological and physical sciences, 7 per cent for libraries, 17 per cent for residential, dining and social facilities, 5 per cent for athletic facilities, and the remaining 20 per cent for administration and unclassified buildings.

Mr. Sheffield reports that in 1957 Canadian Universities were able to accommodate 19 per cent of their students in residence. New building has just enabled them to hold this percentage to date.

By 1965, if planned residences materialize, approximately 22 per cent of Canadian students will be accommodated.

NFCUS Main Concern Is Higher Education In Canada

By Richard Kupsch

The problem of the crisis in higher education will be the major concern of the National Federation of Canadian University Students this year, stated Bruce Rawson, NFCUS president, in an interview with The Gateway.

Mr. Rawson is paying a brief, unofficial visit to this campus.

The crisis, Mr. Rawson explained, is the number of potential University students who are unable to attend University because of financial difficulties.

For this reason NFCUS proposed its \$6,000,000 scholarship plan, which is to be financed by the federal government. Under the plan, 10,000 scholarships, valued at \$600 each, would be made available to Canadian University students.

REDUCE PRESSURE ON PARENTS
NFCUS is asking that the government provide the financial share of the student's higher education that parents would normally supply. This has been calculated by NFCUS to be in excess of the \$600 being asked.

Present scholarships are only for students with high academic standing, Mr. Rawson pointed out. "This is only a small percentage of our University population," he said.

NFCUS is preparing a brief on the subject, which it will present to the federal government in the near future. It is hoped by NFCUS that the cost of the brief will be absorbed by contributions from industries which recognize the crisis in higher education.

CANADA LAGGING

"We are far behind the United States in the number of potential students who will assimilate a University education," he explained. "The United States is far behind the United Kingdom, and all look pitiful when compared to the USSR."

Internationally, we should be supplying technicians and leadership, he stated. "If we cannot fulfill our own needs," he said, "how can we fulfill our obligation to the international world? We are not accepting our responsibilities."

Commenting on Finance Minister Fleming's "baby budget", Mr. Rawson stated that it satisfied the demands of NFCUS and the Canadian Association of Medical Students and Internes for tax relief for University students through the deduction of fees.

"NFCUS has always felt that University fees should be considered on a par with professional fees, which have been deductible," he said. The new legislation will allow the student who files his own income tax and the parent who claims a University student as a dependent to deduct the fees.

"This is a step in the right direction, but it is not a final answer to the problem of higher education," he said.

Administration Briefs

The Board of Governors studied first draft plans for new University residences at a meeting last week. Several changes were suggested. The provincial department of public works is designing the buildings.

"It takes time to develop satisfactory plans," Dr. W. H. Johns, U of A president, said. "We intend to build residences that will last 100 years." He noted that "about a dozen designs were prepared and studied when we were building the Biological Sciences Building."

Chief purpose of the meeting was the University's annual budget.

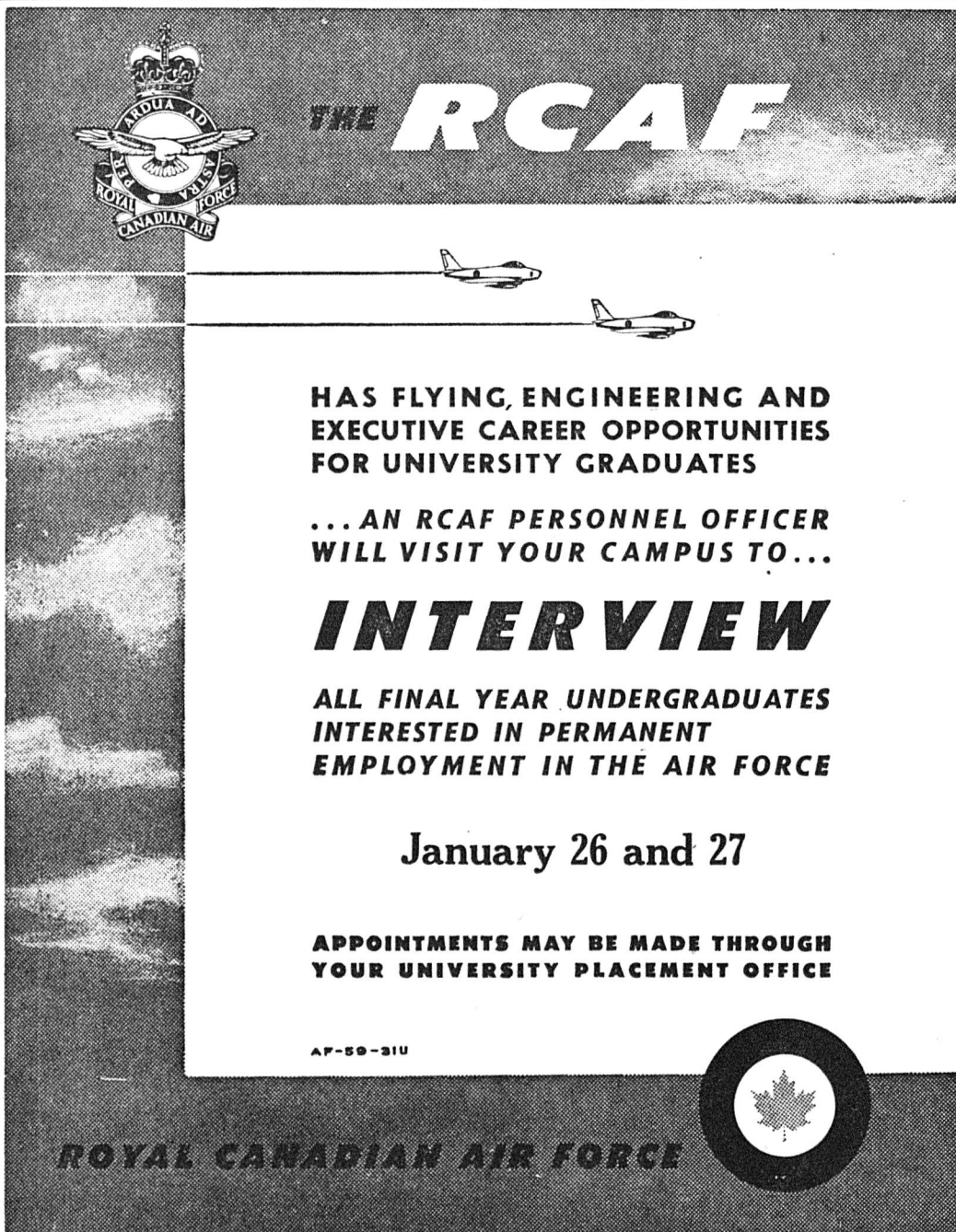
E. W. Hinman, provincial treasurer, said that if the federal government's offer of loans from the National Housing Administration for University residences proves more advantageous to the U of A than the provincial government's scheme to raise money from private investors, the NHA money will be used.

"The federal offer improves our chances," Dr. Johns stated. Later he noted that the University would work on satisfactory plans first, then seek a method of finance. He is "personally opposed to any method whereby the University would not have complete control of the buildings."

Tenders for the University of Alberta at Calgary's new gymnasium will be called soon, Arthur Arnold, deputy works minister, stated. The \$850,000 structure is to be ready "early in the spring."

A library has been proposed for UAC, with possible completion in the fall of 1952.

UAC has acquired a cosmic ray research laboratory, perched on the north peak of Sulphur Mountain, near Banff. The laboratory was formerly owned by the National Research Council. It is located at an elevation of 7,485 feet, and is the nearest such lab to the north magnetic pole.



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