

Canadian University Press DATELINE

Expo '67 Slammed by CUS

LENNOXVILLE—The Youth Pavilion of Expo '67 may not be finished in time for the exposition, and there is little hope that its design will reflect the needs and aspirations of young Canadians.

This was the consensus of discussions during the recent congress of the Canadian Union of Students at Bishop's University. CUS has been one of the organizations sponsoring the Pavilion, as a member of a Youth Advisory Committee.

Patrick Kenniff, president of the union, reported that the whole concept of the pavilion has been altered from the original plans drawn up a year ago by the advisory committee.

The pavilion has been moved from the Theme sector to the Recreation sector and will be built by the Coca-Cola company.

The area for creative exhibits along cultural and social themes has been de-emphasized in favor of a dance area and coffee shop.

These changes were announced without prior consultation with the advisory committee.

When a request for reconsideration, passed unanimously by the Youth Advisory Committee, was not answered satisfactorily by the Expo Corporation, several of the youth and student organizations withdrew from participation in the project, among them the Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec.

A substantial number of the delegates at the CUS Congress favored immediate withdrawal from the project, but the majority supported Mr. Kenniff's suggestion that the board of CUS be authorized to withdraw in November if the Pavilion has not been changed to give a balanced picture of Canadian youth as suggested by their representative organizations.

Increased Grants Promised

OTTAWA—Opposition Leader John Diefenbaker has told a delegation from the Canadian Union of Students his party would work to solve university financial problems.

He said that Conservative policy is to raise per capita grants for university students from \$2 to \$3, adding that this should be enough to eliminate tuition fees in most cases.

Mr. Diefenbaker attacked Prime Minister Pearson for calling the election at a time when students were between home and residence.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 students may lose their votes unless they return to their hometowns for the November 8 election.

The Opposition leader charged Mr. Pearson with gross disregard in calling the election without looking into the Canada Elections Act.

Calling education a major issue in the campaign, Mr. Diefenbaker showed the CUS delegation a Liberal Party campaign booklet admitting as a weakness "a disenchantment of youth, especially in the universities."

Day Of Student Action

OTTAWA—Patrick Kenniff, president of the Canadian Union of Students has said CUS will hold its national day of student action in favor of free education Oct. 27.

The day to dramatize CUS demands is part of the program adopted at the recent congress of the student union with the elimination of tuition fees marked as the first priority.

Actions taken Oct. 27 will vary from campus to campus. Teach-ins, a march on provincial legislatures, boycotts of classes, and demonstrations were mentioned as possibilities at the congress.

Enrolment Over 200,000

OTTAWA—The number of university students in Canada may have passed 200,000.

The Canadian Universities Foundation has predicted that full-time university enrolment will increase from 178,238 last year to about 200,900 this year. Their forecast last year was only 800 above the result.

Actual enrolment this year will not be known until some time in October.

However, the CUF predictions are based on rather shaky assumptions. Female enrolment last year was over 53,000 rather than the predicted 49,700, while male enrolment was more than 4,000 lower than expected.

Even with the unexpected high increase in female enrolment during the last few years, less than a third of university students are female.

The big six universities—Montreal, Toronto, British Columbia, Laval, Alberta, and McGill—will probably continue to provide the majority of Canadian students. Last year they held 54 per cent of the full-time enrolment at Canadian universities.

CUS Investigates WUS

LENNOXVILLE—The Canadian Union of Students has voted to investigate its entire relationship with World University Service of Canada.

At the recent CUS Congress at Bishop's University, delegates expressed concern that little factual knowledge was available about WUSC finances.

One Maritime delegate said: "We know that we pay for it, but we know very little in addition. We have heard of Treasure Van, but not where its profits go."

Some delegates complained that when they had asked for budgetary information about WUSC in the past, they had been unable to obtain it.

Professionals Tackle Campus Traffic Problems



CAMPUS PARKING

—Driscoll photo

... experts to tackle problem

The U of A has engaged two professional traffic consultants to make a study of campus traffic problems.

H. R. Burton, a Toronto Traffic Engineering Consultant with H. G. Acres & Co. Ltd., and Dr. V. S. Pendakur, a Transportation Specialist with Associated Engineering Services of Edmonton, have just completed a preliminary report.

J. R. B. Jones, Director of Campus Planning and Development, explained that the preliminary report set forth the terms of reference for the major study. The major report, to begin shortly, should take about a year to complete.

"Information gained from questionnaires filled in by students during registration will be used in the study," said Mr. Jones. Similar information will be obtained from members of the faculty and administration.

The two consultants will make additional surveys and will investigate City of Edmonton Planning Studies.

"Parking structures will probably be recommended," said Mr. Jones.

Also to be studied are the problems of traffic flow on arteries on the campus, the need for widening streets, the creation of one-way streets and the need for bus terminals.

Four Positions Left Vacant By Resignations

Resignations in the past week have resulted in four more vacancies in student union positions.

Peter Carpenter resigned as senior living in member of the SUB supervisory service. He has taken a position at Alberta College.

Robert Johnson, formerly director of the personnel board, resigned due to academic pressure.

Randy Langley resigned as director of the signboard directorate.

Steve Cox, no longer attending U of A, leaves the position of WUS chairman.

Eric Hayne, Secretary-Treasurer of the Student's Council, said last Thursday that the number of resignations this year is not unusual but are expected each fall as students change faculties or fail to return to university.

Smoking Forbidden In Lectures

University regulations forbidding smoking in classrooms are still in effect, says Provost A. A. Ryan.

He reminds students that smoking is not only a fire hazard but distracts students during lectures and causes damage to floors and woodwork.

Suggestions for improvements for between-class relaxation will be welcomed by caretaking services.

He says faculty members will be asked in the next issue of the staff bulletin to cooperate also.

Wealthy Widow's Estate Leaves Six Million to U of A

Six million dollars have been willed to the University of Alberta by Mrs. Izaak Walton Killam, widow of the former head of Calgary Power Ltd.

In accordance with Mrs. Killam's wishes, \$4 million will be set aside for the establishment of a Killam memorial salary fund to pay the salaries of permanent teaching staff.

The remainder is to be used to establish at least two chairs for post-graduate work in the scientific or engineering fields.

Advanced study scholarships and endowment funds have also been

provided for in the will, but the value of these has still not been calculated.

Mrs. Killam, Canada's wealthiest widow, died in late July at the age of 62, leaving an estate of \$100 million.

Twenty-three million dollars of this estate was left to Dalhousie University, University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, the Montreal Neurological Institute, and a children's hospital in Halifax.

Public University Called For

QUEBEC—The first congress of the students' association at Laval University has called for the creation of a public, non-confessional corporation to run the school.

Demanding the abolition of Laval's royal and papal charters, the students have asked that a provincial charter be established. This would turn Laval into a provincial university similar in status to most universities in English Canada.

Under the suggested system, the board of directors of the university would be made up of representatives named by the professors, students, and the Quebec government. This would go a long way toward democratizing the university, according to the brief.

French Canada's universities, though theoretically private, depend heavily on public financing. The move, if adopted, would complete the long trend in Quebec toward the secular university.