

Berry resigns from student council

Says he will no longer serve on a council that insists on being irrelevant

By KEN BAILEY

Students' council was shaken by the unprecedented resignation of education representative, Greg Berry, from council Monday.

"I will no longer serve on a council that insists on being irrelevant," stated Berry.

His resignation was provoked by council's refusal to act on a proposal made by him concerning the selection of a new university president to succeed Dr. W. H. Johns in August.

The Board of Governors have offered students three seats on the selection committee. Students' council decided that: one seat would be given to grad students, one to a member of students' council, and one to be determined by the personnel board.

Greg Berry proposed that the selection committee act only as an election committee.

He proposed that this "election committee" accept any nomination backed by 100 members of the university community. Then the committee would organize a free election in which all students and faculty become eligible to vote for candidates running for the office of president.

Council did not approve of this proposal.

Greg Berry stood up and resigned.

Speaking to Berry, president of the students' council Marilyn Pilkington asked, "Can you tell me of one thing you have contributed to council in the past year?"

Berry answered, "I try to present a different point of view."

"By defeating this motion, it is again clearly evident that the current students' council has no intention of serving the best interests of the student body," said Berry in his resignation.

Earlier in the evening council caught itself floundering over whether the students' union should support the three universities fundraising campaign.

President of the university, Dr. W. H. Johns and Mr. Rodney Pike, an Edmonton businessman, explained to council why the campaign was necessary.

Apparently the provincial government can only raise \$185 million for university capital expenditures (buildings, land) in the next five years. The Boards of Governors of the three Alberta universities do not feel this will be enough to cover university needs due to increased enrolment.

The Boards of Governors would like students to support the campaign "through projects that show to the public that the majority of students support the campaign and are committed to, concerned about, and proud of the university."

Marilyn Pilkington made a motion that the students' council support the campaign.

There were objections. The motion was hotly debated for three hours.

The SDU in the gallery stated that if they were permitted free use of university administration files for a period of two months they would show council a better way to obtain the money for the university.

Dr. Johns suggested they would be permitted to do this.

Other councillors stated they would rather begin the campaign now and do the research while the campaign was in progress.

Vice-president of students' council, David Leadbeater, summed up the opposition in an impassioned speech to council.

"I cannot support this motion. I think there are alternative ways students can better work than simply supporting, passively, this fund raising program," he said.

Leadbeater went on to say that present funds were not being fully utilized.

"It presupposes a particular kind of teaching structure, namely the lecture system. The various other aspects that this motion presupposes are all embedded in the present structure: taxation, education, the whole bit. I can't accept that and I can't accept this motion. In all conscience I think that if you people are really dedicated to this something called concern for higher education and something called initiative in trying to change the system as it presently is, you people have to vote against this motion too."

Pilkington did not see it as a moral issue.

The motion was passed.



BERRY WALKS OUT
... "different point of view lost"

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Fees not basic issue . . .

GSA cans SU offer

By ROLF STENGLE

The Graduate Students' Association has moved to study the feasibility of a separate Grad I.D. card with membership in the students' union optional for each student.

A students' union proposal for

\$10 associate or \$20 full membership fee for grads was rejected.

Don McKenzie, Student Coordinator, suggested that the basic issue was not one of fees, but whether or not grad students should automatically be students' union members.

Most grad students agreed that since relatively few participate in or benefit from students' union activities, membership should be optional, with some payment being made by the Grad Students' Association to council for basic services such as Gateway and SUB.

A committee will be appointed to investigate the situation and make a number of proposals to the graduate students. These proposals will be voted on by the grad students with the most suitable one to be submitted to council. Either full or no students' union membership is favored because no fixed value could be placed upon union services to the graduate students.

Out of 51 graduate student representatives, approximately 20 attended the meeting.

CUS referendum Official notice:

On Friday, January 31, 1969 the Students' Union will conduct a referendum to decide whether or not the U of A Students' Union should join the Canadian Union of Students.

Ken Newington
Returning Officer

Res committee meets with Provost Ryan

By RANDY JANKOWSKI
and PEGGI SELBY

"The university is not interested in regulating personal morality."

For their first meeting of the new year, the Men's Residence Committee invited Provost A. A. Ryan to clarify his previous statement about mixed visiting that "females are expected to leave at a respectable hour."

Mr. Ryan did not feel that the explanation of his terms "expected" and "reasonable" was the main issue. Instead, he felt that the MRC made their mistake in their approach to the problem.

Twenty-four hour visiting would be in direct opposition to rules already laid down by the Housing Services. The rule in question states that residents are required to pay \$3.50 for their guest to remain in the residences over night.

Mr. Ryan recommends that the MRC first make some attempt to have the guest charge removed, so that they will not be working in opposition to the Housing Services.

At present men's female guests may remain over night but only in the women's residence.

Mr. Ryan also feels that while ". . . residences have the same place in the community as better hotels and motels . . ." ". . . there is no reason why the U of A residences should become an avant-garde place for experimentation . . .", but ". . . eventually there would be an incident which would cause bad publicity . . ."

Provost Ryan is willing to act in an advisory capacity provided the Council of Students' Affairs will assume the responsibility which is their duty for further action on this matter.



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