



—Neil Driscoll photo

I NEVER SAWED ANYTHING LIKE IT—The Sammy log-cutting team grunts, groans and grimaces at last Saturday's Sugarbush extravaganza, but to no avail. The Zetes, believe it or not, won the event. Other participants of the annual event reportedly could not progress past the half-cut stage.

A review

'East is Red' draws overflow crowd

By JOHN THOMPSON

Five hundred persons were turned away from the Political Science Club's showing of the Communist Chinese film "The East is Red" last Thursday evening.

The film dealt with the victory of Communism in China. Actually it was a filmed theatrical presentation, representative of the New China's efforts to adapt traditional theatrical styles to contemporary themes.

The Chinese Revolution is one of the most naturally dramatic events of recent history, a virile Cinderella-story with (at least until the current signs of confusion) a triumphantly happy ending.

Naturally the regime is anxious to promote national solidarity by recalling the story to the minds of China's hundreds of millions. The film is eminently well-designed for this purpose—maximum spectacle is combined with minimum complexity.

As Dr. Brian Evans of the history department pointed out after the film, this leads to its being "mythical" rather than strictly historical.

Its chief interest to Western viewers lies in the joyousness of the myth. Used as we are to ironic cinema, it is tremendously refreshing to encounter a film which con-

trives to reflect a nation's pride without descending either to solemnity or to sugariness.

The film is a bit long, and some of the lines about Chairman Mao come across as unintentionally funny. But the film is successful in its own terms, besides being a salutary reminder that the Chinese don't have two heads.

U of C students place three on faculty body

Membership on major council a first for Canadian students

CALGARY (Staff)—University of Calgary students are the first in Canada to gain membership on their university's General Faculty Council.

Decision to admit student representatives to the GFC was made Thursday upon a recommendation of the GFC's three-man membership committee.

Branny Schepanovich, U of A's students' union president is not concerned at Edmonton's being left in the dust by Calgary's achievement.

"Calgary's being first to gain membership on the GFC is not a matter for excitement. Our students' council is just proceeding in different areas first," says Schepanovich.

Three student members will sit with full voting rights on the Calgary GFC. Their membership was provided for in the University Act passed last April.

Roger Timms, Calgary students' union president sees the students as having made major progress towards the goal of the university as a true community of scholars. Faculty and students should play a major role in decision-making, he said.

"I'm not saying students are equal to faculty in terms of knowledge, but equal in the sense they are a legitimate section of the university community and have a democratic right to a voice when decisions are being made which affect that community."

CONSUMERS OF KNOWLEDGE

Timms said if students are not recognized as such, then they are just consumers of knowledge in the high school sense.

"We recognize this as a major step, but it's certainly not the end. Before the year is over, we'd like to get student representation on ad hoc committees and standing committees of GFC."

A spokesman for the U of C said "those on the membership committee said they felt students should be admitted to GFC for two reasons.

"The first is because they felt students should be regarded as responsible members of the academic

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Asks students, faculty on B of G

The chairman of the University of Manitoba's board of governors has suggested that students and faculty be represented on the board.

Speaking in a panel discussion on the "university city," Peter Curry said the board, whose main job is to oversee spending by the university, should be revamped to be more effective.

He said it shouldn't be necessary to have the majority of the board appointed by the provincial government.

In proposing student representation on the board, Mr. Curry admitted he didn't know how such a step could be carried out.

Dr. H. H. Saunderson, university president and also on the panel, declined to comment in detail on Mr. Curry's suggestion but indicated it was a move "fraught with danger."

Students would probably be more effective in university government if they sat on committees dealing with specific issues, said Dr. Saunderson.

Mr. Curry had stated earlier that any change in the structure of the board of governors should be preceded by changes in the senate, which controls the academic policy of the university.

He suggested the majority of the senate be elected by the faculty. At present, most members of the senate are deans and heads of schools, appointees of the university's affiliated colleges and alumni. Elected faculty representatives are in a minority.

Faculty members on a new senate could elect their own represent-

atives to sit on the board of governors, said Mr. Curry.

Efforts were made last year to have student and faculty representation on the U of A's board of governors.

The board now includes two members of the academic staff, nominated by the general faculty council and appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

But students remain without representation.

Students' council last year submitted a brief to the provincial government and the board of governors.

However, when the University Act was amended, no provision was made for student representation on the board.

Dr. J. E. Bradley, chairman of the board, declined to comment on the matter at the weekend.

Louis Desrochers, member of the board, said he was still in favour of student representation on the board of governors.

In a report last year of the governors to the government of Alberta recommending changes in the University Act, Mr. Desrochers and F. P. Galbraith, university chancellor, signed a minority memorandum advocating student representation.

They claimed it "would increase the students' feeling of responsibility for and participation in university matters."

Asked why the memorandum was not acted upon, Mr. Desrochers said, "I was never able to understand the opposition. I think it was just because it's never been done before."

B. C. education minister turns back on protest

VANCOUVER (CUP) — British Columbia's education minister, Leslie Peterson has refused to receive the B.C. Assembly of Students' march to the provincial legislature Friday.

A brief outlining the need for a grants commission, fee abolition and equalization grants was to be presented to the minister at the mass meeting.

But in a letter to the University of Victoria students' council president Stephen Bigsby, Mr. Peterson said he could not "in good conscience sanction, condone or participate in your march to the legislature or the mass meeting you propose in front of the legislature."

Student leaders have already responded by promising to continue plans for their confrontation.

Mr. Peterson, in refusing to greet the students Friday, said they "should understand that I cannot make commitments to see delegations during the hours when legislature is in session."

He offered to accept the brief from Bigsby at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

The BCAS brief asks for equalization grants to cover travel expenses and extra living costs for out-of-town students attending university in an urban area.

It suggested they be issued to students beyond a 40-mile radius from an urban university center. These students would receive a maximum of \$600.

The brief cites the fact it costs rural students \$600 to \$700 annually while students living at home pay about \$200 for extra living costs.

Meanwhile, UBC president John Macdonald last week said the B.C. government would be guilty of dereliction of duty if it doesn't double grants to B.C. universities this year.

He urged doubled aid for universities and an independent grants commission, and termed this year's provincial budget a critical one for B.C. universities. He said B.C. institutions will need \$66 million for the 1967-68 fiscal year instead of the current \$33 million.

"This \$66 million isn't just a pipe-dream. It is what this province's universities must have to do their jobs properly," said Dr. Macdonald.

"Any lower level of support will handicap them in meeting rising operating and building costs, in eliminating present deficiencies and in getting additional buildings and faculty to cope with the enrolment explosion."