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Executive took election platforms seriously

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The students' union executive is well on its way to fulfilling the campaign promises on which it was elected.

A more serviceable SUB with vending machines controlled by students was a major plank in the platforms of President David Leadbeater, Vice-President—External Bob Hunka, and Treasurer Dennis Fitzgerald. This concern was met early in the year, and vending machines controlled by council were a reality by the time students returned to the campus.

In order to improve on SUB facilities now available to students a SUB expansion committee under Laura Scott was created before the new executive came into power in February of last year.

The final stage of this project will come Jan. 23 when students vote on the recommendations of the committee. The results of the referendum will guide council's lobbying for a change in the liquor laws.

The new executive wanted to increase student living space as well as breathing space, and Mr. Leadbeater and Mr. Hunka placed a student-run housing plank in their platforms. The student housing project has moved ahead with a feasibility study and appointment of an architect. Construction will get under way when and if the union raises the money to proceed.

Mr. Leadbeater was also in favor of putting all students, grad and undergrad, on an even footing in the Michener Park housing development. This question is now under the scrutiny of the General Faculty Council's committee on housing and food services.

Greater student representation on the various academic committees making important decisions regarding students stood out as the universal plank in the executive's platforms.

In spite of cries for parity or increased representation on major bodies from the candidates, they have managed only three new seats on the Board of Governors, one graduate and two undergraduate, and have made no headway in GFC representation. Students will only be granted faculty seats on the GFC, and only with the recommendation coming from that faculty. In other words, students will only gain seats now held by a faculty, and only through application to and approval by the faculty for which the student will be sitting.

However, breakthroughs are being made at the faculty and department levels.

Student power through town hall meetings and hot seat style seminars was another of Mr. Leadbeater's planks that didn't work out according to plan in spite of efforts by council to make them interesting and relevant. Very few students showed any interest in the town hall meetings, and they eventually fell flat for lack of support.

But the failure of the town hall meetings did not seriously damage Liz Law's (Vice-President—Academic) platform of "more direct student participation." Her efforts to spread the administrative and policy-making power in council around to more students may be coming closer to practice next year if council endorses the work of the reorganization committee. The several administrative committees recommended in the report would spread the power of the executive at least a little thinner than is now the case.

Miss Law thinks, however, that there is still room for more research committees at the departmental level, and charged that council is still unwilling to place any of the power it possesses in the hands of the departments.

Referenda, a big part of Miss Law's platform, have come into evidence this year with votes probably to be taken Feb. 4 on the questions of tenure, legalization of marijuana, lowering of the voting and drinking ages, the yearbook, and priorities, as well as the earlier SUB expansion vote.

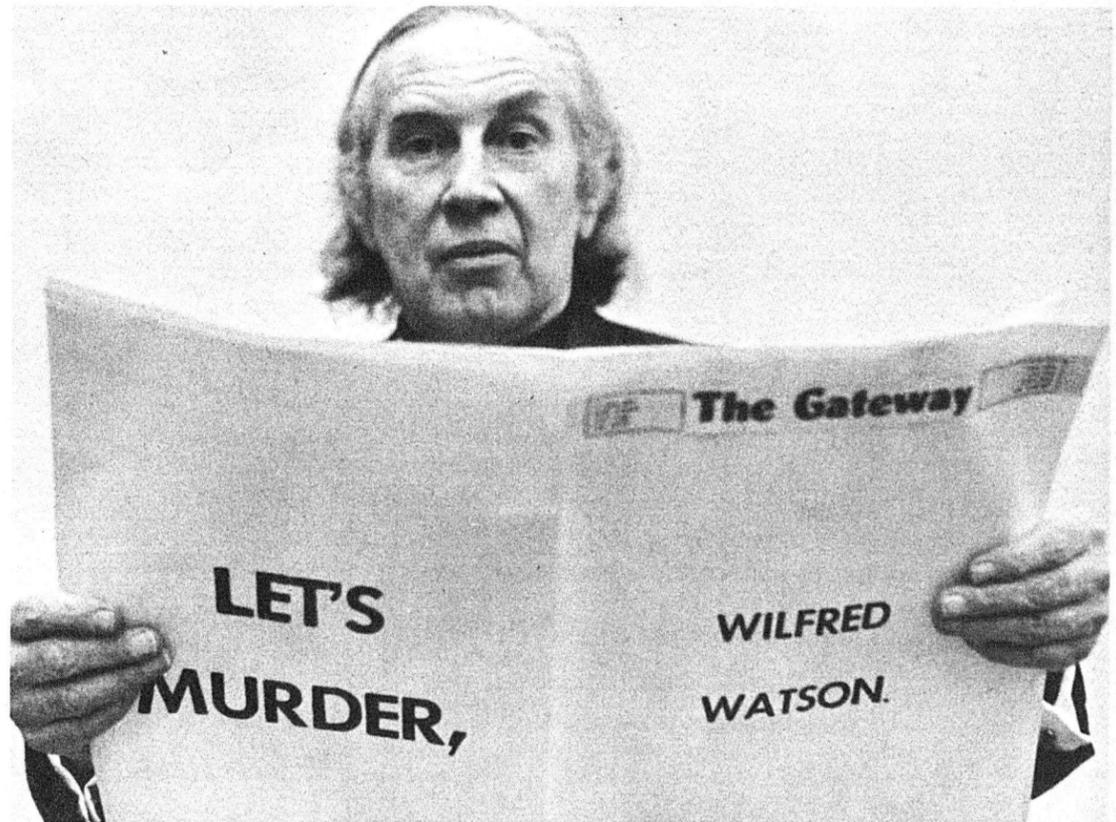
Miss Law teamed with an unlikely partner, Treasurer Dennis Fitzgerald, to bring about a representation by population format for council, replacing the old "one school one vote" system in effect until this year. The number of councillors was increased from 22 to 36 with additional councillors going to the faculties of Education, Arts, Science, Commerce and Engineering.

While the executive busily tried to improve and strengthen council, Mr. Hunka busied himself with efforts to build the Alberta Association of Students, trying to help develop its full potential. Mr. Hunka has played a major role in improving AAS-council relations.

Dennis Fitzgerald's bid to have council take over the food services in SUB was defeated by council, thus negating his efforts in this area.

The treasurer also tried to keep student parking rates for students down this year as another part of his platform, but was foiled by the administration, which thought differently and imposed a fee increased by four dollars for parking facilities.

With service promises becoming reality, the executive is trying to take on a new look for next year. This is reflected in the endorsement of an action-education priority by all members of the executive except for Mr. Fitzgerald.



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—Dave Hebditch photo

Tyndall objects to limits proposed in White paper

By BOB BLAIR

The University of Alberta retirement fund has significantly more than ten per cent of its assets invested in American stocks, and U of A's vice-president in charge of finance presents the recommendation of the government White paper on taxation that the amount be reduced.

Finance Minister Edgar Benson has recommended that Canadian pension plans should invest at least 90 per cent of their assets in Canadian securities in an effort to cut down on the amount of Canadian capital being poured into American securities.

In a letter to the finance min-

ister, Dr. Tyndall, university vice-president in charge of finance and administration and director of the U of A retirement fund, suggests the limit on foreign investment be increased to 50 or 60 per cent to allow pension funds to capitalize on the foreign market. He further stated that the inability of Canadian funds to diversify their holdings in foreign securities might result in a decreased availability of investment funds.

He expressed fear that governments losing Canadian investment capital as a result of the White paper recommendation might retaliate. He suggested the amount of money coming into Canada from American pension plans could be

cut off in the same way that Canadian investment has been cut off in the United States.

Stopping the movement of foreign investment capital into Canada and a similar motion of Canadian funds out of the country is the intention of Mr. Benson's White paper. This would indicate that Dr. Tyndall's request might not carry very much weight with the finance minister.

The White paper states that a reduction in foreign investment may have adverse short term consequences, but expresses a hope that the move will strengthen the Canadian economy in the long run.

Dr. Tyndall's letter displays the concern of many pension fund administrators who fear the reduction in foreign investment capital. The set-backs which they may suffer by keeping their money in Canada will damage their financial standing and may cause them to lose subscribers.

Parents look into Loyola

MONTREAL (CUP) — Approximately 200 parents of Loyola students emerged from a meeting Wednesday at McGill University, sympathetic towards faculty and student dissidents, but slightly confused over the issues involved in the current crisis at Loyola College.

The two-hour session, sponsored by the Loyola and McGill English Departments, was designed to mobilize public opinion against the Loyola administration's firing of 27 faculty just prior to Christmas.

The parents set up a committee to continue looking into the Loyola affair, and were urged by college faculty to write letters to the college administration and the Quebec government expressing concern over the crisis.

Both administration president Patrick Malone and academic vice-

president Jack O'Brien refused to attend the meeting.

Meanwhile, sources at Loyola said Thursday, that a Canadian Association of University Teachers report into the dismissal of nuclear physicist S. A. Santhanam was expected to reach both the college administration and the fired professor by Friday. The report will not be revealed to the public until next week.

The Santhanam case lies at the base of most of the conflict which has kept the Loyola campus simmering since September.

Santhanam was dismissed without stated cause by the all-Jesuit Board of Trustees at Loyola; students and faculty charge that the recent administration firings were aimed at purging professors who supported student efforts to gain binding arbitration by the CAUT in his case.

Students' union official notice

There will be a referendum dealing with SUB expansion on Friday, January 23. All full members of the students' union are eligible to vote. The official wording of the referendum is as follows:

Do you favor an expansion of the Students' Union Building which will require an increase of three dollars (\$3) in students' union fees?

Yes No