

American students meet

Demand end to U.S. offensive in Vietnam; support Berkeley protests for political rights

MADISON, Wis. (CUP-CPS) -- Resolutions supporting the student protests last year at Berkeley College, California, and calling for an end to all American "offensive" military action in Vietnam were among the highlights of the 18th annual congress of the United States National Student Association.

The 1,000 delegates, who met at the University of Wisconsin, August 22 to September 2, favored the American "presence" in Viet Nam, to guarantee free elec-

tion. The congress sat in judgment on the Berkeley rebels and overwhelmingly voted for acquittal, declaring that "the decision by students to resort to non-violent protest against unjust administrative policy was a legitimate and responsible course of action to take."

The resolution, passed after three hours of intense debate, also directed NSA to co-ordinate a fund-raising campaign to help cover the legal expenses of de-

monstrators arrested in the Sproul Hall sit-ins and to donate a "symbolic" \$100 to the Free Speech Union Defence Fund.

Edward Schwartz, of Oberlin College and one of the major figures at the congress, drew a five-minute standing ovation for his speech on the Berkeley resolution which said in part:

"This association always has been the unheeded prophet of higher education. For a decade, we have warned that a student cannot be expected to think if he

cannot inquire, and that he cannot be expected to decide if he cannot act. We have warned that a university which treats its students as something less than people will discover that its students will treat the institution as something less than a university.

"We're tired of hearing the drone of college presidents and regents who look upon students as some sort of marionette who can be dangled through an education. We're fed up with being put

Physics Dept. backs first science fair

Prizes worth \$1,100 will be awarded at the first High School Science Fair to be held in Nova Scotia.

Organized by the physics department of Dalhousie University and sponsored by five Nova Scotia companies and the university, the fair is intended to encourage high school students who are interested in physics and engineering to undertake a scientific project of their own and to exhibit it.

Dr. E.W. Guptill, head of Dalhousie's physics department, said that the first prize of \$500 cash plus \$150 to the prize-winner's high school for scientific equipment, was expected to generate keen competition among the students and high schools.

"Similar fairs in the United

States have attracted great public interest. In many cases the projects are extensions of the student's hobby. It has always been a great surprise to see how imaginative and skillful teenage students can be," said Dr. Guptill.

The fair will be held in the Sir James Dunn Science Building at Dalhousie on April 15 and 16 next year.

Any high school student in Nova Scotia between the ages of 15 and 19 is eligible and entrants in the fair may compete individually or in pairs.

Competing students will be allowed to seek the advice of their science teachers, but the design and assembly of the exhibits must be their own work. Exhibits need not involve the use of expensive equipment and, while there is no limit on the amount of bought or borrowed equipment, judging will be based solely on the work done.

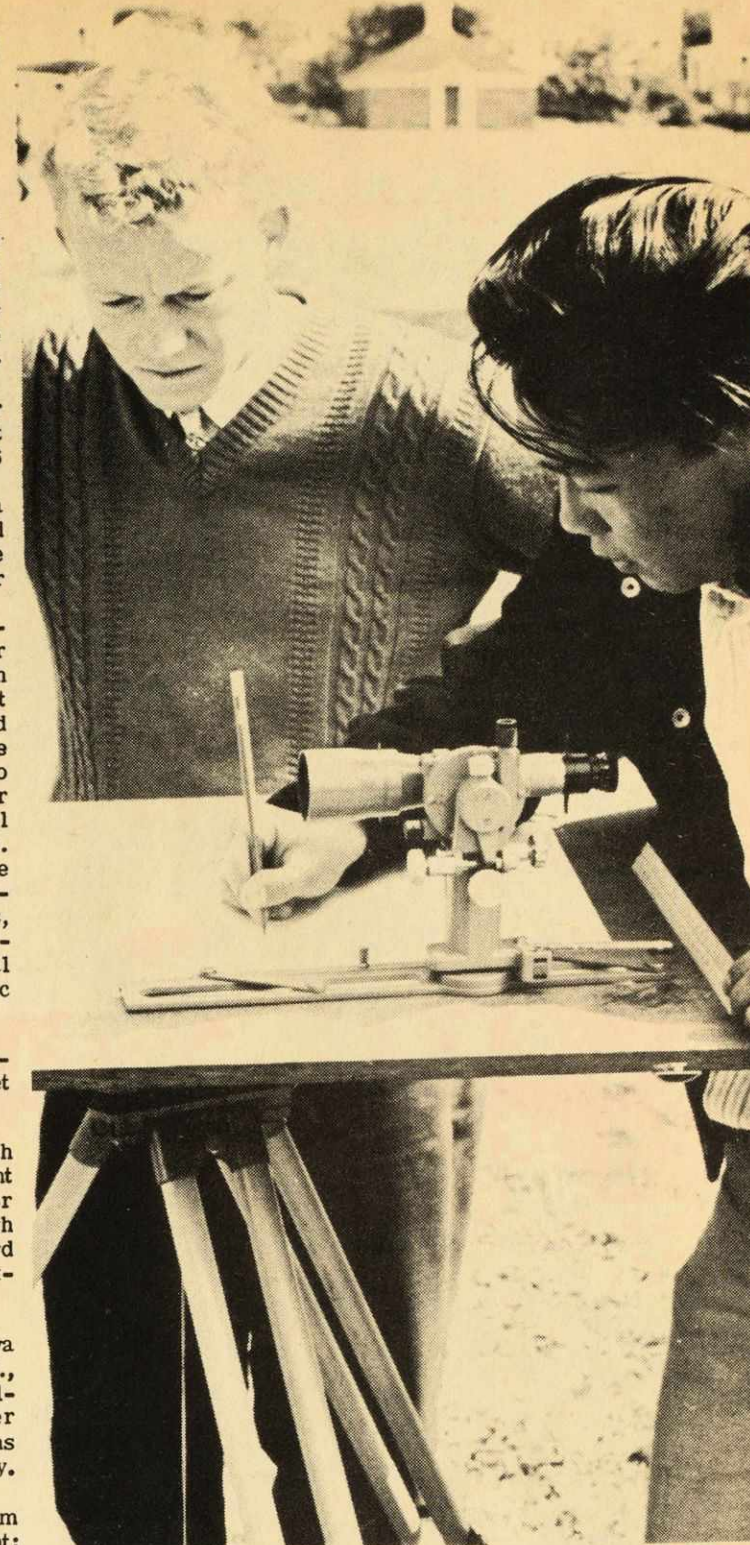
Marks will be awarded on the following basis: relevance to physics or engineering principles, 30 per cent; ingenuity and imagination, 30 per cent; technical skill, 20 per cent; and dramatic value, 20 per cent.

All the exhibits must be confined to a bench space four feet long by two feet wide.

The first prize will be worth \$500 cash for the winning student plus \$150 in scientific books or equipment for the entrant's high school. Second prize is \$200; third \$100; and the fourth, fifth and sixth prizes, \$50 each.

Sponsors of the fair are Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd., Ben's Ltd., EMI - Cossar Electronics Ltd., Maritime Paper Products Ltd., Oland and Sons Ltd., and Dalhousie University.

Entry forms are available from Dalhousie's physics department; they must be returned by Feb. 15. Judging will take place during the fair.



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Bladen Report viewed behind closed doors

OTTAWA (CUP) - Board of Directors of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) has decided which parts to endorse of the Bladen Commission Report on the Financing of Higher Education.

Meeting behind closed doors at Ottawa's Chateau Laurier this week, the board would not tell what was in the report, or how much of it they favor.

The Bladen Commission was set up last year by the AUCC to

make recommendations for the financing of higher education. The report will be made public October 6.

But the finalized AUCC brief to federal and provincial governments will not be made public until October 27, when the association will be meeting at Vancouver's posh Bay Shore Inn.

It is possible the final AUCC brief will differ in some respects from the Bladen report.

Dr. G. Andrew, executive dir-

ector of the AUCC, said he could not reveal at this time to what extent the brief would endorse the Bladen commission's recommendations.

Dr. Corry, AUCC president, added however that it was possible that the AUCC might endorse all of Bladen's recommendations.

Dr. Andrew explained that a committee, whose members he would not name, has been set up by the AUCC board to write the brief to be presented to federal and provincial governments.

"New deal" planned for Dal's foreign students

One man has created a 'new deal' for foreign students at Dalhousie this year.

Ming Tan, 23, second year medical student has revolutionized the International Students Association.

Elected president of ISA in March, Ming spent the summer months drafting a new program for the organization.

He wrote to the 99 overseas students scheduled to attend Dal for the first time this Fall. Enclosed in each letter was carefully researched pamphlet designed to prepare the student for his new surroundings.

It covered such topics as accommodations, medical care, extra-curricular activities living expenses, climate and clothing and ISA services.

Ming also arranged for a welcoming committee to meet each new arrival. Later the ISA assigns a person of the same nationality to aid the new student in finding housing and to give a tour of campus.

Under Ming's direction the ISA plans to host several social events this year including an evening of international folk songs.

Patrick Kenniff, president of the Canadian Union of Students, said AUCC officials had intimidated him that there would be a great deal in the Bladen report about aid to students in the form of bursaries, grants, loans, and scholarships.

CUS went on record at its recent congress in favor of free education with the first step being the elimination of tuition fees.

Dinner guests of the AUCC board this week, CUS executives voiced the position adopted by the congress.

But Mr. Kenniff was not optimistic that the AUCC would see eye to eye with the CUS demand for free education. He said, however, the discussions had provided "good dialogue and an opportunity for a frank exchange of views."

From the sidelines

Well, the Dal Tigers are at home this Saturday to host the Dartmouth Vikings of the Atlantic Football Conference. This will be the last exhibition contest for the Bengals this season, and it should prove a good warm-up for the schedule opener against Saint Dunstan's on October 2.

The Tigers are still talking about their game against the Loyola College Warriors of the Ontario Intercollegiate Football Conference - and well they might! The Warriors are a highly-spirited team, and a team that demands a lot of respect in the OIFC. Loyola held the edge in play in a pre-season scrimmage with the McGill Redmen of the Senior Intercollegiate League. This is recommendation enough. Although the Tigers dropped a 6-1 decision to the Loyola team, they played 'heads-up' ball throughout the whole game. The defensive squad was especially effective, permitting the Warriors only one penetration of the Dal 40. Although their defensive play was the highlight of the contest, the Bengals' offence pushed inside Loyola's 20 on five occasions.

The Tigers have been working hard on offence for the past week, and Coach Rutigliano expects a much improved attack for Saturday's game. As far as predictions go for the game - Dal by at least three touchdowns.

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