

Informal seminar held by CUS

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Last August 27, 119 students and 20 "experts" gathered at the University of Waterloo for what was probably the strangest student conference ever held in Canada.

No program was outlined for the delegates.

No formal speeches were given.

No resolutions were passed.

In fact, as a group, the delegates made no attempt to formulate a report of their deliberations or decisions—for no decisions were made.

The conference was the ninth annual CUS seminar—this year titled: **Identity and Anxiety: The Crisis of a Student Generation.**

The unique feature of the seminar was its unstructured nature. The delegates were given only the times of meals and the topic of the seminar, and then were told to "get at it."

At first mass confusion and hysteria reigned supreme, but gradually small clusters of students began to form, and after much debate about the unstructured situation, the various areas of the topic came under fire.

Many of the topics discussed were very ambiguous, although drugs, sex, student counselling services, and student government came under heavy discussion.

PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS

The philosophical basis for many of the debates was the question of whether the university is a community of scholars or a knowledge factory.

The majority of students appeared to implicitly assume that the university is an academic com-

munity whose function is to promote the free exchange of ideas. The point of contention was whether universities as presently structured are capable of evolving into more effective institutions for the interchange of ideas, or whether interested students and professors must take "revolutionary" action to remedy the present "outrageous" situation, which stifles effective intercommunication.

But the most significant aspect of the seminar was not the high-flying philosophical discussion but what happened to the individual delegates.

Scattered around the beautiful grounds surrounding the University of Waterloo Student Village, were clusters of two, four, or six students, many for the first time really examining and thinking about what the university really means to them.

STUDENT ROLES

Students took good, hard looks at the roles they had created for themselves, and often found that beneath the role was something they disliked.

Students who came to the seminar as militant revolutionaries often found themselves wondering and examining what they were really rebelling against, and finding that many less militant, less outspoken students were not "slaves to the corporate, American, middle class system", but in their own way were just as concerned and just as effective in creating a society in which both could feel more comfortable.

But most of the students, the "ordinary" variety, came away from the seminar with merely a deeper understanding of what they expect out of their university and a realization that other students across the country share their problems and concerns.

Which is perhaps the most one could expect out of any conference on so ambiguous a topic.



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MEMORIAL SAYS GOODBYE—Rex Murphy of Memorial University leads his students' union out of the Canadian Union of Students in an eloquent speech delivered at the 30th CUS Congress at Halifax. At last year's congress, Murphy debated the Newfoundland government's free education scheme with Newfoundland's Premier Joey Smallwood. This year he chose a one-sided debate, and Memorial quit CUS. (See story, page 7).

Campus churches approve union

The Anglican and United Churches have amalgamated on the U of A campus.

The new parish will be called the Anglican-United Church University Parish.

The amalgamation will be all inclusive, including worship, counselling, and study.

"We will try to serve the campus as a team unit rather than separately," say Murdith McLean and Barry Moore, respectively Anglican and United Church chaplains of the new parish.

"The general councils of both the Anglican and United Churches have approved general guiding principles of union," said Mr. Moore.

"Union always first takes place on some kind of frontier," he said. "We hope that what we are doing is only a prelude to what will occur in the two churches as a whole."

Tentative plans for the union were made last year by Mr. McLean and last year's United Church chaplain, Terry Anderson.

"What we are doing is only setting the stage," said Mr. Moore. If any other church or religious organization wishes to join us, we will welcome them with open arms.

The two Anglican-United chaplains will share an office in Assiniboia Hall until the chaplains' facilities are available in the new SUB.

Mr. Moore was uncertain about student reaction to the new venture.

Bilingual brochures distributed

Over 15,000 brochures on Second Century Week, the national university and college student Centennial project, are being distributed across Canada.

The bilingual, illustrated brochures outline in pictures and print the athletic and cultural activities that will take place on the hosting Alberta university campuses at Edmonton, Calgary, and Banff March 6 to 11, 1967.

There are at least three mistakes in the French-language portion of the brochure.

Over 1,100 students from 60 Canadian campuses from Victoria to St. John's Newfoundland will participate.

This will be the largest and most representative gathering of students ever held in Canada, said David Estrin, Second Century Week director.

"Through this immense and varied program, we hope to establish the necessary dialogue among the future leaders of Canada, and to picture for the rest of Canada the activities, thoughts, aspirations and potential of the youth," Estrin said.

Bridge Club entrants finish high

Two U of A bridge players finished fourth in the 1966 Annual Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament this summer in Peoria, Ill.

They were Mike Chomyn and David Smith; sixteen pairs competed.

Eligibility for the finals was decided by a par-round held at the teams' home universities. The scores were then compared on a regional basis with other universities in the region.

Mike Chomyn and Dave Smith finished first N-S at U of A and second in the region, while Jack Ferrari and Richard Hewko finished first E-W and fourth in the region.

The bridge club will start as soon as possible in the new term, promoting duplicate and rubber bridge as well as teaching beginners and experts alike the arts of bridge.

Still growing

Frosh admission shows sharp increase

At least 600 more freshmen have been admitted to the University of Alberta this year than in 1965, and the total is still growing.

As of Thursday afternoon (the latest figures available) freshman admissions totalled 3,201. Last year, there were 2,587, on Sept. 30, when registrations were completed. The registrar's office expects to admit "quite a few more" before registration week is over.

Following are the faculty totals as of Thursday afternoon, with the Sept. 15, 1965 figures in brackets. Figures show only new students; special students, transfers, repeaters, or those who have attended

any partial programme elsewhere are not included.

Agriculture, 90 (73); arts, 727 (539); business administration and commerce, 252 (128); dental hygiene, 22 (21); education, 784 (687).

Engineering, 383 (298); household economics, 93 (76); medical laboratory science, 31 (25); nursing, 59 (62).

Physical education, 109 (92); pharmacy, 78 (75); science, 545 (472); rehabilitation medicine, 28 (39).

No indication was given about how the 3,201 bright-eyed freshmen would be accommodated at Thursday's formal admission ceremony in the 2,600-seat Jubilee Auditorium.

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