

Council Holds Changeover Seminar

Two generations of student government at U of A met at the Bonaventure Motor Hotel, Sunday, for six hours of study on various aspects of student government.

The changeover seminar consisted of members of the 1964-65 and the 1965-66 students' councils in a joint session to introduce the new government to the problems and practices of students' council.

The seminar began with a discussion of the philosophy of student government to orient the new members to their jobs.

The role of the students' union in the university community and its relation to the administration was outlined and discussed by all members.

President Saville explained the students' union at U of A has a considerable level of autonomy although in theory all matters related to the constitution and by-laws are subject to the approval of a committee of the Senate of the university.

The Senate has established a committee on student affairs (CO-SA), consisting of students and administration under the chairmanship of Provost A. A. Ryan, which must approve all basic matters.

COSA is composed of eight students, the deans of the faculties, representatives of students' union organizations, and, in general, the students hold the balance of power.

MEMBERSHIP
Dave Estrin offered to do a committee study of the problem of membership and was authorized to do so by the council.

The chairman of the students' union planning commission, Andy

Brook, outlined the progress, problems, and future prospects of the new SUB to acquaint the new council with the project.

"There is a lot of program work to be done to prepare the campus students for the new building

... the new council must be aware of all aspects of the SUB," said Brook.

"A policy of operations board for the SUB must be established by the students' union ... we cannot just turn the project over to the

professionals," he said.

The students' union will obtain a \$2.2 million loan to finance their share of the SUB. The administration will grant \$1.65 million and a bank lease in the basement will provide about \$300,000.

The students' union decision to hire the president for the summer months to carry on the work of student government came up for discussion in the seminar.

The honoraria committee of the students' union has established the president's summer session salary at \$90 per week, with reductions if the president takes a summer course in his studies.

It is essential for the success of student government at U of A for the president to be present during the whole year to retain student control of our affairs," said Saville explaining the reason for the summer employment.

The spring estimates of the proposed 1965-66 budget were deliberated upon for about three hours before the proposed \$262,440 budget was accepted with some amendments.

This is the first time the budget for the following year has been prepared and approved by the outgoing council.

The budget is subject to revision next fall, but the early preparation will facilitate the work of the finance commission between now and next fall's budget decision.

The relation of students to the Canadian Union of Students was reviewed and the council approved increased support of the national organization.

The students at U of A are pace setters in broadening the function of CUS and we must continue to do so if CUS is to establish programs and projects of direct benefit to U of A students," Estrin told the assembly.

Saville Views Challenges

By Al Bromling

Challenges and changes will create both problems and stimulation for student government in the future at U of A says retiring students' union president Francis Saville.

"Maintaining and extending this year's successes in student control of student affairs is a challenge to the new executive and to every student on campus," said Saville in a post-election interview.

President Saville gavelled home experienced advice to students before officially retiring from the office of president of the U of A students' union.

Saville says he holds "serious reservations" about recent proposals to place a student representative on the board of governors.

"The president of the students' union is the only official who could possibly do the job ... and he would find himself in an impossible conflict of allegiance," says Saville.

Saville says he favors an alternative proposal which he says would

be more effective in representing student interest "without destroying the excellent relationship we have between student and administration.

"Gordon Meurin suggests the retiring president of the students' union be invited to sit on the board ... such a policy would prevent conflict while protecting student interest."

STUDENT VOICE

"He could present the student voice at all times and bring pressure for direct student representation on issues of critical concern to students," says Saville.

Saville rejects proposals to place residence representatives on student council, but he says existing "inequalities" should ideally be remedied.

"Residence reps would overlap the present formula of faculty representation and enlarge a council which should be smaller for effective operation," says Saville.

The president says he is disappointed in the number of acclamations in the students' union elec-

tions and compares this year's lower voter response with last year's record high response at the polls.

"This election involved no real issues and the battle lines were not drawn as they were last year," says Saville.

He says Bill Winship's efforts to make each candidate prove his worth by nominating a whole slate of candidates was "a good move."

Saville says he is in full agreement with the statements of Major R. C. W. Hooper, dean of men, concerning the recent police raids on university fraternities.

He criticized the Edmonton Journal for acting as "an extension of the morality squad" for its involvement in the police action.

"The role of a newspaper is to report news—not to make it," says Saville.

He says it is common knowledge that university students drink.

"Learning to handle alcohol responsibly is one aspect of university life and we cannot and should not pretend it does not occur," he says.



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YE-E-E-CH—Answer the following Quickie Quiz with complete accuracy and win Clubfoot for a prize: Is Whyte just? Are the rats going to Bayer or is Bayer going to the rats? Do all Italians have antennae? Did they mount Malcolm on the trophy or the trophy on Malcolm? How much did the Journal pay Salter for the plug? Is it Double Bubble, a surprise or her tongue? Is

Ferrier overseeing or does he always look like that? Is Barry grafted to the trophy or is the trophy grafted to Barry. Either way his glasses are sliding down his nose. Has Chomiak suddenly grown five feet or is she on stilts? Is Bill looking fatherly or is his brood too large for that? Any way you answer the questions its the 1964-65 Gateway staff in toto.