

BACK SEAT FOR BACK PORCH MAJORITY—this group, unanimously praised by local and national theatre critics, bombed out at this university. Performing Friday and Saturday in SUB theatre, they attracted a large crowd the first night but Saturday was another story. The students' union estimates it lost almost \$1,500 in the two shows. Exact figures will be available for Friday's issue.

U of Manitoba administration stymied

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The University of Manitoba administration has been stymied at every move as it tries to get students to sit on its senate.

The student council two weeks ago rejected an administration offer of seven seats on the 90 man senate until four conditions are met: open senate meetings, open board meetings, student representation on the board, and council right to determine method of selection of student senators.

The council won one point at a Friday meeting with senate and the board, and may be on the way to winning two more.

The students were granted

the right to conduct their own selection process but senate executive members said they could not commit senate to openness, or guarantee a student position on the board.

But most senators at the meeting agreed senate meetings should be open and promised to support a student candidate for the board.

After council turned him down two weeks ago, administration president Dr. H. H. Saunderson sought to bypass it by asking individual faculty student leaders to run the student senator election.

They refused.

The faculty leaders said only council should represent the student in student-administration negotiations.

At a meeting with the faculty Leaders Sept. 24 Saunderson was told he had "convened a meeting of the wrong people" by law faculty president Tom Dooley.

Many faculty spokesmen left their seats during the meeting, turning them over to councillors representing their faculties.

The council has bargaining power.

Until it sends students to the senate, as provided for in the University of Manitoba Act passed by the provincial legislature last spring, a new reconstituted senate cannot meet. And a new board cannot meet until the new senate

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Council argues bill of rights

May affect fraternities

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Students may soon pull their faces out of the mud. At a special meeting Monday night, students council began discussion of the controversial "Students' Bill of Rights".

The bill was drafted over a period of six years by the America Association of University Professors. The U.S. National Student Association was the first organization to adopt the bill. Now it is being revised by council to apply specifically to the U of A campus.

The preamble to the bill states, "... The purpose of this statement is to enumerate the essential provisions for student freedom to learn."

Students' council vice-president David Leadbeater stated the reason for the council meeting on the bill. "We want to make sure the students are being given adequate rights."

Early in the meeting the council broke down into three groups to propose changes in the three main issues of the bill:

- freedom of access to higher education
- student affairs
- disciplinary proceedings

The relevant changes suggested by the committees strengthened the concepts of increased powers for students in the bill.

Later, when council reconvened, the revisions of the committee were put separately to a vote.

Nothing in the bill was watered down. For example: "Course scope, content, and teaching method should be decided, within the limits described by the faculty, by the professor in consultation and liaison with the students involved."

This statement was added to the original bill which stated: "The professor in the classroom and in conference should encourage free discussion, inquiry, and expression."

One of the major snags encountered in the bill read, "Campus organizations, including those affiliated with an extramural organization, should be open to all students without respect to race, creed, or national origin, except for religious qualifications which may be required by organizations whose aims are primarily sectarian."

Many of the councillors seemed to think that discrimination was the prerogative of the organization.

Engineering rep Jack Bennett explained, "I question the right of this body to go out and tell a group that they have to accept a person who is black or white or ... Italian."

One councillor, referring to race clauses in the constitution of some fraternities, said, "We don't want to discriminate, but we have no choice."

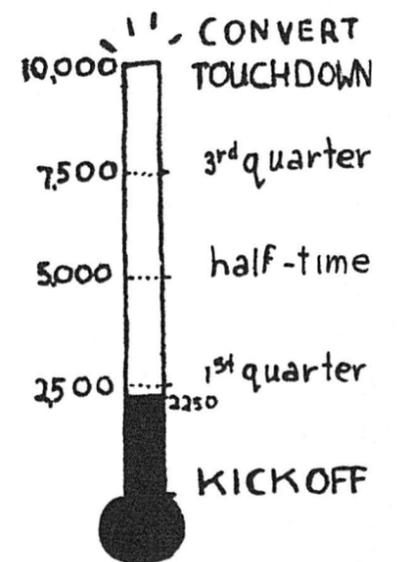
Education representative, Greg Berry, asked, "If the bill is passed, will there be no fraternities at the U of A?" Co-ordinator of student activities, Don Mackenzie answered, "Probably."

On this point, Jon Bordo, grad student, speaking from the gallery said, "This is a pre civil-rights discussion. It is ridiculous to

argue civil-rights in the year 1969."

After the council meeting, Leadbeater had this to say of the race issue in the meeting, "I'm adamant that discrimination must be completely eliminated on this campus."

The bill was finally tabled until a later date. Students' union president Marilyn Pilkington said that before a decision could be made on the bill, more students on campus should be aware of its content. She also said that a revised copy would be published and distributed at a later date.



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