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SUPA DEMONSTRATION AT THE CENOTAPH
... one of 76 held Saturday

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the election: Vote loss fought

Have you been disfranchised? Do you want to fight it?

Students' council is collecting names of disfranchised students to decide what action council should take regarding the student disfranchisement.

"If there is enough student interest we could possibly get buses to take students down to the revision officer," said Gordon Meurin, law rep.

Dr. John Macdonald, president of UBC, has announced that UBC students will get time off to vote.

Several other ideas were put forward on possible action for council.

"Perhaps bus rides could be organized to carry students to their

voting constituencies as in the case of Calgary," said Meurin.

"I don't know what you call it, a march or civil disobedience, but someone suggested that the political parties set up barbecues on election day and all the disfranchised students could come and throw a piece of paper in the fire to symbolize their loss of vote."

Mr. Meurin said if a student was turned down by the revision officer he could take it to court, although there would be a slim chance of it doing any good.

It was suggested that pressure be brought to bear on the new government to change the Elections Act to prevent a recurrence of student disfranchisement in future elections.

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Students vote Oct. 30

Voters who will be unable to vote at their polling divisions on Nov. 8 may vote at advance polls by signing an affidavit to this effect, says Prime Minister Pearson, in a letter to university president Walter H. Johns.

However, the voter who casts his ballot at an advance poll must still do so at his home constituency.

Mr. Pearson was commenting on the situation that large numbers of university students who are residing away from their homes will, according to the Canada Elections Act, lose their vote in the Nov. 8 federal election.

In his letter, Mr. Pearson said he thought most students would be able to vote by making use of the advance polls to be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 and Monday, Nov. 1.

Mr. Pearson also asked for assistance from the university admin-

istration to make absence easier on the students.

Nov. 8 is the first day of test week at U of A.

Dr. Cairns, the registrar, said he would give an absence slip to anyone who had to miss classes or exams in order to vote.

In a protest letter to the administration the campus Liberal club asked for complete cancellation of classes Nov. 8.

"We, as citizens, have a right to vote—not merely a privilege. On this basis, no obstacle of any type should be placed in the way of our exercising this right," the club said in the letter.

"The mere issuance of absence slips is not a solution as we should have completely free access to the polls," the club claims.

The university announced classes would be cancelled Saturday, Oct. 30, to aid students wanting to vote.



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NEW SPIRIT — Marchers who protested Saturday in downtown Edmonton against U.S. action in Vietnam bore old spirits in new wrappings. (See story this page.)

Students fined in liquor raid

House committee promises residence drinking crackdown

By AL BROMLING

The men's house committee began a crackdown on drinking in Lister Hall Wednesday. Five students were fined \$10 each for liquor offences.

The action is part of the committee's policy of tightening up its disciplinary proceedings to keep residence "dry", says Wayne Glass, ed 4, president of the men's house committee.

Rule changes made last spring allow the house committee to levy fines of up to \$10, replacing the warning system used last term.

"The house committee initiated the crackdown; we received no directive from university authorities," says Glass.

Glass refused to release the names of the five students who were caught—the beer was not confiscated.

A beer bottle shattered on the sixth floor staircase led the house committee to conduct a floor-by-floor search.

"We eventually detected the 'party' by listening at doors until we heard noise indicating a party—then we knocked," says Glass.

The committee's action does not constitute a 'raid', since the door was opened in response to a knock, Glass claims.

"We can enter a room only in emergencies—at no time are we permitted to enter and search a room," he says.

Glass, 27, drinks only on New Year's, and admits it is not possible to completely eliminate drinking in campus residences.

"The law forbids alcohol on campus and it is our responsibility to enforce the law to the best of our ability, especially since most of the students in the residence are minors," he said.

Glass was critical of last year's method of dealing with disciplinary problems in residence which allowed for three warnings before enforcement action could be taken against the offenders.

"Students could get away with a hell of a lot under that system," he said.

The enlarged powers of the members of the house committee are on a one-term experimental basis, says Glass, and the whole system of levying fines will be evaluated at the end of the term to determine its effectiveness.

"We may make a lot of students angry with us as we attempt to operate the residence discipline system to the letter—but this is always a problem when students regulate themselves," says Glass.

SUPAmen stage protest

By HELENE CHOMIAK

About 30 students marched to the cenotaph and through downtown Edmonton Saturday.

They marched to protest against United States intervention in Vietnam.

They claimed they were trying to bring the protest closer to the people of Edmonton.

They marched because Canada is losing her voice as an independent power and "is being pushed around," said Bernie Blume, grad studies, who was one of the organizers of the protest.

They marched for the right of self-determination of the people of Vietnam and of democracy of the people of the world.

"We are not protesting because we are rabid anti-Americans," said John Burke, grad studies.

"The United States is a great country, but its values are being subverted by the military establishment," he said.

Quoting from Robert Kennedy, Bill MacLean, NDP candidate for Edmonton-Strathcona in the Nov. 8 election, said, "the United States is responsible for continuing the conflict whose only effect is to kill, devastate, and destroy the country."

"Not only the Vietnamese people suffer, but so do the Americans," he said.

The protest, organized by the U of A branch of the Student Union for Peace Action, tied in with protests by students at 76 Canadian and U.S. universities.