

Canadian University Press DATELINE

CUS dissatisfied in Acadia

OTTAWA—CUS president Hugh Armstrong says he does not understand the reasoning of Acadia students' union president Bob Levy in opposing membership in the Canadian Union of Students.

Acadia students voted more than 3 to 1 in favor of withdrawal from the national student body in a referendum Oct. 16.

Before the referendum Levy said a vote for CUS was a vote against him.

Armstrong said Levy was not at the congress, and did not know how much about the organization.

"I wish he had contacted us for information," Armstrong said. "I wish he had been at the congress."

Greg Warner, Acadia students' union vice-president who attended the congress argued during the campaign that while CUS is a good organization, Acadia at this time is unable to take advantage of CUS's resources.

Armstrong said Acadia has no chance at all of taking advantage of CUS resources outside of the organization.

B.C. students support high schools

VANCOUVER—The struggle for secondary school autonomy was given full support by the British Columbia Assembly of Students recently.

"We condemn the present system of close censorship of high school newspapers and unilateral attempts to shield students from ideas judged as detrimental to the character," the congress stated.

The assembly passed a resolution seeking legal counsel about violations of the Federal Mails Act after it heard reports of school administrators who open student council mail and do not pass it on to students.

A monthly newsletter to secondary schools and an education corps are both planned.

The corps will encourage high school students to further their studies and assimilate and analyse secondary school problems.

Student militancy advocated

TORONTO—Students should have the right and the responsibility to be extremist and militant, say 54 of 65 students at a York University debate last week.

The visiting British Debating Union team of Colin Mackay of Oxford and David R. Rose of Glasgow supported the resolution against York debaters.

The British debaters will tour Canada debating with campus debating teams.

This basis of the British argument was that students are not regarded as students, but as "wards of the state."

"Students should have the right and duty to put forward what they believe in. Opting out allows the establishment to take over," said Rose.

"Militance overcomes inertia," he said, "and with centralization of power, we must be more militant in our attacks."

Indians propose Red Power

PARADISE LAKE, Ont.—A four-day Indian relations conference opened here near Kitchener-Waterloo last week.

The conference is designed to help promote relations between Canadian Indians and the rest of the population. More than 40 delegates attended.

The conference, sponsored by the native Canadian affairs committee, opened in a relaxed atmosphere, but from the first speech, the phrase "Red Power" kept cropping up.

The Indians do not advocate violence as do the black power leaders in the U.S., said Red Powerist Duke Redbird. He told delegates the Canadian Indian is now at the stage the American negro was 15 years ago.

He claims the only way the Indian will survive is by contributing to White Canadian society. "Most Indians feel they have nothing to contribute to society," said Redbird, "but they do."

He said the Indian has the only true culture in Canada. The Indian knows himself, he said, while obviously white youth does not.

Senate opposes open meetings

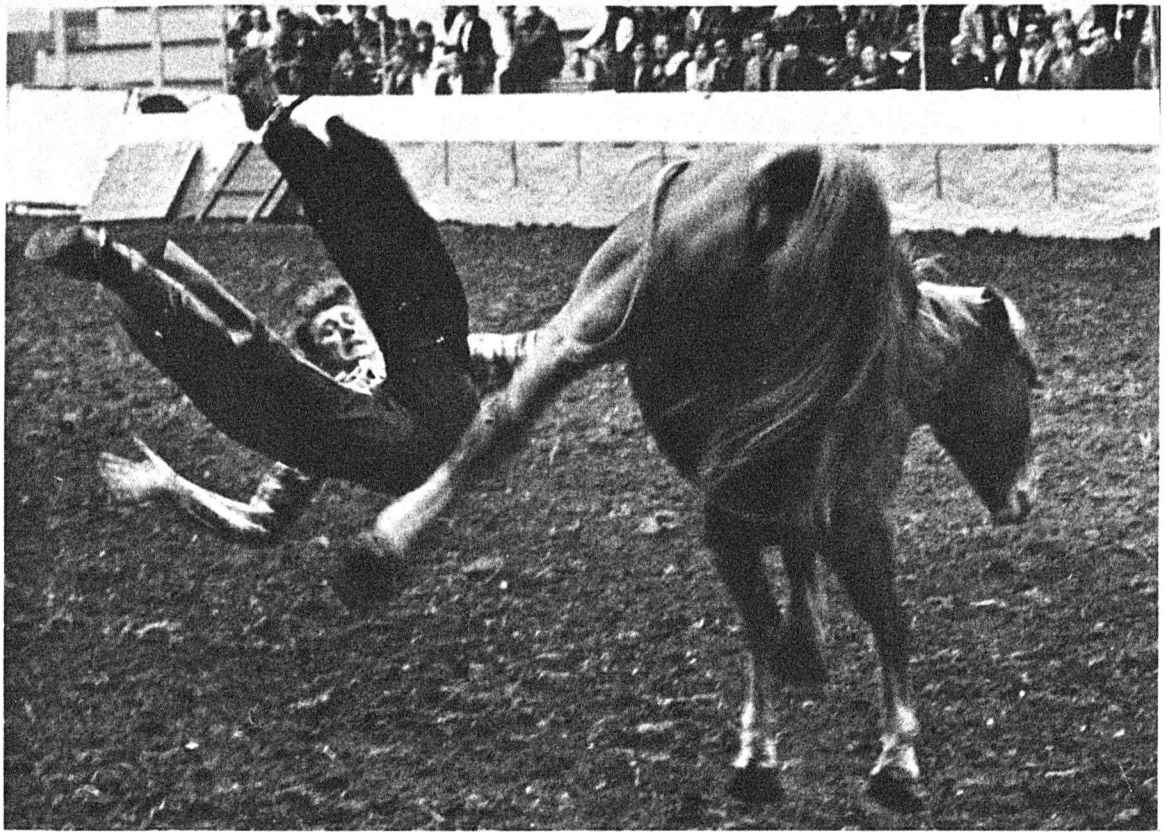
GUELPH—The Guelph University senate last week decided against open meetings.

An open meeting clause was deleted from a report presented by the Committee on University Government. Another major clause recommending student membership on the Senate passed easily.

The open meeting clause lost by a considerable majority, said Dr. Winegard, chairman of the Senate.

"It was felt by the Senate that quality of debate might deteriorate if there were open meetings," he said. He added open meetings might make the Senate a rubber-stamping body.

The Guelph students' council has not yet taken a stand on the Senate decisions.



—Ken Hutchinson photo

AND INTO THE COW-PIES—This poor devil just couldn't hack it at last Saturday's Commerce Rodeo. He tried to stay on old Dobbin, but his seat came unglued and he went flying into the field of fertilizer. The odiferous event was held in the ice arena, but the air should have cleared a bit in there by now.

Government announces plans for direct financial control of U of S

REGINA (CUP)—A new approach to educational spending announced Wednesday by Premier Ross Thatcher will mean direct financial control of the University of Saskatchewan by the provincial government.

While the government "will not interfere with the internal operations of the university," Mr. Thatcher said, it could mean an end to internal financial regulation by university governors.

"In essence, the university will be obliged to make its financial requests to the legislature in the same manner as any other spending department. For example, they will have to request so much for salaries, so much for travelling, so much for new buildings," the premier said.

NO DETAILS

Details of changes that would be required in the University Act have not yet been worked out, he said.

Tightening of government controls over education spending at all levels began Monday, when J. C. McIsaac, former municipal affairs minister, acquired the education portfolio vacated by the defeat of education minister Trapp in last week's provincial election.

"Our government is concerned about the fact that today elected representatives of the people have virtually no control over university spending. Year after year, with few details, we in fact almost write a blank check," Thatcher said.

MAXIMUM USE

The premier said that officials at the university level, as well as in public and secondary school systems, will be asked to make maximum use of existing buildings, before new construction requests are granted. With interest rates at an all time high, he said, the government will have no alternative but to discourage all but the most urgent of building requests over the next year.

This year, \$28 million must be

found for the two campuses of the University of Saskatchewan, and the student population is growing at a rate of \$1,200 per year. However, per student costs at the U of S are among the lowest in Canada. Nearly \$11.8 million is required

for capital expansion this term.

At last week's Regina Convocation, university president J. W. T. Spinks said the university will need \$105 million over the next seven years to meet capital requirements.

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