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EDMONTON (CUP) - A year and a half after University of Alberta undergraduates voted to pull out of the Canadian Federation of

BIG BOYS TALKING

Students, the U of A student union is drumming up support for a national organization of its own. CUSEC - the Canadian University Students' Executive Council

- would deal with "homegrown" educational problems and avoid the issue-oriented activities of CFS, say U of A councillors

The U of A student council "had always felt a little edgy with international issues" when the school belonged to CFS, says union presient David Oginski. Simon Seshradi, student council president of the University of British Columbia agrees: "An example of this is when CFS received payments from each of its members to send an observer team to Nicaragua.

Oginski wants CUSEC to start small, so only councils representing at least 7,000 students may join at first.

He hopes a founding CUSEC conference will be held this fall. He said the council at the University of Manitoba has offered to host the event with student councils at Western, York, Queen's, McGill and the University of Toronto interested in joining, the conference could have the air of a premier's meeting.

"I guess it's the big boys talking," says Oginski.

Gays boycott Coors

MONTREAL (CUP) - Gay groups across Quebec are mobilizing to boycott the sale of Coors products at bars across Quebec.

Although Coors beer is brewed in Canada by Molson, profits are forwarded to the U.S. based Coors Brewing Company, which allegedly practices a policy of discrimination based on race, religion, political viewpoint and sexual orientation.

The company uses lie detectors and searches of personal property to investigate the personal lives of its workers and maintain discriminatory practices.

The Coors family are founders and financial supporters of he Moral Majority and other right wing political groups in the U.S.

UBC tardy on divestment

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Seven months after adopting a policy of selective divestment, the University of British Columbia still can not decide what to do with its South African holdings, valued at \$1.7 million.

Despite earlier indications of a decision by the board of governors in August, UBC vice-president academic Daniel Birch says divestment has now been postponed indefinitely because a federal government report does not contain enough information.

Birch said the report, prepared by former civil servant Albert Hart, does not analyze compliance with the 1978 Canadian Code of Conduct for Business, the main criterion for the partial divestment policy adopted by UBC's board of governors in February. The code calls on companies to improve the wages, benefits and living conditions of black employees.

Nor does the Hart report include three of the South Africanlinked companies in UBC's investment portfolio, he said. Divesting without this information would be "taking the easy way out," he said.

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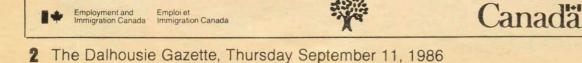
OTTAWA (CUP) - A "new and improved" and private-sectorfriendly Katimavik will probably start mid-October if the funding already committed to the youth program arrives on time, says Katimavik offical Guy de Grandpre.

'The program is now geared towards developing young entrepreneurial skills," says de Grandpre, also an aide to Liberal senator Jacques Hebert, who started Katimavik eleven years ago and staged 21-day hunger strike in the senate last March to protest the Conservative government's cancellation of the program.

Katimavik's nine-month, three-stage program will operate as before, though participants will spend three months starting up their own business. "It's like Junior Achievement," de Grandpre says. He says groups of 12 "will do a market survey to determine the best thing to sell in a given community. They they will design it, produce it, market it and sell it.

'By starting a business, running it and terminating it, young people will learn a lot about the business cycle," he said. If the business is successful, it will be sold to groups in the community, or "it may become a business owned by Katimavik," de Grandpre added.

Hebert advisor and University of Ottawa professor Walter Baker says the decision to gear Katimavik more to the private sector was not a result of pressure from the Tories, but resulted from an experiment with one group last year. But, said de Grandpre, "We do believe the new program will be well-accepted by the present government.'



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