



—Photo by Peter Johnson

PREMEDICATED—Joanne Melnychuk, pre-med student, bones up before her first class. It is best to be prepared, you know. The ogler is Randy Jankowski of the infamous Gateway staff tracking down a hot tip that the Birth Control Handbook is causing raised, er, eyebrows in the community. Word is, there are still copies available.

Crippled CUS staggers on

By Canadian University Press
and Gateway Staff

PORT ARTHUR — Financially crippled and riven internally by attacks from both radicals and moderates, the Canadian Union of Students staggered out of its 33rd annual congress facing the very real possibility of dissolution by Christmas.

Delegates to the congress are now dragging themselves back to reality; the reality, at least, of their campuses.

While it all seemed so logical here; the analyses of the university as a perpetuation of an unequal class structure et al—they know the culture shock of their conservative campuses is about to descend upon them with a characteristically unconscious shroud.

And at the University of Alberta, a particularly radical council (compared to the Pilkington years) faces a particularly conservative campus and a particular blend of unconscious isolationism.

TIGHTROPE

So the U of A student executive has found itself balancing on a particularly precarious political tightrope.

Students' union president David Leadbeater and other presidents of non-member universities have voiced their desire to rejoin the union.

But they emphatically refused to sign any commitments at the start of Congress here to support CUS in a referendum fight. That commitment, termed political suicide by the presidents, was part of the

price the national secretariat wanted in return for straw-voting privileges for all non-members at the Lakehead University Congress.

But the Congress rejected the motion. It was an indication of the strong desire members had to prevent CUS committing that same suicide that they voted almost unanimously to allow full voting rights to non-members with no strings attached.

The Congress did not, however, come to grips with the charges laid by radical delegates, observers and members of the former CUS secretariat that the national organization faced total irrelevance if it did not struggle to alter its nature and that of the student councils which form its base.

When the final plenary session of the congress broke off at 6 a.m. Wednesday (September 3), more than a third of the items on the order paper still remained to be debated and passed; but the meeting could not go on in face of the increasingly bitter antagonisms raised as radicals insisted the structure of CUS, rather than moderate programs, held the key to rebuilding the union.

"A lot of people here are going to return to campus and not do very much," charged Barry McPeake, last year's CUS Atlantic field-worker and chairman of the congress until he spoke at the final plenary.

"People have to make a choice," he said. "Either they fulfill the implications of the content of our motions in action and in words, or See "Congress", page 5

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A PAIR OF DAVIDS—LEADBEATER AND BLOCK
... ponder the situation at the CUS conference

Committee hit Student rep labels GFC discipline probe undemocratic

By Marvin Bjornstad
of The Gateway

A student representative to the general faculty council's committee on law and order has blasted the committee for undemocratic procedure.

Steve Hardy, graduate student in Engineering, says the interim report of the committee was passed without a quorum.

"Neither myself nor Bob Hunka, the students' union representative were in attendance. I was not even asked to attend," he charged Thursday.

Mr. Hardy also charged that the report, if implemented, would give the university "a great deal of power over the lives of students."

But committee chairman Dr. Gerald La Forest, dean of law, said both Mr. Hardy and Mr. Hunka were informed of the meeting.

"I don't know why they weren't there," he said Thursday.

Dr. La Forest also said the committee agreed in advance that when the time came to approve the draft, it could be done without a quorum as several members said they would be out of town in August.

He said the report would come before the committee again before being presented to CFC. It is just going to the solicitors now, he said.

The draft report was approved in late August while Mr. Hunka, external vice-president for the union, was at the CUS Congress in Port Arthur.

"The report now goes to GFC without the students' union council or the graduate students' council having time to discuss the report or the students at large even becoming aware of the report," Mr. Hardy said.

"The 'law and order' committee exemplifies a lot of the things wrong with the university," he continued.

"Instead of trying to reform and democratise its structures, the university tries to put down and repress demands for change through stronger regulations and more efficient procedures."

He said while the procedures and penalties are spelled out in detail in the report, the regulations which the university intends to enforce with these procedures are completely open-ended.

"Some regulations may be applied to practically anything and give the university a great deal of power over the lives of students."

"The procedures, as outlined in the report, give the university the power to hold a hearing and expell a student two days after the commission of an offence without the student necessarily being present at the hearing." A 'senior clerk' is given the power to set the date of the hearing at his discretion.

"Although the report states that the committee is in favor of student discipline remaining in the hands of students, the majority of the committee has consistently rejected this idea. They have voted down any proposals for the majority of the board to consist of students or even an equal number of students and faculty," he said.

Mr. Hunka declined comment until he had had time to study the report.

Rep-by-pop council aim

Students from the Faculties of Education, Arts and Science will have a greater number of students' council representatives this fall.

Under a new system of representation by population worked out by the students' union executive over the summer, each faculty will elect one representative for 750 students.

Election of new members is tentatively scheduled for the second week in October.

"We are trying to approximate a one man-one vote situation," said students' union president David Leadbeater. "It will eliminate the type of situation whereby 141 Rehabilitation students have the same decision-making power as 3,841 Education students."

Five more members will be elected by Education students, bringing their total representation to six. Arts will occupy an additional three seats, Science two, and Commerce and Engineering one apiece.

In addition, four bodies not previously represented will elect one member each. They are: College St. Jean, Library Science, Medical Laboratory Science, and B.Sc. Nursing.

All other faculties will retain their current representation.

Handbook Arrives

Just what you've been looking for all these days—the **Handbook**.

This year the Handbook has been taken over by the Students' Union and attempts to cut through the administration jargon and paint the university like it is. The book is free and available at the SUB information desk and in the bookstore.

The book differs from those of past years. There are no more lectures on etiquette, no more syrupy histories of the university.

This book belongs to students because it was made by students. Read it.

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