

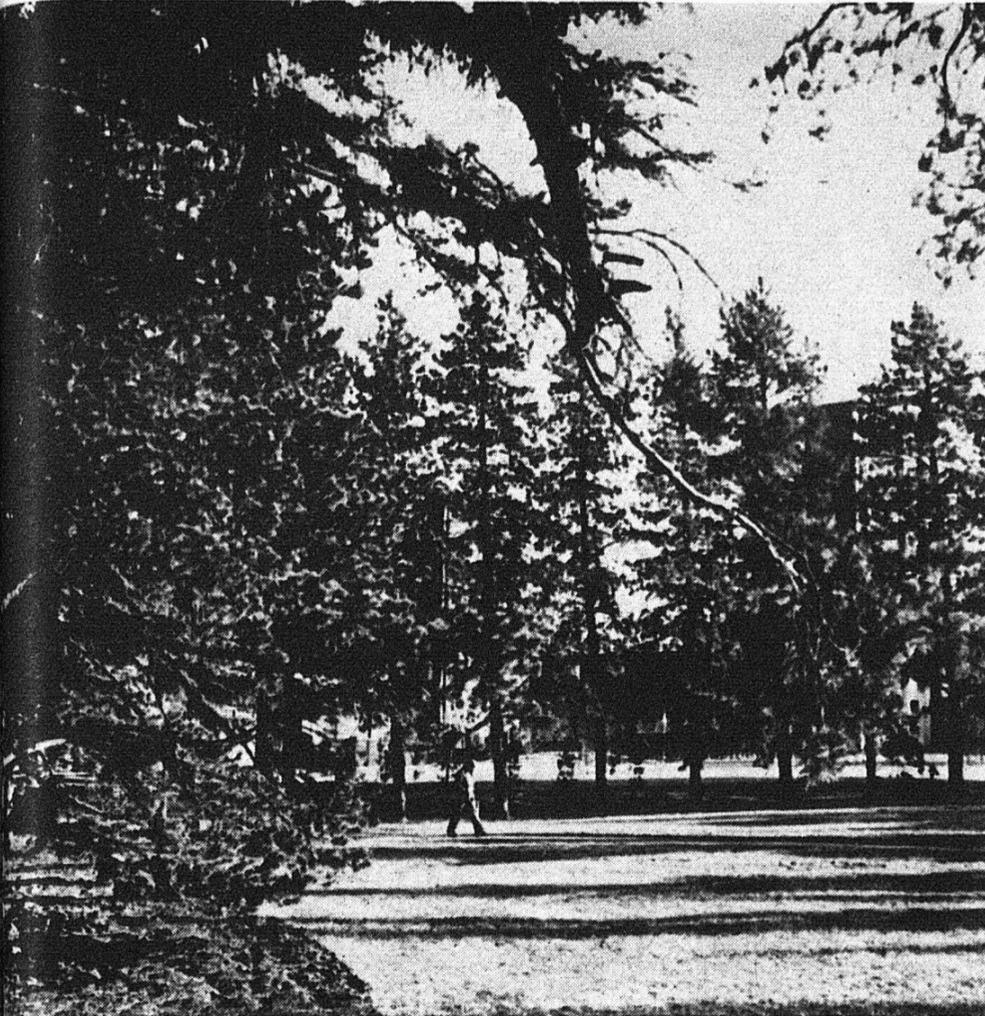
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—Charles A. Dana

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The blue of winter is gone...
And spring's green is almost upon us. It took photo editor Grant Wurm just a few short strides Monday to find a convenient walkway with enough green to suggest spring. Only one problem: most of the trees pictured here are evergreens...
Nonetheless, with exams upon us, can spring be far behind?

GFC drags debate but backs Exec

by Randy Read

Monday, General Faculties Council (GFC) discussed at length the recent decision by the PC Executive Committee to request reporters to refrain from reporting anything but final decisions.

A motion that GFC request the Executive Committee to consider its motion on reporting of meetings was defeated.

Dr. Crawford began the debate by saying that the Executive Committee considers issues up to five weeks in advance of GFC. Executive Committee decisions are reported, he said, in much greater detail than GFC decisions, so that the public does not hear about reversals by GFC and develops the wrong idea about where decisions are made.

Professor Frederick deLuna drew attention to a written question he had submitted. In this

submission he said that GFC has authorized the Executive Committee to decide whether to hold open or *in camera* meetings, but not to restrict the manner in which the press reported open meetings.

Student rep Greg Noval said that early reporting of Executive Committee meetings brought issues into the open so that the public could react and GFC members could gauge public reaction to these issues.

Ken McFarlane, (SU vp academic), said that in a committee like the Executive Committee, it is important to sometimes play devil's advocate at time in order to fully consider all facets of an issue. He said that one member had been reported on three separate occasions as saying things he did not mean. Professor Davies agreed with him that the presence of the press inhibits the proper functioning of the Executive Committee.

On the other hand, Guy

Huntington felt that there had been no difference in the quality of debate when the press was present. He also felt that it would have been more tactful to approach the members of the press rather than to pass the motion without consulting them.

Wednesday election

Students will vote Wednesday between nine candidates contesting positions as Arts and Science faculty reps on Students' Council.

Arts and Science positions on GFC were filled by acclamation, Randy Read and Dwight Bliss were acclaimed Science GFC

reps, and Debbie Clifton, Ron Pascoe, Lily Borchenko, Walter Lidster and Bruce Webster and Theresa Wynn won by acclamation as Arts reps.

For election platforms of the nine contestants in Wednesday's Students' Council elections are included on page 8.

Exams set for entry?

Examinations testing the competency of high school graduates intending to enter university are favored by Alberta's minister of advanced education.

Dr. Bert Hohol told a Saturday workshop session at the provincial Progressive Conservative annual meeting he favors "qualifying exams" that would provide an indication of students' academic level.

"They will not be entrance exams," Hohol said, "but an evaluational test. My position is clear — students must show they can provide evidence of competence as a candidate for university."

Hohol said the idea of evaluational exams is one he will encourage in meetings with university administrations, education minister Julian Koziak and other interested parties.

But he said he favors the idea as a goal to be worked toward, "a process, not something that may necessarily be instituted next year or the year after that."

High schools and universities may share the testing procedure if it is implemented, Hohol said.

He agreed with a suggestion that the termination of departmental exams in Alberta high schools in 1972-73 is a direct cause of the need to begin an evaluation of high school graduates.

"I disagree with the idea that everyone (in university) has a 'right to fail,'" Hohol said, adding he felt qualifying exams would save people who were obviously going to fail from making a fruitless attempt at university.

"If the universities are based on scholarship, and they accept poor students, then the universities err," Hohol said.

In response to a question from the floor, the minister assured the audience that some form of literacy testing would be included if entrance requirements were set for universities.

Hohol indicated he felt the top students today are smarter than they have ever been, but that existing enrolment policies for universities that allow 50 per cent of high school graduates to attend must be tightened up.

"The open door policy of the sixties must close," he said. "Students have to prove they can deal with the content, problems and challenges of university."

Two-tier approved

A resolution opposing proposed tuition increases for foreign students at Alberta post-secondary institutions was not supported at the annual meeting of the provincial Progressive Conservative party held last weekend.

The resolution, introduced by the University of Calgary PC Youth Federation (PCYF), was easily defeated in a straw vote of delegates attending a policy session at the MacDonald Hotel.

It recommended "... that the PC party of Alberta recommend to the provincial government that it reconsider its position on differential fees and allow individual post-secondary institutions to determine their own admission policies."

Board of Governors (B of G) chairman Eric Geddes and Edmonton-West Conservative

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GFC approves exam file

General Faculties Council (GFC) voted Monday to approve in principle the policy that final examinations be available to students in an exam registry to be set up by the Students' Union.

The final motion was so much amended that Dr. Horowitz, acting chairman, declared it a new record in the number of amendments. The motion as passed said that faculties or departments shall supply two copies of all final examinations to the Students' Union.

Faculties are responsible for establishing procedures to approve withholding final examinations and shall in due course report these procedures to GFC for information. If an exam is withheld, they are encouraged to submit sample questions instead.

Opposition centred on the impracticality of implementing the system, with a major point

being the possibility for a faculty to almost completely opt out. Another point was the fact that individual questions on multiple choice exams should be on succeeding exams if they prove to be good.

Supporters of the motion pointed to other universities of

comparable size, for example, University of British Columbia and University of Toronto, where similar systems have been set up and shown to work. They also said that since some students inevitably have access to old exams, an exam registry would be more equitable.

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