

CUS field secretary claims withdrawals a 'healthy sign'

REGINA (CUP)—A Canadian Union of Students official has termed the withdrawal of eight universities from CUS a "healthy sign" that students are trying to relate to their academic communities.

Equalization grants get sympathy

VICTORIA (CUP) — Shouting, singing and dripping in the rain, more than 2,000 B.C. university students formed up to the steps of the legislature in Victoria Friday to ask for help.

The students were marching on the final day of the B.S. Assembly of Students' education action week.

Education minister Leslie Peterson, who at first refused to receive the march, met the students with a defence of the Social Credit government's education policy.

"Go back to your lectures and behave responsibly," he told them, raising their mild chants to an angry roar.

At one point after Peterson's speech, it looked as if the whole student body would march into the legislative building and burst in on the session in progress.

Peterson told the students what he had told a four-student delegation which had visited him in his office earlier. The group had outlined four student demands: equalization grants for students in isolated areas; elimination of tuition fees; independent grants commission; and more student involvement in university government.

Peterson said he sympathized with only one of the students' requests: the equalization grants.

"Tuition fees will stay," he told the bellowing crowd.

Peterson insisted the parental means test for students' bursaries will remain in effect. Student leaders had claimed this was undignified and irrelevant.

"If parents can afford to give their children a Cadillac to drive to campus, I think that should be taken into consideration," he told the mocking students.

Students are beginning to think realistically about what the academic community is, and how they can best relate to it, field secretary Rolli Cacchioni said in an interview here last week.

Some universities feel they can't relate through CUS, Cacchioni added, and this is why they have withdrawn.

The field secretary said CUS will only become relevant to Canadian students if local students' councils relate its programs to their electorates.

"What the SRC is doing at Regina campus is quite irrelevant to the individual student," charged Cacchioni. "They are tied up with petty administrative matters.

"Until they realize the difference between being a legislative rather than an administrative body, they can't be active on this campus. The student council must realize it is an integral part of the university community—not an adjunct to it."

Cacchioni claimed Canadian universities are "middle-class ghettos which function like corporations in which the raw material—students—is fed in one end, computerized and processed, then exuded at the other end as university students who have achieved the union ticket necessary for success in our society."

He called on students and faculty to become responsible for making the university "a more humane place" in which to live.

"Students should be working on programs such as universal accessibility and democracy in the university to achieve that end," he said.

POOR FELLOW

NEW NORWAY (GNS)—A U of A freshman pleaded guilty to a charge of murdering his father and mother Monday night, but asked for mercy, since he was now an orphan.

Objectives

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schools anticipated trouble with their administrations over the lobby idea.

The rocky ground came when voting rights were discussed. U of A and U of C held out for a modified rep by pop system. Mount Royal College, Calgary, led the smaller institutions against any move to give the universities the balance of power.

A modified rep by pop system was accepted, giving no institution less than 1 vote in the Congress and no institution with more than 3,000 students more than four votes.

REVERSAL

Then the situation reversed. Financing was discussed, and Mount Royal and NAIT opposed a proposed system to weight fees according to the vote weights. This system saw U of A and U of C each paying \$172 of a provisional \$1,800 budget.

"It looks to me as if you people aren't willing to pay your way," commented a Mt. Royal delegate while advocating a per capita levy for fees.

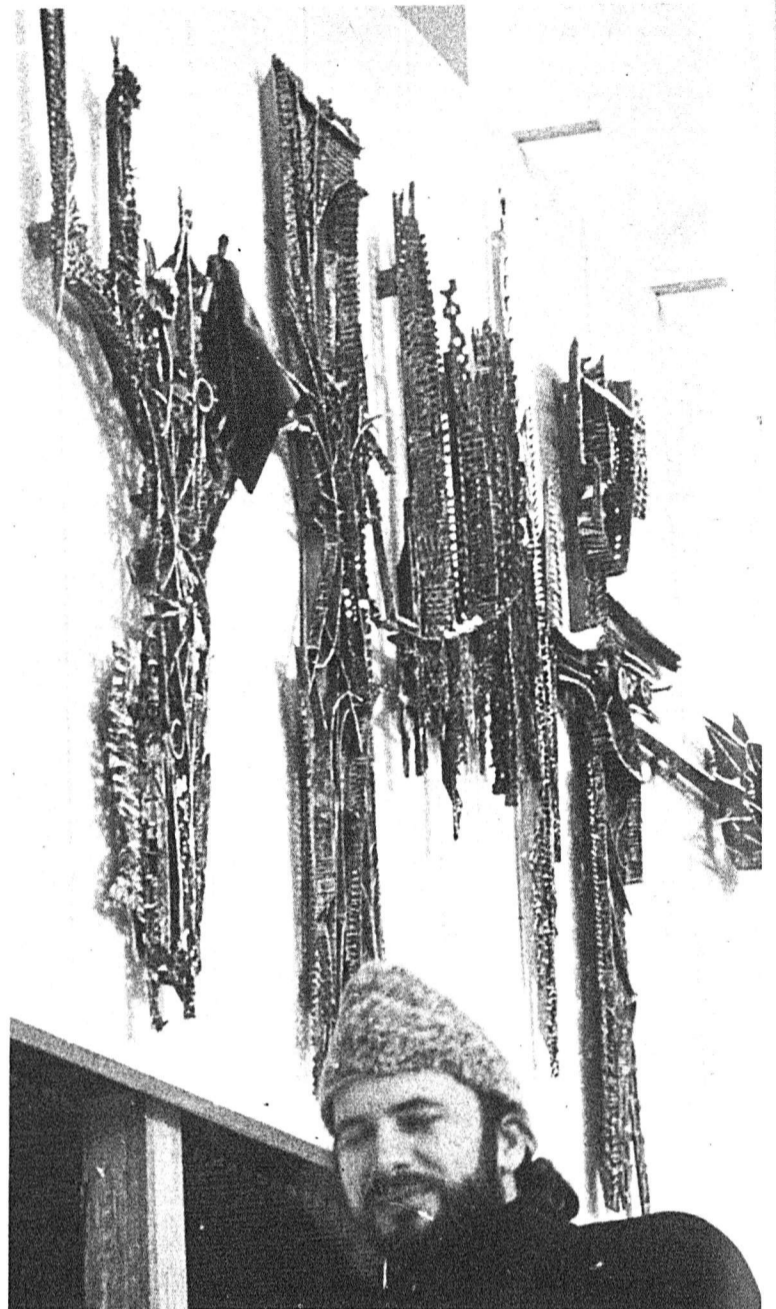
A per capita levy would mean the universities would in the future be contributing thousands of dollars, compared to less than one hundred from some schools, without a proportional vote weight.

A provisional executive was elected, to be ratified at the spring meeting of the SFA.

Hugh Campbell, president of the University of Lethbridge student association, is president; Bonnie Friesen, Foothills Hospital Nursing Association president, secretary-treasurer; Cathy McDonald, Mt. Royal students' council secretary, cultural co-ordinator, and Paul Hjartarson, Red Deer Junior College council president, resources co-ordinator.

Now the constitution of the SFA must be taken to Alberta students' councils. Strong feelings of doubt came from some nursing schools and NAIT and SAIT; strong support came from Lethbridge, Mt. Royal and Camrose. Others were noncommittal.

The number of delegates returning to the March meeting will show whether the SFA is getting off the ground.



—Perry Afaganis photo
A MAN, A MURAL, AND A MISTAKE
... Jordi Bonet at Thursday's botched unveiling

Mural suggests people investigating future

Contrary to popular belief, the new SUB's wall sculpture does not represent The Monster That Ate Cleveland.

Unveiling

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It would have been a rather touching, and boring ceremony.

However, when the ropes were pulled, only two let go. The others remained steadfast.

Schepanovich pulled. Nothing. Schepanovich crouched down and tugged violently. Still nothing. Schepanovich backed off and let a Poole construction man untie the knot.

VIOLENCE?

Monsma was having troubles of his own. But he didn't bother with the knot. He ripped off the whole board and threw that down.

Someone down below decided to be helpful and grabbed a corner of the plastic sheet. He pulled. The plastic ripped. But before it ripped, it became stuck on part of the sculpture.

Several minutes later, most of the unveiling had taken place. All but one fair-sized chunk of plastic which remained on the wall and is presently waving merrily in the breeze.

If, by the time this article is published, this hunk of veil has disappeared, we will know that we have a plastic-eating sculpture (as opposed to a kite-eating tree) on our hands.

"I designed and I sculpted the enthusiasm and will of youth to go forward into the future," said Jordi Bonet, the artist.

He was in town Thursday to supervise the installation of the final section of the sculpture and to attend its official unveiling. His associate, Vidal-Ribas Xavier, acted as interpreter to Bonet, who speaks only French and Spanish.

The sculpture is intended to suggest human figures progressing into and investigating the future.

Bonet chose this theme because he considered it most appropriate to university life. University is a preparation for the future and, idealistically speaking, students are eager to fulfill their aspirations and learn through investigation, he explained.

The sculpture took between eight and nine months to complete, during which time Bonet worked in close co-operation with the architects. The sculpture was designed and done especially for the building.

Bonet, at 34, is one of the youngest members of the Royal Canadian Art Academy. He also teaches art integrated with architecture to students in Montreal.

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