

National conference accomplishes little

WATERLOO (CUP) — Results of a Christmas conference of some 60 students unhappy with the present direction of the Canadian Union of Students indicate there will be a move to change the national union from within at next fall's CUS congress.

The delegates met at Waterloo Lutheran University from Dec. 28 to 30 to discuss national student unionism. They decided a decentralized national student union based on a regional or provincial structure would best accommodate all universities.

After concluding a decentralized union would be best, the meeting toyed with the idea of establishing a second national union. Although no official stand was taken, a consensus showed most delegates found the idea of a new national union impractical and would prefer to change the direction of CUS.

Delegates came from 25 universities across Canada. Most had student council backing or were council members.

Reaction to the conference was widely varied. Fraser Hodge from the University of British Columbia said he had hoped the conference would come up with something "to re-direct CUS into a

more responsible direction."

"But it was really bad; just reactionary, sandbox garbage," he said.

Bill Ballard, student president at Waterloo Lutheran, was pleased; "Emotionalism did not reign at this conference; logic did. We had constructive views and not confusion like CUS had at the Guelph conference.

CUS observer Jim Russell commented: "The conference hasn't done anything different. They haven't dealt with issues such as organization and structure and they have no more concern than any one else about representivity."

In a written critique of the meeting, Russell rapped the delegates for being "too sandbox" in their outlook.

The 60 representatives discussed questions such as areas of student interest, education, services a national union could provide, how federal-provincial government structures affect a student union, and the role of local student governments.

Few concrete conclusions were reached. Delegates accepted reports recommending a decentralized structure to aid dealing with French universities and provincial governments. They also ac-

cepted a report which stated university affairs was the initial priority of a national union in order "to bring about awareness on issues in the larger community."

Reports on services (such as life insurance and travel) and on education were discussed by the group but no conclusion was reached.

The students also grappled with the question of whether the national union should be political or apolitical -- bringing charges from some that they were politically naive "to think a national union could be apolitical."

The delegates also decided persons sent to the CUS congress should be chosen in a "representative election" but did not outline a method of election or selection to ensure this.

Delegates discussed plans for another gathering in February but were pessimistic about its chances of accomplishing anything.

Allan Dudeck of the University of Winnipeg summed it up: "There are elections coming up on many of the campuses. I would think a very different group will meet at the next conference. They could easily hash out the same things; so it wouldn't necessarily be an extension of this conference."

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