

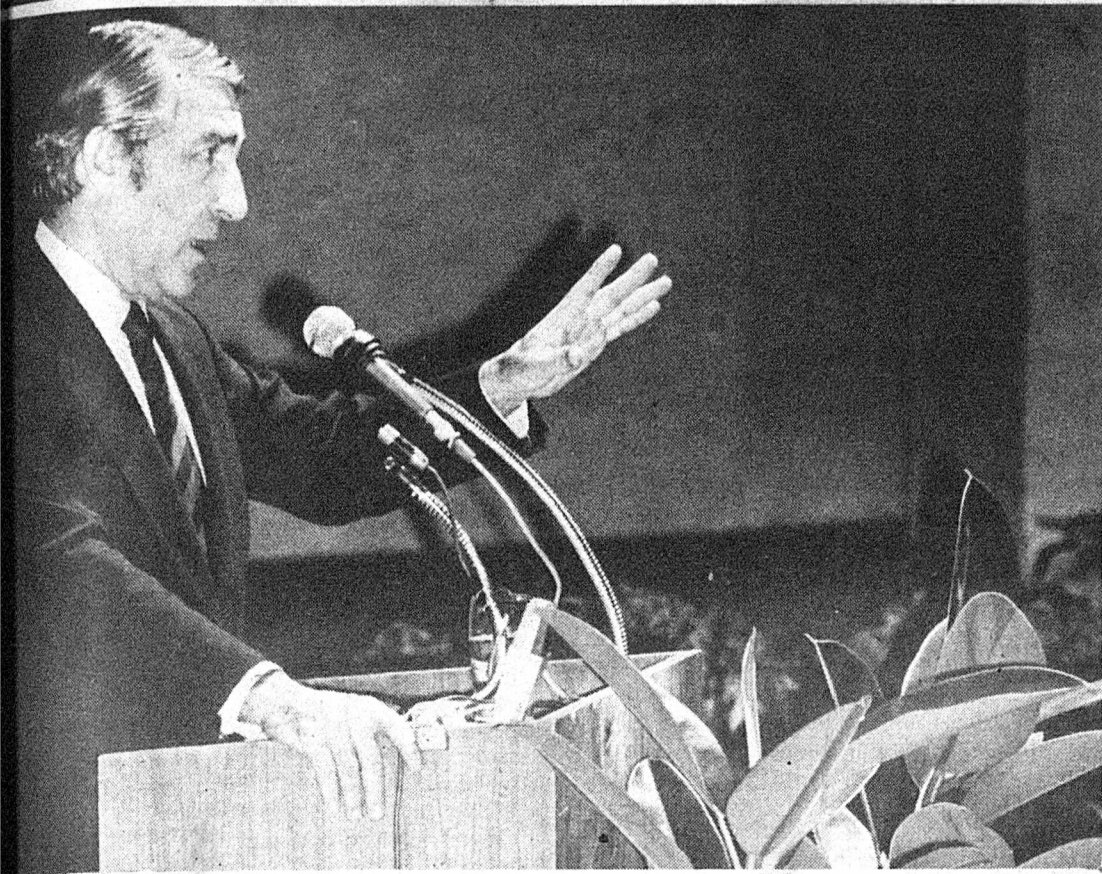
Y'all gonna run out...

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Stewart Udall, former U.S. secretary of the interior.

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## Oil era over warns Udall

"The petroleum industry is a dying industry," were the encouraging first words of US energy critic Stewart Udall as he spoke to about 450 people in SUB Theatre last Thursday.

"We're running out of petroleum," he said. "We've reached the peak (of oil production) and we're on the downward curve."

The former secretary of the interior to John F. Kennedy and Gordon Johnson described the world energy situation as "a major event ... one of the greatest challenges faced by mankind."

Udall said there was no solution to the "energy crisis" in production and that it's not possible to make the kind of new discoveries that would increase reserves or increase oil produc-

He asked those who believe new reserves could be found to remember that Canada and the US are "the most drilled and explored countries in the world." In the High Arctic, he said, "the last major discover and the other news" of drilling results in the last three years "has been bad news," he said.

As for Colorado shale deposits and the Alberta tar sands, Udall said these were not real substitutes for oil and gas because of prohibitive extraction costs and insufficient quantity.

According to the energy expert, the underlying cause of the "energy crisis" lies mainly in the "super-optimistic assumptions" held by politicians and oil officials in the 1950s and 60s.

For example, he explained, many authorities considered reserves to be three to five times greater than they actually were, so that a gluttonous attitude was prevalent. "We thought we had so much," said Udall, "and it was so cheap."

Other erroneous assumptions led many to believe that nuclear power was the ultimate answer, he said. "I went along with that ride for awhile, but how is it going to fill the gas tank?"

The end result of these attitudes is that oil is "being pumped seven to eight times faster than it's being found," he claimed. At present rates of consumption and assuming no new major finds, the US has five

to six years of oil left; Canada has 14 to 16 years.

"These are official figures, not rumors," said Mr. Udall. He suggested that to cope with this growing problem, "big and basic structural changes" are needed throughout the western society.

"Cheap oil has been the key ingredient in much of what we have done ... the sooner we begin (to make these changes) the better," he said.

The energy critic recommended that more money be channeled into railroads, public transit systems, bike paths and walkways and that less funds be used to encourage the "hemorrhage" effect of the automobile.

Udall concluded his speech by re-emphasizing the

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## Gunning gears up for fight

by John Kenney

Full equality for women is probably society's most important goal but Canada's universities have been slow to act, Dr. Harry Gunning, U of A president, told Saturday's fall convocation audience.

Friends and families of graduating students filled the Jubilee auditorium but only 500 students of the 1300 eligible to attend actually arrived for the convocation ceremonies.

Dr. Gunning pointed to the Commission on the Status of Women of the United Nations, and Canada's Status of Women (1970) report which revealed that social justice in Canada was sex-linked to the male.

"Thus it was shown that of some 6,000 directors, less than 50 were female, and in general women comprised something less than one per cent of the leadership in Canadian

business," Dr. Gunning said.

In response to the finding that women in Canadian universities were no better off than their business counterparts, continued Gunning, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) issued a series of resolutions urging that qualified women be appointed to senior academic and administrative positions, and

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## Petition circulates

A petition protesting the proposed differential fee for foreign students has been organized by the Foreign Student Office and the Chinese Student Association (CSA).

The Students Union may pledge \$500 to the cause as a result of Monday night's meeting between SU and various campus interest groups. They met to plan the strategy behind the fight against proposed differential fees and to educate themselves and the public, said Howard Hoggins, SU executive vice-president.

Hoggins announced that copies of the petition will be available to students, student councillors, student clubs, department heads and Senate members. He also plans to speak to community groups and service clubs.

The Nov. 26 meeting of the Senate will be largely devoted to discussion of the proposed differential fee, Hoggins said.

Hoggins said he thought that if Friday's Senate meeting created a Task Force to investigate the problem, it would be able to dispute advanced education minister Hohol's conception of his "supportive public mood."

Approximately 30 extra seats have been added to the Senate gallery to accommodate various campus groups that have been asked to attend the meeting.

## Proposal to trim "fat"

A proposal circulating among academic staff calls for a reorganization of the university power structure and academics will vote Dec. 10 to accept or reject the proposal.

It would transform General Faculties Council into an advisory body and shift student representation from the Council to the departmental level.

The proposal, called "A Proposal for Reorganization of the University Governing Structure" was written by the Committee of Department Chairmen, an *ex officio* body.

The purpose of the proposal "is to streamline the decision-making structure in the University to give faculty and academic administrators greater opportunity to express their views..."

According to the proposal, it was in response to "the proportion of time spent by many staff members on committees instead of upon teaching and research, but with no commensurate resolution of the problems which this

structure was apparently devised to resolve."

"It's a piece of advice to the university," said Dr. Nelson, chairman of the Committee, "a referendum designed to trim the fat off the damned place."

Under the Committee's reorganization plan, GFC would be retained as an internal university forum but without the authority for university decisions that it now possesses.

Instead, the Committee recommends that Department Chairmen (forming the University Chairmen's Council) report to Deans of Faculties (forming Council of Deans) who would, in turn, report to the university president and the three vice-presidents.

Committees now reporting to GFC, the president, and vice-presidents would be reviewed and perhaps decreased in size and number.

Furthermore, it recommends that a Faculty Committee of Chairmen be

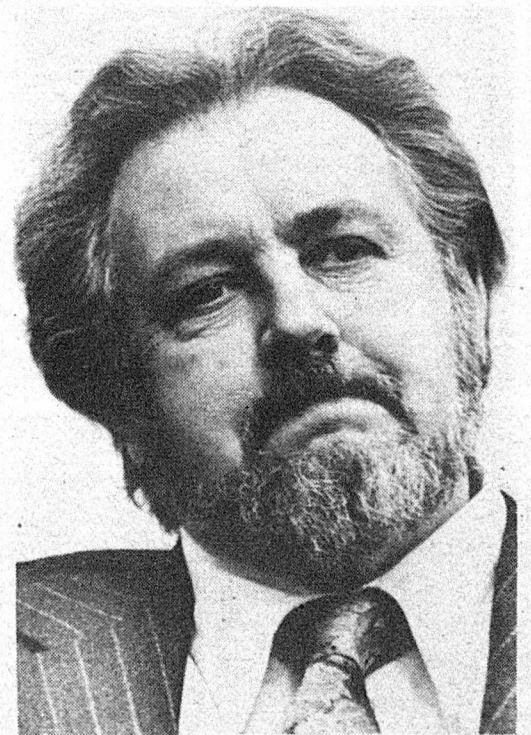
established alongside a Faculty Council.

Students would participate in the departmental committees and "on occasion, in the Faculty Chairmen's Committee or other faculty committees if a faculty chose to have student representation on such Committees," says the proposal.

"Students are in disarray now, they've lost their militancy, they're apathetic," claimed Dr. Nelson, adding: "They're going to come back in some way, and we're trying to open the way - we don't want the confrontation approach."

The results from the vote on the proposal will be forwarded to Dr. Gunning, university president, who plans to have the results analysed by campus Institutional Research.

Dr. Nelson conceded that the proposal might be interpreted by some as "some sort of attempt to establish a power base for some particular group."



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