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Give me six lines written by the most honorable of men...

...and I will find an excuse in them to hang him.

Cardinal Richelieu



Vice President Academic, Mark Hoye, resigns over ideological differences.

And then there were five...

by Richard Watts

Last week Mark Hoye, SU v.p. academic of the SU executive formally resigned from his office.

Hoye cited his reasons for leaving as "an inability to further compromise his own integrity."

"I just find that on every single issue I have to compromise and throw away everything that I believe in. For the sake of my own integrity I can't work with the present executive any longer," says Hoye.

Hoye was the only member of the executive elected from last year's Walker slate. All the other members of the executive came from the Cottle and Greenhill slates.

Says Hoye, "When you have a group of people like our executive so weighted in one direction, it's inevitable that any misgivings I might have will receive only minimal attention."

SU president Robert Greenhill counters, "No we are not a monolithic executive. There has always been lots of good productive disagreement within the executive."

Greenhill added, "Mark was a very good, intelligent source of disagreement. I think it is a real shame that Mark feels that he has to resign."

Greenhill also said that he had asked Mark to withdraw his letter of resignation as soon as Mark gave it to him, but that Hoye had been adamant.

Said Hoye, "There are too many important issues coming up and students are going to require leadership to take a stand. That leadership is not going to come from the executive."

All the other members of the executive were elected on a platform of "non-confrontational action."

Hoye interprets "non-confrontational action" as "not giving the government or the administration a hard time."

Greenhill seemed to feel that Hoye's philosophical problems reached beyond his office in the SU executive.

"Mark's misgivings originate from bad feelings from the larger system as a whole, misgivings about our entire system of liberal democracy," says Greenhill.

The question of what to do with the now empty office of vice-president academic now stands before Students Council.

According to the SU constitution, council has the choice of appointing someone to the office or calling a by-election.

Says Hoye, "It shouldn't be council's decision, it's too big a decision to make. There should be a by-election in order to make the students aware of the issues that the executive is not taking action on."

Says Greenhill, "I don't think there will be enough time to hold a by-election and not only because of the time involved in the by-election but also because of the time involved in getting the new v.p. academic acquainted with the job. V.p. academic is one of the most complicated jobs in the executive."

Until a new v.p. academic can be found Robert Greenhill plans on filling the vacancy himself in addition to his own position as SU president.

Unemployment benefits U's

OTTAWA (CUP) — Just as campus administrators began to worry about declining enrolment, along came the tail end of the baby boom and the Summer of Unemployment.

Recalling from the worst job market in 45 years, Canadian students have enrolled in courses this fall in record numbers.

Statistics Canada predicts that full-time university and college enrolment will reach 693,000, up 19,000 from 1981-82. Including part-time students, more than one million Canadians now attend post-secondary institutions.

The startling story coming out of this fall's registration is the reversal of the usual enrolment pattern: for the first time in years, university enrolment has increased faster than college enrolment.

Full-time university enrolment will be 414,000 up 3.2 per cent from 1981-82, according to Statistics Canada. Full-time college enrolment is expected to reach 279,000, up almost two per cent.

Zoltan Zsigmond, a Statistics Canada researcher, said university enrolment is increasing faster because people with university degrees are weathering the recession much better than people with college diplomas. And both groups are more likely to find a job than less educated people.

Overall unemployment for 15 to 24 year-olds jumped from 11.8 per cent in July 1981 to 19.6 per cent a year later. But among people in the same age group with a university degree it only rose from 6.8 to 10 per cent. For 15 to 24 year-olds with a college diploma, unemployment rose

much more rapidly in the same period, from 5.7 to 13.6 per cent.

"With more education it is easier to find a job," said Zsigmond. "But this does not mean that all those with a diploma or degree will find an appropriate job according to their education." Zsigmond said the better

educated are pushing the less educated out of work in the scramble for a diminishing number of jobs. Youth unemployment rates are dramatically higher among less educated groups. In July, a staggering 34 per cent of 15 to 24 year-olds with a grade eight

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Enrolment up by 1500

by Wes Oginski

This year the U of A has experienced a dramatic increase in enrolment.

Student enrollment has been estimated at 24,000 (this includes 3,500 part-time students) which represents an increase of 5 - 7 per cent.

W. Blanchard, U of A registrar, stresses this is only a rough estimate, saying that enrollment figures constantly fluctuate with students dropping out or registering late.

Although the university predicted the rise in enrollment, the actual increase experienced has come as a shock and is causing some problems.

Says U of A president Myer Horowitz, "I must admit the increase is much more dramatic than I thought it would be."

Horowitz continued, "You can't increase enrollment by 1,500 students in one year and not expect some stresses."

Because Arts and Sciences are the only two faculties without quota restrictions they are bearing

the brunt of the increase but not in all their departments.

Computing science has felt the increase most, closely followed by chemistry. The Arts faculty has felt the increase in their language and literature programs.

Don Williams, administrative assistant to the faculty of science, says enrollment is up 11.4 percent in the faculty of science.

Williams does admit to some problems. "We have two problems, either the classroom is too small or there are too many students."

As an example, Williams tells of one class with 300 students. There is no lecture room or theatre large enough to hold such a class and no time to create alternate sections.

Horowitz says the university has admitted these people and therefore has an obligation to see that they receive an education.

The university will approach Jim Horsman, provincial minister of Advanced Education and Manpower for an increase in funds to deal with the problem.



This could be Chem. 201.

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