

You have to take phys ed

Survey says frosh like it

Compulsory physical education is bad, said students' council Monday night, but voluntary phys ed for first year students would be worse.

In doing so, council rejected a faculty of science proposal to abolish compulsory first year phys ed. A letter from Dr. K. B. Newbound, assistant dean of science, suggested students might use the time to better advantage by pursuing their studies.

"I am concerned with the total individual, both mental and physical," argued Sandra Young, students' union secretary and former phys ed student.

She agreed with Dr. M. L. Van Vliet, dean of physical education, who had credited physical education with involving students in good recreational facilities and social interaction.

Observer Jon Bordo proposed

compulsory philosophy courses to create the total individual.

Council was also concerned with a report from the University of Calgary which indicated the introduction of a voluntary phys ed program there had caused almost total loss of the first year program.

Since a survey among first year students last year indicated most of them wanted the program, it was thought the voluntary program would hurt more people than it would help.

In addition, council recommended that the faculty of physical education offer courses to senior students who are not in the faculty.

But council was evidently discussing the phys ed question on its own merits, because the next item on the agenda was a proposal for a student bill of rights.

The matter was tabled to a

special meeting next Monday however, as council felt there should be more time for discussing such an important topic.

The issue arose partly because of U of A president Dr. Walter H. Johns recent Memorandum on Student Conduct.

When council moved to table discussion of the student bill of rights, there was concern among Student for a Democratic University members who were sitting in the gallery that any action intimated in the memorandum would be used before a student bill of rights could be adopted.

They asked council to consider this and pass a motion that matters of student and faculty discipline be returned to students and faculty from the administration.

Ed rep Grey Berry moved such a motion, but it failed for lack of a seconder.

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Students were present so GFC went home

Calgary pressing for open meetings

CALGARY (CUP)—The University of Calgary General Faculty Council refused to convene a

meeting when 35 students refused to leave the meeting chamber, in a demand for open meetings.

The 35 students, including three representatives of the Graduate Students Association, attended the meeting in response to an editorial in the U of C student newspaper, The Gauntlet, which urged them to take action to press for open meetings of GFC.

The General Faculty Council is U of C's highest academic decision-making body (equivalent to the senate in most universities), and seats three students.

About 45 members of the GFC arrived to find the students already seated along the walls of the room. Acting president, Dr. W. R. Trost, chairman of the GFC, asked the students why they were there. Student representatives Nigel Roberts and Luigi Di Marzo, president of the students' union, said students wanted to see GFC conduct business and watch their representatives in action, and asked for a consensus of GFC members on allowing the visitors to remain.

GFC meetings have always been closed to non-members except by special invitation.

After some discussion, Trost asked three times that the students leave the chamber. He said he would be unable to convene the meeting with visitors present. When only three moved, he asked all members of GFC to withdraw, although several were trying to gain the floor.

After the non-meeting, several students suggested the GFC should be allowed one meeting in private to make a decision on open meetings.

"If they don't let us in, they'll never have a meeting again," said one graduate student.

SFU goes moderate

Student power slate beaten

By ALLEN GARR

BURNABY—Rob Walsh and his moderate slate polled a convincing victory over student power opponents in Simon Fraser Student Society election held last Friday, a victory which may toll the death knell of student power at SFU.

Walsh, who garnered 1,842 votes to activist John Conway's 859, captured the presidency and a chance to put his moderate plans into action.

It is ironic that the student body which received praise from universities across Canada for its effective and democratic student government, spawned by Martin Loney (CUS president-elect) and his summer 1968 council, is now aborting its own creation.

Although Loney and Conway (summer vice-president) consistently received support from students this summer for their proposed tactics vis a vis democratizing the university, they did anticipate a right wing backlash in the fall.

Attempts by the right to overthrow council this summer fell to defeat, often amidst peals of laughter. The right, despite evidence to the contrary, such as referenda, adamantly insisted the activist council did not represent the views of the students.

It became a rallying point for the right this fall.

Walsh, after hearing of his victory, said "I am personally concerned with the accurate representation of student interest. My main priorities at this moment are the search for a permanent president (SFU admin. president P. D. McTaggart-Cowan was dismissed last summer as the result of faculty demands following a CAUT censure) and the revisal of the universities act."

Also—ran John Conway appears to be optimistic about the future of student power at SFU, in spite of the election results.

He said: "Since our position in the campaign was a clear and uncompromising one, and the fact that over 800 students voted for us, I am not pessimistic about the results. I don't think anyone voted for use who wasn't prepared to act. On the other hand, the vote for Walsh was one of inaction, apathy, suspicion and fear, which suggests to me that support for Walsh is like a morning mist and it will evaporate as rapidly as it crystallized."

Only half of the council has now been voted in at SFU. The remainder will be decided Friday. But if history is an indicator, the second slate will follow in the conservative footsteps of the first and SFU will not be as volatile as it was this past summer.



—Forrest Bard photo

STUDENT POWER

Student revolution is allegedly sweeping the country. And the student power leader has become a wandering nomad, blessed by the press, idolized by his followers and hated by the opposition. Our choice as student militant leader of the year is Leslie Hill, sc 1, who is really not a militant. We guarantee she would have many ardent followers.