

Canadian University Press DATELINE

Reagan shoots down Kerr

BERKELEY, Calif.—Dr. Clark Kerr, president of the nine-campus University of California, has been dismissed because of his stand against Governor Ronald Reagan's plan to cut university costs.

In a surprise move, the University's Board of Regents, of which Governor Reagan is ex-officio president, voted 14-8 to remove Dr. Kerr from his post.

Dr. Kerr had violently objected to Reagan's demand that "free education" must be ended and a tuition fee of \$200 a year at state colleges and \$400 a year at the university be introduced along with a 10 per cent cut in the school's budgets.

President Kerr responded to Reagan's belt-tightening by ordering the suspension of all admissions of new students into the 87,000-student system.

In an editorial entitled "Twilight of a Great University", the New York Times predicted devastating consequences from Reagan's moves.

"Some of the most prestigious members of the faculty will not return next year," it said.

The Times also warns that the furor over the dismissal of Dr. Kerr will end in a student revolt.

A student leader at the University of California at Los Angeles called for a one day boycott of classes.

At Berkeley, a student leader accused Reagan of turning the university into a "political football."

Simon Fraser rejoins CUS

BURNABY—Simon Fraser University has applied for reinstatement into the Canadian Union of Students. The decision to rejoin CUS was taken at the second council meeting following the election of six candidates running for office on a pro-CUS slate.

In a letter to the Canadian Union of Students, Simon Fraser president Stan Wong stated: "The situation as it stands now is that we (SFU) are seeking immediate reinstatement in the Union and are also holding a referendum in February in order to solve the situation once and for all."

In Ottawa, CUS vice-president Dave Young said: "We are happy to welcome Simon Fraser back into the Union. Simon Fraser, because of its trimester system, its unprecedented growth, and its academic innovations, is an important experiment for higher education in Canada.

"We need Simon Fraser working with our members across Canada in building a relevant student movement."

Young said that Simon Fraser's application for reinstatement will be submitted to the Union's Board of Directors by a telegram vote. If the application is accepted as is expected, CUS services will be reinstated immediately.

Boycott spreads to U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—American students following the lead set by their Canadian counterparts at the University of Montreal last fall, have been boycotting cafeterias in protest of increased food prices.

Students at Hunter College in New York city succeeded in getting price reductions after a three day boycott. The administration agreed to subsidize any financial loss the cafeteria might incur.

Students at San Francisco State College protested a 15 per cent increase in food prices and cafeteria and employees demanded an hourly wage increase.

The employees got their raise and the students succeeded in getting a 10 per cent price cut after a nine day boycott.

The cafeteria management is conducting a study of prices, student attitudes and possibilities for change.

Dal students hoaxed

HALIFAX—Tory chief John Diefenbaker made an electronic appearance at Dalhousie University.

Most of the 150 persons who came to listen to him speak walked out when his appearance turned out to be a tape recording.

They had come to listen to the man from Prince Albert who was supposed to speak at the meeting. But apparently they also wanted to meet him.

Dalhousie president Henry Hicks was among those hoodwinked by a Progressive Conservative press release about the meeting.

The night before the meeting, Hicks had made an angry telephone call to a PC association member, complaining he had been snubbed because he hadn't received an invitation to meet Mr. Diefenbaker.

The university president wasn't alone in his protest. A CBC television crew was also on hand, but claimed they knew the PC leader wouldn't be there in person.

Confidence vote for CUS

HALIFAX—The Canadian Union of Students received a vote of confidence when St. Mary's University voted to remain within the national student organization.

Of those who voted, 73.5 per cent were in favor of retaining St. Mary's ties with CUS.

GFC examines methods of study

Mass lectures may soon be outmoded on this campus.

The General Faculty Council Tuesday passed a resolution establishing a standing committee of students and faculty to:

(a) investigate curriculum studies, methods of presentation and methods of study at this and other universities;

(b) propose, as a result of this investigation some experimental courses and/or course structure to be implemented when feasible.

The resolution was passed on the recommendation of the committee on student affairs.

COSA has come up with appealing suggestions for changes in course instruction such as:

• seminar courses for first year students.

• weeklong and weekend conferences during the year at special retreats which would provide an opportunity for informal study and recreation.

BETTER IDEAS

University officials could not see results forthcoming within the immediate future, but university president Dr. Walter H. Johns has a better idea.

He proposed that at the beginning of next term students in each section get together and give their instructor ideas on how the course could best be taught.

"The prospect of getting reasonable early action is much greater if it starts at the grass roots level than if it starts from the general faculty council," said Dr. Johns.

"If the students brought up some good ideas to their professors, they would have my blessings."

Council refuses to define policy position

Students' council has refused to define its position on the policies of the student assistance board.

Council turned down academic relations board chairman Yvonne Walmsely's request they define their position. Council will wait until more information is acquired on the matter.

Students' union president Branny Schepanovich plans to have administrator of student awards R. B. Wishart address council on the subject.

Although no position was defined the general feeling of council was the government should not be obligated to provide assistance when a student's parents are able to do so without having to undergo undue hardship.

Whenever possible students should live at home—if they are able to live at home but choose not to, they should be prepared to look to sources other than the government for assistance, they decided.

A student who doesn't make some effort to provide a significant part of the necessary funds for his winter expenses during the summer should again be prepared to look to sources other than the government.



—Neil Driscoll photo

SMILING FOR THE PEOPLE—Three of five engineer week queen candidates illustrate how Leonard da Vinci got that smile from Mona Lisa. With a little practice, they, too, will have it perfected. Left to right, are Vicki Brandon, nu 3, representing electrical; Cathy Elias, arts 2, representing civil-chemical; and Jen Holt, ed 2, representing second year. Missing are Patsy Brix, ed 3, representing mechanical; and Rosemary McCarten, arts 2, representing first year.

University, but not students, exempt from film censorship

Films owned by the University of Alberta are now exempt from censorship.

J. A. Shaw, supervisor of the department of extension film library, said the provincial motion picture censor board made the announcement last week.

The new exemption applies to "non-fictional, education films owned by government departments and by public and separate schools

and universities, maintained by public funds."

It is particularly stressed that this exemption does not apply to films owned or exhibited by students or organizations within universities or schools.

The responsibility for content and use of exempted films rests with the head of the department concerned.

Student groups who propose to exhibit films from film libraries outside Alberta should arrange for their films to arrive soon enough to be processed by the censor board.

In most cases, the films will be cleared without difficulty, and Mr. Shaw's office will make the necessary arrangements with the censor board on behalf of the student group.

Films should be brought to the film library in the basement of Corbett Hall at least two days before show date.

Mr. Shaw said the new arrangement is a welcome concession which he has been working on for three years.

Ward lends support to UGEQ

MONTREAL (CUP)—CUS president Doug Ward said here last week he supports UGEQ and hopes all Quebec students become members of that organization.

"What I am afraid of is that McGill will rejoin UGEQ or stay in CUS and not do a bloody thing in either one of them," he said.

He said he is disturbed at what he called McGill's executive's dogmatic refusal to commit themselves on political issues.

"Even students' councils that concern themselves only with yearbooks and dances are making political decisions," said Ward. "They're allocating money, and money is power."

"It doesn't look like anyone at McGill is interested in the significant issues that affect students," he said.

Erratum

The statement that appeared in last Friday's Gateway concerning the wages of the staff of the University's housing and food services is misleading.

It should have read: During the same period, wages rose almost 30 per cent and the wages are now comparable to those of the other institutional staff in Edmonton.

—The Editor