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PHOTOGRAPHER AND PREACHER confront each other in SUB theatre lobby Monday afternoon. Forrest Bard took both students and evangelist Wayne Westby to task for their actions during a revival-style lecture by Mr. Westby. Mr. Bard tore a strip from the students for their intolerant attitude towards the preacher's doctrine and then told Mr. Westby to shut up because he was doing more harm than good.

First-year PE, English heading for dustheap

English head, GFC committee and SU council advocate more freedom in students' choices

By AL SCARTH

The two courses compulsory for most first-year U of A students will probably join enforced attendance and 11 p.m. curfews on the academic dust heap.

Monday night, students' council added its almost unanimous support to a General Faculty Council committee's recommendation that physical education be dropped as a compulsory first-year subject.

Thursday, the department of english recommended that english be made an elective subject in all faculties.

The GFC's ad hoc committee emphasized in its report that its three basic recommendations should be considered as a whole and their adoption in a piecemeal fashion would harm the intent of the report.

The recommendations are:

- that P. E. 218 and 228 be dropped as university requirements,
- that the faculty of physical education develop a 200 level full-year and two 200 level half-year courses to be offered all students

on an elective basis,

- that all students be permitted at least one elective physical education course for credit.

The committee made its recommendations in the belief that only two reasonable justifications can be made to make courses compulsory: for certification purposes and as prerequisites. These conditions, with certain exceptions, do not apply to physical education it reported.

Other recommendations included physical fitness tests for students who wish them in order to determine their fitness level and the implementation of voluntary swimming and fitness classes on an optional basis.

While the committee also emphasized that physical education is a valuable asset, it said the university should be removing itself from the idea of "in locus parentis" and that students should be encouraged to look after their own health and fitness.

The english course recommendation made Thursday at a departmental meeting could mean students will no longer have to take a first-year english course.

But, says department head R. G. Baldwin, if the recommendation is accepted by U of A faculties, it will not be put in force for two years.

"It is a totally new position for us to take," he said Monday, "but

there is no way of predicting how the faculties will respond."

If the department's stand is approved, it is too late to change academic calendars for next term.

Unlike physical education, english is a first-year requirement imposed at the faculty level so it is up to the individual faculties to decide whether their students should have to take english as part of their compulsory course-load.

As far as Dr. Baldwin is concerned "we believe in it as a subject but we would prefer students to be choosing it rather than be compelled to take it."

He says it is a decision which will "startle the university community because we have a vested interest" but "the trend is that education, at least at the university level is also the making of choices."

He said the recommendation, passed by a 2-1 margin, also entails a re-examination of the department's freshmen courses in line with the new position.

While president Max Wyman declined to make any specific statements about the recommendations in view of his position as chairman of General Faculty Council, he did say Monday "if it's just a straight education a person wants, I would give an extremely wide choice to students in selection of their programs."

Get rid of that gold & silver: Council chops mickey mouse pins

By BETH NILSEN

Students' council Monday, voted to abolish such awards as the Gold Key, and gold and silver pins on the basis that they were useless.

Jeff Caskenette, arts rep, told council "these mickey mouse awards are not that valuable. What about the kid who works his butt off for four years and only scrapes by with a five average? He has worked just as hard as anyone else on this campus."

Graham Begg added that these awards were "military medals as such."

Council also voted to hire the SU executive for the entire summer period.

David Leadbeater commented that this was the only way for the executives to do a proper job. It was pointed out that students were not capable of sparring with more experienced administrators. Liz Law said "the only way for students to gain this expertise is for them to sit on summer committees and to gain other practical experience of this type."

AAS president Al Stein said

"invariably, administrators are Ph.D. types, who spend their entire life finding out how this machine, university, ticks."

Council voted to adopt an interim report on reorganization presented by Don MacKenzie. Mr. MacKenzie pointed out that there is a lack of communication between council and its electorate.

"The only power that the student has now is the general meeting which requires 200 signatures on a petition, a ten per cent turnout of the student body, a two-thirds majority for any legislative issue, plus the fact that the motion must be a non-executive one and this is determined by the students' council executive."

Mr. MacKenzie offered three solutions to this problem. "Students should be able to call for a referendum, requiring only 500 signatures to a petition, students should have a plenary system, whereby they can call a general meeting with only 25 signatures and a turnout of 750 people, and students and council should have the right to recall members of council if they are not fulfilling their duties."

He also mentioned the possibility of a speakers' bureau, which would be comprised of councillors who could clarify to various clubs any questions that they might have about council.

Private enterprise may move into residences

CALGARY (CUP) — Alberta's Social Credit government, not known as an enemy of free enterprise, may soon open new doors to businessmen—residence doors.

Provincial Education Minister Robert Clark has announced the creation of a five-man "task force" to investigate the possibility of private enterprise providing housing for students at Calgary's Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

The force, which includes SAIT

student council president Robert Oleniuk, will hold its first meeting Thursday.

If the task force gives its approval, business could receive a government contract to build housing on the SAIT campus for 1,200 single students and 250 married students. Tentative completion date for the project is sometime in 1973.

According to Clark, "it has been suggested that private enterprise can be more efficient than a public

body in operating student residences."

The arrangement is apparently already in operation on some campuses in the western United States.

Task force members also indicated that the provincial government might build the housing, and then hand it over to business to operate and administer.

The task force will report "as soon as possible." The government did not say if private enterprise would shoulder the cost of the study.

Med rep resigns council seat; says council unrepresentative

Rod Boychuk has resigned from his position as med rep on students' council, charging that the Faculty of Medicine cannot benefit from having a representative on council.

"Medicine has a representative on council . . . because we are forced to pay into it; not because we think we can get anything out of it," Mr. Boychuk said in his letter of resignation.

He further charged that council was an elitist and unrepresentative organization.

Students' union president David Leadbeater said that Mr. Boychuk attended council infrequently and never presented any motions for students as a whole or med students in particular.

"He seems not to realize that the holding down of fees and our attempt to encourage a high standard of teaching on this campus are just two things that will benefit all of the students," said Mr. Leadbeater.

The charges and counter-charges continue on page forum-five.

Quote of the week

This newspaper also opposes the Vietnam war. But intervention in a friendly neighbor's business is a different matter. — The Edmonton Journal, December 8, 1969.

Sorry, no trips

Three summer travel programs reported in Friday's Gateway as being offered by the department of extension do not exist.

The news release announcing the programs was released last year and somehow made its way into our live copy file.

The mix-up has not yet been clarified but we regret any inconvenience caused interested travellers by its publication in our pages.