



AAS President Tim Christian

Students' Council Attempts Action

Students Council defeated a motion to condemn the Delta Upsilon poster for sexist and discriminatory leanings. The motion was defeated 7 to 5 with 8 abstentions.

Vera Radio had proposed sending a letter to the Delta Upsilon fraternity expressing council's "moral indignation"

During the laughter from council members while the roll call was being taken, the following comment was heard.

VOTING

If you are a student wondering about whether you are eligible to vote there are guidelines. To vote in the September 13 civil election, students must:

a) Have been resident in Edmonton for one year. If you were absent for the summer, that does not negate your right to vote.

b) The student must choose his place of residence, whether in the city or outside.

c) Student must be 18 years of age and either a Canadian citizen or a British subject.

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Conflicts threaten existence of AAS

CALGARY (CUP) — Beset by internal conflicts, the life of the Alberta Association of Students may be at stake this Thanksgiving weekend when delegates from across the province meet to discuss the Association's future.

Formed in 1967 to pursue matters of concern to the students of post-secondary institutions in Alberta and to provide a basis of communication among institutions, the Association has come under fire during the past two years, primarily because individual students' unions such as the University of Calgary, University of Alberta, and Lethbridge Community College felt they weren't getting their moneys worth from the Association.

In a referendum held at the U of C last March, the then External Vice-President Barry Sharpe levelled charges that the AAS wasn't doing its job of lobbying and that its research program had floundered.

He also charged that U of C delegates to AAS were being ignored by the Association's executive.

The results of the referendum came out overwhelmingly in support of the AAS.

This year's External Vice-President, Gary Langshaw, has also levelled criticisms at the Association. Mr. Langshaw stated he was very unhappy with the current set-up of the Association and particularly the performance of AAS President Tim Christian.

However, at a meeting with the AAS executive the following Monday, Mr. Langshaw apologized for the criticisms he had made.

Rumblings have also been coming from the University of Alberta and Red Deer Junior College.

U of A's External Vice-President, Ian McDonnell, doesn't feel that the U of A has been getting its moneys worth from the Association and would like to see a restructuring; while at Red Deer the students' union is in a financial crisis and

withdrawing from the AAS would alleviate the problem.

The situation is reminiscent of the pattern established by the late Canadian Union of Students, which went under when the University of Toronto withdrew. (U of C and U of A had withdrawn earlier)

Then, as now, the issues have been confined to the financial saving to be accrued from withdrawal, alleged lack of communication and the belief that one institution (U of A) can effectively lobby with the government on its own initiative.

When the AAS was formed in 1967, it was primarily a public relations organization representing the Students' Unions of all post-secondary educational institutions.

At the present time, it is more involved in research than in image-building. Research projects are conducted in areas in which students in the province have a considerable interest.

Three projects were carried out this summer: a preparation manual for student course guides; a survey on the socio-economic background of

students; and a survey of the 1969 and 1970 graduating class in Alberta.

To alter the present relationship between professors and students, with the ultimate goal of having a student voice in the hiring and firing of individual professors, the course guide preparation manual was produced and received by members early in September. The AAS feels that, if the ultimate aim is reached, the standard of teaching staff will be raised. The project was based on the premise that students will absorb more from a professor who is interesting, as well as being thoroughly grounded in his field, and that this will raise the quality of education received.

The AAS, in the socio-economic background survey, wanted to determine if it was true that students from higher-income families attended university, while students from lower-income families attended technical or trade schools. If such is the case, the AAS feels that the rich are being subsidized by the poor, and that some

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"It's a good thing Gateway wasn't here."

Council passed a motion Monday to form a committee to find a suitable name for the new HUB (Housing Union Building).

In the words of one member who considered a new name desirable, "We'll have to live with the name for another fifty years."

Dave Biltek proposed that the committee run a contest for the new name. "We should have a contest and have a free sweet or something as an award."

Richard Lancaster made a motion which was seconded by Bruce Jackson to rename the HUB, "In honor of Lancaster and Jackson."

Frans Slater immediately made a motion to amend that to include his own name.

Luckily, cooler heads prevailed, and the amendments were postponed indefinitely. Or in the words of the president "Better known as the six month hoist."

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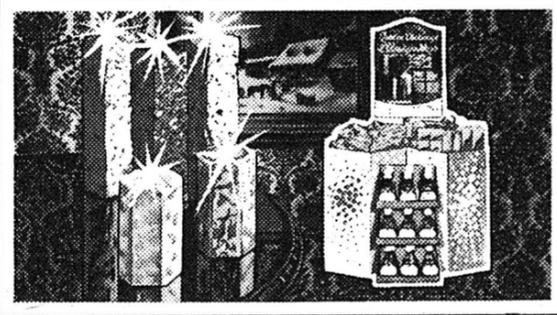
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