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And I'd trade in my ambition...

...for a warmer place to sleep  
John Cougar

## Federation finds home

by Gilbert Bouchard

Student's Council played to a full house Tuesday night, as 60 to 70 students turned out to witness perhaps the last installment to the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) saga.

It looks like we're in CFS now.

Council passed a motion to rescind a previously passed motion to hold a new CFS referendum. The latest motion was in light of a recent University Disciplinary Panel decision to overturn a DIE Board decision to void the results of the Oct. 21 CFS membership referendum which saw U of A students vote "yes" to joining the Federation.

Confused? You're not alone.

Council chambers were "packed like a Resdskin game" said Arts representative Don Davies.

VP Academic, Barb Donaldson, commented after the meeting that if "I were a councillor after this meeting, I'd resign. It was a zoo, a real three ring circus. People didn't stick to the subject, and walked in there knowing how they were going to vote and just used the next two hours for theatrics. Gord Stamp (the individual responsible for having brought the YES-CFS committee to DIE Board) can't understand that it's over."

Rainer Huebl, and education rep, continued the sports oriented allusion, stating that the "entire referendum issue is like a hockey game, where one team didn't show up, and the team that did arrive goes on to win a 5-4 victory and is damn proud of having defeated the nonexistent opposition."

To which Don Davies quipped, "Rainer is a good example of a player who's been playing without a helmet."

SU President Robert Greenhill urged that the motion pass so that we could "take it out of the political ring" and that "we make the referendum legitimate." VP External, Andrew Watts, added that "a February election would be biased since the referendum would have CFS as an issue, rather than the concerns of the U of A students."

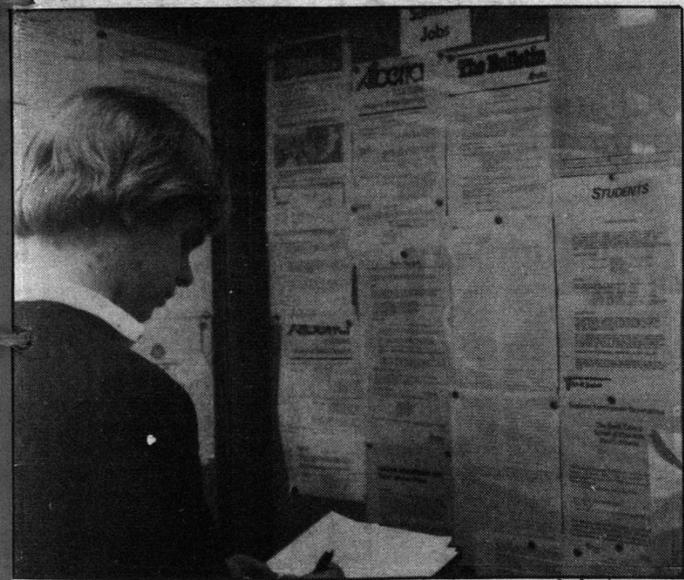
This was countered, later in the debate, by Ken Bos (instrumental in defeating a CFS membership referendum in Calgary), who added that "students should decide who their leaders are. Students must be getting pretty sick of this (seesaw membership in CFS) why not hold another referendum. Let's clear the air, ask the students again. I ask you CFS people: What are you afraid of?"

Bosman later challenged the Chair as to whether proper notice had been given to the motion in question. The chair ruled that any material mailed or distributed to members is the call of the meeting, making the agenda the call to the meeting. Council supported the chair and defeated Bosman's challenge.

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Student Councillor Lisa Schnell ponders the merits of a second CFS referendum at Tuesday's Council Meeting.



The Youth Ministry wants to give this student a job. See story below.

## Youth minister appointed

by Brent Jang

Prime Minister Trudeau transferred Celine Hervieux-Payette to the newly created Youth Ministry on Tuesday, in a move that student reps say "won't make any difference" until there is increased input from youth.

"At this point, it really doesn't matter who they put in there (the Youth Ministry). It's going to depend on how the department is actually structured," said Canadian Federation of Students chair Graham Dowdell.

Hervieux-Payette will act as a special advisor in Trudeau's cabinet, reporting to various colleagues, in particular Secretary of State Serge Joyal and Minister of Employment and Immigration John Roberts.

Dowdell and other CFS executives met with Secretary of State Serge Joyal last month and

they hope to arrange a meeting with Hervieux-Payette at the end of January.

CFS Alberta Central Committee rep Don Millar says CFS wants an independent youth committee in the Ministry instead of the government-operated Youth Advisory Council that is currently being proposed.

Dowdell says, "it's clearly not the federal government's jurisdiction. If you really want genuine input, you let the youth speak out using their own mechanism."

Millar says, "there's no use in condemning the new Ministry of Youth. I'm anxious to see how the ministry functions within the government. It's not a full-blown ministry, so it won't be as costly to maintain as others."

CFS is concerned that the Youth Ministry doesn't become a means to divert student issues.

## "Pressure gov't for funding"

The federal government should amend the Established Programs Financing Arrangements to ensure that federal funds transferred to the provinces in support of post-secondary education are spent in that sector, according to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

In an eight-page brief presented December 14 to the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada, the AUCC points out that universities are vital to the social, cultural and economic prosperity of communities, provinces and the country as a whole.

It calls on the Commission to press the federal and provincial

governments to provide adequate levels of funding to post-secondary institutions over the long term.

The brief calls attention to the important role of the universities in research and development.

It says the Commission should recognize (1) that nearly all researchers get their training at university; (2) that universities must remain the focal point for much of the country's basic research; (3) that support for basic research should not be allowed to fall below a minimally acceptable level and; (4) that the balance between basic and applied research should be carefully monitored.

The Association points to the need for a coherent national research policy and calls on the Commission to set out specific corrective measures to guard against a potential shortfall of trained university researchers in the coming decades.

Canadian universities have been successful to an extraordinary degree in matching manpower supply with demand and

they should continue to take current manpower forecasts into account when planning their programs, says the brief.

However, the Association cautions against undue interference in the planning process by groups outside the university.

According to the brief, out-of-province registrations of Canadian students represent less than 10 per cent of total enrollment.

It says a broad program of federally funded bursaries and scholarships could lead to increased student mobility at the university level.

It also urges the federal and provincial governments to encourage more foreign students to study in Canada.

The brief was delivered by AUCC President Dr. W. Andrew MacKay, President of Dalhousie University and by AUCC Board member Dr. Ronald L. Watts, Principal of Queen's University at Kingston.

The Association represents 70 universities and degree-granting colleges. The group was founded in 1911.

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