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More Sage Advice

Welcome, freshman.

You are now embarking on a university career. Take a look around. Take a good look. But don't be fooled by frosh week activities. There is more to university than teas, hootenannies, pep rallies, and football games. There is more to university than receiving a degree—let us hope that when you leave the University of Alberta you will have received an education as well as a degree, for the two are not synonymous.

Some of you have come to university intent on study with no thought of extracurricular activities: others already have committed themselves to a variety of clubs and organizations. The choice of what to join and what not to join is yours.

Striking a balance between your studies and your outside interests may prove difficult. In making such decisions do not forget that the experience garnered in outside interests can more than compensate for the time lost with the books.

Friendships made during your years here could last throughout your life. For this reason membership in the various clubs, whether they are service organizations, social and recreational clubs, societies offering extra study in a given academic pursuit, is extremely worthwhile. But do not be a joiner, a member of many clubs, loyal to none.

Decisions made during the coming weeks can profoundly effect your university career, so make them carefully. Do not be in a hurry to volunteer your money, your time, your

Your university offers much, but trite as it may seem, you will only get out of it what you put into it. Now that you are here, you must prove that you are the kind of student who ought to stay.

Good luck.



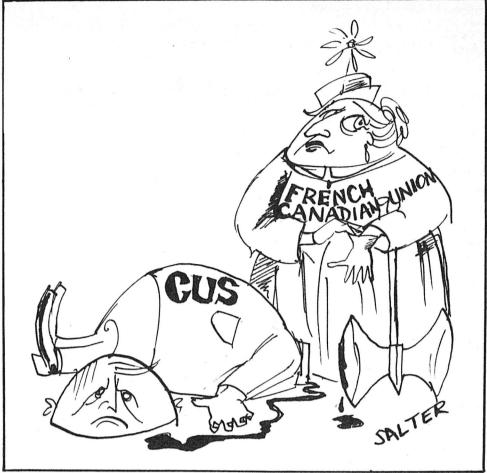
The year-old attempt to permanently establish a truly national union of Canadian students has been scuttled.

Last year at the Edmonton congress, CUS was given a two-part structure in answer to the demands of the French-Canadian students. This year at the York congress, on the withdrawal of the three major French-Canadian universities, even this attempt at preserving the union failed.

A pattern is being set. Whether or not they realize it, the action of the French-Canadian students is jeopardizing the future political unity of Canada. For the attitudes of students of today, though somewhat mellowed by the passage of time and the fading of ideals, will be the attitudes of the politicians of tomorrow. When extremism becomes the vogue rather than conciliation, unity of any kind becomes impossible.

Certain questions of structure, which were before necessarily neglected because of the cultural duality problems, can now be dealt with successfully by the remaining universities. But the benefits of the split will be far outweighed by the losses. Understanding can only come through communication, and communication has been cut.

The decision of the remaining universities to continue the bilingual character of their union is a hopeful sign. The onus is now on the French-Canadian students to acknowledge this sign. They must now prove that their decision to leave was not motivated by separatism, as stressed by Pierre Hogue of Sherbrooke.



"OF COURSE WE ARE STILL FRIENDS"

President Welcomes Frosh

The idea of a Canadian nation stretching from sea to sea began to take form a hundred years ago this year. Over two and a half centuries had already passed since permanent settlers first began to set up their habitations on these shores and a century had gone by since the French and English had begun their efforts to share the settlement and the government of this land of ours.

The developments since 1864 have gone on at an ever increasing tempo but this will be as nothing to what we shall experience in the years ahead. Many of you who enter the University this week as Freshmen will be in positions of great responsibility as Canada and the world enter the twenty-first century. If you are to prepare yourselves adequately to meet these responsibilities you must begin your intensive preparation now. The fact that you have achieved admission to University at all is evidence that you have not wasted your early years of study and preparation, but the standards you will need to meet in University are greater than any required of you before. And however long your course may appear at this moment, your time here will be far too short for all you need to learn.

The University of Alberta has won



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distinction in many fields through its Faculty and their work and through its graduates. You are now part of that University and we hope each of you will help add lustre to its fame and at the same time fit yourselves for a life of service to the world. And through it all we hope that your search for "Whatsoever things are true" may be a happy one.

W. H. Johns President University of Alberta





