

U.G.E.Q. blasts Bladen report

MONTREAL (CUP) -- The 55,000 member Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec (UGEQ) blasted the Bladen Commission Report Oct. 6.

Condemning the report's main recommendations the union went on to tell businessmen to get their hands off higher education in Canada.

Pointing out the UGEQ has never recognized the commission, set up by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), the statement emphasized that "education is exclusively a provincial responsibility."

It accused Prime Minister Pearson of "talking of the commission as if he considered it as a Royal Commission."

UGEQ described the report's general recommendations as "incomplete and unrealistic".

Turning to particular recommendations, the UGEQ statement

points to the \$475 million recently spent by the federal government on "submarines, planes and arms that will never be used", an expenditure that is still "only a minimal part" of the Defence budget. It compares this with the report's call for a \$330 million expenditure on universities.

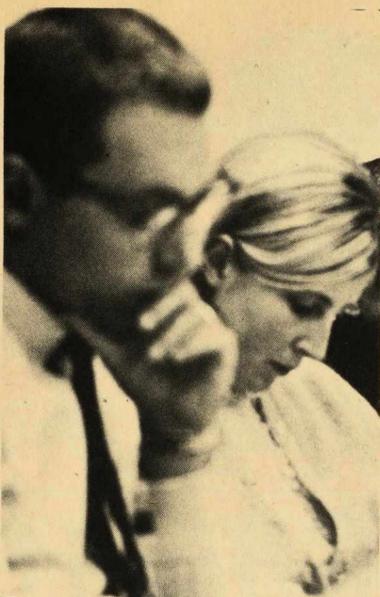
UGEQ's heaviest criticism falls on the Bladen Commission's attitude to free education.

"It is clear in the minds of Quebec students that in raising federal aid by an amount which, although seemingly impressive, is in fact ridiculous, and is opposing free education, the commission is trying to maintain an educational system in which only the privileged have access to higher education."

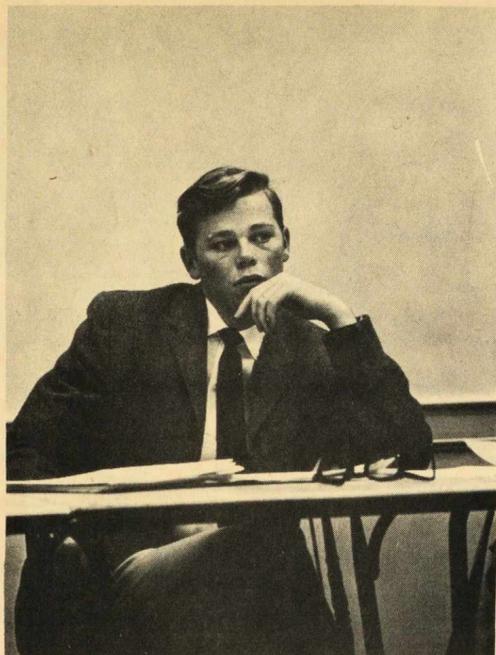
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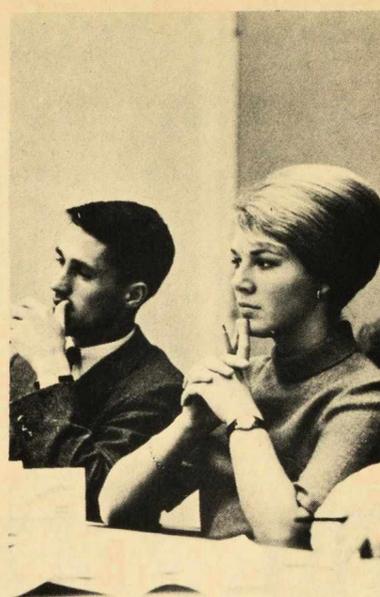
The faces of a student council



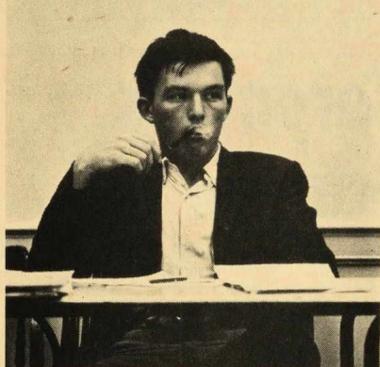
If only they would take Executive decisions on faith.



I wonder if Ann Rungas would really go out with me?



Keep moving Frank, keep moving.



Simpson's brain burns from overwork.

IN MEMORIAM

The Dalhousie Gazette respectfully dedicates this box to our Union leaders. We believe it shows all of us the superb quality of their alert performance to date.



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Points of quibble Mr. Chairman.



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By JANE MASSY DAL WUSC CHAIRMAN

Delegates from thirty-nine universities across Canada, including Quebec, flew into St. John's, Nfld. last Friday morning to attend the 20th National Assembly of the World University Service of Canada.

As the Dalhousie WUSC Chairman I flew into, ...I crawled out. We spent three gruelling days discussing apathy, problems, formulation of policy, and passing resolutions, not the least

NOTE:

Jane Massy is a CUS Inter-regional exchange student from the University of Victoria. She is presently acting as WUSC Chairman on the Dal-King's campus. This is her report from the 20th WUSC National Assembly held from Oct. 8-11 in St. John's, Nfld.

being the admission of UGEQ (Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec) giving it an equal voice with CUS on the National Committee.

The evenings were devoted to banquets hosted by the Provincial Government, the City Council and Memorial University. The late

nights were devoted to Newfoundland students expounding on Joey's latest moves, Newfoundland songs, and SCREECH (the local rum).

While we touched on student assistance abroad and resolved to send \$60,000 to Geneva for the International program, most

issues were closer to home.

The outgoing Chairman, Dr. J.F. Leddy from the University of Windsor, also Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Company of Young Canadians, and Chairman of the Canadian University Students Overseas

(CUSO) plus other titles, threw a spark into the Quebec arsenal when he invited comments on the formation of the CYC. The Quebec delegates urged that CYC keep out of the field of social action in Quebec. This view was later adopted by the Assembly.

However the Quebec proposal that funds for projects in this field be turned over to the Quebec government in the form of tax rebates which would be available for TEQ, Quebec's youth group for social action, was defeated. Opposition was based on the grounds that Quebec's English speaking students could not join such an organization, plus the more sweeping charge that UGEQ was using WUSC as a mouthpiece.

Sunday night, election night, was the culmination of the usual conference "politicking". While the appointment of Napoleon LeBlanc (Laval) was enthusiastically received, the election of the Vice-Chairman raised a great many eyebrows. A blown rumour of an invidious double-entente between UGEQ and CUS to take over the Vice-Chairmanship for the next fifty years certainly effected the outcome where Pat Kenniff lost to Roger Savoie (New Brunswick) by one vote. How this will effect the relations between CUS and WUSC (to which Pat Kenniff in his dual role as President of CUS and a member of the executive committee of WUSC has pledged whole-hearted support) remains to be seen.

Greater communication between faculty representatives and students, one of the aims of WUSC, was certainly achieved, perhaps due to SCREECH, and certainly both went back to their respective universities properly regenerated and very tired.

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