

CAMPUS CANADA

AUCC conference ends on uneasy note

OTTAWA (CUP) - The annual meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada wound up here, Thursday (Nov. 4) on a slightly uneasy note, as the resentment of most student politicians splu-

tered briefly in open session before being defused by a show of solidarity by the administrators present.

The main issue of contention was the demand that the

association of university administrators accept a resolution presented from the floor by student leaders that would have established a commission to review its own structure and function.

confidence in the democratic structure of the AUCC by saying that they would return to their campuses and demand that their university withdraw from the administrators' club.

member association was Louis-Phillippe Bonneau of Laval University. The new vice-president is A.W.R. Carrothers of the University of Calgary.

Among the resolutions passed onto the Board of Directors with the good wishes of the plenary were motions to petition the Council of Education Ministers to establish a national task force on student aid and to support the recommendations contained in the federal government's Committee on Youth Report on broadening student financial assistance.

In other resolutions the plenary recommended the establishment of special commissions on the subjects of continuing education in Canada and the status of women in the university.

The AUCC also passed a resolution strongly disapproving the Amchitka explosion and voted to send letters of protest to both the American and Canadian governments.

During the week much of the talk at the conference centered around the problems of under-enrollment, cut-backs in government financing and the massive unemployment crisis, however, no formal proposals were dealt with to handle any of these problems.

At the final meeting of the student caucus that had been going on since Friday (Oct. 30) student representatives voiced their disillusionment with AUCC and issued a press release demanding that AUCC had better shape up if it expected future student participation.

Most of the young politicians seemed to think, however, that students would be back at the annual meeting next year.

The administrators did not appear visibly disturbed by this threat.

The association increased student representation on the Board of Directors from three to four members out of a total of 25 members.

Those elected Thursday: Gina Quiljano, a graduate student from the University of British Columbia; Peter Elcombe, vice-president external of the student council at the University of Windsor; and Cleeve Briere, a student from the University of Saskatchewan.

Norm Wickstrom, of Simon Fraser University remains on the Board from last year as the fourth student representative.

Others newly elected to the Board of Directors: Dr. Robert E. Bell, principal of McGill University, Dr. Ernest A. Sir-luck, president of the University of Manitoba; Andre Cote of Laval University; C. Boucher, of Sherbrooke University and Mme. Andree Lajorie of the University de Montreal.

Elected president of the 64-

1930 back again

TORONTO (CUP) - The spectre of an 1930s-style depression has been raised in a report on plant shutdowns in Ontario released by the Ontario Federation of Labor, Monday (Nov. 1).

In what the OFL called the worst unemployment crisis since the stock market collapse of 1929, 138 plants in the province have shut down in the past year resulting in the permanent or temporary layoff of 15,224.

The report is the result of a study conducted by OFL researchers between June 1970 and June of this year and covers the shutdowns in plants where 25 or more workers were affected.

The report comes to the conclusion that American-owned branch plants do not make "good corporate citizens" and should be subject to econ-

omic sanctions imposed by the Canadian government.

Of the 138 plants closed down, 76 were foreign-owned or controlled and employed 10,297 of the more than 16,000 workers laid off.

Industries worst hit by plant shutdowns, textile, steel, automobile, chemical and electrical production, are those with a high degree of American ownership.

"A good many plants were closed because the decision to close was made elsewhere than in our country," the report said.

The report places most of the blame for the unemployment crisis on the depressed state of the Canadian economy and the questionable economic policies of the Trudeau government.

Carleton faculty refuse longer year

OTTAWA (CUP) - Carleton University faculty are refusing to work a longer university academic year. In a brief presented to the Ontario committee on university affairs, in Peterborough Monday (Oct. 25), the university said longer terms of its best faculty members moving elsewhere.

The apparent advantage of students completing their courses faster with a more sustained use of university facilities is outweighed, the university said, by a resulting drop in summer earnings by students. The brief also said few subjects could be compressed in time without a loss in the quality

of education.

"Carleton's experience leads to the opinion that the effects of a longer academic year would be detrimental in balance," the report concluded.

Carleton said it got the same or better building use in its summer school program. It also noted that a longer academic year would restrict research opportunities for faculty and would cost more for supplies and staff.

Also in keeping with a national trend, Carleton's enrolment of 8525 students was 775 short of projections, making for an expected \$1.5 million loss in revenue.

After considerable procedural debate including a challenge of a ruling by the plenary chairman, the meeting voted on whether it should break with recent tradition and pass the review resolution itself.

In the clutch those administrators who had not already left the plenary session for

home, rallied to the call of administrative solidarity and defeated the motion 26 to 20.

Some student leaders then showed their apparent loss of



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