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Advanced registration here!

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The University of Alberta has crossed the last bridge to implementing a system of advanced registration for the 1974-75 term.

After hearing a report from the group designing the new program, the executive committee of general faculties council referred to the board of governors finance committee a request for \$24,750 to complete the project.

Earle, timetables George officer, told the executive the request was due to increases in salaries, paper costs and the size of the registration booklet. The board had already spent \$43,000 on the project.

Earle said the move to advanced registration could still be reversed, as provision had been made to return to the

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previous system of signing for courses in September.

However, no objections were voiced by committee members, as University president Max Wyman noted that GFC committed the university to the system last February.

The system, similar to one used at the University of Calgary, will cost about \$250,000 over the next two years, or as cheap as will be found anywhere.

Almost \$60,000 will be required to complete the initial development, for operational costs for 1974,75 registration and to initiate work on the 1975-76 registration.

Earle added that thereafter, the system will cost \$47,300 a year to maintain.

The system allows students to register well in advance of the 1974 fall term.

There are other systems being used across Canada, Earle said, but Calgary's was the only feasible one considering budget and time restrictions. It will require revamping of

registration forms, computer

printouts and the registration booklet, twice as thick as last year's version and loaded with more information about courses.

Because GFC changed its mind about the type of system needed, and had to draw up a budget and submit it to the board for approval, about four months of development time were lost, he said.

Them, the original April deadline was moved back to March to avoid conflict with final exams.

But all the deadlines have been met, which means faculteis will be able to check a rough draft of their calendars by mid-January.

Students will be induced to complete their forms before 1; otherwise, they may Aug. have little choice in selecting courses in September.

For the system to be successful, at least 10,000 students must register early, Earle concluded.

Sept, 3-5 will still be set aside for in-person registration while the deadline for late registration will be Sept. 9.

GFC Attendance poor

Student representatives are appalled by the abysmal attendence of other members at general faculties council meetings.

Several students elected to GFC have missed all eight meetings held since the beginning of the fall term.

"It makes other student members on GFC look like fools," bristled Peter Flynn, president of the graduate students association and a GFC member.

Mr. Flynn feels the results of several votes would be different if more students had attended.

GFC makes a wide range of decisions on academic matters and consists of 129 members, of which 48 are students.

"It makes any motion that

has to do with future involvement of students is ruled out." Flynn said, adding "I think students are their own worst enemies.

One such motion passed by GFC denied students representation on tenure committees, which determine whether professors receive lifetime staff positions.

Flynn maintains that career files might still be open to staff members if more students had attended the Dec. 17 meeting of GFC. At that meeting, a closed file system was approved by only two votes. "Students should attend

GFC meetings because what goes on there is vitally important to them," Flynn said.

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C.U.P. President resigns

Bob Beal, Canadian University Press president, submitted his resignation during the annual mational conferency in Toronto January 1.

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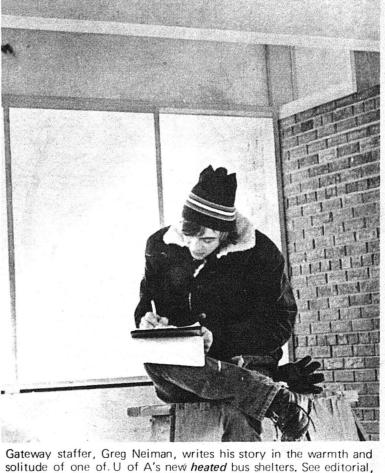
Representatives from about 50 schools, CUP members from across Canada, also asked for the resignations of the other members of Beal's executive.

a former Gateway Beal. editor for 1971-72, resigned because of a disagreement over organization of the national office in Ottawa.

Last year Beal, as CUP president-elect, was effective in having Gateway removed from CUP membership. Gateway was replaced by Poundmaker as the CUP paper for this area.

CUP provides a news service for campus newspapers across Canada. With membership in CUP, a paper is entitled to advertising revenue from Youthstream, a national advertising agency working for campus press. Youthstream can bring a member paper up to \$15,000 in advertising revenue per year. Delegates elected Cam Beck,

a former CUP western regional field worker, to replace Beal for the current term. Cam Ford, a national fieldworker, was elected vice-president and Pauline Vaughan, of the St. Mary's University (Halifax) Journal, Ottawa bureau chief. Al Maki who resigned as business manager, was re-elected. Delegates also elected the 1974-75 executive; Keith Reynolds of the U of Saskatchewan (Regina) Carillon, president; Doug McCorquodale, of the Carillon, vice-president; Mick Lowe, of the U of Calgary Gauntlet bureau chief; and Paul Mitchell of the Ryerson (Toronto) Eyeopener, business manager.



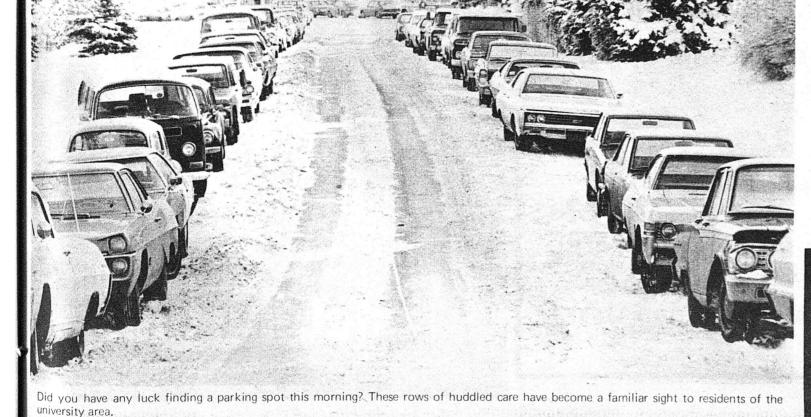
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