

Lack of participation hits Model Parliament

Indifference and shortcomings cause instability

It seems that Model Parliament is decreasing in popularity.

The New Democratic Youth has not yet decided whether they will join and the Liberals hesitated for some time before deciding to participate.

The Progressive Conservative and Social Credit parties are now preparing for Model Parliament which runs from Nov. 23-25.

The NDY were to make their decision today at a Model Parliament organizational meeting.

The NDY is without a leader as Ken Novakowski, who led the party last year, is no longer on campus.

There are no new officers and the membership is a carry-over from last year.

ELECTION

If the party decides to participate in Model Parliament they will hold an election of officers including a new leader.

Tom Hirst, law 3, chairman of the Inter-Party Committee which

organizes Model Parliament said there will definitely be a model parliament.

"This year's instability could be blamed on the political indifference of the student body and shortcomings within the parties themselves," said Hirst.

Changes to rectify the situation will be introduced this session.

ENERGIES

John Worton, president of NDY, said his party hesitates to join Model Parliament not only because of student apathy, shown in failures to attend political rallies, debates and sessions of Model Parliament but because "party members feel their energies could be better spent outside of Model Parliament, such as in adult parties or perhaps more constructive activities on campus."

Simply a "model" is not useful to the NDY, he said. They wish to do something that is of sound value.

Although a resolution was pas-

sed at the Federal Youth Meeting that NDY withdraw from political clubs across the country the decision to join Model Parliament remains an individual question, said Worton.

The Liberal Party was for some time uncertain of participating in Model Parliament.

Liberal leader Gerald Ohlsen said his party expects to join Model Parliament if held.

The position of the Liberal party is similar to that of the NDY.

IMPRACTICAL

Model Parliament is decreasing in popularity on other campuses in Canada, said Ohlsen, a graduate political science student. Liberals feel there are more practical, less self-contained activities to occupy the party. These include student-administration relationship, functioning as a research agency for the Liberal Party, and other activities of a direct value to campus.

Ohlsen stated he would like to see NDY remain in Model Parliament but withdrawal of NDY would not be a reason for Liberals to do likewise.

Samuel Edward Konkin III of the Social Credit Party also would like to see NDY in Model Parliament. The Social Credits are planning to participate, he said, but just how enthusiastic the new members are remains to be seen.

Dave King, Progressive Conservative leader, said his party is presently the strongest on campus. The Progressive Conservatives have had their problems as well.

Robin Lakusta, the president, resigned in midsummer because of disagreements over the party's function.

Parking problem intensified

By MARK PRIEGERT

Ever looked for a parking spot on campus and not found one?

According to a traffic and parking study made last year, there was a demand for 6,500 parking spaces, while only 3,800 were available. The situation has worsened since then because of the construction of a service tunnel and the biological sciences complex.

The construction of the tunnel has at times disrupted parking at such places as A lot, while the biology complex now occupies the entire lot.

"I think we can anticipate parking structures within the next three years," said Dr. W. H. Worth, vice-president for campus planning and development. He outlined a four-step program which may solve the parking problem:

- an improved transit system,
- increased on-campus student housing,
- parking structures, and
- an equity system of priority regulations.

However, the traffic and parking report has not even reached the study stage. Dr. Worth says it must first go before the General Faculty Council and then be co-ordinated with the plans for the new medical complex as well as the long-range plans for the U of A. After approval, actual planning can start.

In the meantime, it is helpful to know just where you can park musical parking.

You can park in three lots: the old SUB lot, the east end of the auditorium lot until p.m., and the lot south of Corbett Hall. You can also park on such city streets as Saskatchewan Drive.

A new lot north of Tuck may help if it is ready in time for this term. However, after the stalls on it are given to the faculty and grad students, there will be few left for undergrads.

CUS referendum scheduled

WINDSOR (CUP) — The students' council of Windsor University voted a week ago for a referendum to decide on membership in the Canadian Union of Students.

The referendum will be held Oct. 13. Open debate of the issue and complete discussions with students will be held Oct. 11.

The question of CUS membership was brought up on council by Bob Somers, minister for external affairs, who claims CUS is a

leftist organization that does not represent the majority of students throughout Canada.

Bob Somers who brought the matter to council felt he had seven out of nine council votes in favor of his motion. But the tide turned when Hugh Armstrong, CUS president, appeared at the council meeting.

The vote to send the issue to the students came after strong lobbying by the pro-CUS forces in council.

Student prepared to fight payment of yearbook fee

A second year arts student is ready to let six dollars separate her from her final marks.

Teri Turner feels a compulsory \$6 yearbook fee is undemocratic and has decided not to pay it. "I will pay \$29.50 instead of \$35.50 of the combined students' union and University Athletic Board fee," she said.

Nonpayment of part of the fee could result in final results being withheld.

"I didn't even bother to pick up my yearbook last year," she said. "It fails in its purpose of providing something to remember the year by."

Miss Turner claims only 9,000 out of 14,000 students collected yearbooks last year and feels this shows student disinterest.

She has approached Dave King, vice-president of the students' union. King will introduce a notice of motion to make purchasing the yearbook optional.

"The important issue is not the \$6 fee for the yearbook but the fact that this compulsory, non-essential service should be optional," she said.

Twenty other students also plan nonpayment of the fee, she claimed. "But we are putting ourselves on the line unless enough students will do the same."

Phil Ponting, treasurer of the students' union, said the dissenters will not achieve their purpose by nonpayment. "The students' council automatically gets \$27.50 of the \$35.00 fee," he said.

OWE UNIVERSITY

Ponting said students refusing to pay any amount of the fee owe that money to the university.

"The bursar of the university collects all fees but the students' council has the responsibility of management . . . with the factors of greatest need and maximum benefit to the greatest number of students as their guides," he quoted from page 21 of the student handbook.

"There have been students dissatisfied about a compulsory yearbook fee in the past," Ponting admitted, "but never any major trouble. Any students who came to get an explanation from the executive went away satisfied."

"I don't think we have any major threat this year either," he said. He denied knowledge of any organized protest group.

Miss Turner admitted that general support is unlikely.



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WHO WILL IT BE?—Who will be this year's Miss Freshette? Although no one will know for sure until the winner is announced Saturday, at the Block A Dance in the ed gym, we fearlessly predict that one of these young ladies will wear the

crown. Since these are the only candidates, we feel our forecast is safe. Anyway, the girls are (left to right) Shauna Lovelace, Lynda Gregory, Blythe Ward, Cathy Willetts, and Barb Casault. See story page 3.