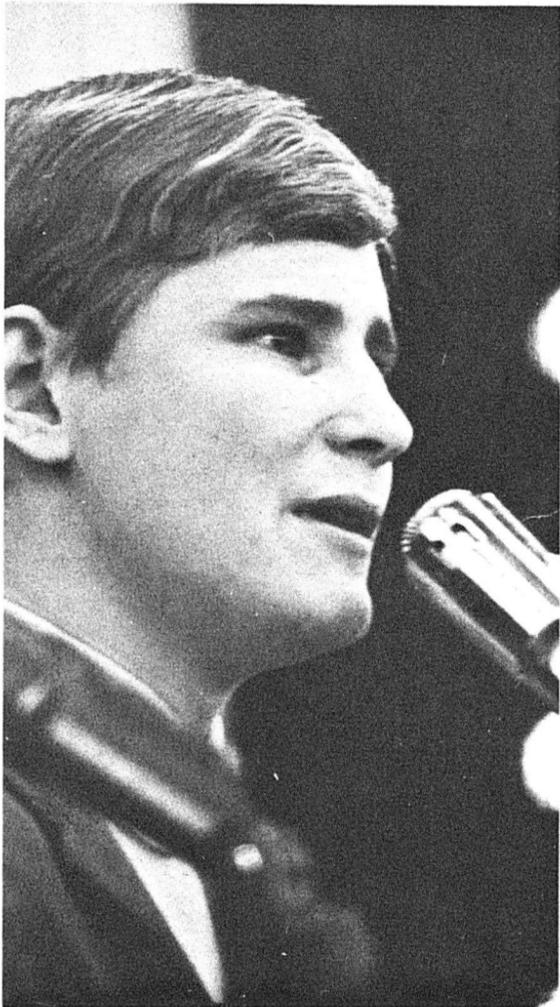


SU presidents of Canada debate CUS

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STEVE LANGDON, TORONTO

"CUS not on-going love-in"

By BRIAN MacDONALD

What do you get when you assemble seven students' union presidents and representatives from across Canada and mix well with one CUS president?

Moderator Kent Stickland had an easy time pouring the mixture to the audience.

An audience of approximately 200 students listened intently as Richard Wutzke (University of Lethbridge), Les Horswill (University of British Columbia), Steve Langdon (Toronto), Jerry Lampert (Carleton), Eric Olson (U of S—Saskatoon), Rob Walsh (Simon Fraser), Peter Warrian (president, Canadian Union of Students) and Marilyn Pilkington (U of A) discussed their various viewpoints on CUS.

The speakers were brought to campus through the External Affairs Committee. As it turned out there were six pro-CUS speakers and two anti-CUS speakers although it was planned to be a balanced panel.

Peter Warrian started off by stating: "CUS is a students union. It is not an on-going love-in and it is not a political party. As a union it attempts to define, to act on and represent the interests of its members."

Richard Wutzke from Lethbridge spoke pro-CUS even though his campus is out of CUS. Wutzke pointed out that: "the university ignores the major problems of peace, war and injustice. They (the universities) are only concerned with developing redder strawberries and a better form of embalment," he termed this "academic masturbation."

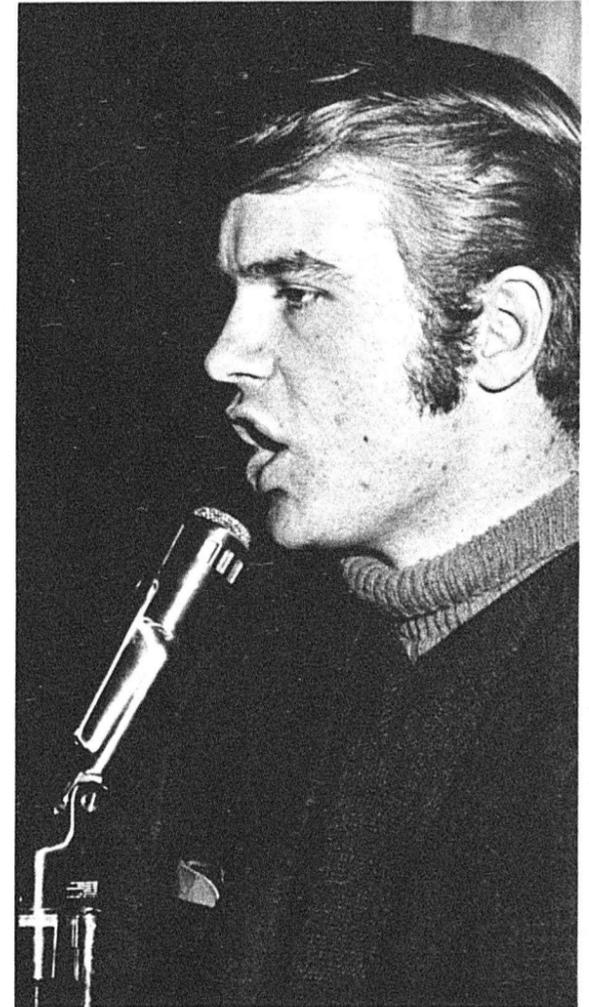
"CUS is no longer relevant to students because it is more like a trade union in the contemporary sense of the word," said Jerry Lampert. He added later, "CUS will never be a viable organization . . . it consists of an entrenched power elite in the form of a national secretariat."

UBC rep Les Horswill said the coming decade will be most important concerning the type of decisions that will have to be made in the educational field.

He went on saying, "CUS will not be able to handle these decisions in its present form, CUS will have to be changed from the inside."

The ordinary student approach to CUS was put forward by the Toronto president. He spoke to the audience on what CUS was doing for students at large such as "the housing crises, student loans, and common university problems."

Marilyn Pilkington reiterated her stand that CUS is a political party leaning left. She then went on saying that CUS does not have the right to take political stands in the name of all the students in Canada.

**ROB WALSH, SFU**

GFC considers teaching, supplemental exams and compulsory phys ed

By ELAINE VERBICKY

The way university teaches and how well it teaches may soon be thoroughly questioned by a U of A "Royal Commission".

At Monday's General Faculty Council meeting Director of Extension D. D. Campbell proposed that a commission on teaching at the university be established.

The proposal went to GFC executive committee to be incorporated in concrete terms of reference, and will be presented at the next GFC meeting.

"At this university," said Mr. Campbell, "there is considerable emphasis on the research func-

tion. The administrative and public service functions are well looked-after.

"The same attention is not given to the teaching function."

The commission is urgently needed, he stated. "The mere existence of the anti-calendar points to this."

"I would hope the teaching function would be examined not just in terms of the present lecture system," he said. "University teaching needs to be examined from top to bottom—all the sensitivities and feelings of students in class and out."

Students' union president Mari-

lyn Pilkington supported the proposed study.

"New ideas in psychology and educational theory have not been incorporated into what's going on in the classroom," she said.

She saw an additional reason for urgent study of teaching methods and goals. "The university is facing expansion to double our size in a short time," she said. "If we expand like this, there must be new ways found of meeting student needs."

In other business, GFC named an ad hoc committee to study the possibility of abolishing supplemental exams.

Two students, to be appointed by the students' union, will sit on the committee.

A committee on changing the compulsory freshman phys ed program will have six faculty mem-

bers and six students. Pilkington requested 50 per cent student representation on the committee because the subject "is of such concern to students and does not really involve the faculty."

Her suggestion was adopted by GFC, over objections by Arts Dean D. E. Smith.

"If we accept this," Dean Smith told GFC, "we set a precedent. This argument of student concern can be used on any committee we set up here. I would feel more comfortable with 40 per cent student representation, although I can't really vote against 50 per cent."

Dr. R. G. Baldwin, head of the English Department, and Dr. A. G. McCalla, Dean of Graduate Studies, were elected to represent university staff on the Board of Governors' advisory committee for

the selection of a new university president.

The university administration received a go-ahead to acquire data processing facility for a one-year period. The facility will be an experiment on the feasibility of having an administrative computer separate from the main computer on campus.

GFC also cancelled classes for an hour at 11 a.m. February 18 for a student election rally, and cancelled them all day March 5 for a teach-in on the problems of the university.

Official Notice — CUS Referendum

Friday, January 31, 1969, the Students' Union will conduct a referendum regarding rejoining the Canadian Union of Students.

Wording of the referendum: Do you favor the University of Alberta Students' Union re-joining the Canadian Union of Students?

Location of polls open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Agriculture Building, Arts Building, Engineering Building, New Engineering Centre, Rutherford Library, Tory Building, Education Building, Lister Hall, Household Economics Building, Medical Science Building, Nurses' Residence, "V" Lecture Wing, Cameron Library, and the Physical Education Building. The SUB polling station will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Who may vote: all full-time members of the Students' Union upon presentation of their Students' Union Identification Card.

Ken Newington, Returning Officer

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Questionnaire to be filled in

A questionnaire concerning Student-Faculty Seminars will be available today and students are requested to fill them in and return them to SUB information desk.

The Student-Faculty Seminars are to be held March 5 and are approved by the General Faculty Council. Their aim is to improve communication between staff and students on campus. Classes will be cancelled for these seminars.