

# Council unanimously approves a CUS referendum

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"When in doubt, send a referendum out."

This is how David Leadbeater, Vice-President of the Students' Council, justified the passage of a motion to hold a referendum "on the subject of re-entering the Canadian Union of Students."

To be held some time in November, the referendum was the result of a special council meeting Sunday held to discuss recent developments in World University Service Committee (WUSC) and CUS.

The council passed policy resolutions dealing with both these national student bodies.

The resolution on CUS was passed unanimously but not without much spirited debate between Jon Bordo of the SDU and the council executive.

Bordo maintained the word 'partisan' in the second clause of the resolution was unnecessary and disleading because the stands taken by CUS were political in the sense that every organization takes political stands.

Leadbeater suggested that "non-representative" might be a more appropriate term while Marilyn Pilkington defended the case for 'partisan' stating CUS is

definitely taking an anti-capitalist anti-imperialist stand.

Bordo then went on to argue that by condemning CUS, the council was taking a political stand and the least they could do was call themselves "liberal democrats."

To back this up, Bordo warned the council that they will have to educate themselves much more thoroughly in order to present an alternative to CUS and lead the "quote moderate element."

Pilkington then reiterated the U of A stand taken on previous CUS issues as outlined in the second clause of the resolution.

Previous to the introduction of the resolution, reports on the CUS congress were given by Rolly Laing, Law Rep, David Leadbeater, Marilyn Pilkington and Jon Bordo, all of whom attended the national congress recently held in Guelph.

Discussion centered on whether U of A should seek re-entry into CUS and attempt to give a more moderate direction to the organization.

Leadbeater asserted that before re-entry could be considered, a referendum would have to be held preceded by an extensive educational campaign and that the per capita levy of \$1 per student would have to be renegotiated and lowered.

Laing thought that CUS was worth joining for relevant issues it raises with respect to student life but that first U of A must have a "power base" from which to direct the moderate elements in CUS.

This could be done, he said, by becoming "more aware of moderate views" and by being "where the action and problems are." Laing also asserted that "confrontation of views" among students was a good thing while confrontation with administrators was not necessary desirable.

Pilkington maintained that the split at the CUS congress was between "reformers and revolutionaries" and that there seemed to be no way for U of A to have an effective voice among the reformers due to a long and successful "smear campaign" carried out against U of A students' council which had effectively branded them "fascist reactionaries."

Pilkington emphasized the need for U of A to keep in touch with moderate universities through membership in national and international organizations as well as to work through the Alberta Association of Students in order to meet the demands for educational reform on a provincial level.

Earlier, council heard a report on the World University Service national assembly recently held in Edmonton

Sylvia Van Kirk, U of A WUSC delegate, reported that the fundamental issue at the congress was a four-part resolution calling for the development of an "international political consciousness in the university community" by means of extensive educational programs.

Van Kirk emphasized that the problem of how to finance these programs was serious because the same resolution called for the phasing out of Treasure Van and the immediate abolition of the Share program.

She stated, however, that the local WUS committees have autonomy in determining methods for financing programs on both the local and international level.

Pilkington stated WUSC had shifted its emphasis from purely "outward looking" action to "within Canada." She asserted that it would be beneficial to try and maintain both "education and the international program of action at the same time."

After introducing a resolution on WUSC Pilkington added that "the U of A can support WUS but not CUS and still be consistent."

A voice from the floor stated that the interpretation of "racial, religious and political discrimination" can be very ambiguous when applied to the local context.

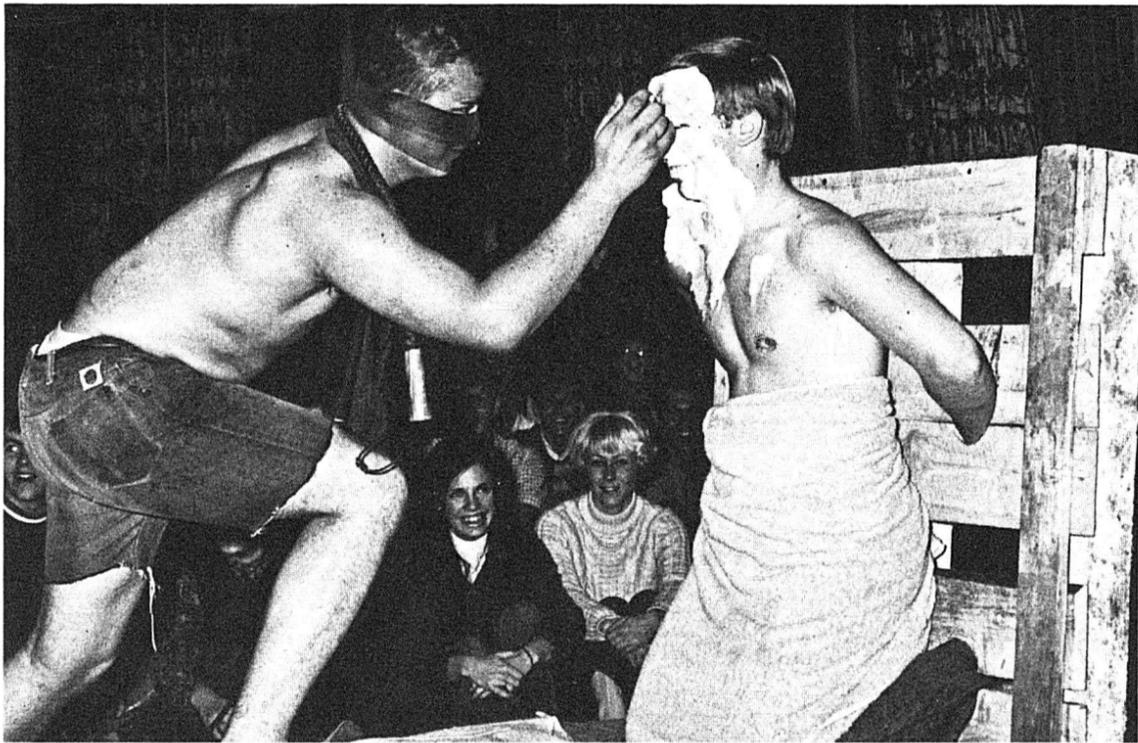
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**HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE.** Another frosh gets it right square in the face. The medium, however, was a perverted Boston Cream Pie and most came out of the Frosh Court held Friday with a better taste in their mouts. The party is over now and the more serious side of university life will be presented to the estimated 3,500 first year students.

## McGill gets student senators

MONTREAL (CUP)—McGill University is reportedly ready to open meetings of its Board of Governors and Senate and to allow eight students voting rights on the latter body.

The report, now under study by the board and senate, is the final draft of work on restructuring university government and will be made public later in the month.

However, the report seeks to dictate the manner of selection of student senators, a clause very objectionable to student council president Robert Hajaly.

Hajaly says students council must be the sole body to determine the requirements for student senators since it is the only recog-

nized medium between students and administration.

The report asks that senators be full-time students of the university in good standing, having completed at least one year of full-time studies. They are to be elected either by the student body at large or by faculties with no more than three coming from any one faculty.

Student leaders also demand that part-time students taking three courses or more be allowed to sit on senate since they are defined as full members of the Students' Society by its constitution.

All three members of this year's student society executive are partial students.

## Freshmen told to keep cool

### No room for revolution

By RON YAKIMCHUK

University of Alberta freshmen have been forewarned. They are not to resort to violence to impose their views on others.

At the freshman induction ceremonies Thursday, U of A president Dr. Walter H. Johns, vice-president Dr. Walter H. Worth and students' union president Marilyn Pilkington all made pleas to the frosh to regard the use of the university as a privilege and to place high value on the democratic process.

"There are some who believe the university should be controlled by students," said Dr. Johns. "I do not see the rationale in thinking that those who have not the knowledge or maturity can properly run this institution."

Students' union president Pilkington, who spoke last, climaxed the anti-revolutionary feeling by stating, "there is no room for revolution in a democracy."

"We have always operated on the premise that change is more effective by cooperative action among all segments of the university. We feel that this is much more effective than the violent tactics which have been used at other universities," she said.

Dr. Worth, the second speaker, analyzed student activism.

Due to the increasing pressures of university life, "there is a growing group of students who favour release by activism. There are those who will work through established channels, and those who prefer civil disobedience," said Dr. Worth.

"The difference is not in degree, but in philosophy. One accepts legality, while the other holds that the end justifies the means."

The university administrators also spoke on the burden of the university student.

While the student may feel that his tuition fees are a high price to pay, said Dr. Johns, these in fact are only one-sixteenth of the average cost of educating a freshman.

Dr. Worth stressed that the transition of a student from minority to adulthood is obstructed by many things such as pressure for high academic performance, seeming neglect by the faculty, and the lack of goals in an affluent society.

But he is looking toward improvement. "There are those who are moving towards high priority for undergraduate teaching," said Dr. Worth.

In an interview after the ceremonies, university provost Prof. A. A. Ryan was asked to comment on the anti-activist vein of the three addresses.

"It's in the air," he said. "There are trends every year, and this year the trend is for university administrators to fear the student activists."

He traced this to the student unrest in the United States, where Columbia University was in a state of siege last spring, and to happenings at the Canadian Union of Students conference earlier this month.

"When university presidents get together, they discuss such things as Warrian's (CUS president) threats to burn the buildings and to 'get Bissell' (University of Toronto president)."

And what did the frosh think of the speeches? The remarks of one freshette was typical.

"I don't think they understood us," she said. "All I want to do is get an education."