

CAMPUS CANADA

Students On Same Footing As Faculty

EDMONTON (CUP) - Students at the University of Alberta have received parity with faculty on the General Faculties Council, the major decision-making body of the university.

A special meeting which approved the step was televised to over 700 students in the Students' Union theatre. The recommendations of an ad hoc committee established in September 1969 were approved by a vote of 42 to 33.

Chaired by administration president Max Wyman the committee recommended a composition of 49 students and 49 faculty out of a total membership of 127. Although the student vote will now theoretically carry equal weight with that of the faculty bloc, it is assumed that the administration's 27 votes would tend to

swing contentious issues in favour of the faculty.

In addition to Wyman, the ad hoc committee included two faculty members, two representatives of the student council and one from the graduate students union.

The decision of the GFC came as a surprise to most as it was expected that there would be overriding support for a dissenting minority report by committee member D.T. Anderson, professor of law.

The minority report, frequently labeled insulting to students said that while there are areas in which students have shown themselves to be competent, such as food services and the organization of sporting and other extracurricular activities, it would be best to leave the situation as is.

Other opposition was based

on the premise that the university community was "not ready" for such a move. Professional faculties especially worried that increased student power on the governing body responsible for academic standards would endanger the acceptance of degrees from the U of A as valuable qualifications.

It was felt that students were at university to get credentials, their contribution coming after graduation, with the feedback of their education into the community at large. It was also suggested that the new body would be too large and unwieldy to be effective.

The GFC formerly had a membership of 82 with three undergrad and two grad students, and 49 faculty. However, members vote on their individual preference and not on the instruction of the faculty they represent, and the new structure was passed.

In introducing the proposal, Wyman stressed that students are a constituent part of the university and not mere clients of it.

Universities, he said, must accept the challenge of the future. "The universities in the United States do not do this and are being ruled by fear. Academics fear students and both fear administrators. Society is fearful of what is happening in universities, and from legislation now being passed, universities in turn have good reason to fear society. This must not happen in Canada."

Increased student representation, he said, is a "challenge to stop complaining and protesting and start initiating and innovating."

The student council which is in agreement with the new GFC composition is opposed to the method of selection of student members. This would bypass the council in favor of direct student election from each of the faculties or schools. The council, as the officially elected representatives of the student body, wants control of the elections.

Outsiders Own 76%

OTTAWA (CUP) - A recent government report on foreign ownership of non-financial firms in Canada for 1968 indicates that slightly over 76 per cent of the country's major companies were under foreign control.

Of 362 firms with assets of \$25 million or more in 1968, 276 were under the control of a foreign country, mainly, of course the United States.

The report noted that big firms grow faster than small ones, and big firms tend to be under foreign control.

"A study of foreign ownership and corporation size for the years 1965 through 1968 underlines the importance to the Canadian economy of a few very large foreign-owned corporations, particularly those in the mining and manufacturing

industries," the government report says.

Some of the 1-year increases in foreign control were:

39.4 per cent from 38 per cent in 1967 of all non-financial firms.

62.8 per cent from 60 per cent of the mining industry.

58.1 per cent from 56.7 per cent of manufacturing firms.

Firms controlled in the US made up 75 per cent of all foreign-owned companies, with British-owned companies a poor second with 5 per cent.

US firms controlled 51 per cent of Canada's mining industry, 43 per cent of manufacturing, 19 per cent of wholesale trade, 17 per cent of retail trade, 12 per cent of service industries, 84 per cent of rubber manufacturing and 67 per cent of coal, oil and gas.

In addition, the report said, 60 per cent of Canadian research was done by foreign firms (44 per cent by the US).

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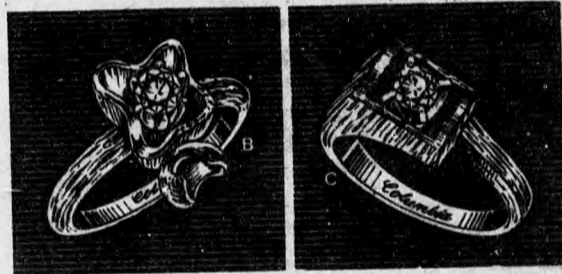
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