

# Students question vice-president's qualifications

WINDSOR (CUP)— Faculty and students at the University of Windsor have asked that the administration reconsider its choice of vice-president.

Although Dean John McAuliff is recognized as a hard worker, questions have been raised concerning his qualifications. The feeling is that a person holding degrees at the B.A. and M.A. levels in law and administration is

perhaps not suitable for the position of vice-president academic. A professor of the political science department expressed fears that McAuliff may not prove to be "sensitive to scholarship".

A motion, described by the faculty association's president as the "strongest document" the association has ever passed, called on the president and the board of governors to reconsider formally the appointment and, in the interim, designate an acting vice-president academic.

Recommended by Dr. J. F. Leddy, the university president, McAuliff was appointed vice-president at an emergency meeting of the board. The selection committee, however, was not consulted. It previously became deadlocked and decided not to meet again after its two choices from the fifteen recommended by presidents from other universities had refused to stand as candidates.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the haste and the procedure with which the choice was made, the faculty motion also urged "that the question of the deadlock of the selection committee be referred back to the senate for resolution; and that the senate conduct a full review of the procedures and criteria governing top level academic appointments at the university."

The association felt that there should exist "broader consultation among faculty at all levels in the course of making this appointment," a "comprehensive and timely advertising of the position, in the manner common to top level appointments in Canada, and a "complete and particular description of top academic and administrative positions within the university, with clear distinctions between positions."

The potential candidates, it recommended, should also exhibit "excellence in research and teaching and capacity for intellectual leadership" and should commit themselves to the "Canadian academic community, in keeping with current university

policy." There is also concern about McAuliff's American citizenship. Although he has been teaching in Canada for the past five years, he still resides in the States.

The student council passed a motion November 14 questioning his appointment on the basis of that citizenship and his qualifications. It asked that the university rescind its decision and "reestablish procedures that would allow for an

effective search for a qualified Canadian and adequate representation of the interests of students and faculty."

Another student group, the "85 Per Cent Canadian Quota Committee", demanded his removal because "it is obvious that this high a position in the administration of a Canadian university should be filled by a citizen of Canada."

Leddy claimed that his citizenship was taken into consideration by the board. He said that McAuliff has applied for landed immigrant status and plans to move to Windsor sometime next spring.

Petitions to oust McAuliff from his new position have been circulated throughout the university but, to date, have been greeted with little response.



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## Trudeau govt. diagnoses inflation wrongly

By PETER LANGILLE

Constantine E. Passaris, professor of Economics at U.N.B., was recently interviewed by the C.B.C. for their radio program Information Morning. The topic discussed was Inflation and the Bankrate Policy in Canada.

Commenting on the internal bankrate policy of the Trudeau government, he said that the Bank of Canada was responsible for handling the monetary affairs of the country mainly through

controlling the Bank Rate. Academic economists and bank managers, he said, agree that the bank rate policy is not accomplishing what it is supposed to do.

In April, 1973, said Passaris, for the first time since October, 1971 the bank rate was raised. Since April, the bank rate has gone up 5 times in 6 months. This is a signal to chartered bank to increase their prime interest lending rate to consumers, thereby producing a "tight money" policy designed in theory to curb consumer spending and reduce the amount of consumer borrowing.

According to Passaris, the bank rate policy has not been successful in control of inflation for several reasons. The most practical reason is the increase in young people as a result of the post war baby boom. "These people, in their desire to establish themselves, are buying homes, land, cars and other things which in most cases must be paid for by payments. They simply must have money to buy these things and will borrow it no matter how high the interest rate."

Another reason noted by Dr. Passaris is that the Trudeau government has diagnosed this inflation as demand-pull inflation when it really is not. Demand pull essentially means that there is increasingly more money available to buy things and services while the supply has not kept up

with this consumer demand - therefore people are bidding for the goods and services in the form of higher prices. Actually the increased prices and inflation is not caused by this demand-pull inflation, but by the higher aspirations of the grown-up Baby Boom.

Passaris also was asked to explain the difference between the prime interest rate that charter bank charge companies (about 9 percent) with the prime interest rate charged consumers (about 12 percent). He said that during periods of "tight money," the banks ration out the amount of money available to their best customers at lower rates. These best customers are the companies who borrow much more money more often than do individuals.



Professor Passaris

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