

W5 apology token gesture

MONTREAL (CUP) — "We do not consider the token gesture of CTV anywhere near a sincere and honest response to the public condemnation against W5's 'Campus Giveaway' show."

With those words the Ad Hoc Committee against W5 served notice that it would continue its attack on the television network for airing a program on international students that has been termed inaccurate and racist by the Chinese community.

The committee's Montreal branch was reacting to a statement of regret, aired by W5 on March 16, which said the program "sincerely regrets any offence that may have been unintentionally given to the Chinese-Canadian community."

Siukeong Lee, committee coordinator in Montreal, said the W5 statement was not a real apology and did not satisfy the group at all.

"After having clearly insulted all Chinese-Canadians, CTV now wants to walk away by gently regretting the offence that may have been given, and says it is unintentional," Lee said in an official response to the W5 statement.

"We say this is neither honest nor fair. CTV must face the issue, admit all mistakes, apologize, and compensate."

The W5 "apology" came five months after CTV broadcast "The Campus Giveaway," which alleged that foreign students were taking the places of Canadians in certain university programs. Film footage and commentary left the impression

that the foreign students were overwhelmingly Chinese and ignored the fact that many students shown on the program were actually Chinese-Canadians.

In the W5 statement, the program admitted that it had incorrectly estimated there were 100,000 foreign students in Canada. It said the correct figure was 58,000, according to government estimates.

Western power conference

The Department of Canadian Studies at the U of A will be hosting a conference on the regional balance of power in Canada.

The conference, titled, *Power Shift West: Myth or Reality?* will probe whether Alberta's status as the OPEC of Canada will give rise to a significant and lasting structural shift in Canada's inter-regional balance of power.

The conference will be held Friday and Saturday March 28 and 29 at the U of A.

For further information, please contact the Conference Organizing Committee c/o Ms.

Sharon Rubiliak, Canadian Studies at 6-12 Humanities Centre, phone 432-5086.

Energy lecture

Sir William Hawthorne, a professor of applied thermodynamics at the University of Cambridge, will speak on *Energy Prospects and Problems*, next week at the 1980 Henry Marshall Tory Lecture.

Sponsored by the Friends of the University, the lecture will take place Wednesday, April 2, at 8:00 pm in the Social Room of the Jubilee Auditorium. Admission is free.



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