

Every year, Dalhousie students read with horror the various proposals agreed to by the annual Congress of the Canadian Union of Students. "What organization have we to combat this menace?" they ask each other dispiritly. What they don't know is that each year, a secret enclave of men dedicated to the realization of the interests of the Canadian student meets somewhere in this country. This year, the sleuths of the Canadian University Press sought out this gathering, and infiltrated a reporter disguised as a pencil and note pad. He sends us these reports, as an unashamed salute to these men and their organization, the

THE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES OF CANADA

Students and Administrators in Dilemma Over Activist Role of University

OTTAWA (CUP) — Student activists want to make the university an agent of social change to build a better society.

University administrators say society would kill the university if it became an active agent.

A panel discussion and free-for-all Thursday at the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada annual meeting ended in this stalemate.

Peter Warrrian, president of the Canadian Union of Students, said universities must take a "humanist" approach to education so that graduates will have a "critical awareness of what society's problems and values are."

The university now exists for the "privileged society", said Gilles Duceppe, educational vice-president of L'Union Generale des Etudiants de Quebec. But, he argued, they belong to the whole society and should serve all classes.

Universities should make students aware of their abilities and values within a social role for all the people.

The society established the university to supply "trained" people, not to exist as a community of scholars, C.B. Macpherson said. Macpherson, a professor at the University of Toronto, headed the committee which recommended widespread changes in teaching methods and course content at U. of T. He is also president of the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

The community of scholars concept arose, he said,

because teachers demanded it and "they cango some way in changing the primary purpose."

Macpherson outlined three moves which the university must make;

- * administrators and faculty must recognize that students need a real voice in the way all the resources of the university are used.

- * administrators and faculty must make it clear to the public that the university is not a production line

- * student leaders must realize that people who

promote the university as a community of scholars are on the student side.

On Wednesday, Dr. D.C. Williams of the University of Western Ontario had told delegates that making the university an agent of social change would mean its death.

Administrators asked questions and made statements from the floor for almost two hours following the presentations. They were near unanimous in maintaining the university took no moral position and should play no activist role.

AUCC delegates say

Summer Employment Problem "Thorny"

OTTAWA (CUP)—"The problem of student summer employment is thorny" — W.H. Rutledge, Director of Operations for the University Career Planning Association.

"Students shouldn't worry about how much money they make—it keeps them out of trouble"—J. A. Morrison, director of operations, Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration.

"This is a capitalist system — you can't change it—if you don't like it, get out" — R. Pomerantz, student observer and director of the McGill Entrepreneurial Association, whose desire is to be in management because "that's where the action is".

"The student is a capital investment, like a stock or bond. It would be dishonest for me to accept money for going to school." — J. Rabey, student observer.

All this at the UCC commission on "summer jobs for students and student aid" Nov. 6.

Rutledge said students were phased out by automation and were too choosy about the jobs left over.

Morrison said there just weren't enough part-time jobs.

Dr. D.C. Smith, head of the adult education program at York University, accused the existing university aid system of being "aristocratic". He maintained it discriminates against lower income groups.

The consensus — there is a problem. There must be more aid, more summer jobs.

Gilles Duceppe, education vice-president of L'Union Generale des Etudiants de Quebec tried to get the discussion around to student-as-worker and student stipends. He wasn't very successful. The idea was "impractical".

The solution—interim action committees on various campuses and a proposal for a national study commission on student employment.

Proposed by Rutledge, generally agreed to, and shelved. Plenary later voted to ask government agencies to study the problem and help create student jobs.

All Info Shouldn't be Public?

OTTAWA (CUP) — Administrators don't want all information regarding the university to be made public after all.

Nov. 6 a commission of 50 delegates to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada conference voted unanimously to accept a proposal that "all information regarding a university, . . . be considered public information unless specifically decided otherwise."

Thursday a plenary session shunted the proposal to the Association of University Information Bureaus for "further consideration" after it met heavy opposition from senior administrators.

Dr. James Gibson, administration president at Brock University, opposed the motion, saying many institu-

tions could not comply with it because of their charter. Besides, he said, it would not be wise for many discussions and decisions of the university to be made public.

Gibson was joined by Dr. H.H. Saunderson, administration president at the University of Manitoba, who said the proposal was "too vague" and "unwise at this time."

Proponents of the proposals said there was distrust of the university because many of its activities were kept secret. The university has nothing to fear, they argued, therefore the public should be informed.

Less than 100 of 600 delegates turned up for the legislative assembly. Only 20 supported the openness proposal.

Pelletier:

Build "University of the People"

OTTAWA (CUP)—A university of conscience or a university of reflection was the choice secretary of state Gerard Pelletier gave administrators Wednesday.

Pelletier, speaking to 600 administrators at the major banquet of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, left no doubt as to which alternative they should take: "It is necessary for you to break down the barrier of the aristocratic university and rebuild it as the university of the people."

Administrators, said Pelletier, must define their role to be able to "rationalize" it.

"Surely your role must not be to maintain the status quo," he said "Rather you must expand and develop techniques, practices, methods of learning and most important, the development of thought."

He said burning of the university would not be

stopped by holding "back-room meetings on how to handle the student radicals." But, it would be stopped only by consideration of "why student radicals exist, what role they could legitimately play in the university and by a serious consideration of their ideas."

Pelletier examined the relationship of the state, industry and the university in his before-dinner speech, particularly in reference to research.

He emphasized the necessity of extensive research for Canadian universities but added: "The university at all costs must avoid becoming the hand-maid of industry."

His comments should soothe the fears of many administrators who had expressed worry throughout the AUCC conference that a more active university would mean more public reaction and death to the university.