

## Canadian University Press DATELINE

### CUS Budget Shows Deficit

LENNOXVILLE, Que.—The Canadian Union of Students this year is planning to operate at a loss which may exceed \$6,000.00.

Last year's audited statements show CUS spent some \$2,500 more than it earned, and this figure is expected to increase this year.

A motion passed at the annual CUS congress here earlier this month urges, but does not commit member universities to raise their per capita levies to 65 cents from the present 60-cent level.

On the basis of a 60-cent per capita levy upon 135,000 students, plus other small revenues, the new budget anticipates revenues of about \$82,150.

Of this total, \$81,617 would be headed for the core program of salaries, communications overhead and the like, leaving about \$533 for additional programs and a deficit of \$10,107.

### Former Prexy New CUS Chief

LENNOXVILLE, Que.—Douglas Ward, 27, was elected president of the Canadian Union of Students for the year 1966-67 at the recent CUS congress here at Bishop's University.

He defeated Bruce Doern, former University of Manitoba students' union president.

Ward will take office next summer at the end of Patrick Kenniff's term as CUS president. This year, Ward is assistant registrar at the University of Toronto.

A divinity graduate, the incoming CUS president has just finished his term as international affairs secretary for the 138,000-member organization.

He is a former U of T students' council president.

Elected CUS vice-president for the coming year was Richard Good, former University of Manitoba students' union president.

Good, who received his B.A. in economics last spring led the "freeze-the-fees" march of 1,500 U of M students on the Manitoba legislature.

### CUS Threatens ISC Withdrawal

LENNOXVILLE, Que.—The Canadian Union of Students is considering withdrawing from the U.S.-financed International Student Conference, one of the world's two major international student unions.

A resolution passed at the recent CUS congress at Bishop's University, said the union would reconsider its role within the ISC.

The resolution stated the ISC must show it is a politically viable organization and that its policies are not inconsistent with those of CUS.

Congress delegates decided CUS should remain an ISC member, and if that organization fails to "fulfill the purpose expressed in its charter," CUS should withdraw.

The congress also served notice it would continue its role as an observer in the East-European-dominated International Union of Students.

### Joey Wants To Chop More Fees

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.—Newfoundland Premier Joey Smallwood has announced his government will provide free tuition for second-year students attending Memorial University.

Memorial University is the only university in Newfoundland.

Mr. Smallwood's announcement came the same day he had lashed out at Rex Murphy, a Memorial delegate to the CUS congress, for his statement that free education for first-year students in Newfoundland was a "half-truth."

Immediately following the premier's announcement, CUS delegates voted almost unanimously to send him a congratulatory message.

CUS has set the removal of all social and financial barriers to post-secondary education as its long-term goal of "universal accessibility."

A short-term CUS goal is free tuition for all students who do not have the financial means to attend universities.

# Better French-English Relations Indicated During CUS Congress

By DON SELLAR

LENNOXVILLE, Que.—A thaw in strained relations between Canada's French and English-speaking students group was evident from the opening of the 29th annual Canadian Union of Students annual Congress.

Incoming CUS president Patrick Kenniff, of Montreal, indicated in an address to 200 student leaders from more than 40 Canadian universities, that CUS is willing to cooperate fully with French-speaking universities which withdrew last year from the predominantly English-speaking union.

His remarks, delivered in both French and English to an audience representing about 120,000 students, drew a standing ovation.

They signalled the emergence of the Union Generale Des Etudiants Du Quebec (UGEQ) as a "constitutional reality," a "self-proclaimed national union of students."

Kenniff said the time has come for the two national unions to "build together . . . on a positive foundation of mutual goodwill—not on a shaky basis of suspicion and distrust."

In giving informal recognition to UGEQ, the student leader said denial of the French group's status would be a rejection of a "contemporary Canadian fact" and a refusal to recognize the root of a condition which strains Canadian unity.

"Without a doubt, UGEQ is a representative organ of the cultural, social and economic desires of the French-Canadian students in Quebec."

Kenniff said it is not accurate to draw an analogy between structures on the student level and the Canadian constitutional framework. "We must not be pre-occupied

with the rigidities of constitutions, but rather with the reasonableness and flexibility of man," he emphasized.

"Now is the time to concentrate on the principles and policies which we have in common."

The student leader said he is not suggesting there can be no legitimate differences between the two



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organizations, ". . . but it does follow and it must follow, that only by accepting the equal and free nature of UGEQ can a groundwork of understanding and cooperation be established.

"This is a hope for the future—not a rejection of what has passed."

In making his plea for co-

operation among French and English-speaking students, Kenniff also noted the development of responsible attitudes among student leaders, particularly in the field of education.

"We have earned our reputation and must continue to develop it by complementing action with research."

He used the Canada Student Means Survey and a CUS brief to the Bladen Commission on the Financing of Higher Education as examples of the new trend of student responsibility, and called for more intensive study in the field of "university government and its eventual democratization."

A seminar at Fredericton, N.B. two weeks ago studied the topic Democracy in the University Community.

"With the fund of information which is contained in our Student Government Research Service on student union buildings and the like, with our travel services and life insurance plan, we are also providing student organizations and individuals with additional benefits," said Kenniff.

Students, he said, must not continue to "forsake our peers, who for financial, sociological and other reasons are being denied the opportunity to participate" in university life.

"Many university administrators and university professors have refused to defend and develop universal accessibility to higher education," he charged.

CUS at its congress last year passed a "freeze the fees" resolution pending this fall's Bladen Commission report. The CUS brief presented to the Bladen Commission, called for a complete review of the financing of higher education in Canada.

## CUS Congress Decides UGEQ Now 'National'

By DON SELLAR

LENNOXVILLE, Que.—English-speaking Canadian students have allowed their French-Canadian peers to define themselves as a "national" union of students.

But official recognition by the Canadian Union of Students of the Union Generale Des Etudiants Du Quebec came only after two UAC delegates defended a Western "narrow-minded attitude."

The Calgary delegation was soundly hissed at during discussion of the recognition question when UAC's students' union president and first vice-president refused to recognize UGEQ as a "national" union of students in the English sense of the word "nation."

Students' union president Mike Alcorn started the skirmish between two nations, when he tried to limit the definition of UGEQ as a "regional, cultural and linguistic students' union" within the Canadian nation.

But he withdrew his amendment a moment later, when no seconder could be found from 200 delegates present.

Then, first vice-president Don Clogg proposed a second amendment—that the rival students' union be recognized as "distinctly separate from the Canada Union of Students within the realm of Canadian student affairs."

Before Clogg could speak to his amendment, a delegate from Acadia University had called him "narrow-minded."

"I fear I must point out that there exists in Quebec more than one nation within the French-Canadian definition of the word nation."

"It is also comforting to know that UGEQ feels that all French-

Canadian students exist within Quebec," said Mr. Clogg.

"Now who is being narrow-minded?"

Clogg said the main point of contention in his mind was whether to apply the French-Canadian "minority definition" of nation, or the "Anglo-Saxon definition, that is a majority definition coming out of the most powerful students' union in Canada."

He said French-Canadian students withdrew from CUS a year ago when they rejected all efforts of compromise.

"I think that we have a legitimate right to define UGEQ in our sense of the definition, the English sense."

He continued: "We should not compromise our English background, our Anglo-Saxon heritage, just because UGEQ has a peculiar way of defining themselves. We must define them as we see fit."

The French concept of "nation," he said, cannot be translated suitably into English and therefore we should not accept their definition.

The hissing began again.

Finally, Clogg said he was withdrawing his amendment "in the interests of unity."

The question proceeded to a vote.

When results were tallied and announced in French, CUS had recognized its French-Canadian rival.

The vote was 100 to 12, with 12 abstentions.

UAC, which again refused to back recognition of UGEQ, found it had an ally from UBC, who wished his vote changed from affirmative to negative.

"Any other changes?" asked chairman Jean Bazin.

"Yes, pea soup for breakfast," quipped Clogg.

## Married U of A Undergrads Get Housing Plan

The provincial cabinet has decided to allow married undergraduates to join married students in a low-cost, university-sponsored housing scheme.

The decision was made following a criticism by U of A students' union president Richard Price, that the government was preventing married undergraduates from benefitting from the plan.

The government has now moderated its original approval in principle to give graduate students priority over undergraduates in any married housing the university might build.

There are about 1,500 married students attending U of A, but 1,000 of them are undergraduates.

Price argued the government was taking care of the 500 married students who are better off financially, and ignoring a need for low-cost housing for married undergraduates.

"We're happy the cabinet has reconsidered its position to allow married undergraduate students the benefits of university-sponsored housing, but a recent study by the campus graduate students' association shows we can fill the 200 units offered under the new plan, with graduate students alone," said Price.

Two hundred units is the minimum of units considered economically feasible by campus planning officials, explained Price.

Price said he would like to see the housing proposal extended to 400 units, so that married undergraduates would be able to take advantage of the scheme.

"It's the married undergraduates who so badly need this type of accommodation."