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FLOWERS FOR MILADY—Darlene Fleming, selected as this year's engineering queen, receives a bouquet from retiring queen Marrie Goodine at the engineer's ball Saturday night. Miss Fleming was one of four campus beauties who vied for the title.

Fee hike ruled unnecessary due to increase in grants

There will be no fee boost this fall.

The announcement was made Feb. 11, following the regular Board of Governors meeting.

Dr. Johns said fees were not hiked for obvious reasons. The provincial government has increased grants by \$235 per student from \$1,365 to \$1,600.

Federal grants have also been increased from \$2 to \$5. However, this \$5 is being distributed so that provinces with more out-of-province students will get more. Therefore, U of A will get approximately \$4.70.

Dr. Johns said these increased grants mean that the university will be able to balance its budget for the coming year without raising fees.

The students union presented an 80 page brief to the Board of Governors.

Dr. Johns said "the brief may have had a slight bearing on the decision, but on the national level, the main pressure came from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada."

The Bladen report had some influence. "The Board of Governors wanted to see the student brief. It is not possible to say whether or not it influenced the provincial government."

Richard Price, students' union president, said he was very pleased with the announcement. "We like

to think the brief was worth while in mustering political support to increase grants.

"Now the burden remains on us for next year to try to stop increases and eventually lower fees. The resources of Alberta should be put to work where most needed.

"Expansion of Junior Colleges is necessary—perhaps the priority should be there," he said.

"Our eventual goal is equality of opportunity."

Residence rates will also remain the same. "This is wonderful," Price said. "It means in effect that the government is subsidizing the residences. They are paying for the depreciation."

Faculty-administration negotiations are slowly attempting to grind out a compromise in the Murray-Williamson tenure dispute.

A recent development was the presentation of a petition to University Vice-President Dr. Max Wyman requesting, in view of the shortness of notice given to Mr. Murray and Mr. Williamson, that they be granted a one year's extension of contract. The petition contained 132 signatures of faculty members, but Prof. R. D. Mathews said more were expected by Monday.

NESP edges Liberals to form government

Active campaigning leads to increased student vote

The newest political party on campus will form a minority government in this year's Model Parliament.

The National Existentialist Student Party, under the leadership of William Eckford, eng 3, won 17 of the 65 seats in Friday's election.

Campus Liberals will form the official opposition with their 17 seats in Model Parliament. The NESP polled 25.6 per cent of the votes while the Liberals got 25.3 per cent.

The number of people voting this year was considerably higher than last year as 2,562 students (25 per cent of the eligible voters) cast their ballots. Last year, only 1,750 students voted.

Eckford told The Gateway the NESP had not entered the election to move in on other parties.

Instead they hoped to show campus Model Parliament doesn't represent campus as a whole.

He compared the NESP entry into the election to William Buckley's race for the New York mayoralty.

We just wanted to show the elections are not being run on the proper plane, he said.

Asked about the possibilities of a coalition, Eckford said they would form their own government. We've been given the sign that campus is tired of being left out of Model Parliament, he explained.

"I'm surprised but pleased with the results," said Eckford. "We've proved our point."

Campus apathy has shown itself, and it should be quite clear the engineers are the least apathetic and most closely-knit group on campus."

Steve Snyder, arts 3, and chief returning officer, called the NESP victory an amazing example of a well-organized group vote.

Snyder told The Gateway all parties ran very active campaigns, and the general atmosphere of the election was congenial.

He attributed the relatively good turn-out at the polls to the new party and to the problem in the Liberal party which added interest to their campaign.

'This Hour' views VGW teach-in

Canada's largest student organized teach-in will be covered by CBC's "This Hour Has Seven Days."

U of A's Varsity Guest Weekend teach-in will feature national figures debating the topic, "Canada: Satellite or Sovereign."

Speakers addressing the teach-in are Duncan Edmonds, executive assistant to External Affairs Minister Paul Martin, and George Grant, author of the controversial "Lament for a Nation."

In his book, Grant claims the long succession of Liberal governments has surrendered Canadian sovereignty to the United States.

This philosophy is expected to be contested by Mr. Edmonds, who is expected to defend the Liberal government's views on the issue of sovereignty.

Teach-in organizers expressed regret at their inability to obtain a speaker of cabinet rank to present the government's position.

"It seems the Liberals are afraid to send a top man to clash with Professor Grant," says Barry Wilson, arts 2, a student on the teach-in committee.

Laurier LaPierre, from the television program, "This Hour Has Seven Days", has agreed to present his views on Quebec in the first

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Tenure case remains unresolved

Commenting on the petition, Dr. Wyman said: "I always welcome expressions of staff opinion."

He declined to comment further, saying he was awaiting a further recommendation from the Staff Association.

Dr. E. E. Daniel, president of the Staff Association, said the Staff Association was awaiting a proposed solution from the administration.

"As things now stand, we would not accept a settlement which would not give Williamson and Murray at least another year here," said Dr. Daniel.

We welcome the petition, but it could have been worded better, he said.

Dr. Daniel also criticized an article in the Feb. 9 issue of The Gateway, which suggested the possible role of the Canadian Association of University Teachers in the case.

"To this time CAUT is not contemplating intervention in the case," he said.

He admitted the story itself was accurate but said, "The headline just left the wrong impression."

English professor dismissed

VICTORIA (CUP) — An English professor was dismissed without recommendation from the University of Victoria.

James Smith was told his contract would not be renewed next year, and the department head, Roger Bishop, had advised him not to ask for a recommendation.

"Bishop said that if I wanted a recommendation he would give me one, but it would be damning, and he advised me not to bother."

Smith said he questioned the policy of being inspected.

"My surprise inspector claimed I was too nice to the students." He was afraid they'd get the idea they were more important than the subject matter.

"He went on to say the proper way to approach students was pavlovian. Education is a matter of conditioned responses—according to my inspector."

"I must admit my classrooms tend to be progressive jungles, but we do have a certain respect for the individual," Smith said.

More than 20 members of Smith's English 201 class presented a letter to Roger Bishop stating they felt that "there is no valid reason for the dismissal."

The letter included the following points:

- Smith's lecture-room appearance is good; he appears enthusiastic at all times;
- he is willing to accept student opinion and encourages class discussion;
- his lectures are well prepared;
- he has stimulated student interest in English.

"Mr. Smith is not being fired, his contract is simply not being renewed," Bishop said. He said the department had decided to remain firm on the matter.

He said the students who came to him protesting the dismissal were "unaware that they were being used as pawns."

Saying he was dissatisfied with the way the English department was being run, Gilbert Dumas, another English lecturer, submitted his resignation to the university administration.

A third professor, Roy R. Johnson, was also dismissed. All three professors will continue to teach until the end of the term.