

More decentralized students' union proposed

By DAN JAMIESON

Dissolution of the students' union has been rejected by the students' council re-organization committee in favor of a more de-centralized union, according to Don MacKenzie, committee head.

In an interview Monday he said the committee still had to establish the mechanics of the reorganization, but that the form of a future council has been worked out.

Students' council will be asked to re-organize into a decentralized body with councillors chosen from small homogeneous organizations.

Meanwhile, at the University of Winnipeg, York University's Glendon campus and the University of Waterloo, Athenian democracy may soon live again.

Winnipeg student vice-president

John Campbell suggested this week student council abolish itself in favor of a bi-weekly meeting of the entire student body. A quorum would consist of those present.

Day-to-day activities of student administration would be carried out by a seven-man executive committee elected at large.

The proposal, still to be considered by the council, has been called "utopian" by other council members.

York University's Glendon campus has been without a council for more than a month. Students there are pressing for parity on the senate and department committees.

If they get parity a student "plenum" would meet regularly to discuss student problems and coordinate action.

And the University of Waterloo council is also considering replacing itself with a student plenum. Seeking a more democratic and involving structure for policy-making, the council may abolish all but its strictly service organization.

Here at the U of A undergraduate societies in the larger departments and general faculty unions may become the constituencies of students' union representation. Thus, a unit of 300 will have one representative.

The representative will be taking many of the same courses and majoring in the same area, and therefore be more in tune with his constituents than is presently possible, Mr. Mackenzie said.

Reorganization along these lines

would mean an expanded council of about 60 members.

The smaller faculty could take over a great deal of the social and service functions of the council, and speak as a body representing faculty or departmental wishes in a wide range of areas, leaving council free to fulfill its campus wide function as co-ordinator and policy-maker for the student body as a whole, he said.

Much of the administrative work of council could be taken off the shoulders of the executive and placed in the hands of strong functioning committees consisting of students' council members as well.

"Such a move would get more people involved in the administrative and policy-making part of council," Mr. MacKenzie said.

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... as councillors take only chance to get in GFC chambers

—Ken Hutchinson photo

Quotas coming Wyman warns Limit U enrolment or suffer drop in educational standards

by KEN CAMPBELL

Strict quotas limiting enrolment in Alberta post-secondary institutions could be imposed within ten years if plans to meet spiralling education costs are not soon made, the president of U of A, said Monday.

Addressing a combined meeting of Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, Dr. Max Wyman listed a severe lowering in education standards as the only alternative to student quotas if universities in the province fail to find the money to counter inflationary costs coupled with a phenomenal growth rate.

According to figures quoted by Dr. Wyman, student enrolment increased by 26.6 per cent in Alberta last year, compared with a national average of 3.4 per cent.

The province's current post-secondary education budget of about \$150 million could reach \$500 million within ten years, he said.

"When these costs for post-secondary education are added to similar costs in elementary education, one can see that major decisions must be made," he said. "The time for this planning is now, not ten years from now."

In addition, Dr. Wyman criticized the current post-secondary educational system in Canada for falling "far short of desirable goals" in a pluralistic form of education.

"Comparing each country on a per capita basis, each year, the United States places six times as many people with university degrees into the labor force as does Canada," Dr. Wyman reported. "The corresponding ratio at the Ph.D. level is 30 to one."

Dr. Wyman also expressed concern over recently-published findings of the Senate Special Committee on Science Policy. He said the findings indicate the committee will recommend to Parliament that grants for pure research be cut back in favor of "mission-oriented research."

"For most of its history, Canada has lived a parasitic existence," Dr. Wyman charged, "parasitic on the research developed in other countries."

He said it is time "to recognize and rectify a situation that is dangerous to the health and welfare of our people."

"When academic freedom is denied, science will die."

Council cans food services takeover, overwhelmingly ok's housing report

By ELLEN NYGAARD

Students' council Monday night rejected the proposed agreement with the Board of Governors regarding students' union takeover of SUB food services.

The agreement, accepted at last council meeting, failed upon reconsideration. The vote followed the acceptance of an amendment in which the university agreed to reduce the amount of the monthly lease by the amount of the budgeted net expenditure of \$14,045, as previously agreed upon by the union and the board.

The amendment to the contract would have altered the budget to a "break-even" proposal.

Councillors had serious reservations as to the ability of the stu-

dents' union to provide better service and extended hours in event of takeover. Some members pointed out the upcoming opening of university-operated facilities in other parts of the campus, particularly those in the General Academic Building, scheduled for completion in September.

Treasurer Dennis Fitzgerald, in supporting the adoption of the agreement, pointed out that the union was released of the major debt and that the contract could be reconsidered after 12 months.

Objections were raised, in view of council's stated educational budget priorities, to the takeover of a service function.

HOUSING

Council overwhelmingly accepted

the report of the students' union housing commission, presented by committee chairman Jim Humphries.

The report, based on the recommendations of the Diamond-Myers plan, projects a low-cost housing project in North Garneau for undergraduate students.

Included in the plans are commercial facilities and various types of accommodation ranging from bachelor-style dwellings to two-bedroom apartments.

The motion was passed with the additional provision that an addition of 3,000 square feet be reserved for a day-care centre.

A motion by arts rep Bill Bradley requesting that council pro-

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ASA agenda

Art Students' Association
Agenda:

- Finances
 - (a) Students' union loan
 - (b) budget
- Discussion of representation from ASA to SU tenure committee
- Discussion of representation from ASA at Worth Commission on Education
- Reports from J. Caskenette on committees
- Election procedures

Meeting 7:30 Wednesday in Art Lounge. Every Arts Student welcome.