

As darkness falls
over America,
it's time to say . . .

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good night,
Dick.

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The whole west is talking about CUS



CARD PLAYING WHILE THE DEBATERS CLASHED

It may be irrelevant, after all

By MARVIN BJORNSTAD

Is the Students' Union really relevant to the students in it?

Judging from the turnout at the debate on this subject Tuesday in SUB theatre lobby, it cannot be relevant to many students.

The only people there were the usual noon day crowd. People were so disinterested that some slept, others played cards and the rest looked very bored.

Ken Murray, one of those taking the positive side of the topic (Be it resolved: The Student's Union is irrelevant to many students) said; "There

are about 40 people here. Why isn't there 400 people? Why aren't they here for these gems of wisdom from the executive?"

Allison Lees, a member of the debating society said, "The main thing wrong with the Students' Union is its head, the Students' Council."

"Few of our councillors know or try to find out our views. The executive are more experienced than the rest of the councillors and can easily sway them."

"We are represented by a clique," he said.

Co-ordinator of student activities, Don McKenzie, pointed

out some of the benefits the Students' Union has attained for the students, such as, "representation on the Board of Governors, General Faculty Council, and many faculty councils all of which help the student and SUB which about 12,000 people use a day."

"Last year about 1,200 people applied for jobs in the Students' Union and this is probably a hell of a lot better than civic and municipal government participation," said McKenzie.

The issues of this debate did not fire up the student body as did the issues discussed at the CUS debate where over 300 people attended on Monday.

Victoria wants out; SFU will stay in

VICTORIA (CUP) — The University of Victoria has added itself to the growing list of schools across Canada clammering to get out of the Canadian Union of Students.

During a marathon 14-hour budget meeting Sunday, UVic's student council spent four hours debating a motion to delete a \$5,000 CUS allotment from its annual budget, then voted overwhelmingly in favor of the motion.

The UVic council signed the CUS commitment form at the national union's September congress saying they would pay their fees and remain in CUS for this year.

CUS's national council, which met over the weekend in Toronto, passed a resolution saying "firm action" would be taken if councils did not make good on their commitment.

CUS vice-president Wynton Semple said it was made clear at the congress what signing the commitment form entailed. The intent of the national council resolution, he said, was that, if necessary, court action would be taken against universities such as UVic which refused to pay their fees.

The UVic move follows last week's circulation of a petition by members of the council urging a de facto withdrawal from CUS. Their reasons were mainly financial.

The members argued that UVic should not invest \$5,000 in CUS when it could be used to pay off a \$4,000 operating deficit left them by the previous council and to aid clubs whose budgets had been cut to make the money available.

Student president Frank Frekitch strongly opposed the motion to delete the CUS budget. He felt he was obligated to stick with the previous pledge of support for the national student union.

BURNABY (CUP)—The Canadian Union of Students won an important victory Tuesday when the students of Simon Fraser University voted 1,123-685 to say in the union.

The policies of Martin Loney, CUS president-elect and past president of Simon Fraser Student Council, and his activist executive of this summer seemed doomed to failure following the SFU fall election of a moderate slate to council.

Loney was elated by the results and said: "this should turn the tide for CUS." He also claimed, as a result of his recent tour of the west, "It's very likely the University of Alberta will vote to join CUS by the end of the year."

Because of Loney's position with CUS all eyes turned to SFU to see if students there had placed the moderates in office as a reaction to student power at that campus or as the prelude to rejecting CUS policy and membership.

Rob Walsh, council president, was "dissatisfied" with the results of the vote. He and his moderate council voted 7-3 last week to pull out of CUS because it was a waste of money and didn't represent the majority of students in Canada. But their constituents didn't agree.

Jim Harding, former activist vice-president, said: "moderates need the mass media to scare new students. When they haven't got it, students can translate their self interests into votes."

Percy Smith, executive secretary of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, gave strong support to the union in his address to the SFU students council last week. He said "I view the partial disintegration of CUS as nothing short of disaster."

While students at SFU earlier voted to reject student power candidates, they appear to be reversing their decision.

Students named to ed council

Two student representatives have been named to the Education Faculty Council. Each of them will have a vote.

This will be the second faculty council in the university to have student representatives with voting privileges. The agriculture faculty has one representative with a vote.

The demand for student representation was brought up by the education staff-student relations committee which was formed last year.

Both students, Dean Harrison, ed 2, and Earl Dean, ed 2, became representatives by acclamation Nov. 1.

Harrison said, "There is a concern between Earl and I about the fact that we gained our seats by acclamation and we are concerned by the apathy of the students in education."

"Our main concern at the moment is that if we don't know student opinion of the Faculty of Education, we can't represent it," he said.

Hey there, Mr. & Mrs. Clean

The people who witnessed the CUS debate Monday were remarkably well dressed. Most of them almost looked respectable and a good portion could be termed "well dressed considering they non radicals".

Now you ought to know why.

A note pinned to a fraternity bulletin board and discovered by The Gateway read;

"... (a student union politician who shall remain nameless due to possible embarrassment) phoned and said there will be a Marilyn Pilkington vs Martin Loney debate at noon Monday at the theatre.

"Many radicals attending.

"Televised.

"Wants respectable element attending also."

Council had other things to discuss

By KEN BAILEY

CUS was again blocked in Monday's meeting of Students' Council. The CUS topic was expected after the Pilkington-Loney debate Monday noon.

A motion by Arts representative Boyd Hall to reopen the discussion on CUS was defeated by president of the students' union Marilyn Pilkington when the council tie voted, six all with two abstaining.

In cases where the council vote is tied, chairman of the meeting, in this case Miss Pilkington, may decide to vote or make a decision without voting. Miss Pilkington decided that the CUS discussion could wait till a future council meeting.

A previous council meeting had already set the CUS general referendum forward to February from November. Since that meeting there have been rumors concerning the formation of a new national union of students.

In the Pilkington-Loney debate, president of the students' union Marilyn Pilkington stated that she had not replied to a telegram sent by George Hunter, first vice-president at Carleton, concerning the formation of the new union. But in council, she said that she had telephoned Hunter after receiving the telegram. She added that the U of A did not express any viewpoint on the subject in the exchange.

A conference of non-CUS universities is allegedly being planned for the Christmas vacation.

Some members of council and of the gallery, notably SDU'ers, felt that the CUS referendum should be held before the Christmas conference. Firstly, the students should decide whether or not to join CUS. If the majority voted against joining, then the Students' Union could consider an alternate action, such as the formation of a second national union.