

CUS Wins 2 - Loses 2

OTTAWA (CUP) - - The Canadian Union of Students came off with a draw in four referendums Friday (Jan. 24) - - but they were only the first of a dozen planned in the next five weeks.

The union came out with wins at Mount St. Vincent and King's College in Halifax - - the Mount was voting to join for the first time although King's was a member going into the vote - - and lost St. Mary's, also in Halifax, and the University of Victoria.

With the announcement of an anti-CUS vote keeping Southern Alberta Institute of Technology out a week and a half ago, that leaves the organization facing four referendums this week, three the next, one in mid-February, three others not yet laid down and a big one early in March.

The count at the all-girls' Mount St. Vincent was 124 to 95 in CUS' favor. King's went 78 to 40 for the union, but with enrolment at 608 at the Mount and 300 at King's, it won't help CUS finances much.

At St. Mary's, CUS lost 1,600 students when students voted 331 to 177 to get out. And at Victoria, which didn't commit itself to membership at last fall's CUS congress, the campus went 961 to 665 for keeping its 5,000 students out.

Left with 25 members as round two opened, the organization faced votes at Calgary Monday, Waterloo Wednesday, Edmonton Thursday and Winnipeg Friday.

The Saskatoon campus of the University of Saskatchewan votes Feb. 5, the next day both Queen's and York Glendon cast their ballots, and Lakehead goes Feb. 19. University of British Columbia plans a two-day referendum March 3-4.

St. Thomas Aquinas in Fredericton had originally scheduled a referendum Jan. 16, but moved it back to sometime in the third week of February. Selkirk College in Castlegar, B.C., and Vancouver City College, neither of them members now, both plan vote counts sometime.

W.C. Winegard Foiled

GUELPH (CUP) - - It's official. W. C. Winegard, administration president of the University of Guelph, will not be running for student council president this spring.

But he almost did. A chunk of redtape was needed to rule him out.

It started several days ago in the offices of The Ontario, the campus newspaper. Discussing the upcoming council elections, one staff member suggested that Winegard run.

It was meant and initially taken as a joke, but soon became a matter of serious discussion which picked up momentum. A nomination form was prepared and money was raised to pay his student council fees.

Informed by telephone that a movement had begun

to draft him into declaring his candidacy, Winegard would not believe that the caller was serious and said: "That's the best joke that's happened to me all year."

He was still laughing when a five-man committee walked into his office and presented him with a nomination form to sign. He was told that his union fees had been taken care of and that the students who nominated him were serious.

"I can hardly wait to tell my son about this," Winegard said. "He's always regarded me as being a square but now that I'm a student, I can't be all that bad."

Winegard's union fees and candidacy declaration were accepted without question by council secretaries.

Students involved in the draft movement said they were motivated by "the mediocrity of the other candidates."

The news got a mixed reaction from students. Some, including out-going president Don Langford, were delighted that Winegard was running.

Others were hostile: "All along we're trying to take control away from the administration," said one, "and now you bring the president of the university into a student election."

"Why don't you run somebody's dog," another suggested.

All bets were off this week, though - - somebody remembered that candidates had to be registered Guelph students in courses leading to a degree. Winegard could have enrolled himself in graduate school but declined, and the matter was settled.

Yearbook Forever

CALGARY (CUP) - - The University of Calgary Monday (Jan. 27) ratified by a 2 to 1 count a student council decision to withdraw from the Canadian Union of Students.

The 5,000-student campus voted 1,294 to 648 to endorse the council pullout last November. The referendum was scheduled when a group of students protested the council decision.

On the same ballot students voted 1,565 to 335 to continue publishing a yearbook that costs about \$5 a head. The council left CUS claiming that the \$1-a-head fee put it in "financial" difficulty.

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