

Council approves planned course evaluation study



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A SLIP ON THE STICK BEATS TWO ON THE ROAD—A competitor in the VGW 100 car rally does some quick figuring as his team member toodles along their route. Winners of the event were novices Don Alton and Russel Good. Second were Brian Kelly and Bob Hickman while Ian McArthur and Chuck Wainburg came third.

Amnesia hits CUS officials; CIA front common gossip

PORT ARTHUR (CUP)—Canadian Union of Students officials should have known two years ago they were dealing with a possible Central Intelligence Agency front.

The general secretary of World University Service of Canada expressed surprise here Tuesday that CUS officials were not aware they were dealing in 1965 and 1966 with a CIA front.

"To my personal knowledge, it was common gossip among some CUS officers two or three years ago," said Douglas Mayer.

Mayer was commenting on a

denial by CUS that it accepted \$3,000 during the two years from the Foundation of Youth and Student Affairs with the knowledge the organization was connected with the United States CIA.

"I know one person I can be absolutely certain knew or suspected the money was coming from the CIA," he said.

Mayer refused, however, to name any CUS officials he suspects were aware of the alleged CIA-FYSA affiliation.

"If CUS remains quiet, then I am not going to speak," he said.

An academic relations committee project received students' council's rubber stamp Monday night.

Committee chairman Yvonne Walmsley asked council to hire a full-time general editor and several assistants to compile a course evaluation study in May.

She proposed the first study be limited to senior arts courses as more students take arts options than any other courses.

Council referred the matter back to the committee which is to decide on a salary and to aid the personnel board in selecting the required staff.

CUS chairman Owen Anderson reported to council the university administration has consented to an exchange scholarship program with Bishops University.

The administration will provide free tuition to two students from Bishops if Bishops accepts two U of A students on the same basis.

Administrator of student awards R. B. Wishart appeared before council to explain the use of the controversial grade-point system in the making of awards.

"The system was instituted to remove the inequalities in marks which exist between faculties. We feel a professor may not want to give an excellent student an 80 per cent mark, but would give the same student an eight or nine, according to the conditions spelled out for the use of the grade-point system," said Mr. Wishart.

Mr. Wishart also explained to council the policies of the student awards board on grants and loans.

"We do not give a full award if the student has purchased a real asset in the year prior to his application. The government should not replace money the student has spent on an asset.

"We recognize in certain cases the assets, such as a car, may be necessary to the student, but we will not subsidize it.

"The second exception is when the student is not making a contribution proportionate to his earnings in the past year.

Irregularities have forced students' council to extend the nomination deadline for science representative on council to March 3.

Science rep Richard Hewko admitted he had not given the nomination sufficient publicity as required in the elections by-law and asked council to postpone the deadline.

Free tuition

Councillors rebuff president

HALIFAX (CUP)—A brief advocating free tuition for Nova Scotia freshmen has been rejected by Dalhousie University's students' council.

Turned down 10-7 in his bid to send the brief to the provincial government of Robert Stanfield, Dalhousie council president John Young commented:

"I'm ashamed of people here from outside the province who spoke against doing something for Nova Scotia. You shouldn't deter a Nova Scotian from getting an education."

Young's plan would have asked the government to fork over about \$600 in first-year tuition fees for each of an estimated 2,000 Grade XII graduates in Nova Scotia.

The outlay of \$1.2 million would have been substantially less than \$1.5 million now being instituted by the government in a newly-instituted bursary program.

The bursaries now go to students from outside Nova Scotia as well as to residents. Out-of-province students make up an estimated 40 per cent of Maritime university enrolment, and are not included in figures used to obtain federal grants to higher education.

The Nova Scotia government now spends \$210 million, or approximately \$400 per student, on Dalhousie University.

"The province would get more mileage out of its universities by the free tuition because more Nova Scotians would be able to attend," Young argued before his students' council.

But councillors voted the plan down, calling it "narrow" and "premature". One of them said it would have "encouraged free-loaders making the university a vast clearing house for bodies."

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