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by ANN COLWELL & MARGII HAGERMAN

INCOME TAX AND STUDENTS FEES

(OTTAWA) — The parents of Canada's university and technical students were singled out as most in need of tax concessions in a brief presented today by the Canadian Union of Students to the Royal Commission on Taxation.

CUS asked that parents or guardians be allowed to claim the tuition fees paid on behalf of students as a deduction when making out their income tax. At present, only the student himself is allowed to claim tuition fees as a deduction. This latter concession was won after many years of campaigning by CUS but now CUS feels it is only benefiting a minority of students — those that earn more than the basic \$1,100.00 exemption allowed to everyone.

"For example," said a CUS spokesman, "very few female students earn over \$1,100.00 during a summer — so they have no need to file a tax return and claim their fees as a deduction. Why shouldn't their parents be allowed to claim the tuition fee as a deduction? They probably paid the tuition — and for a lot of other items also."

In recognition of the bicultural nature of Canada, CUS suggested that an exemption be provided for transportation costs incurred by a student or parent in allowing the student to attend the nearest university where he may obtain instruction in one of the two official languages of Canada, providing there are no universities containing the desired faculty in reasonable proximity to (i.e.: within 50 miles of) the student's residence that provide instruction in the one of the two official languages employed by the student.

In general, CUS contended that "if Canada's interests are to be best served, the university must be made accessible to all, having regard only to objective standards of ability,

and irrespective of economic circumstances."

CUS contended that the Income Tax Act is no longer simply a method of collecting revenue, "it is an accepted tool of social justice."

STUDENTS FOUND MORE SKEPTICAL IN RELIGIOUS BELIEFS THAN OTHERS

(The Gazette) — University students are 23% more skeptical in their religious beliefs than other people, a poll conducted by Huron College students has shown.

The pollsters, members of a third year psychology class, asked 450 Western students and an equal number of London residents about their religious beliefs, in a carefully prepared questionnaire.

SOPHS LESS BELIEVING

The male sophomore year shows the most skepticism of any of the male four years in university. The survey showed that this year had the least amount of atheism and agnosticism and the greatest amount of uncertainty.

Skepticism may not be as bad as first indicated, because if the group who believes in a Divine God and the group who believes in a "power greater than himself" are combined, the total difference between the students and the other people is narrowed from 23-10% more skepticism on the part of students.

GIRLS MORE SKEPTICAL

However, in the third and fourth years, females are more skeptical than males. Thus males are more skeptical than females when they enter university while the reverse is true when they leave.

As with all surveys, it opened the door to an entirely new question. This concerns the significant difference between the results of university experience upon women and men in the field of religious skepticism, which is indeed, an interesting consideration.

FEDERALISM

(McGill Daily) — The Federal - Provincial conference, said Jean Lesage, was "Confederation's hour of trial", and when the conference convened around the largest (40 ft. by 20 ft.) oval table in Ottawa, Newfoundland's Joey Smallwood's quip that "the provinces have never been further apart" had an ominous ring of seriousness to it. "Confederation's last chance" began to appear more as a constitutional reality than as a slogan of political bargaining.

But the conference, begun in an atmosphere of foreboding, ended on a note of cautious optimism and what Prime Minister Pearson called "the beginning of a new approach". A series of consultative meetings between federal and provincial cabinet officers on matters of trade, agriculture, health care and revision of the constitution were organized; consultative machinery designed to set up a Canada Pension plan were put in motion; "new arrangements" were to be sought in the area of fiscal relations; and while the federal tax concessions succeeded at most in whetting but not satisfying Quebec demands respecting tax economies, the federal government's recognition of the need for basic tax changes that would be a "little more enduring" seemed an acceptable palliative for the present. Praising the Conference, Ontario's John Robarts remarked that "anyone worrying about a crisis in confederation can forget it as of now. Tough old Canada is going to survive"; to which Lesage added: "I completely agree".

It was not surprising, therefore, to have Natural Resources Minister Levesque open his address to the B'nai B'rith Centennial Lodge by stating that he intended "to keep this non-controversial." After all, the constitutional wavelenghts of "cooperative federalism" had been relatively free of static of late; there had been little, if any, "ultimatum" or "last chance" addresses by Quebec's political leadership; and Mr. Levesque himself, a leading architect of Quebec's social and economic revolution, had been conspicuously silent these past few months.

But it was not long before what was to be a "non-controversial" address became one of the most definitive statements yet made by Levesque on the concept of Canadian federalism; and it was not long too before "cooperative federalism" began to appear uncomfortably uncooperative. It is true, as Levesque contended, that Quebec must act in matters of education, electoral redistribution, human rights, mining resources and the like; and, from all available indications, it intends to do so in the present legislative session; nor does "cooperative federalism" preclude such necessary avenues of self-determination.

But whether Quebec's self-determination can tolerate "cooperative federalism" appears to be another matter. The "ultimatum" which "cooperative federalism" had managed to escape in the recent past reappeared again in the "life or death" language of Levesque repeating the subject of fiscal relations, the incentive which it had managed to elude



Friday, January 24 — 6:30 a.m.
Eastern Regional Convention of the Newman Clubs
Saturday, January 25 — 9:30 a.m.
Newman Convention — Students' Centre
9:00 p.m. Newman Ball — Lord Beaverbrook Hotel
Sunday, January 26 — 9:30 a.m.
Mass and Communion Breakfast — Students' Centre

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Valedictorian
Robert W. Kerr, 4th year Arts
Allan Ross Webster, 4th year Arts & 1st year Law

Senior Class Executive — President
Eric A. Johnston, 3rd year Business Administration
W. Stewart Parker, 4th year Electrical Engineering

Vice-President
William Coulter Calvert, 4th year Forestry

Secretary-Treasurer
Peter J. Roberts, 3rd year Arts

Sophomore Class Executive — President
Eric Meth, 1st year Arts
Robert M. Orr, 1st year Arts
John D. Trevors, 1st year Arts
Jeremy Simon Hugh Gadd, 1st year Arts

Vice-President
Donald S. Cameron, 1st year Arts
Peter Alan Chipman, 1st year Science
Jon Nicholas Allen LeHeup, 1st year Science
Larry O. Spencer, 1st year Arts

Secretary-Treasurer
Alfred Brien, 1st year Arts
Gregory M. Gyton, 1st year Science
Keith C. Leshana, 1st year Arts

Hotspot

We, as students at this university, have an interest in it, and should therefore be allowed to point out where, in our eyes, some weaknesses lie, so that they may be either explained or improved.

With this in mind, it is time we started to inquire into some of the divisions of the Arts Faculty. This is not meant as a direct lampoon upon individual professors. However, if some should take insult, then perhaps they might do well to look into the matter themselves and see what conclusions they come to.

The History and English departments are beyond complaint, holding a respected place in other universities' eyes. The Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology departments, to name the three most prominent, are discouragingly weak.

It may be that this is because the professors in these departments are not the best. But it is more probable that this weakness is caused by inadequate facilities, and poor pay. The Psychology department's "lab" is a disgrace to the university.

The time has come for the administration to build up these other departments to the university level, let alone to a level of prominence.

R. C.

Eating Out Blues

This is a song composed and written down on a bedraggled paper napkin — it was penned by some of our talented freshmen as they waited hungrily — and too long — for service in a local eating establishment. Sung to the tune of "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah"

(1) We want service with a smile,
Though it might take quite a while
(START AGAIN)

crept in again in the charges that "bloated" federal departments loaded with "excessive fat" soak up money while Quebec is in a financial strait-jacket; the consultative machinery which it had set up respecting federal-provincial relations was blighted with the remark that there is "no consultation, no cooperation," just intervention by the federal government at the municipal level.

(2) We want service on the double,
If we don't get it, there'll be trouble
(START AGAIN)

(3) We want service very quickly,
Though the food looks rather sickly.
Starving Frosh.

"Understand you buried your wife last week"
"Had to. Dead, you know."

"If you fall off that rock and break your leg, don't come running to me."

ATTENTION

Would the person who removed the Red Leather Cosack Boots from the Student's Centre last Sunday evening please return them to Kippy McAllister at 5-6513. She would be so grateful for their return that she would not so much as say a nasty word about their removal. So if they hurt your feet as much as they hurt hers, then do yourself a favor and return them.

NEWS BRIEFS

Two students from the University of New Brunswick, one a resident of Grand Manan, were awarded Athlone Fellowships for postgraduate study in the United Kingdom.

Philip Andrews Parker, North Head, Grand Manan, and Richard George Matheson, Charlottetown, P. E. I., will study engineering in England beginning this autumn.

Athlone Fellowships are awarded to applicants having an undergraduate degree who wish to study and/or work in the United Kingdom. Their academic and technical competence as well as physical fitness and personal qualities are carefully considered.

Two scholarships totalling \$450 have been awarded by the University of New Brunswick to first year students in law and forestry.

The Hon. C. D. Ritchards Scholarships were won by Barrie J. G. Dickie, formerly of MacPherson's Mills, N. S. now of Fredericton, and Jerrold Peter Hall of Annapolis Royal, N.S.

Mr. Dickie, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Dickie of MacPherson's Mills, attended St. Francois Xavier University until his senior year when he transferred to the UNB Law School. He is a graduate of the East Pictou Rural High School and is married with one child.

Mr. Hall, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney G. Hall, RR 1, Annapolis Royal. Born in Saint John, Mr. Hall moved to Nova Scotia where he took his early schooling, graduating in his final year from Annapolis Royal Regional Academy with honours.

During his high school years he participated in debating, drama and student government. He was named valedictorian for his graduating class. At UNB he is studying for the bachelor of science in forestry degree.

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