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FRESH FROM THE FUNNY HOUSE—Do you recognize any of these obviously demented, disconsolate, dejected and loyal souls? If you do, don't admit it; rumor has it that some devilish fiend has recently released them upon this naive and unsuspecting campus to reek all forms of devastat-

ing devastation. Will the Seaview come to the rescue, or just a couple of CIA agents, how about a flock of supersonic homing pigeons? This must be a pretty snaky bunch if they could advocate a surfer for Governor General, especially if Mum was present, and not too far from a labor room.

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Fees 'punishment' for activists

SACRAMENTO—California's governor Ronald Reagan "is attempting to justify tuition as a punishment for student activists," says California state assembly speaker Jesse Unruh.

Speaking at the annual National Conference for Higher Education, Unruh said, "I am implacably opposed to this administration's attempt to impose tuition through the device of a budget cut and I resent its efforts to sell this proposal through an incipient distrust of higher learning."

Unruh quoted statements by Governor Reagan and Lieutenant Finch describing tuition as a disciplinary measure aimed at "maturing" students involved in campus demonstrations.

"There are other, thoroughly studied revenue sources available in California," said Unruh.

Commenting on the firing of University of California president Clark Kerr, Unruh said, "The suspicion that the university is regarded as no more than another weapon in the political arsenal has undermined the prestige of all California's public education system."

"Other universities throughout the nation—indeed throughout the world—have interpreted the dismissal as an intellectually insensitive threat to academic freedom," he said.

Free tuition has drawbacks

SASKATOON—A cut in tuition fees could mean an increase in political control over universities and a cheapening of education, a former British educationist told University of Saskatchewan students.

"It is all too easy to lower the cost per student by simply lowering standards," Dr. Donald H. Hey cautioned.

Dr. Hey, who was speaking on higher education in the United Kingdom, pointed out how the increased demand for university students in society is a factor of economic growth which makes the university politically important.

A university education is virtually free for the majority of U.K. students, he explained. Most students receive grants from a local authority, while much of the universities' finances comes from the treasury.

But financial aid to the universities from the University Grants Commission, in reality public funds, acted as a "buffer" against political pressures. Now even these are in danger of political control.

Therefore, students must decide whether they want to be financially dependent on the state and thus subject to political dictation, or to pay tuition fees, receive higher standards of education and be free from political control, he said.

Canada welcomes

PHILADELPHIA—Secretary of State Judy LaMarsh recently invited any young Americans who object to U.S. policy in Vietnam to come to Canada.

They "are free to come into our country as we already have several thousand," she said at an International Festival Ball where she was guest of honor.

"The U.S. doesn't force Swiss or French nationals to return if they come to America to avoid service in the armies of their countries," Miss LaMarsh said.

Many U.S. war objectors coming to Canada have recently complained that Canadian immigration officers have asked them about their draft status before allowing them to enter the country.

UBC forms co-op

VANCOUVER—Thirteen University of British Columbia students coughed up \$1 each to become members of a students housing co-op association.

The \$1 membership fee entitles them to one vote in any decisions made by the co-op, which was formed with the idea of obtaining students control in all aspects of residence living.

Also present at the association's first meeting were Robb Watt, president of Simon Fraser University's housing co-op, and Dave Berg, an SFU philosophy professor.

"The co-op is not simply to provide housing," said Berg.

"The co-op is predicted upon the fact that students are citizens now and have a fundamental role. The university shouldn't be the parent of the students."

Berg said he felt co-op living could enable students to run their own lines.

Ontario forms union of students

PETERBOROUGH—Ontario students followed the lead set by the four Western provinces last fall when they passed legislation to establish an Ontario Union of Students.

Montique Ouellette, student's council president at the University of Ottawa was elected president of the OUS and Brian Switzman of the University of Toronto was elected vice-president.

About 95 delegates from 20 post-secondary institutions attended the three-day conference at Trent University's Champlain College.

In deciding to form a provincial organization, delegates made provision for the admission of non-CUS members and any Ontario educational institution which satisfies the conditions of membership clause.

Other structural changes made in the bilingual organization were a 10 cent increase in the per capita levy and provision for full-time employment for both the president and vice-president.

Faculty counsels draft dodgers

PHILADELPHIA—Several faculty members at Temple University have created a counselling board to provide conscientious objectors with draft advice.

The group, called the Faculty Draft Counselling Board, will supply information about the rights of draft-eligible men who object to military service on the basis of conscience.

Dr. Robert Edenbaum, chairman of the board, said the percentage of conscientious objectors has increased since World War II, making it necessary "for the faculty to provide the help because many students have no one to guide them."

The 15-member board, supported by about 60 faculty members, does not take a stand on the Vietnam war, he said.

The counsellors know the penalties for helping draft dodgers and each is expected to act according to his own discretion, Dr. Edenbaum said.

LBJ announces draft reforms

SAN ANTONIO—Sweeping reforms in the American draft system will eliminate deferments for graduate students unless they are studying medicine, dentistry or theology.

The changes, to be implemented within the next two years, were announced by President Lyndon Johnson.

Other proposed changes include:

- a lottery from which men will be drafted
- deferments for fathers and those in essential occupations will be abolished and rules governing deferments in other categories will be tightened and made uniform.

- 19-year-olds and older men whose deferments have expired will be the first to be exposed to the random call-up.

Mr. Johnson made no mention of deferments for undergraduates working toward a B.A.

Each year's eligible graduates would be entered in the next lottery pool, the president said.