

SCW hindered by lack of interest

The major problem now facing Second Century Week is lack of interest among Quebec students.

Last spring the Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec (UGEQ) refused to participate in the academic portion of the week-long centennial project unless they were permitted to have 225 delegates—as many as the rest of Canada's universities combined.

David Estrin is director of the centennial program for the students of Canadian universities, hosted jointly by the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary.

The cultural, academic, and athletic festival, to be held in March, has a budget of \$280,000.

Estrin met with UGEQ leaders in June and told them Quebec could have as many delegates as they wished if they could pay the expenses of all delegates in excess of their allotted 31.

NO ACTION

"UGEQ has taken no action to raise money from the provincial government and universities, thus indicating a rejection of the new proposal or a simple lack of interest in the centennial project," said Estrin.

Marilyn Pilkington, students' union vice-president, travelled east recently to ask Quebec's centennial co-ordinator and the universities' administrations for financial support for SCW.

For every \$100 collected, one Quebec student will be able to attend the centennial celebration.

Quebec's centennial co-ordinator told Pilkington the Quebec government would not contribute without UGEQ's support of the project.

Universite Laval's drama society has asked to participate in Second Century Week's drama festival, and Universite de Montreal's drama group has indicated interest, Estrin told The Gateway.

LARGEST GATHERING

"Second Century Week is the largest and most representative gathering of Canadian university students ever", said Estrin.

"The goals of the week are two-fold. The first is to establish a necessary dialogue between the future leaders of Canada, and second to picture for the rest of Canada the activities, thoughts, aspirations, and potential of her youth."

The project will hopefully bring students from all Canadian universities to the Edmonton and Calgary campuses, Mar. 6-11, to discuss issues which divide the nation.

Athletic events will range from curling and wrestling to hockey and basketball. This is the first time national finals for nine events at the college level have ever been held in Canada.

Art, photography, music, films, and drama will play a part in SCW's cultural section.

The centennial program for students of Canada's universities is supported by the federal and provincial governments to the extent of \$80,000 each.

OTHER SUPPORT

Further support has been received from other provincial governments, participating universities, business and industry, and the cities of Edmonton and Calgary.

A total of 1,100 students from across Canada will participate.

The Second Century Seminar, a bilingual exploration into the future of this country, will involve two students from each participating university as well as outstanding social and economic authorities.

One delegate per university and Canada's foremost authors, poets, and critics will meet for the literary seminar and seven hundred of the country's finest young athletes will compete for national championships.

Welcomes

SU President

On behalf of the many students at this university who are not freshmen, I wish to welcome all of you who are here for your first year of studies.

As students, we are all here primarily to benefit from a high-quality formal education. We are here to learn. With this in mind, it is my hope that you will give top priority to your studies at the University of Alberta.

You will receive your formal education mainly through lectures, laboratory work, and reading in the libraries and at home. In addition to this, there are many opportunities for you to develop yourselves mentally, emotionally, socially, and physically. These opportunities are available to you through extracurricular activities, which have been developed on this campus to the stage where there is virtually something for everyone.

The key to your success at this university is moderation.

In your academics, moderation

means you should be striving for first-class achievement while at the same time not becoming inefficient and unhappy slaves to your books.

In your extracurricular activities, moderation means first you must not become so involved and committed that your studies suffer, and second you are sincere participants in the organizations and sports of your choosing.

If you are uncertain as to the balance to be struck between your studies and your social life, I would suggest you budget your time in favor of your studies.

The fact that you are here is evidence that you realize the importance of your education. To prepare yourselves for the serious challenges in the future, you must be good students while you are at university.

You are most welcome as new citizens in our university community. I hope you will be happy, and I wish you the best of luck.

Branny Schepanovich
President
The Students' Union

CUS Chairman

During the weeks ahead, it is our goal to introduce you, as freshmen, to the Canadian Union of Students. CUS is a national organization of college and university students which attempts to serve members in a number of ways, all of which are planned with the aim of contributing to the development of an informed, articulate student body. The U of A is undergoing a critical evaluation of the structure, goals, and membership of the union.

We must admit, as the president of CUS has noted, a rather serious division between campus politicians and intellectuals exists. It seems to me the organization must engage and encourage those who are primarily students and academics if it is to continue and expand the work the union is doing in research (for example, the Student Means Survey), and in writing and publishing papers which attempt to stimulate both student and university government, and to confront students with some of the far-reaching questions involved.

Owen Anderson

U of T students caught in raid on frat house

TORONTO (Special) — Toronto police Sept. 14 summonsed 24 men and arrested two teen-age girls in a raid at a University of Toronto fraternity house.

Police said most of the men were U of T students.

The morality squad, two constables and eight uniformed detectives surrounded the Phi Kappa Pi

fraternity house in the early hours of Sept. 14 to make the raid.

Most of the men were summonsed for being in a common bawdy house, while five were summonsed for keeping a common bawdy house.

The two girls, aged 17 and 19, were charged as inmates of a common bawdy house.

FIW features SUPA speak-out

One of the unique features of Freshman Introduction Week this year is a speak-out sponsored by the Students' Union for Peace Action (SUPA).

Two topics will be discussed: "The Nature of the University" and "The War in Viet Nam".

"We hope to add a serious note to FIW," said Patrick Connell of

SUPA.

The speak-out will take place in the quad north of the tent.

A speak-out is a loose open forum with a minimum of scheduled speakers and open debate from the floor.

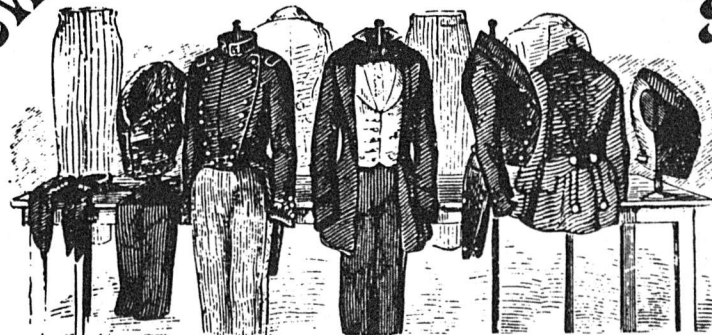
SUPA officials said they expect several of the campus political clubs to join them.

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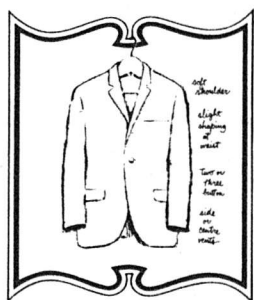
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