

Council member criticizes SU President

by Richard Watts

Oscar Ammar says he feels aggrieved over being forced to resign as president of the Arab Students' Association.

Ammar was one of the two Student Council members who proposed the motion that would see the SU publicly condemn Israel and the Christian

Phalangists for the massacres in Lebanon.

"I was warned in the afternoon that Greenhill (SU President) was planning to oppose my motion on the grounds of conflict of interest, me being the president of the Arab Students' Association," says Ammar.

Ammar continued, "So I resigned that afternoon so I could

defend my motion in council."

Greenhill states, "I had objections that were on purely constitutional grounds because I felt the motion could stand entirely on its own merit and should not be tainted by even a slight infraction of the constitution."

The constitution states that no member of Students' Council

may vote on a motion pertaining to a club or organization of which he/she is a member.

Ammar feels that the motion which specifically states "both compassion and condemnation must know no ethnicity" is free from all accusations of conflict of interest.

"I don't think I should have had to resign but I was forced to play Greenhill's game because he seems to be willing to resort to anything possible to prevent me from participating on this motion," says Ammar.

Greenhill has explained in a conversation with Dwayne Chomya (Ammar's co-sponsor on this motion) he still felt it was a good motion but he felt it would receive a better reception if it were

not sponsored by someone with Ammar's public allegiances and biases.

Ammar complained, "We had seen Greenhill before we presented the motion to council and he said that he thought it was a good motion."

Ammar also stated that this motion has nothing to do with the Arab Students' Association except for the greater emotional attachments members of the Association naturally have for Middle East politics.

"This is a condemnation of a state (Israel) and of the Christian Phalangist Party and it should have nothing to do with ethnic origins," says Ammar.

'Roller Coaster' hits 1980's ?



Dean of Arts, Terrence White

by Jim Miller

A changing society is having a dynamic effect on education and industry, according to Dr. Terrence White, Dean of Arts, initiating a "roller coaster" decade.

Dr. White made his remarks at a recent university senate function in Lloydminster.

In business and industry today's workers are younger (60 percent are under 35) and more educated. These educated workers are less likely to continue in work that is boring and menial. Super-

visory positions are increasingly hard to fill, as more and more people conclude the added responsibilities are not worth the added stress. Absenteeism and turnover rates remain high, even in the recession.

What does all this mean? According to Dr. White we are witnessing a general decline in the Protestant work ethic and the emergence of a new value. Simply stated that ethic would be - give it to me now.

High worker expectations; increasing energy costs; greater leisure; economic and monetary uncertainties and new technologies - a potentially stressful, explosive situation, says White. So much so, that he feels the 80's may be known as the "roller coaster" decade.

Stress will continue to be a major factor in work performance. The question will no longer be, should employers get involved but rather one of, do they have any choice.

Dean White feels that these new realities are already having an effect on students and their attitudes towards education. Many students are seeking to combine a liberal arts, broad based education with specialized technological skills. This kind of education

should provide students with good communicative and critical skills. Skills that will be more flexible and adaptive to changing times.

In support of his argument the Dean noted that 16 of 18 of his faculty's departments had an increase in enrollment this year, and not only departments that have courses similar to the quota faculties.

Students should also be prepared to meet the changing future in several other ways, notes Dr. White. Professionals in the technical sciences need more skills in solving people problems; the addition of second languages would be helpful. Changing demographics indicate that human service needs will increase.

Dr. White expressed his hope that the university would adapt in these times as well. He indicated that the new 4 year Arts degree (to begin in '84 or '85) would give students 2 years of the liberal, social and fine arts; and then 2 years in a major and minor field of interest.

Dean White was optimistic throughout his presentation giving the impression that, although significant changes lay ahead, significant opportunities awaited as well.

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