

GFC WILL DEBATE U SIZE -- SOMETIME

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General Faculties Council decided Monday to debate the size to which the university should grow.

No date for the debate has been set, but a fact-finding committee will begin gathering data for the debate by the end of October.

University president Dr. Max Wyman asked for the debate, stating that since enrollment has "stalled", there may be a chance to do something about the size of the university.

In other business, GFC added a half hour question period to the standing items on its agenda, set up a committee to look at the usefulness of Student Health Services, added another faculty member to the Board of Governors, and revised the scholarship and bursary system of the university.

The question period was initiated by students who spent the past several months lobbying for it with the executive of GFC. Faculty members were the main opponents of the move, fearing it would be a waste of time since questions could be asked of any GFC member. An amendment requiring a trial period of three meetings was added and the motion was carried.

The administration wants GFC to decide what the role of Student Health Services should be. University planners have been questioning the usefulness of

Student Health for two reasons--the Alberta Health Care Services Commission provides many of the services student health provides and the space student health is occupying is both too small and can be used by other people.

In addition to adding another faculty member to the Board of Governors, GFC decided to open all faculty positions on the B of G to election by continuing full-time academic staff of the U of A. Previously GFC had selected faculty members for the B of G. The additional member will take an observer's role on the B of G until his membership is officially approved by the provincial legislature.

GFC also approved a recommendation from U of A administrator of student awards R. B. Wishart that academic awards place greater monetary emphasis on financial need.

This would reduce the value of scholarships, which are awarded strictly on academic achievement, and increase the number of bursaries so that more needy students could benefit.

While some members were concerned that academic achievement would go unrecognized, they were assured a token dollar value not to exceed \$150 would be attached to academic achievement awards. The of A presently provides about \$140,000 in undergraduate awards.



GFC debate continues

...but students have parity

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Students protest Amchitka by blocking border

VANCOUVER (CUP) — In what student leaders called a successful demonstration, about 3000 people assembled at the Peace Arch International Border between British Columbia and the American State of Washington for a four hour blockade of the Canadian-American border, on Friday September 24.

The demonstration in protest of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's proposed nuclear test at Amchitka, an island in the American-owned chain, off Alaska, was sponsored by the University of British Columbia's Alma Mater Society, or Student Government.

Another 1200 Burnaby, Vancouver high school students skipped classes and marched to the U.S. Consulate in Vancouver.

For about an hour, speakers at the border crossing, including UBC Student President Steve Garrod, Political Science Professor Phil Resnick, and United Fisherman and Allied Workers Union President Homer Stevens told the assembled demonstrators about the test and about its repercussions on Canada.

"If the warhead were to eventually be used," said Garrod, "it would explode incoming missiles over Canadian territory."

Members of the Surry Detachment of the RCMP remained on the scene and spoke to demonstrators.

Detachment Chief Inspector Jim Riddelle said no incidents were reported at the Peace Arch

site but said demonstrations which continually break the law, such as blocking a port of entry, were not going to be allowed forever.

Most cars attempting to cross the border in the four hour period between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. were diverted to other crossings and there was little trouble.

One Vancouver family with a small boy who had become ill while vacationing in Washington State was allowed through but a man identified only as a 'press man' did not turn back and instead attempted to run the blockade. Forced to stop when demonstrators blocking the roadway did not move, he returned to Canada after arguing unsuccessfully with the RCMP.

Two CBS newsmen tried unsuccessfully to get demonstrators to let them through because they said they had news film which they had to send to New York. After taking a vote, the demonstrators refused to let them pass. The newsmen sat in their car and waited the hour until 6:00 p.m.

About 150 demonstrators blocked a truck crossing one mile east of the Peace Arch just before 2:00 p.m. Almost at once an elderly man tried to ram his small car into Canada but was prevented by the crush of demonstrators. Forty members of the RCMP present did not intervene despite the man's protests.

At about 3:45 with trucks backed up about two miles from the border, the driver of a large trailer truck attempted to drive

through the makeshift blockade of hay bales and people but demonstrators prevented him from getting any more than the cab of his truck over by putting bales of hay and a four by four under his tires. For good measure they also opened the valves for his air brakes and let the air out of his tires.

As a result of this confrontation, reinforcements came over from the Peace Arch so that there were soon 600 demonstrators blocking the truck crossing.

About 50 people at the Sumac crossing, 40 miles east of the Peace Arch, were repeatedly dragged from the road by the RCMP and traffic was blocked only intermittently. No arrests were reported.

The blockade at the Aldergrove Crossing, 20 miles east of the Arch became effective around 4:00 p.m. when reinforcements came over from the truck crossing and the Peace Arch. Its effectiveness lasted until about 5:55 when a truck successfully rammed the lane knocking over but not injuring two demonstrators. The RCMP said they are thinking of laying charges against the driver.

The Aldergrove blockade evidently got one fat Californian by the jowls.

"You can take Canada and shove it up your ass", he replied to the demonstrators when they told him they were blocking the border because of the particular dangers to Canada posed by the Amchitka test. Further demonstrations are planned for other Canadian Border Crossings.

Gazette robs Gateway of half page

Students' Council voted 18 to 3 Monday night in favour of the first reading of the Gazette by-law. The by-law creates the new post of Communications Director along with the Gazette.

Ostensibly the purpose of the Communications Director will be to announce to students' official business of the Students' Union. This would include election notices, council meetings and various reports. The Director would appoint assistants and staff to help run the informational sheet called the Gazette.

Students' Council decided that the Gateway shall be required to print the Gazette in The Gateway and further to relinquish up to half a page per issue for the information sheet.

In a five-point statement Gateway Editor Bob Beal informed council that he felt they were overstepping their bounds. Council, he felt, has no right to this "unpaid advertising" while

the paper now has more than enough copy for each issue.

The space that Council is asking for would bring in revenues of \$4,500 over a year if sold to regular advertisers. No other organization on campus Beal said has the privilege of free advertising.

Students' Union president Don McKenzie argued that Council operates much in the same capacity of Gateway publisher and has been rather lenient with the paper. Treasurer Frans Slatter felt it would be ridiculous for Council to pay for space used as it would merely transfer money from one budget to another.

Arts rep. Barry McLaren spoke against the by-law declaring that, though Gateway is paid for by the Students' Union it should not be merely a mouthpiece for Students' Council. The by-law he said would endanger the Gateway's traditional independence from Council.