

Universities Commission awaits final decision

A second university for Edmonton?

One is needed, but no one can decide where it will be nor what type it will be.

The Universities Commission, the most powerful education board in Alberta, has made its recommendations to the provincial Cabinet and is now awaiting the final decision.

"There is a necessity for a decision very soon. If no decision is made and the enrolment of the U of A is restricted, a very serious situation will arise," said Brian

McDonald, a permanent member of the commission's staff.

"I can't release any recommendations because there have been no final decisions," said Mr. McDonald. "It is up to the Cabinet, but a recent story in the Edmonton Journal reflects our thinking closely."

Whether the new university will be interdenominational or secular is the main problem. If an interdenominational university is formed, it will be the first of its kind in North America.

LOCATION UNDECIDED

The location of the university is still undecided, but there are no

doubts that it will be a commuter campus with residence facilities for undergraduates.

The development of the new university will probably follow that of the University of Calgary. It will be a satellite of the U of A until it reaches the stage when there will be a natural outcry for complete autonomy.

"A satellite university is less expensive. It cuts down on overhead and duplication to a tremendous degree," said Mr. McDonald.

He suggested the new university may turn out to be a junior college because "the only area in Alberta that could be serviced by another junior college is Edmonton."

The Universities Commission consists of Dr. W. Swift, chairman, the Deputy Minister of Education, the Deputy Provincial Treasurer, and six appointed members.

POWERS

The commission's powers include acting as an advisory board for university grants, as a planning commission at the university level of education, and as an advisory board to regulate the extension and expansion of existing facilities.

The commission also acts as a trustee for monies bequeathed to the universities and as the official body to dispense available money for post secondary education.

Mr. McDonald said the commission was set up to keep politics out of education. It acts as mediator between the universities and the provincial government.

Campus left-wingers subject of study

For the last month, left-wing groups on this campus have been under the close scrutiny of Dr. Brockfield, a sociologist from the University of California.

Dr. Brockfield is doing research for a paper on the activities of left-wing groups and their relationships with other students. He refused to say who was financing his studies.

He said he has studied western and northeastern United States extensively, and has just begun researching the Canadian scene.

Dr. Brockfield came to Alberta before Christmas and has been talking to various left wing people in Edmonton and southern Alberta.

"There definitely does appear to be a left-wing element on this campus," said Dr. Brockfield, prior to leaving the city Wednesday morning. "It is a small minority, but apparently quite vocal."

He did not want to specify which groups on this campus he thought were left-wing. He said he does not think any of them are a great influence in campus affairs.

Dr. Brockfield will be returning to Edmonton in about a month.

He expects his paper to be published in the spring of 1968.

SFU may rejoin CUS

The possibility of Simon Fraser re-joining the Canadian Union of Students seems good after a recent student election there, according to a CUS official.

Dave Young, CUS vice-president Tuesday told The Gateway the Pro-CUS Campus Reform Action Movement filled five of six positions in the election.

At the first council meeting since the election, a motion to rejoin CUS resulted in a 6-6 tie, broken by non-CRAM president Stan Wong, he said.

But CRAM first vice-president Dave Yorke reminded council of a summer student referendum which resulted in 92 per cent of the students favoring CUS membership, and held that such a tremendous decision should not be overlooked by council.

SFU joined CUS in September, but withdrew in December because of financial difficulties.

The council decided to hold another referendum Feb. 3 to decide whether to join CUS again.

The decision came up when council had to validate motions from the five previous council meetings because of an absence of a quorum. The motion to withdraw from CUS was among these.

Berkeley film

A film exploring the impersonal university system will be shown here.

"Semester of Discontent" examines the problems of mass teaching and the lecture system, using Berkeley as an example.

The film will be presented by the public affairs section of the Department of Extension at the request of the students' union and the Association of the Academic Staff.

The film will be shown Tuesday, at 4 p.m. in mp 126 and again Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. in Tory LB1.

Tory caucus team comes to campus

A new kind of teach-in is coming to U of A.

Five prominent Canadian statesmen will participate Monday in the Tory-in sponsored by the campus Progressive Conservatives.

Attending will be Senator James Gladstone, Cardston, Alberta; Senator Wallace McCutcheon, Toronto industrialist; Howard Graffey, MP for Brome-Missisquoi; Bud Sherman, MP for Winnipeg South Centre; and Marcel Lambert, MP for Edmonton West.

Highlight of the Tory-in will be the public forum at 7 p.m. in the Tory amphitheatre. Each of the speakers will speak for twenty minutes on a chosen topic, and then there will be questions from the audience.

The event is open to the public.

THE BARE FACTS

MANYBERRIES (GNS)—Girls when they went out to swim once looked like Mother Hubbard, now they have a different whim—they dress more like her cupboard.

CUSO taking jobs?

Canadian University Services Overseas volunteers are not robbing Indians of jobs, says the head of the CUSO selection committee at U of A.

Major R. C. W. Hooper was commenting on an article which recently appeared in the Montreal Star. The article quoted K. A. Sunil, an Indian postgraduate student in economics at McGill as saying, "CUSO volunteers have skills comparable to thousands of Indian university students who are out of work."

"So, instead of helping India, these volunteers are causing hardship."

Major Hooper said, "CUSO volunteers do not go anywhere they are not asked to go; therefore,

if they (the Indian Government) asked CUSO volunteers to take jobs, it means they couldn't find any Indians to do the job."

He also pointed out any requests for volunteers are carefully checked out in a given area to make sure there is a need for the services.

He suggested the problem of unemployed university students in India is the fault of the Indian government.

"The American National Federation of Foreign Student Affairs is having problems with people coming here to get a second or third degree and then staying here because there is no place to go at home. India won't mobilize the brains she has."



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