

Two western unions take over CUS duties

U of A has formed informal links with both

By Dan Jamieson

If silence is consent, then council consented Monday night to become involved in two western unions of students' councils.

Without passing a motion or mounting a debate, councillors gave silent approval to informal links with two new informal western Canadian student associations.

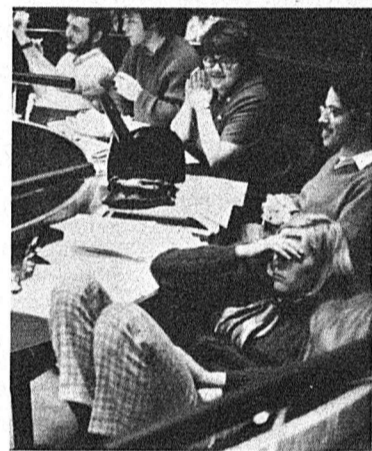
One of the organizations, the Western Student Service Union, consists of council business managers and treasurers from all over western Canada. It will deal primarily with the services aspect of councils and will allow the universities to share information on services and establish collective service organizations.

The other organization might be described more as a non-organization.

Established to provide a collective voice for western Canadian students on non-service matters, it has not given itself a name or structure.

Both associations cost only the travel expenses to and from the meetings, with a collective fund to handle administrative expenses.

The WSS has cost only \$25 plus travel expenses, the political union has only cost for travel expenses to the meetings.



OH MY GAWD!

... council was exciting

The union, to act as an informal body to examine and evaluate matters of student interest, was established, or non-established as the case may be, as the result

of work by Bob Hunka, U of A vice-president external, after CUS folded last year.

It will examine matters of student interest, and pass its findings on to each of the students' councils involved in the union for their consideration.

This task force will only provide material for councils to base decisions on. Unlike CUS it will not make formal resolutions. It will forward recommendations to the member councils in its reports, but it will leave binding decisions up to the councils involved.

The organization has no formal membership but invites the participation of all students who wish to become involved.

Calling each meeting as information and necessity dictates, the task force will look into the question of unemployment at a meeting in the council chambers in SUB this weekend. It will also be examining the question of fees and fee structure at the University of Victoria at some future date.

Mr. Hunka said the organization might become a more formal body, but that it was achieving its aims without developing a hard structure.

Whether or not it will continue into next year will depend on what the students' councils next year want.

Editor candidates

The screening of candidates for the position of Gateway editor (1970-71 term), will take place in The Gateway office (282 SUB) today at 3:30.

Kemp to speak on tenure issue

Tomorrow noon there will be an Open Forum with Ted Kemp on Tenure.

The purpose of this forum, to be held in SUB Theatre, will be to explain what tenure is about and what it all means for students.

Mr. Kemp will be present to speak on the abuses of tenure and tell students how much their opinions actually count.

He will raise objections to holding meetings in private and to the

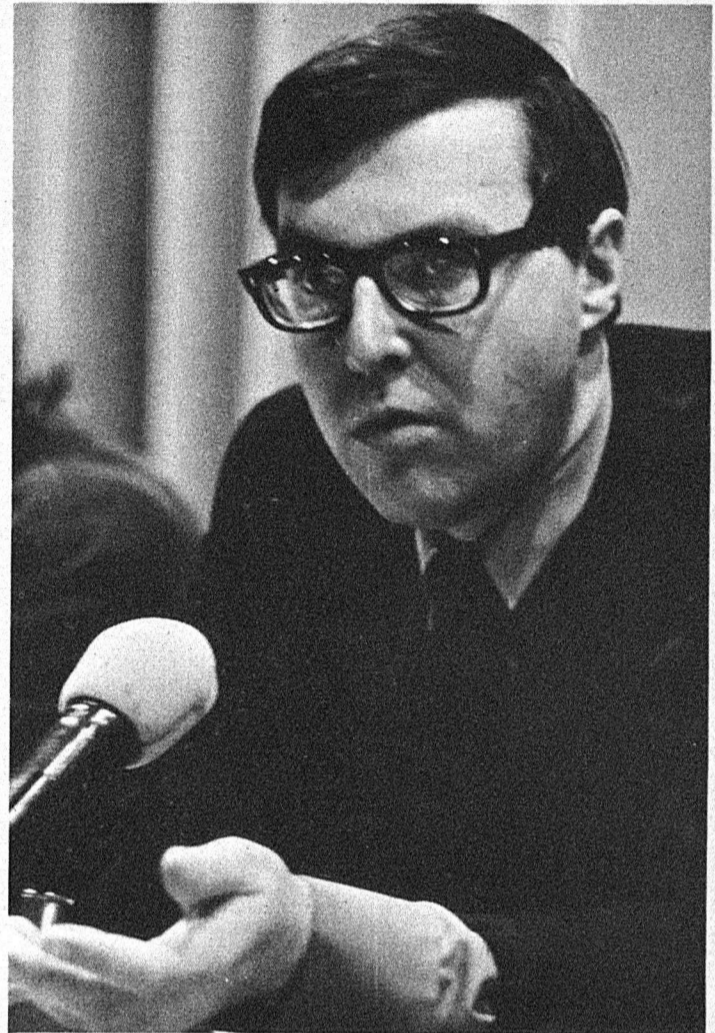
fact that criteria for tenure are often undefinable. He will also elaborate on the theme that students should have more of a say.

Also on the panel will be Richard Price (moderator), and Carl Jensen, philosophy department alumnus. Mr. Jensen will speak on what has happened in the philosophy department and will attempt to relate recent conflict there to all students, regardless of their department or faculty.



—Ken Hutchinson photo

CAUGHT IN THE ACT of bringing some high spirits to the campus by the ever-present campus cops were Mame Denis and Beauregard Jackson Picketts Burnside. The two were accused of supplying bathtub gin to the thirsty cast of the Jubilaires' production "Mame!". They hope to break jail for Thursday night when the show opens.



—Erich Seemann photo

PIERRE MOUSSEAU DOESN'T KNOW IT ALL

... but the law will have to do

Pot-in: acid reaction to prosecuting users

One of the main dangers of using marijuana is that it may lead to a jail sentence, Edmonton lawyer Gordon Wright said Friday.

He was speaking at Forum's "Pot-in," which drew one of the largest audiences to SUB Theatre the Forum series has had this year. Other panel members were Pierre Mousseau, Dr. G. B. Frank, and Bill Brown of Victoria Composite High School.

"I am, for once, in agreement with Mr. Robert Stanfield that it should be treated like alcohol, subject to government control and kept illegal for those who are deemed 'too young' to use it safely," said Mr. Wright.

He was referring to Mr. Stanfield's recent statements about the legalization of marijuana.

While Mr. Wright was well met by the audience, other panel members were not so popular.

Crown Prosecutor Pierre Mousseau was the target of several speakers from the floor who questioned the right of anyone to prosecute grass users.

Mr. Mousseau replied he

"didn't pretend to know it all," but until the laws were changed courts would have to punish offenders.

Another audience member made a plea for legalization on the grounds that government quality control would prevent users being sold bad grass or acid, cut with really harmful materials.

Dr. G. B. Frank of the Department of Pharmacology cautioned, however, the so-called "toxic" effect of some drugs was due to the ingredients in the drug itself, not to impurities.

In earlier remarks, Mr. Wright, who spoke without a microphone and seemed completely at ease with his audience, gave a short history of the "cannabis problem" in Canada.

Marijuana had been placed on the narcotics schedule of the Narcotics Act in the 1920's, when little was known about the substance.

It was then widely believed that grass-users would inevitably become "hard" narcotics addicts; accordingly, it is now right up there with heroin, and this should not be the case, said Mr. Wright.