

GFC executive shoots down challenge

General Faculties Council executive shot down a challenge by the head of the forest science department of an increase in courses being offered in the Faculty of Arts.

What started out as a discussion turned into a verbal slugging match Wednesday between John Schultz and Ed Rose, head of the English department.

In making the challenge, Schultz asked the Faculty of Arts to justify a large increase which, he said, totaled the equivalent of 121 single-term courses requested for 1974-75.

In a letter to GFC, Schultz head of his department since 1971, said he found it "incomprehensible that the faculty of Arts had requested more courses when the university is facing budget cut backs.

Other faculties would like to offer more courses and reduce the size of course

sections, he said, "but they are unable to do so because of existing staffing and other budgetary constraints."

Schultz was concerned the public would take a dim view of an increase in courses offered at the university in times of education cutbacks.

Rose took exception to Schultz' comments, calling the challenge unbecoming of a department chairman.

"What disturbed me is discussing something that has no economic implications whatsoever," he said.

"I don't think he seems to be seeing the forest for the trees," referring to Schultz' position.

"I just hope to hell its clear that the number of courses in the calendar doesn't determine the budget."

In reply to Schultz' letter, George Baldwin, dean of Arts, said even with the increases in course offerings, which he

determined was 70 half-term courses, that it did not mean that his faculty would receive more money.

Schultz' claim was based on an examination of the University Calendar, which briefly describes total number of courses that can be offered.

Harry Gunning, chemistry department head, suggested that the calendar is a survey of the intellectual capabilities of each department.

"There should be something in the calendar that says these are courses being offered, providing there is interest in them," Gunning said.

Gary Draper, a student representative, noted the frustration felt by students of having to make last minute course changes.

Alex Cairns, registrar, reminded the executive that with the implementation of advanced registration next

term, students will have more time to change their decisions.

Rose said Draper was "fantasizing" because copies of department course guides contain up to date course information and are readily available to students.

His department, for example, "sends out copies to

every conceivable freshman students in the province" adding that "we've never cancelled a 200-level course."

Gunning supported Schultz' right to make the challenge, but several executive members felt Schultz should have discussed it with Dean Baldwin before bringing it to GFC.

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system would result in high administrative costs.

The report task force rejected the abolition of tuition fees by a narrow margin, said Pearson.

Other guidelines established by the report were:

-That students 18 years or older be considered economically independent for acquiring a loan.

-Expansion of grant and allowance programs for students on welfare, single parents, native and low income students.

-That students received financial counselling in high school, and university. The report suggested it might be made mandatory. The report also urged the government to make a greater effort to inform students about the student assistance plan.

An indication of support for the present system occurred last March when less than 40 students attended a public meeting of a task force in SUB theatre, said Pearson. Downstairs, students packed the SUB art gallery to hear Xavier Hollander, the Happy Hooker, speak.

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which matters in society, "but the quality or excellence of its life and achievements"; and secondly that "while change is inevitable, not all change is for the better."

Hardy recalled the appearance of the U of A campus in 1920 when "there were only seven buildings on this campus and a registration of 974 students."

Today there are 18,750 full-time students registered and buildings and services beyond the imagination of those on campus in the 1920's.

Hardy received an honorary Doctor of Law Degree on Saturday.

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