

# U of C student opinion mixed on question of withdrawal

Mixed reaction on campuses across Canada have followed U of A's pull-out from CUS a little more than two weeks ago. The following article, reprinted from the University of Calgary's student newspaper, *The Gauntlet*, indicates considerable confusion and general apprehension toward the U of A move.

It also brings up the inevitable question: Should the U of C pull out of CUS?

CALGARY—CUS is being cussed by the other major university in this province. The question now is

should the U of C follow suit and cus CUS or should we buss CUS. Or more important, the average student would ask, what's all the fuss about CUS?

CUS, for the uninitiated, is the Canadian Union of Students.

It is an organization devoted to serving the interests of students. They do things like pushing for free education (abolition of fees, giving students stipends), providing the student with low-cost life insurance, reduced travel fares at the national and international level and other assorted "student bene-

fits."

For all this you pay 75 cents a year whether you know it or not. (This is made up of the national fee of 65 cents per student, plus a voluntary contribution of 10 cents per student by the U of C.)

Last week, dear student, the U of A students' council became disenchanted with CUS and voted to withdraw from the national student body. This follows the Memorial University of Newfoundland pull-out Sept. 5. CUS is thus facing the greatest crisis of its history as pull-outs and rumors of other pull-outs threaten seriously to impair its effectiveness.

## REFERENDUM RUMORED

On our campus there is a rumor that some students may ask for a referendum on whether the U of C should also withdraw from CUS.

Some of the initial reactions on this campus would indicate that the U of A would receive little support from the U of C.

The CUS chairman on campus, Bob Eustace, had mixed emotions about the Edmonton pull-out. He felt U of A had justifiable reasons for withdrawing but he regretted that Edmonton did not see fit to try to implement changes from within rather than by pressure tactics from without.

SU President Roger Timms regretted the move by the U of A students' council.

"It is foolish for the U of A to withdraw at this critical time," Timms said. "They have now denied themselves the opportunity to render changes in CUS from within, and in any case, many of their proposed changes were acted upon by the 30th CUS Congress.

Foolish or not, Edmonton has done it. It now remains to be seen whether the U of A can afford to lose the services of CUS and conversely, whether CUS can afford to lose the support of universities such as the U of A.

# Culture 500 caters to variety of tastes

"It was precisely to combat this attitude that Culture 500 was formed," David Leadbeater, a member of the Culture 500 Executive Committee told *The Gateway*.

This year's program is designed to entice even the least sophisticated student into the intellectual fold.

In addition to sponsoring the Students' Union Artist Series, Culture 500 will present regular Tuesday evening programs which cater to a variety of tastes.

Poetry readings and live folk music will be intermingled with lectures aimed at increasing campus appreciation of chess, jazz, and other cultural pursuits.

The "Last Lecture Series" will introduce an element of novelty planned to entertain students and

faculty alike.

Tentatively scheduled for Dec. 13 and Feb. 21, this program features several of the best lecturers in the university, each reading the paper he would present if it were his last lecture.

Similar evenings on other campuses have resulted in rewarding expositions of philosophy and humor.

Culture 500 will also sponsor another Hyde Park, in which all dissidents are urged to expound their views in the soapbox style of England's Hyde Park.

Student apathy now remains the main problem, said Leadbeater, but it seems to be diminishing under the enthusiasm of Culture 500 members.

## short shorts

### Leadership seminar at weekend

The annual leadership seminar will be held next weekend. This is designed to acquaint students' union-sponsored clubs and organizations, with emphasis placed upon financial matters. Executive members of non-students' union clubs are cordially invited. Further information and registration at SU office, or phone Mark Fraser, 433-3441.

### INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Indian affairs committee will be holding a meeting of people interested in the present situation of the Indian peoples of Canada tonight at 7 p.m. in room 108, SUB.

### DANCE CLUB

Registration for dance club continues to Thursday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in ed bldg rotunda.

### SEX TALKS

Two more noon-hour talks on the psychology of sex and venereal disease will be held in Wauneita Lounge Thursday and Friday. The talks will attempt to enlarge upon the topics introduced by Dr. Vant at his lecture. Open to all first-year women.

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### GERMAN CLUB

The German club will have a meeting and travelogue in Wauneita Lounge 8 p.m. Tuesday. Membership at the door. Coffee will be served. Students interested in German welcome.

### FILM SOCIETY

Season memberships and full program details for the Edmonton Film Society are available from extension department, Corbett Hall, or the Allied Arts Box Office in the Bay.

### CHAMBER MUSIC

Series membership in the Edmonton Chamber Music Society now available at the Allied Art Box Office in the Bay or phone 439-6823.

### BLITZ COMMITTEE

One thousand eager, enthusiastic students are needed for the United Community Fund Blitz Oct. 20-21. Please contact Lavern Stroeder at 439-8994 or Marcia Hall 434-3777. Watch for future developments.

### SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 6, in Wauneita Lounge at 8:30 p.m. A film on South America will be shown, and an executive will be elected. All welcome.

## Century

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ton's policy towards CUS is rather Utopian," he said.

It ignores the fact that SCW was organized with CUS sponsorship and as an example of the unity of Canadian youth. To participate in such an event after the action by your students' council would be hypocritical in the extreme."

### CONCERN EXPRESSED

The planning committee for the week of academic, cultural and athletic activities expressed further concern over the recommendations of British Columbia universities that the B.C. government not give financial support to SCW in view of U of A's withdrawal from CUS.

Second Century Week's planning committee is reviewing the budget with cuts in mind. The film seminar workshop will be the first project removed from the program.

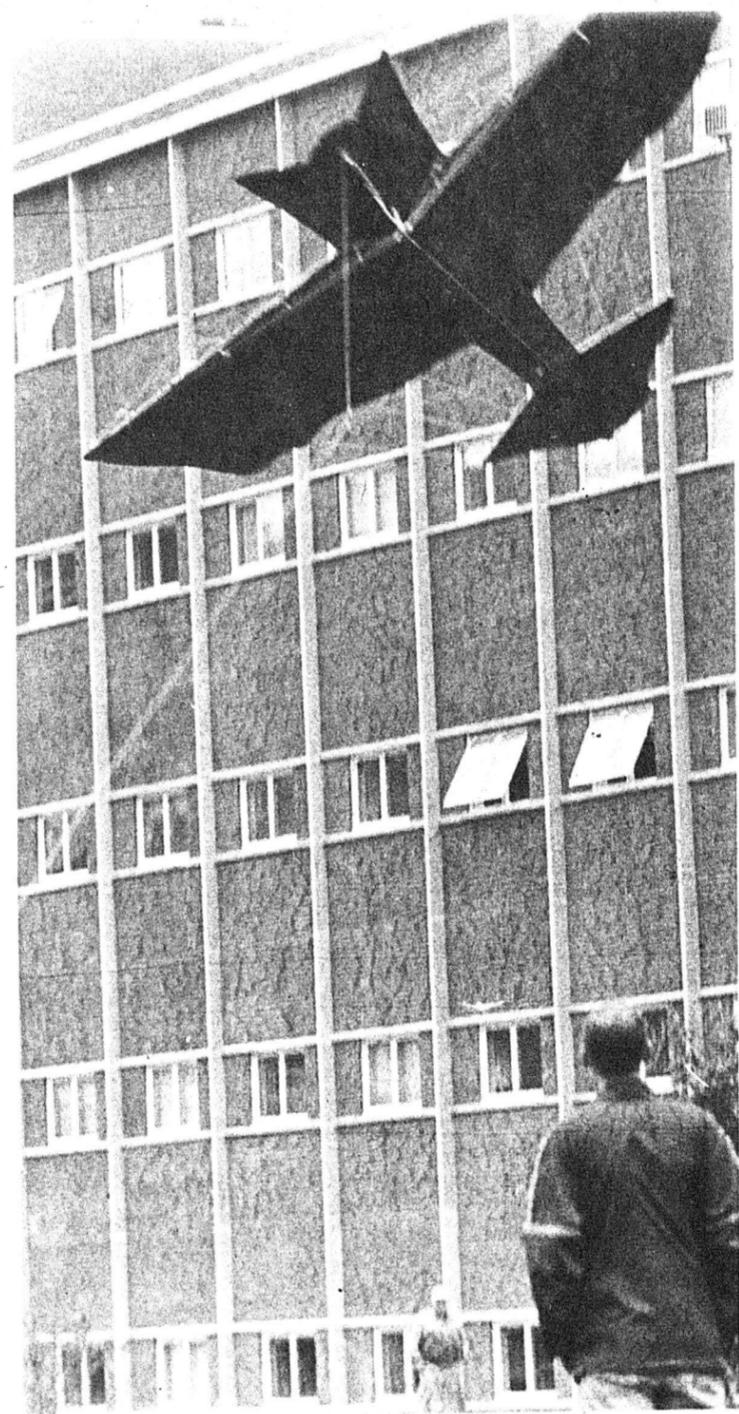
"We are keeping in mind," said Estrin, "that suspended programs can be reinstated if we come up with more revenue."

At present, an active fund raising drive is being carried out in Edmonton and Calgary. Contributions are being sought from individuals and foundations.

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**HOLY UFO!**—A strange, sinister aircraft was seen swooping low over the campus last week. The "bat kite", although shrouded in mystery, is believed to be a plumber's prank.

# Ontario gov't changes student aid program

TORONTO (CUP) — Ontario's university affairs minister told more than 2,000 placard-waving students Wednesday changes will be made in the controversial Ontario Student Awards Program.

William Davis addressed the crowd of students, who had staged an orderly march from the University of Toronto campus to the provincial legislature to protest the student aid plan.

He said substantial changes can be made in the complicated six-page application form for awards, stressed college registrants and student aid officers should be able to recommend appeals for students who feel they have been unfairly refused financial aid, and pointed out his department is "more than prepared" to change the program to conform to changes suggested by a special committee on the problem.

"We can anticipate that various changes (in the program) will be made," he later told reporters.

The student march from the U of T campus to Queen's Park was organized by U of T's Student Administrative Council, and was backed by the Ontario Region of the Canadian Union of Students (ORCUS) and several other student groups.

### CHANGES AHEAD

U of T council president Tom Faulkner, said students realized there is no chance of major changes being effected in the awards program this year, but the fourth-year political science and economics major predicted student dissent voiced this fall would result in changes in the years ahead.

One prominent marcher Wednesday was Innis College Registrar, Geoffrey Payzant, an associate professor in the philosophy department.

"I'm here because this program fails to support academic merit, commits serious injustice to students from poor homes or broken homes, and constitutes a violation of the individual privacy of students and of the university's right to do its work in promoting academic excellence," he said.