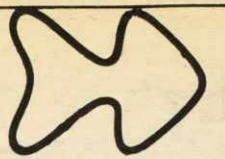


Student Movement Swings Right



OTTAWA (CUP) -- Canada's national student organization took a slow but deliberate political step to the right at its semi-annual general meeting Nov. 8-14.

About 100 delegates from 40 post-secondary institutions across the country elected Beth Olley, a self-proclaimed moderate from the University of Saskatchewan, to be the next chair of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Olley, who is president of the student council that killed its women's directorate last month, will be the first federation chair who does not take a left-leaning stance. Her term starts in May.

Her only opponent, Ann Travers from Guelph University, ran on a left-activist ticket but soundly lost the 25-18 vote.

Brian Chadwick, a representative of the Queen's University graduates, was elected to chair the board of CFS-Services. His constituency has long decried the federation for its leftist policies.

Delegates also took steps to halt debate within the federation on issues that do not directly affect students. They defeated a motion to condemn the U.S. invasion of Grenada, and decided that CFS could not be officially represented on a

national committee to solicit peace petitions.

The week-long conference in Ottawa's plush Holiday Inn ended with an 18-hour final plenary Nov. 13. Debate was mostly dull and slow until the final hour, when one delegation walked out to protest lack of debate on important issues, and another delegate was just storming out the door when the chair declared that quorum was lost.

Several agenda items were left uncompleted.

But Olley said she was pleased for the most part with the general meeting. She applauded the federation's shift away from debating international issues or the peace movement.

"Right now, the organization has a lot of its own difficulties to deal with," she said. "The (past) frustrations (with the federation) resulted from the fact people were so idealistic, they forgot they were running a big organization."

Olley said many people would consider her student council "right wing to fascist", but added, "personally, I think I'm pretty middle of the road."

Delegates voted to start giving

the federation chair a \$20,801 per year salary. They failed a motion to recognize the Canadian University Press statement of principles, and refused to debate a motion to condemn the UBC administration for stalling negotiations with the Teaching Assistants Union.

The UBC motion was brought forward by the president of the UBC graduate association who angrily stormed out of the room when delegates said they did not want to debate the motion unless they could hear the administration's side of the story.

...and U of A Drops Out

EDMONTON (CUP) -- The Canadian Federation of Students has lost its largest full member.

In a move that left student leaders shocked, the University of Alberta's Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement board has overturned the results of an Oct. 21 referendum where students voted 56 per cent in favour of joining the federation.

The ramifications of the decision are unclear, but it means the student council put about \$6,000 into a meaningless referendum. It will likely be run again in February.

If the referendum passes again, CFS will not suffer financially because the U of A was not scheduled to pay full membership fees until September, 1984.

The referendum was contested

by U of A student Gordon Stamp, who argued there was insufficient advertising of the opportunity to form a "no" campaign. He also said the "yes" campaigners made unfair use of CFS posters and buttons.

"It is not the fact that I won -- the students won," said an overjoyed Stamp. "I made a lot of enemies and had to drop a few courses (to contest the referendum), but it was worth it."

Don Miller, Alberta representative on the federation's central committee, said he was angry with the results. He said all campaign material had been approved by the chief returning officer, and "there was no logical grounds whatsoever to overturn the referendum."



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Thoughts on Pacifism on Remembrance Day

by Mike Marshall

"Youthful N.S. Peacenik Desecrates the Authorities' Remembrance Day Ceremonies Commemorating Past Military Battles" - possible N.S. newspaper headline (of two hundred and seven years ago...)

Should Nova Scotian Peaceniks be allowed to desecrate Remembrance Day, the day the authorities have set aside to commemorate past military battles?

I believe they should. And in doing so, they would be following a hallowed Nova Scotian tradition.

To Nova Scotians, if April 19th 1776 means anything at all, it is as

the start of the "Great Awakening", the province's most momentous religious experience and arguably the single most important event that ever occurred in Nova Scotia.

But to America and to Great Britain, then as much as now, April 19th 1776 marked the first anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord, "the shots that were heard around the world".

And as such, the date clearly had the highest of political and moral significance to both sides. In British-controlled territory (including Nova Scotia) the date was a cause of mourning, a date of public fasting. In American rebel-controlled territory, the

day was marked by celebrations.

As was common then on such symbolic days, preachers in both American- and British-controlled territory mounted their pulpits, their best sermons under their arms, determined to buttress their respective military and political Establishments with all the religious support that God's Ministers were capable of.

On that same date, in an obscure village in rural Nova Scotia, a young religious prophet opened his bible before a small gathering of family and neighbours and theologially thumbed his nose at the duly constituted authorities of both rebelling America and Georgian Britain.

Henry Alline chose this highly

symbolic day to remind his audience that neither side was leading a Just War as Jesus understood that term. Henry was publicly announcing that he was refusing a commission as officer in both the local British Militia and among the incoming American revolutionary forces; to enlist instead as an ordinary foot soldier in the Army of Christ.

And foot soldier he was indeed. For the next seven years, while the Revolutionary War raged all around him, in summer heat and winter cold, he walked, rode, sailed and snowshoed all

over the untracked wilderness of the Maritimes.

Literally worn out by his

whirlwind crusade, this Celestial foot soldier lost his final battle to Tuberculosis on February 2nd 1784 and was Promoted to Glory by his Supreme Commander.

Next year, when military passions on all sides are threatening to make George Orwell's nightmare of 1984 become all too true, it is altogether proper and fitting that many Nova Scotians will gather to mark the Bicentenary of the man justly described as Nova Scotia's "Anti-Traditionalist".

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