

Canadian University Press DATELINE

Baptist control at Acadia

WOLFVILLE—The alumni of Acadia University have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a recommendation that the Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces be limited to appointing one quarter of the university's board of governors.

Three thousand one hundred sixty members voted in support of the resolution and 360 voted against it. Fifty-one per cent of the alumni participated in the plebiscite whose results were released Nov. 5.

The resolution calls for provincial legislation to implement the recommendation.

The move was the latest in the dispute about the future of Acadia University that has been raging since August.

In August, the Baptist Convention meeting at Acadia handed down a series of recommendations that, if implemented, would give them control of all campus publications; allow Christians only to teach at the university; and give the church complete dominance of the Board of Governors within a few years.

Since that time the Baptists who founded Acadia have faced growing opposition from the school's administration, faculty, board governors, students and now alumni.

In September Acadia President James Beveridge expressed his support for the alumni scheme to limit control by the Convention.

He stated: "I have made no secret of the fact that I was both dismayed and appalled by the nature of some of the resolutions affecting university policy, adopted by the United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces at its annual meeting in August."

At the present time the Convention appoints 16 out of 30 members of Acadia's board of governors and approves the other 14 who are nominated by the Alumni Association.

McGill to vote on UGEQ

MONTREAL—An open meeting of the McGill Students' Society voted Nov. 16 to hold a referendum on Dec. 1 to decide whether to support the council's decision to join the Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec.

The meeting, attended by about 450 students, defeated a second motion inviting the executive to stay on should the referendum go against them.

Sharon Sholzberg, president of the council, said she has every intention of resigning should the student body vote against joining UGEQ.

"If I have misjudged student feeling so completely I would have no choice but to resign," she added.

She is confident, however, that her council's decision to join UGEQ will be supported by the campus.

The previous night the McGill council was unable to secure a formal motion to ratify membership in the Quebec union.

When the resolution was moved, the opposition walked out of the meeting to prevent a quorum (two thirds of the members) from being present at the vote.

The majority of the council then held an informal vote, which favored ratification.

Pressure affects grants

OTTAWA—Representatives of 18 Canadian youth organizations have charged that the Centennial Commission has allowed political considerations to override publicly stated criteria for making youth travel grants.

The accusation was voiced Nov. 13, at a conference called by the Commission to receive recommendations from voluntary youth groups regarding the Commission's youth travel and exchange program.

A resolution calling for the establishment of a committee to meet publicly with the Commission to discuss grievances within the voluntary sector was passed 18 to 10 with five abstentions.

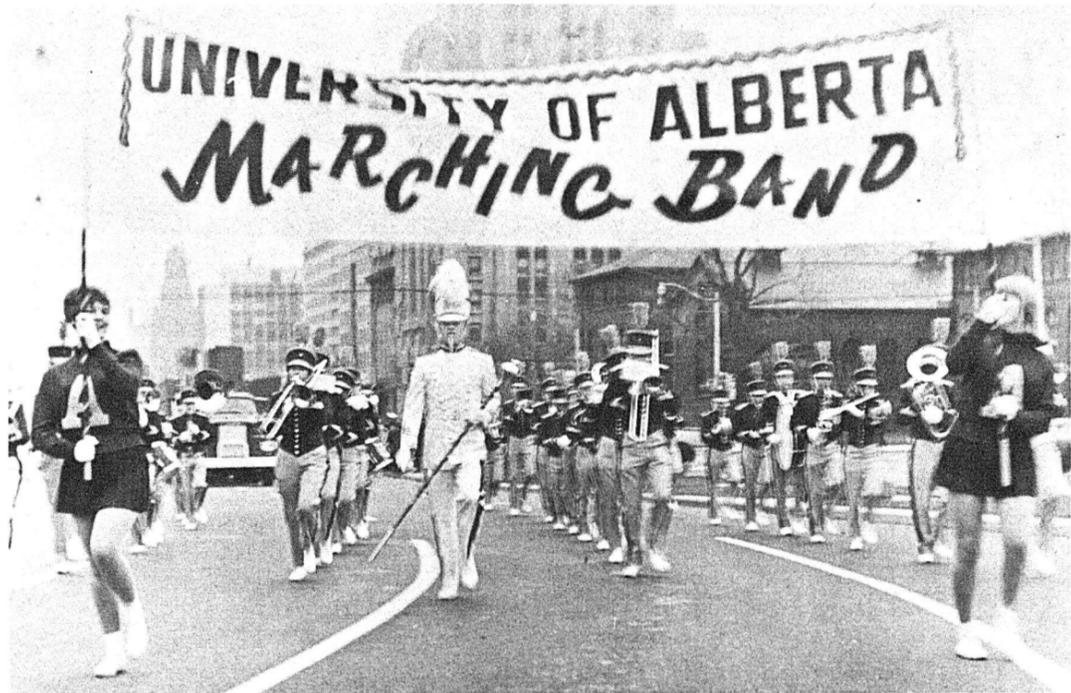
One purpose of the committee would be to safeguard the youth community against political pressures which it was felt could interfere with the granting of funds.

Ed Smeed of the national staff of the YMCA, Richard Good, vice-president of the Canadian Union of Students, and Alban Asselin, president of the Congrès des Mouvements de Jeunesse du Québec, were elected to the committee.

The resolution also recommends that the Commission provide a full written explanation to any organization whose application for a grant is refused.

Richard Good of CUS, referring to the support the resolution had received, noted that a split was beginning to show itself between youth-led groups and those organizations led by adults who serve youth.

Thirteen out of fourteen youth-led organizations supported the motion while all ten opposing votes came from youth-serving groups.



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HUP, TWO, THREE, FOUR—The U of A marching band steps through the streets of Toronto in the parade prior to Saturday's Save The Children College Bowl. The U of A contingent was "treated like - - -" according to one member of the group, who added, "it's too bad we didn't win so that it wouldn't sound like sour grapes."

Students' psychiatric services used only slightly—counsellor

By SHEILA BALLARD

U of A students are managing to keep cool—even under the weight of November exams and papers.

Students seeking psychiatric help because of academic pressures are relatively few so far, says Professor A. J. B. Hough, director of student counselling services.

"There has seldom been a big rush at this time; however, following the November exams we do have a rush of requests for study guidance," he says.

It is not until December that academic pressure builds up; this usually peters off toward the end of January.

"There has been no sharp increase in requests for counselling this year," he says.

Of course there is always a tremendous amount of variation in the type of problem brought to us, he says.

"First, there is the situational factor—something is causing an emotional upset affecting the student's study.

"Such causes are usually transitory and the problem is then only temporary," he says.

LOSS OF PURPOSE

"Then there are some persons who are inclined to worry more than others, who feel depression or loss of purpose.

"A relatively small proportion are disturbed to the point where they require actual hospitalization.

"Mental help is provided for these students at the University Hospital and occasionally at the Oliver or Ponoka mental hospitals, says Prof. Hough.

Students who require such help show up in three different ways, Prof. Hough told The Gateway.

Some go directly to the student counselling services, some are referred by the student health services to the counselling services, and others show up through the emergency wards of the hospitals.

"However the incidence of mental illness at U of A is lower than in the general population," Prof. Hough stated.

This is contrary to a commonly-held but false belief that the line between genius and insanity is paper-thin, he says.

DIFFERENT PATTERN

"This year the pattern of students coming to us is different.

"Those who do have emotional problems have started coming to us sooner. This pleases me," he says.

"In human beings there is no button to push, no knob to turn, and no pill to give that will suddenly make them better," he says.

"Helping students often means helping them to acquire new attitudes and to get rid of old ones.

"This takes time. That is why we are glad to find students coming to us with their problems at an early stage.

"Of course, we cannot guarantee to help everyone," he admits.

"Certain persons are hard to work with because they will not agree with the counsellor or are not ready to accept help.

"However, we think we can help most people, particularly if they come to us early," he says.

Campus paper appealing ALCB ruling on liquor ads

The Gateway is appealing the Alberta Liquor Control Board's decision against placing liquor advertisements in this newspaper.

Don Sellar, Editor-in-Chief, sent a letter appealing the decision to A. D. Elliott, chairman of the ALCB.

The ALCB Advertising Code, Section 93C states without reservation under Subsection 8 that a manufacturer may advertise in a daily newspaper, weekly, newspaper, magazine and periodicals.

"The Gateway should qualify as

one of the media and the ALCB has no jurisdiction to refuse our application simply because part of our readership is below legal drinking age," said Sellar in the letter of appeal.

The Advertising Code makes no distinction in this area, and, therefore, the ALCB has acted in a purely arbitrary manner, the letter says.

The ALCB, by its own admission, in a letter to The Gateway, has made its decision partly because of the opposition of the B of G as stated by Provost A. A. Ryan in the Oct. 29 issue of The Gateway.

No public statement to this effect has been made by the B of G.

The Gateway is a legally incorporated body of the students' union, thus, the B of G exerts no authority or jurisdiction over The Gateway's editorial and advertising policies and should not be doing so, the letter says.

The Gateway is expanding and needs the revenue which liquor advertising can provide as badly as the province's weekly newspapers do, says Sellar.

It is our contention that the ALCB should not approve liquor advertising in some publications and then arbitrarily decide to turn down advertising in other publications in the province when it has no written jurisdiction to make such a distinction, the letter contends.

Johns says grads crucial to U of A

The U of A's emergence as a major institution of post-graduate studies is a most significant feature of our recent growth, says the university president.

Dr. Walter H. Johns accented the expansion of the post-graduate studies faculty in his address to Fall convocation at U of A Saturday.

U of A awarded 43 doctorates and 163 masters degrees which is an unprecedented 24 per cent of the total 799 awarded.

U of A awarded its first doctorates in the fields of economics, philosophy and English, at the ceremonies in the Jubilee Auditorium.