

CUS services may be lost

VICTORIA (CUP)—A lost sheep can't come half back to the fold the western region of the Canadian Union of Students decided Sunday. It moved to withdraw all CUS services to the University of Alberta, and any other schools which pull out of the national body.

The move came after an hour of debate on the annual Christmas CUS Administrative Seminar, originally to be held at the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon) and tentatively turned over to Edmonton because of financial problems at Saskatoon.

The services withdrawal motion, proposed by Regina and UBC, goes to the CUS Board of Directors, Nov. 11 meeting as does the seminar—nobody else in the West besides Edmonton wants to sponsor it.

Said UBC's CUS chairman Daphne Kelgard, "If someone opts out of an organization, he opts out all the way. Edmonton wants the benefit of CUS membership without paying the fees of CUS."

"Edmonton decided to get out on principle," said hosting University of Victoria council president Stephen Bigsby. Let's be principled ourselves. And if there is any suggestion that we approve of Edmonton's withdrawal contained in aid to Edmonton, let's not aid them."

The regional conference decided whoever hosts the seminar will benefit by it, and vetoed Edmonton's application.

Defending the application, U of A delegate Dave King said "Edmonton wants to be a part of as many non-controversial things in CUS as possible."

But for Pro-CUS King, the Edmonton observer delegation, led by council president Branny Schepanovich, sipped tea at Victoria's stodgy Empress Hotel while the services withdrawal debate raged at UVic.

CUS blasts governments

OTTAWA (CUP)—The Canadian Union of Students has blasted the federal and provincial governments on the eve of their talks next week on higher education finance.

He called the federal government's postponement of further financial assistance to students "... but one example of the government's lack of emphasis on the priority of higher education ..."

In a strongly-worded, two-page letter sent Friday to federal cabinet ministers and provincial representatives, CUS president Doug Ward hit the federal government for its "lack of emphasis on the priority of higher education" in Canada.

"We fear federal emphasis on loan and scholarship schemes illustrates an inadequate analysis of priorities in student aid."

The 29-year-old student leader said CUS looks on next week's Ottawa meetings "with considerable trepidation," and condemned both levels of government for their attitudes toward education.

The CUS president said his organization "regrets" the federal-provincial talks will go on behind closed doors. "The Canadian people have tolerated endless secret discussions ... the substance of which reaches the public eye only as rumors or guarded press statements which have tended to confuse rather than clarify the issues at stake."

"We fear the shifting of responsibility between federal and provincial governments for the Canada Student Loan Plan represents the kind of buck-passing which will continue to thwart attempts to meet education needs," Ward said.

The letter urges the federal and provincial governments to declare themselves on the priority or support to higher education and then work out constitutional problems within whatever constitutional framework is later established.

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Protest marchers miss their goal

Let there be no lights!

"There is no warrant for a traffic light on the crosswalk in front of the Lister Hall Complex," said Bert Huffman, city traffic engineer.

He was commenting on a march held by Lister Hall students last Friday to protest the traffic situation on the crosswalk.

Huffman's decision is based on a survey done concerning the problem last year. The survey showed that traffic is heavy here for two 5-15 minute periods a day.

"We feel a traffic light would be impractical for two reasons:

1. A signal would not handle the large flow of students and they would back up—possibly right into the building."
2. There is no possibility of danger with large groups—the danger comes at odd hours of the daytime when many students cross individually. A lot of students are going right into the road without even looking."

"If any students feel this crosswalk is unsafe they do have the option of walking up to the traffic control at 114 St."

An overpass or a tunnel, is "the responsibility of the university and they have included it in their long range plans," says Mr. Huffman.

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