

Men govern nothing
with more difficulty

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than their tongues.

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In the glare of television lights, the U of A Senate begins meeting at Red Deer College

photo by Nadia Rudyk

Women face discrimination at U says senate task force report

Women are being discriminated against at the University of Alberta, or at least some staff members seem to think so.

That was a preliminary observation of a task force study on the status of women at the university released to the Senate in Red Deer Friday.

Although men and women's perceptions vary to a great degree, there is general agreement that it is more difficult for women to be hired, promoted or appointed to administrative positions.

The task force, sent questionnaires to 2,000 staff members testing their perception of discrimination on campus. About 40 per cent of the questionnaires - three-quarters of them from men - were returned and analysed by computers. Dr. Dallas Cullen, a member of the task force, said about 80 per cent of women polled felt men received preferential treatment, and 60 per cent of men agreed.

The report also stated that:

More than 60 per cent (78 per cent women, 50 per cent men) of those polled believe that men are more likely to be

hired.

Overall, 75 per cent of women believe men are more likely to be promoted (40 per cent of men agreed)

Almost 80 per cent believe men are preferred for administrative positions; 81 per cent of women think this is so, 73 per cent of men agree.

Cullen, a professor in commerce and business administration, emphasized that

the study was only in its preliminary stage. Starting in December, the task force will conduct personal interviews with women on alleged cases of discrimination.

It is hoped the task force will complete the study by May, 1974. If the task force concludes that discrimination exists, it will make recommendations to help alleviate it.

NUS referendum defeated in dismal turnout

A referendum to join the fledgling National Union of Students was defeated by University of Alberta students Friday.

A dismal turnout of only 681 students out of 18,000 voted 52.8 per cent against the proposal. George Mantor, SU president, said a letter informing the NUS of the decision will be sent today.

"I think students realize that the NUS would not

necessarily represent their beliefs," Mantor said.

The NUS was formed in 1971 as an alternative to the Canadian Union of Students, which disbanded due to conflict between the CUS executive and member universities.

At the close of its fall meeting, held at the U of A, the NUS had 27 member institutions and 120,000 members.

Indians propose education study

A proposal from the Indian Association of Alberta calling for the establishment of a joint body to study the education of native people has been approved by the U of A senate at their meeting held Friday in Red Deer.

This proposal is exciting says Max Wyman, U of A president, because "it comes from the Indians themselves and not in from Ottawa or other groups." However Wyman was disappointed that AEIC felt that they had to approach the senate rather than GFC, directly.

The basis for submitting this proposal, said Joe Couture, executive director of Alberta Indian Education Centre, is that the Alberta Indians want to validate their bid for cultural existence in Canada built on two principles: the first, a historical and political reason derived from the BNA Act which stipulates that the Federal Government is responsible "...for Indians and Indian lands" and seen as a guarantee of Indian survival; and secondly, the history itself of the Indians on this continent.

A new sense of direction has been found, is being felt, and particularly in the area of education, says Couture, within the last eighteen months.

"In simplest terms, Indian

philosophy of education is culturally based," said Couture "which the Elders, the experts of the tribes, define as follows: 'In order to survive with the white man's culture in the 20th century, we must really come to grips with white man's ways. We must stop lamenting the past. The white man has many good things, his technology for instance. Take them and establish harmonies with the basic values of our Indian way, and thereby forge a new sense of identity. To be fully Indian today we must become bicultural and bilingual. We have never had to do this before. We will thus survive for we have always survived!'

Couture, in light of the Elders' directives, suggested the possibility of establishing the AEIC as "an integral part of the university since the precedent for an on-campus bicultural/bilingual presence exists."

AEIC also urged the university to "make its physical and personnel resources significantly available under the direction of the AEIC to Indian communities."

The senate agreed to have its executive committee study the proposal to decide on what action can be taken and report back at its next meeting in March.

Rule of thumb may prevail

A transit strike was averted Monday morning, after a tentative agreement was hammered out after 13 hours of negotiations.

The strike had been called for 4 a.m. Monday morning.

But if members of the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union reject the city's wage offer at meetings today, we still may have to use the thumb or car pools to reach campus on Wednesday.

The University would be hit hard by the strike, since about one-third of the 18,000 U of A students rely on bus transportation.

Contingency plans were made by the university if the strike came off. These included the clearing off athletic fields and the relaxation of parking regulations to allow more cars on campus.

Plans were also made to ask the city for permission to park cars in nearby Mayfair Park.

The strike would have been the first ever held in the winter; the only other one occurred in the summer of 1969.

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Dalby elected new chancellor

Ron Dalby, executive vice president of Canadian Utilities Limited, is the new chancellor of the University of Alberta. Dalby was elected at a university Senate meeting in Red Deer Friday.

Dalby, 44, will replace Louis Desrochers, who will retire June 30 after serving four years as chancellor. Desrochers was the first chancellor to be elected by the Senate, under the Universities Act.

Married with four children two of them attend the university, Dalby graduated from the U of A with a bachelor of science degree in

civil engineering in 1952.

As chancellor, Dalby will preside at Convocation and confer all degrees, be an ex-officio member of the board of governors and chairman of the Senate. He will also preside over various university functions.

Last February, Dalby became executive vice-president of Canadian Utilities Ltd., and was responsible for the operations of three major utilities companies, which had more than 2,5000 employees.

He joined the Northwestern Utilities Ltd. in 1955 as an assistant distribution engineer, having

previously served as a resident manager for Imperial Oil Ltd. following graduation from university.

During the next 18 years, Dalby held managerial positions with Northwestern Utilities, IU International, Canadian Western Natural Gas and Canadian Utilities.

During the five years with IU International, he was given special assignments to revitalize member companies experiencing financial or management problems. He was president of three IU International sub-companies and chairman of one.

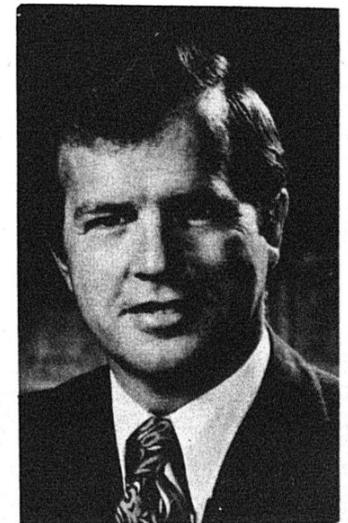
In addition, Darby served

as vice-president and Senior vice-president of Northwestern Utilities and Canadian Western Natural Gas.

Dalby is president of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, an organization he has served in since 1967.

Active in community affairs, he is director of St. Stephen's College, a charter member of Grace United Church, director of the Alberta Northwest Chamber of Mines and past president of the Oil Capital Kiwanis Club.

Some of his hobbies include flying, skiing, fishing, hunting and travel.



Ron Dalby