

Canada Council says more federal money needed

By DERWIN GOWAN

Canada Council will "try to become more human" said a council representative at a meeting in Fredericton last Monday. That is why they are presently holding a series of meetings in the Atlantic provinces.

However, they are also being hit by the poor economic situation, they said, and the government is considering cutbacks.

Despite increased demands by faculty and students for financial support, treasury board gave the council \$1,000,000 less than they asked. The government suggested the cutbacks be in the area of social sciences and humanities.

The Canada Council gives financial aid to faculty and post-graduate students and to "lessen disparities" between students from different parts of the country.

Priorities have to be continually under review, they said, because when the level of support is increased in one area, it has to be taken from other areas unless the government puts more money into the program.

The Master of Arts program may have to be cut. Rates of doctoral applications are dropping, but this seems to be leveling off.

When it was suggested that fourth year doctoral support be

dropped, the vice-president of the UNB Graduate Students Association said he was "appalled." "It is very difficult to become employed until the degree has been granted," he said, and the present level of support put economic pressure on students. He was

concerned lest this should affect the ability of students to work to their full capability. Another problem he brought up is that high taxes are levied on Canada Council grants.

Canada Council is directed by the Canada Council Act of 1957 to

promote research in the social sciences and humanities. Most of their money comes from the federal government. They will be spending \$35,000,000 in social sciences and humanities this year and \$5,000,000 of it comes from non-governmental sources.

Smaller campuses NUS targets now

National Union of Students decided

Only one 'national' union

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The National Union of Students reaffirmed its position as the national spokesman for Canadian students although they struck the words "at the national level" from the affirming motion in deference to the Association Nationale des Etudiants du Quebec.

University of New Brunswick Student Union President Warren McKenzie said he objected to referring to ANEQ as the spokesman of French Canada students because New Brunswick Francophones would object.

Some persons suggested that NUS be termed as the body representing students at the "federal" level, but it was eventually decided to not use either, thus NUS represents simply "students," the motion says.

It was moved that ANEQ be accepted as the spokesman of Quebec students the same way the Atlantic Federation of Students represents Atlantic students.

At the last NUS conference, the Glendon delegation said, motions

with respect to ANEQ failed to pass because English and non-Quebec French students were alienated, and the motion did little to appease Quebec.

These resolutions would have recognized the Quebec organization as a "national" organization in the same way that NUS is and NUS would curtail recruitment activities in Quebec. It also recognized the principle of "two nations" as opposed to federalism.

"In other words, treat ANEQ like other regional organizations," the conference was told.

NUS later decided that, as the national voice of students, they should investigate the possibility of a merger with the Association of Student Councils, to which the University of New Brunswick.

The advantages to the AOSC, the conference was told, was that they tend to be Ontario based and would become more of a national organization through connections with NUS.

The advantages to NUS were AOSC's greater financial reserves, 18 staff, and five offices with more to open.

The National Union of Students is going to try to canvass more smaller colleges and technical schools it was decided at last weekend's conference in Fredericton.

NUS must try to represent all post-secondary students regardless of the institution they attend. They decided that each NUS Central Committee member and field worker should one smaller institutions between each semi-annual meeting.

In other conference business: - a report with respect to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission with respect to student radio was accepted.

- the report of the entertainment workshop was accepted, along with reports on entertainment, employment, internal operations of

student unions, and free labour provided by students to universities, NUS is against free services being provided by students in such faculties as education and nursing.

- the report of the treasurer was passed. The financial situation is tight, he said, but the future looked good. The annual audited statement will be presented to the next general meeting.

- NUS voted to support the National Indian Brotherhood. The Ontario Federation of Students has been working with them for about a year.

- on a motion put forward by the Atlantic caucus, NUS took the position that Canada should seek exclusive jurisdiction in fisheries legislation for 200 miles off Canadian shores.

- they wanted to help Canadian

fishermen in their struggle to prevent the "sellout" of Canadian fishing resources.

- delegates voted to support Doug Wilson, a graduate education student the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan in his attempt to be reinstated after being dismissed for taking part in the gay liberation movement.

- several appointments were made, one of which was University of New Brunswick Entertainment Chairman Mike Hanusiak to the NUS task force on entertainment.

- a separate women's caucus was set and a report was adopted which recognized the importance of women to universities, supported Dr. Morgentaler's stand on abortion, and committed NUS to support International Women's year.

Trent alumni chased for bad debts

PETERBOROUGH (CUP) -- There is a collection agency somewhere chasing \$75,000 worth of ex-Trent University students around the world.

The mounting problem of indebted and elusive students recently caused Trent's Board of Governors to recommend employing a third agency to collect the fees charging interest on all unpaid bills.

One board member recalled a "very disturbing conversation" with his daughter during which he was told it had become something of a fad in the US for students to declare personal bankruptcy.

The Board of Governors learned from Vice-President (Finance) Leishman of the system employed by Trent to ensure that fees are collected.

He said students were not told their marks and in some cases were not allowed to write examinations if they owed anything more than \$10. The stringency of the regulation is determined by the individual

student's college head. Mr. Leishman said the collection agency and interest scheme should be given a chance before more drastic measures were taken.

In April of 1973, Leishman said, there were \$9,000 in uncollected fees over one year old owing to the university.

In April of 1974 that same figure rose to \$40,000 and last year it increased further to \$76,000.

An alarmed governor fired an urgent question - "Is this a pattern?"

"Seems to be, sir, yes," replied the VP.

Loyola course survey invalid

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Students at Concordia University's Loyola campus have been told to disregard their Course Evaluation Guide because 25 percent of the book is inaccurate.

Mechanical error has been cited for the '75 Course Evaluation Guide inaccuracies which have invalidated the booklet. The guide cost \$12,000 to produce.

The inaccuracies were discovered when several professors found differences between departmental

course evaluation and those published in the guide.

"The explanation lies in the fact that the data which the computer was fed was correct while the error was in the reproduction of the graphs..." said Roger Beyar of the Loyola Computer Center.

The graphs were a pictorial representation of the computer evaluation statistics.

The errors were not discovered until many students had used the guide to help them choose their courses.

Racism is a serious problem

"Racism in Canada is a real problem," the National Union of Students was told in Fredericton last weekend.

The conference voted to oppose immigration quotas based on a racial or national origin. Further, they felt international students should be included in calculations of federal funding of universities.

They also voted no confidence in the present system of tests foreign students have to talk in order to study in Canada.

Further, they described the recent Canada Green Paper on Immigration as "a racist document designed to shift the blame for the economic crisis in Canada

onto the backs of the immigrants and to promote splits between Canadian and immigrant people."

NUS believes that better terms should be accorded to political refugees and permanent channels should be set up to receive them.

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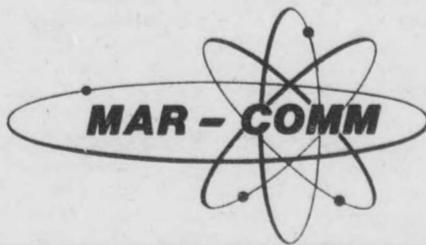
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