



Like parishioners on a Sunday morning, some 200 members of the academic staff association crowded the "back pews" of a lecture hall to hear minister of advanced education Jim Foster and university president Max Wyman answer questions on university-government relations and university finance. From left, Foster answering a question, association president Peter Freeman, Wyman, and Foster's executive assistant Peter Jenner.

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academic staff quizzes minister

A statement of which Worth commission recommendations the government agrees with and which it rejects will be tabled soon in the legislative assembly. Minister of Advanced Education Jim Foster promised a university audience Thursday.

"It's time for government to say what we agree with, what we disagree with and what we're still considering," Foster said in response to a series of contentious questions from members of the academic staff association about the report's status with the department.

He said, however, that the list of acceptable and unacceptable recommendations would be short compared with the list of proposals still under consideration.

The report and Foster's appointment of its author Walter Worth as deputy minister of education, were among the polite but pointed questions directed to the minister, at the general meeting of the membership of the association. Other issues which sparked questions critical of government policy were university financing and the proposed reorganization of the department of advanced education.

F. C. Engleman, an associate professor of political science expressed "bewilderment" at Foster's appointment of Worth as deputy minister of advanced education. "We expect the minister of highways to believe in highways," Engleman said, adding that ever since Worth's appointment "we have been told

to move over for other kinds of post-secondary education."

In response to an earlier question, Foster had admitted that "Calgary is extremely upset with Wally Worth" but answered Engleman's questions with an assurance that the university had not had enough experience with the department of advanced education and asked for another year before judgments are made of it.

Foster replied to a broadside launched by English professor E. J. Rose, by denying that either the Worth Report or a report on non-university post-secondary education released by the colleges commission were "working plans of the department."

"You may wish to challenge that," he conceded, "but time will tell."

Rose had charged that the Worth report proposes an "A & W intellectual diet" which will leave the province "culturally obese and intellectually starved."

He said that he feared the philosophy of colleges commission report in which students are termed "clients" would create an educational parallel to medicare — "educare."

"The university will cease to pursue — under such social and political pressures — the very impulse which brought the university into being," Rose said.

The proposed reorganization would place the university under the kind of control "which has reduced primary and secondary education to its present sorry state."

Rose also quoted a statement to the press by the soon-defunct colleges commission which threatened to recommend legislation on transferability of credits from colleges to universities if the universities did not agree of their own accord, a course Rose termed "pretty heavy handed."

The minister agreed, saying "I can imagine the kind of reaction we would if we tried to legislate that kind of thing."

He went on to say that "those who believe the province could unilaterally change this are just not aware of the kind of political clout the university community has. There is no more articulate, informed and credible

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SU loses 8 grand

The students' union may lose about \$8,000 of revenue between the recent approval of a preliminary budget for next year and the tabling of the final budget in the fall.

The drop in expected revenue will come if the Board of Governors agrees that grad students should contribute \$6 towards the SUB mortgage instead of \$10 for both mortgage and services which they have paid in the past. This arrangement, worked out at the Board's request, through the mediation of university president Max Wyman was approved by the Graduate Students' Association at their last meeting.

Under the new agreement, the Board would guarantee office space for the GSA; payment for services desired by the grad students could be negotiated between the SU and the GSA.

Grad students, who were encouraged in September to withhold their fees, have now been asked to pay the full \$10, GSA president Peter Flynn said yesterday.

Commenting on the proposal, SU president George Mantor said, "Whatever the Board of Governor's decides is really out of my control," but that he was willing to meet with Flynn to talk about services.

V.P. finance, Charlie Hall, said that it was too early to know if the loss of revenue would mean chopping one large project or whittling away at several smaller ones.

Wyman's intervention came after almost a year of disagreement between the SU and GSA.

The trouble all began last spring when the GSA decided that it wanted its own recreational center, could no longer afford to help pay for SUB and requested that their SU fees be reviewed.

A month and a half later, they were told that their request had arrived after the budget had been finalized. Angered

by this claim and by the long delay, the GSA executive council voted to sever financial ties with the SU.

The SU retaliated by raising the rent on the GSA's office in Sub from \$1 per year to \$100.00 per month.

foreign students cramped by red tape

Neil Henry, foreign student advisor, brought two employees of the Federal Dept. of Immigration to the Tory Lecture Theatre last Wednesday to explain how the change in immigration policy affected the foreign students on this campus. Over 400 students filled the theatre forcing many to sit on the floor or crowd along the walls.

A press release from Andras, the minister of Manpower and Immigration dated Dec. 28, 72 was read. Its main points were:

- No visitor to Canada, staying less than 3 months would be granted a work visa.
- All other visitors must register with the Department of Immigration.
- Visitors seeking work, must find their own job and get it approved by the Department of Manpower and the Immigration Department.
- Any member of the military here for training, etc.; members of the clergy; professional sports players; any American citizen who commutes daily across the border to work here; and any other that may fall under international agreements, are the only exemptions.

As usual with the civil service, the number of forms to be completed and the running around involved in getting a work permit is excessive, just as it is with Canadian involvement with a government department, but this case appears more futile than most.

The onus is on a foreign student to

find his own job. With a letter containing all the relevant details, he must get approval from Canada Manpower to take the jobs.

At this stage, a Canadian may be found "who can do the job" in which

case the job is given to the Canadian who has done nothing but make application to manpower. Many foreign students expressed disgust that they would

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Students concerned about the employment status of foreign students on campus man a petition table in SUB.