

Two B of G members call for student rep

By RALPH MELNYCHUK

At least two members of the Board of Governors favor student representation on the Board.

In a recent report of the Governors to the Government of Alberta recommending changes in the University Act, F. P. Galbraith, Chancellor of the University, and L. A. Desrochers, signed a minority memorandum recommending student representation.

The memorandum reads: "The undernoted members of the Board of Governors strongly recommend that provision be made for the nomination by the students' union of one member to the Board of its University.

"We feel that the adoption of this recommendation would materially increase the students' feeling of responsibility for and

participation in University matters."

The most far reaching recommendations of the report call for the setting up of a separate university at Calgary and the establishing of a Universities Commission to oversee the operation of all universities in the province.

Another minority memorandum urges faculty representation on the Board of Governors.

This memorandum lists various universities at which academic representation on the Board was a very successful measure.

It states that "the nomination of two members of the General Faculty Council to the Board not only recognizes the contribution these members can make but helps establish between the principal governing groups the mutual respect and

confidence without which co-operation cannot exist.

The Governors' report recommended transferring jurisdiction over the students' union from the Senate to the GFC.

W. F. Bowker, Dean of Law, said this transfer should not appreciably affect the operation of the students' union. "Since we transferred student discipline from the Senate to the General Faculty Council, we felt the students' union should be transferred also," he said.

One of the most significant recommendations of the report suggests the setting up of a Universities Commission. The commission would be an intermediary body between the government and the universities.

It is expected this commission would do

much toward divorcing the universities from direct political influences.

Members of the commission would be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in council.

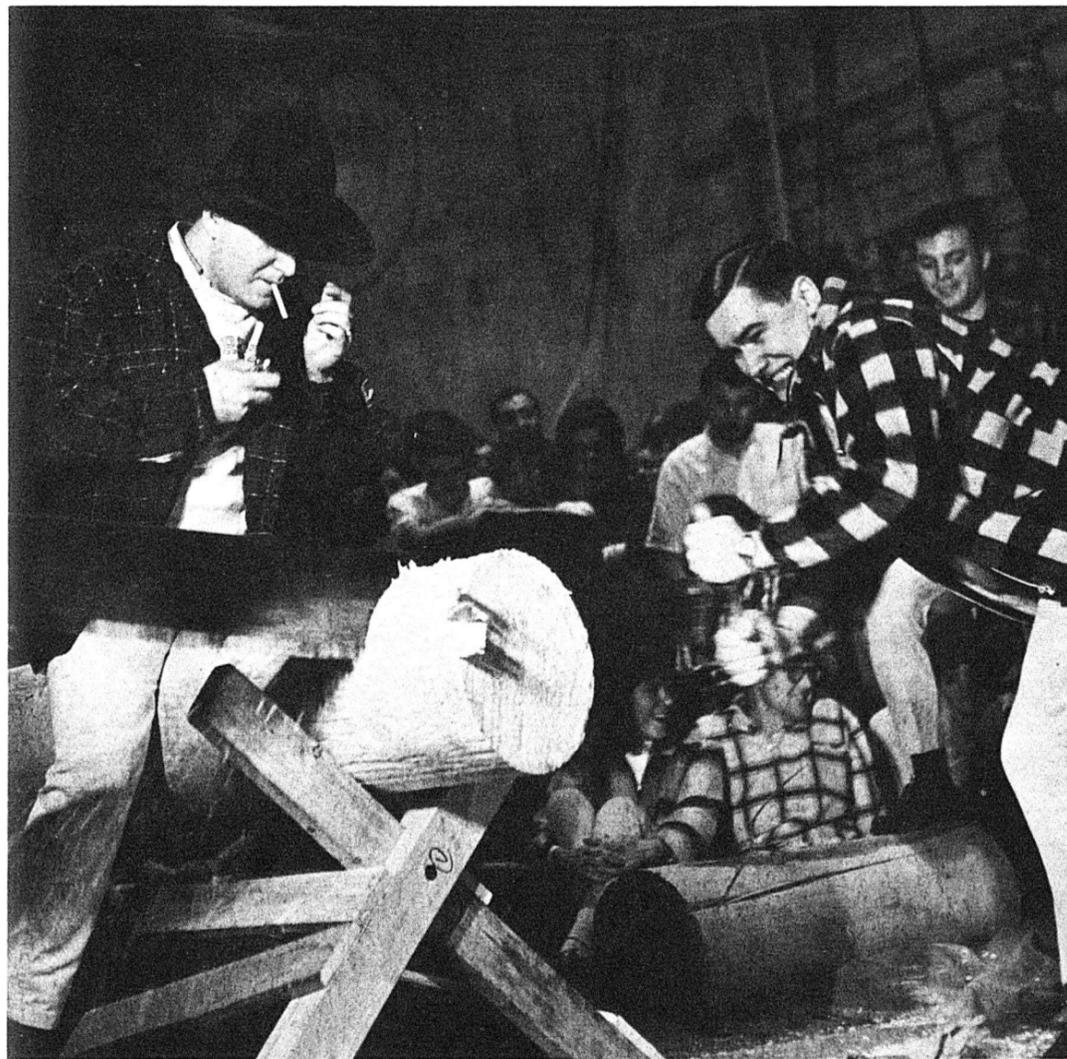
The commission would have wide authority in matters of finance and development. Each university would submit its budget to the commission for approval. The commission would then make recommendations to the provincial government.

Commenting on the recommendations, students' union president Richard Price said he hopes the government will consider the minority appendices.

"Since the General Faculty Council is two thirds elected, I am looking forward to co-operation between the body and the students' union," he said.

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—Dave Ritchie photo

PAUL BUNYAN RIDES AGAIN—The Sugar Bush log-cutting contest took its toll in logs, sawdust, and sweat Saturday night. Zeta Psi brought their own saw and won—probably used their own rules, too.

Top secret:

CUS establishes lobby in Commons

OTTAWA (CUP)—The halls of Canada's House of Commons will soon echo to the resounding tip-toe of the Canadian Union of Students' lobby for free education.

As yet the details are relatively top secret. But it appears certain that CUS types will soon be buttonholing MPs, seducing them in the corridors, and taking them

out to coffee—all in the interest of the Canadian student pocketbook.

Not since the masses turned out in the tens of thousands last fall for National Student Day has the CUS bureaucracy been so tensed for battle.

But unlike the placard fiascos of the past, this will be a war in grey flannel.

Confidential memoranda (well hidden from the student press) will be circulated to a select committee of influentials who will nod in praise of the union's program.

Though the whole story will likely never be told, it is considered virtually certain that the CUS lobby will be instrumental in totally reshaping Canada's educational system.

SU brief advocates hold-the-line policy

Fee increase seen as deterrent to post-secondary education

By EKKEHARD KOTTKE

Canada is not turning out her share of PhDs the students' union claimed in a recent submission to the Board of Governors.

Comparison of graduate statistics of Canadian and U.S. universities indicate that the U.S. added only six times as many workers as Canada, (but 20 times as many holders of bachelor degrees and 33 times as many PhDs to her civilian work force.

These statistics were contained in the brief advocating a hold the line policy on present fees and residence rates.

Although it was admitted that an increase in fees might increase educational quality, the brief, containing a submission by Professor Hackler, sociology dept., states: "Raising university fees is somewhat akin to stepping on the fingers of a mountaineer who is just barely clinging to an edge. He probably would have fallen anyway, but do we have to make it so certain?"

The mountain climber refers of course to the large number of high school students who admitted that lack of money was the decisive factor which prevented them from going on to university.

DISPELS MYTH

Figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and contained in the brief dispel the myth that higher education is no longer a prerogative of the rich. The average income of families who can afford to send their children to college is said to be about \$2,000 higher annually than the national average.

A submission by Dr. Pike, also of the sociology dept., emphasized the "disproportionately large numbers" of full-time students "from the higher social classes in the community" taking advantage of post-secondary education.

This disparity could be reduced by extending the argument for lower fees to residence rates as well. "With nearly 40 per cent of the students attending university from the rural areas of Alberta", the brief urged strongly that "residence rates remain at their present level".

Further evidence for this argument was found when the students indicating lack of money affecting their career choice were pinpointed to come mainly from centers with less than 100,000 population.

The brief which is to be made available to the faculty and interested students shortly concludes that Alberta can profitably absorb increasing education costs by dipping a little more into its annual surplus which has accumulated to form a total reserve of \$550 million.

SUPAman loses job at U of S

SASKATOON (CUP) — James Harding, 24, an instructional assistant in psychology at the University of Saskatchewan at Regina, has been informed that the university administration that he will not be rehired next fall.

Mr. Harding said recently in an interview here the president of the University of Saskatchewan Brigadier Keehr does not want him on the staff for reasons other than his teaching.

Mr. Harding, federal council chairman of the Student Union for Peace Action was attending a SPUA federal council meeting.

He said the head of his department Dr. D. B. Blewett and other faculty members have expressed satisfaction with his teaching and wants him to return next fall.

Mr. Harding said, "If the department concerned does not determine its own staff, infringements on academic freedom because of political bias are more likely."

Mr. Harding now in his second teaching year at Regina is also a graduate student active in campus events.

He said the university has informed him that it has no legal obligation toward him because he does not have tenure.

Mr. Harding feels that his position as both student and staff member is seen as a threat by the administration.

"People in Regina, as in other campuses are extremely sensitive about the happenings at Berkeley last year" he commented.

Mr. Harding, who has a M.A. in psychology, plans to take the issue to the faculty's academic freedom committee as well as to present his case before the university community in general.