

CANNONS CAUSE CAMPUS CONFUSION

TORONTO CONSIDERING CESSATION FROM NFCUS

Toronto (CUP) — The possibility of The University of Toronto withdrawing from The National Federation of Canadian University Students was made apparent at a meeting of the Students Administrative Council here on Thursday, October 29. A motion was presented which proposed that the University "withdraw its membership from the National Federation of Canadian Students immediately." Discussions will be held in the various colleges and faculties to discover whether this step should be approved.

The motion proposed by Horace Krever, a law student, followed a report of the recent NFCUS conference by the Toronto delegates, Jennifer Rickard and Scott Symons. In the report Miss Rickard stated that while the Toronto delegation "perhaps more than anyone, realized the weaknesses of this organization (NFCUS), (it) would also like to recognize its potentialities."

The report said that the Federation could never hope to be a pressure group. "Its structure and lack of continuity would never permit this."

But Miss Rickard pointed out that Toronto last year had wholeheartedly supported NFCUS and a one dollar fee raise.

At this year's conference Toronto supported a 50-cent fee hike. "By supporting the fee raise this year," the report continued, "the University of Toronto has expressed confidence in NFCUS. Now is not the time to withdraw that confidence. We believe that NFCUS has a concrete program this year, and that there is every justification for the support of that program."

Although the fee raise cannot be paid this year, the delegation suggests that because they received a mandate from the SAC to support the original proposed 80 cent raise, the fee raise must be supported next year. "By supporting the mandate for a raise in dues, I think that the University of Toronto is honor bound to pay the 50 cent raise next year," Miss Rickard said. "The only alternative to my mind would be cessation," she added.

In speaking for his motion Krever said that NFCUS had been a "total failure." He said it was unfair since it did not have voting privileges by student population but was based on a vote per university member. He said he did not want voting to be determined by the amount of money paid to the Federation. Krever at one point referred to NFCUS policy as "namby-pamby."

Defending NFCUS, Toronto delegate Symons said that if Toronto withdrew the Federation would cease to exist. He declared that any decision to secede was very serious and that "a comparable organization would not be set up in the next 20 years."

The motion to be discussed in the various student bodies before the next SAC meeting reads: Whereas the SAC is convinced of the need of a national union of students for Canada, and Whereas the experience of the annual conferences in recent years has demonstrated that NFCUS is not an effective national union of students, Be It Resolved that the SAC withdraw its membership from NFCUS immediately." By a vote of 12-10 this was held over to determine student opinion.

Toobad Toogood Maybe Muzzles?

Toronto (CUP) — Annoyed at Rams' beats of "Hi Ho, Silver!" a young mounted policeman overtook and took over Athletic Director Ted Toogood last week.

As the lumbering truck bounced along the dirt road of the Don Valley, the gallant novice astride his chestnut charger gave chase — obviously perturbed about some of the remarks voiced by the jovial little group which had just passed.

With coach A. E. Toogood at the wheel it was quite a task for the galloping nag of the Don River Beat Brigade to overtake the speeding vehicle, but shouts of encouragement to the frothing beast from the "rowdy" chaps on the truck aided in their apprehension.

FLUTIST HERE SATURDAY

Fredericton (Special) A recital will be given by Mario Duscheness, outstanding Canadian flutist, in the Art Centre Saturday, November 14 at 8.15. Mr. Duscheness plays with the C.B.C. Little Symphony and has made several tours of the country as a soloist. It might be noted that Mr. Duscheness was the first artist to present a programme at the Art Centre when it was organized in 1947.

Miss Lucy Jarvis, Director of the Art Centre, stated that any

Life Magazine Fools Local Daily: Old Diary Clarifies The Situation

person interested in this programme should contact her if they wish to be guaranteed accommodation.

On Thursday evenings, classes are being held in drawing and painting, which are open without extra fee to students who wish to attend regularly.

Fredericton (Special) — An article in The Daily Gleaner, November 2nd, stated that UNB historians were hard at work in the Bonar-Law-Bennett Library poring through old histories and archive material for the full story of the "Great Cannon Mystery". Unaware that there was an "Mystery" until the article appeared The Brunswickan historian did a little research of his own into the matter.

He was first referred to in an article in Life, October 28th, bearing the title "Again, War Over A Cannon", the context of which was concerned with the besmirching, by Rutgers students, of an historic cannon on the Princeton campus. Several pictures gave an indication of the confusion resulting. The story ended with a short paragraph "Churchill's Ancestor Fought".

It stated, "that two cannons, abandoned by George Washington, had been left on the Princeton Campus. During the war of 1812, one of them had been moved to New Brunswick, N.J., the home of Rutgers University. This cannon was returned to Princeton in 1838 "in a night time foray led by Winston Churchill's grandfather." The Rutgers students recapitulated by stealing a cannon back again, and Princeton students raided the Rutgers campus to no avail. The cannon mixup was finally straightened out by diplomacy.

Seeking to enlighten the citizens of Fredericton and fill up a little space, the editors of the local Daily Gleaner decided to cook up a little intrigue. The following statements appeared:

1. "The Department of History at the University of New Brunswick never had it so tough!"

Now they're trying to trace down the truth in "The Great Cannon Mystery" — a tangled yarn that has lain dormant since 1875 but was hot stuff on the UNB campus then."

Actually, there is no indication of any activity by the Department of History let alone any display of concern over the alleged "Cannon Mystery".

2. "It all started last week when LIFE Magazine came up with a tale about a Princeton undergraduate raid on UNB in 1875 to recover a cannon said to have been abandoned by beaten US militia gunners here in the War of 1812."

Life magazine, as pointed out above, made no mention of Canada or UNB. In the second place it would have been impossible to find a cannon in New Brunswick Canada that had been left by US soldiers who were defeated here in the War of 1812 because the province of NB and the State of Maine agreed to take no part in the War of 1812; and the local 104th Regiment, as a result of the agreement, had to march six hundred miles up the St. John River and across the Gaspé to even get near the war.

3. "LIFE intimated that the Princetionians, after a sharp scrap with UNB students, made off with the cannon in a horse-drawn wagon in the direction of the Maine border."

The only support that can be given this eloquent quote is that they really did drive horse-drawn wagons in those days.

Now a word or two in an attempt to set the true facts before the reader. The following quote is from the diary of Dr. L. Bailey who was professor of Natural History at UNB from 1861 to 1907.

"A large French cannon, a relic of the old wars, was dug up in town and presented to the college. The boys hid it for use in graduation night celebrations. A committee of the senior class, 'The Cannon Committee', alone knew its whereabouts. As many pounds of blasting powder were used in firing, and the muzzle choked with soda, the reports were terrific. Once the committee entrusted it to the college porter, who quarrelled with the boys and disclosed its hiding place to Dr. Jack. The doctor, it is said, had it dropped from a steamer many miles down river. Subsequently the porter told the boys where it was, and the committee recovered it. One graduation night the senior entrusted with the loading, having imbibed too freely, mistook a policeman for a fellow student. The "cop" offered to assist, and poured ditch water in on top of the powder. Then the boys heated the gun red-hot in a bonfire, and off it went as usual. One night the long expected happened, and the famous cannon, dangerously overloaded, burst into a thousand fragments."

Freshmen Elected to Student Council

Fredericton (Special) — Four Freshmen were elected, Wednesday, November 4th, to represent the first year class in the SRC meetings this winter. They are: Iris Bliss, Pat Gundy, Dave Vallis and John Benson. They will take office in the council this evening.

LEST WE FORGET



In Memoriam

KIDNAPPED COLUMBIA PLEDGE FOOLS ABDUCTORS; FLEES HOME

Montreal (CUP) — A Zeta Beta Tau pledge, kidnapped from Columbia University and brought to Montreal by car, turned the tables on his captors recently and managed to board a midnight plane back to New York.

As Ira Lubell was walking to classes he was nabbed by four sophomores who clipped a five inch "C" out of his hair, gagged him, taped his wrists, and dragged him to their "get-away" car.

At the border, one of his captors held a finger which Lubell had recently injured so that he would not yell.

While the boys from Columbia U. went out on the town, Lubell, entrusted to the care of the McGill Brotherhood, escaped while they were at a meeting. He cashed a cheque and was off to New York on the midnight plane. His kidnapers thought he couldn't possibly get there before them.

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