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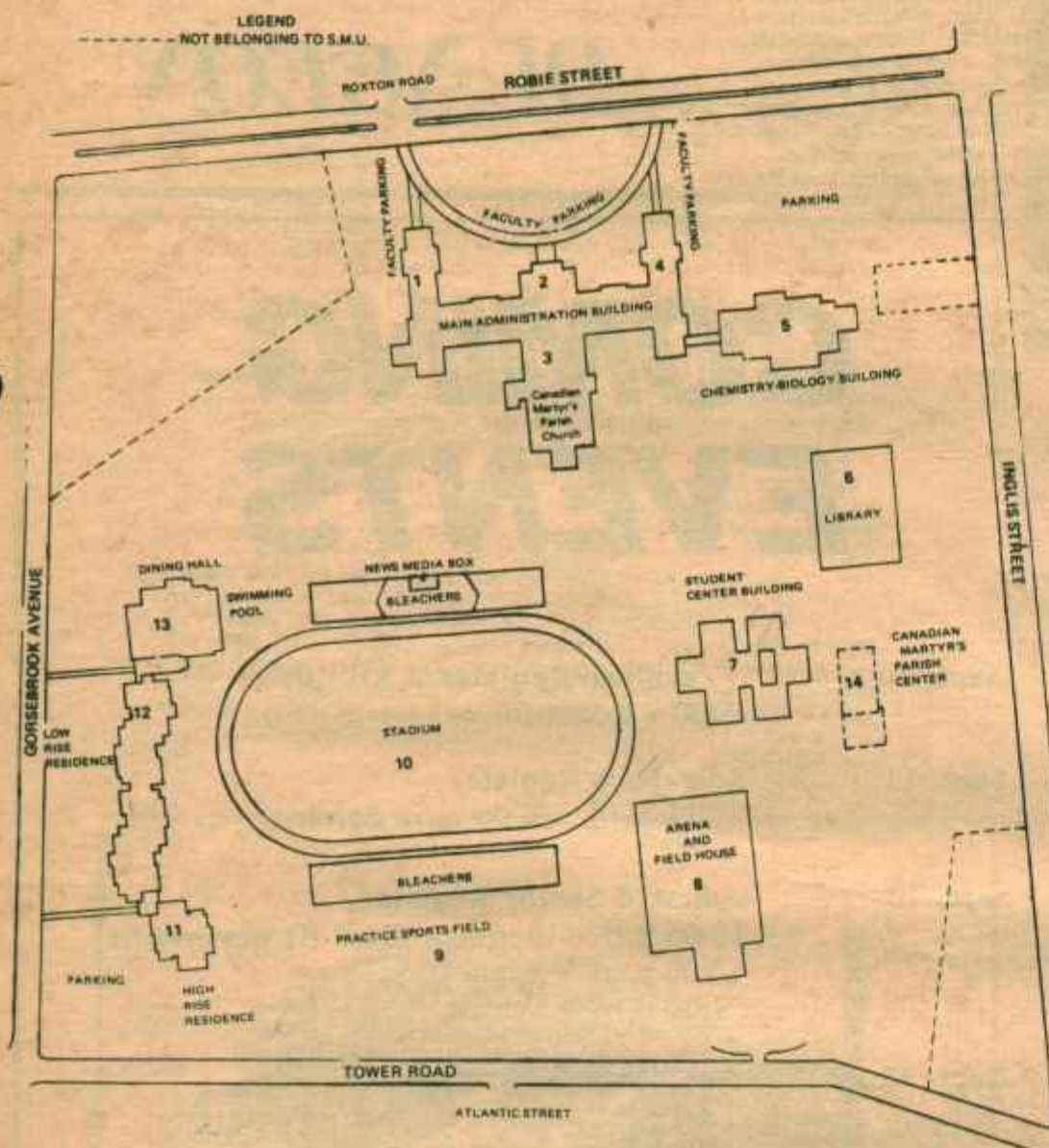
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Large enrolment makes housing shortage desperate



Here's your handy dandy guide to glorious SMU campus. Follow the arrows scattered around to find the JOURNAL office to help us write this rag again next week, if we recover.

JOURNAL in the basement

The Journal and Students' Representative Council have been promised spacious quarters in the new Students' Center, but for the time being they'll have to put up with a large but damp area in the basement and first floor of the building.

The Journal is to be evicted from its present area on the third floor of the administration building and hidden in a large basement in the east wing of the SUB. The eviction comes as a result of a hassle between the Commerce and Psychology department over the space the Journal now occupies. Both departments are suffering from expansionist problems.

The SRC will go into the East wing of the first floor of the SUB.

Both areas are large but the development office says that they will not be completely finished when the student bureaucrats move in. While they will be lit and relatively dry the walls will not be plastered nor will the floor be anything more than raw concrete.

The bureaucrats were originally scheduled to move into their elitist new quarters on the fifteenth of September, but the contractor was unable to get the glass for the windows. They had contracted to finish the first and

the fifth floors by the 15 of September, but were unable to get enough glass to complete both floors. They will finish construction of the first floor. It was to house cafeteria facilities and lounges.

A city-wide construction strike has also held up the completion date of the building. The Insulators in Halifax struck for a two dollar increase in the hourly rate over a period of three years.

CO-ED CLOSETS CRAMPED

Co-eds living in the low-rise residence may not be satisfied with rooms designed with men in mind.

Reports indicate that the women who were living in the residence during the summer sessions were not entirely satisfied with the way the rooms were laid out.

One point in contention is the size of closets, while a man may get by during the year with four pairs of pants and six shirts, with a suit for Saturday night, such is obviously not the case with women. One young lady reportedly arrived in residence

Other unions honored the picket lines at least for the four day legal minimum. This means they will not cross the picket lines for four days and will hold votes on whether they will return to work when the period has elapsed.

Development Officer Edmund Morris was unavailable for comment on the strike. His office said that they could not venture to guess when the construction would be resumed.

for the six-week summer session with five pieces of hand luggage and a trunk only to find that she had no place to put it all.

Another problem literally facing the women is the size and placing of mirrors. In most of the residence rooms in the low-rise the mirror is a small 9"x12" sheet of murky glass hidden in the recess behind the door.

During the coming school year there will be more than 90 women living in two sections of the low-rise. The problems of living for a whole year in a room designed for men may be too much for some of the new female students.

Hundreds of students will be denied university this fall because of the housing shortage and the great increase in enrolment being experienced this year by local universities, colleges, and technical institutions.

Dalhousie has about 2,500 students from outside the Halifax-Dartmouth metropolitan area who will require some variety of housing while it has made provision for 1,000 both on and off campus. St. Mary's is almost as badly off. It has about

Technical College, The Institute of Technology, Vocational, and the Nova Scotia College of Art, Kings in the past had excess residence space but this year they will not even have enough room for their own requirements.

The only residence of any size in the area for married students is the Wellington Street Tower. It does not come close to satisfying the need; it is booked several years ahead.

The students who do manage to find accommodation, quite often below standard and at great distances, will be helping nurture Halifax's latest crop of millionaires. For the most part, landlords are taking full advantage of the housing shortage by raising rents to exorbitant levels and by imposing strict rules and conditions of rental.

While no relief appears to be in sight this year except perhaps a half chance that Dalhousie will inaugurate a charter bus line to Dartmouth.

The housing shortage in general should not be as bad next year however because of a speed-up in housing starts this summer. There were 2448 units, mostly of a rental nature, under construction at the end of July. This is by far the greatest number in recent years.

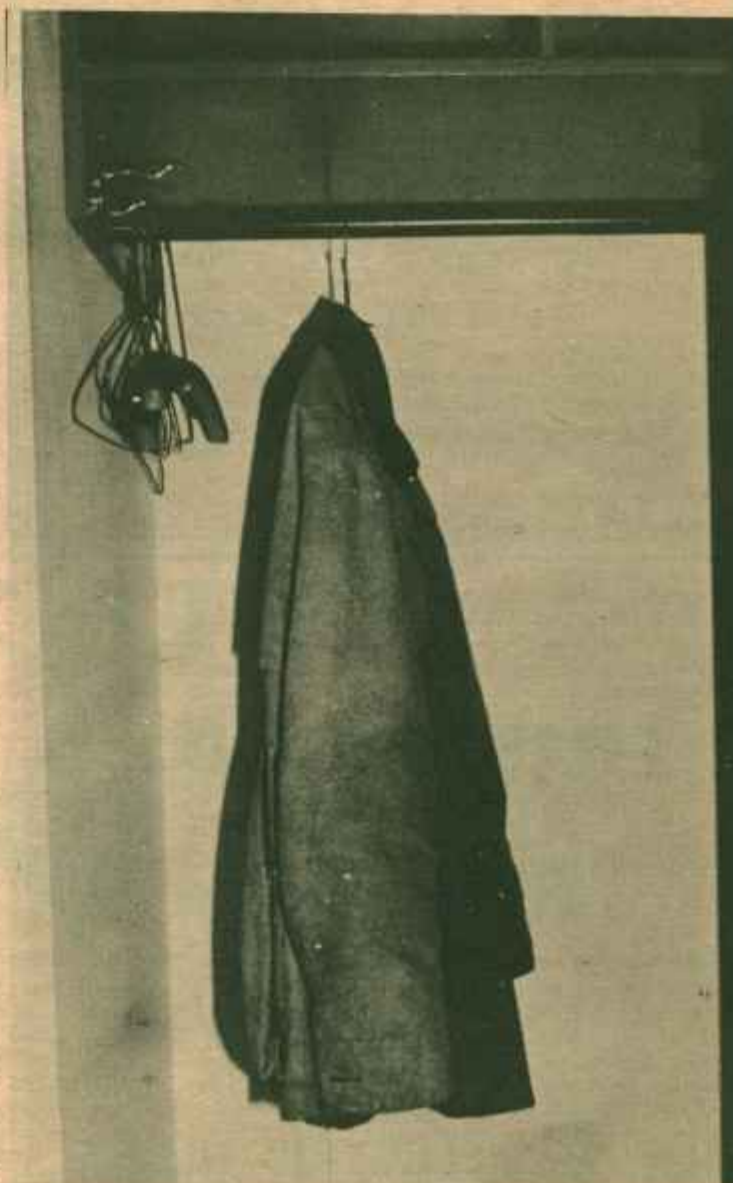
Of more direct help to the student population however, will be completion of a 23 story married students tower, construction of which is planned to begin this fall at St. Mary's.

by
Don Kydd

1,000 such students with space in residence for little more than 500.

A spokesman from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation said the shortage of apartments in Halifax is the most critical of any major Canadian City. In a survey C.M.H.C. conducted in August only three per thousand units were vacant in peninsular Halifax compared to five per thousand at the same time last year. The situation is almost as desperate in the rest of the metropolitan region.

Besides students at St. Mary's and Dalhousie there are additional thousands at Mount Saint Vincent, Kings, Nova Scotia



Cramped closet space may cause complaint. Coat looks lonely now, but wait till the party dresses come.

FROM

With each issue of the Journal, you'll be able to find me somewhere on this page. Considering I'm 6' 2" you shouldn't develop eye-strain in looking for me.

In case you haven't learned your numbers yet, this page 2; the garbage page, the "let's put it on page two" page. It is sometimes politely referred to as the "literary page". It is here that I learned to write a column especially for (an ever increasing exaggeration of esotericism) - the "College Reader".

I hereby pledge that no individual or social injustice shall elude the enlightened grasp of my own personal, religious beliefs. (That philosophy which follows, in the true Humanistic-Hedonistic tradition.) For example if we hear tell of a fresh but secret

supply of grass, H, or acid in the new res., I'll pass it on to you at once. I intend to aid the revolution in every way I can.

In a more regular and scheduled vein (no pun intended) I generally intend to dwell on more sedate and pleasurable affairs like movies and records that in a pseudo-literary way pass themselves off as true art forms in the manner of the cinema and recorded music. Disc reviews, the shows you should spend your last few bucks on, and later on in the year what's happening down at

by Steve
Anderson

Neptune, will all happen on this page. My only hope is that by the time you read the movie reviews the bloody thing hasn't played and gone.

My thoughts, by all means, will

be eclectic, I'll touch upon everything and anything that turns me on. (Which is more or less getting to be more and more or less and less, I can't really say for certain.)

I'm going to be overly demo-

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cratic (in keeping with the times) about the whole thing too. If any reader would like to contribute their thoughts, or ideas, or poems, or even their used kleenex I'd be extremely grateful. Please don't think your efforts will be entirely in vain. A formal Journal contributor was discovered not so long ago by a world wide and very famous company that manufactured brassieres. Dealing as they did in "fabrications of fantasy" the corporation regarded themselves as an integral part of the

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Literary community in as much as they played a vital role in establishing and maintaining the "Imaginatist" movement in the early part of this century. In correspondence with our friend by letter only yesterday he tells us he had been hired to write 'add copy' and describes his job

as "plush" and "well padded". He says he is rather well off and has his own igloo in dog sled distance of Happy Valley Labrador. So if you'd like to contribute, you may. Just look me up. I'm on this page and you shouldn't have much trouble finding me.

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Don Mitchell from the University of Saskatchewan, Regina watches the floor as he makes a point during the long dreary debate at Lakehead University last week.

CUS cuts \$85,000 from budget

PORT ARTHUR (CUP) -- Pl. of the Union is sensible," the committee said. Incoming CUS president Martin Loney proposed expenditures for the 1969-70 year at \$148,600 to maintain programs at their present level. In making their cuts, the finance committee:

And that revenue figure rests on two key referendums at University of Toronto and Carleton in October. The union must close out, probably by Christmas, if CUS loses support at those campuses, the finance committee concluded at the CUS annual Congress last week.

Toronto and Carleton would bring in revenues of almost \$35,000, including money from the CUS Travel Plan. A loss at Toronto especially would require "such a drastic cut in secretariat staff that no further operation

Reduced the budget for the CUS National Council to \$4,000 from a proposed \$5,400, anticipating a reduced number of members;

Slashed a CUS grant to a national student newspaper to replace Issue to \$16,000 from a proposed \$20,000.

Management costs were cut almost \$14,000, but much of this cost was redistributed through project financing. Each CUS project is budgeted separately to include staff salaries, but the re-

sult is less money for each project itself, although the absolute amount budgeted remains the same.

CUS president Martin Loney said at the end of the Congress that the drop in income would make CUS "a small part of what happens on Canadian campuses this year."

"But CUS will still be a forum for debate and provide full-time people with experience to try and translate that debate into action on the campus."

CUS can also be important in fighting situations like that at Simon Fraser University, where the administration is trying to smash the democratically-structured social sciences department, Loney said.

In compiling the budget, the finance committee assumed that CUS would win about 50 per cent

of the referendums coming up this year. This would add 28,000 members at a dollar a student.

The Union received financial commitments at the Congress from 12 schools representing 39,500 students, although several other schools signed "secondary commitments". That is, they pledged to fight for CUS in their referendums. Beside Toronto and Carleton, 10 schools representing 57,500 members are up for referendums that might go pro-CUS. Calgary University, with 6,000 students, was not included as a possibility for reopening membership in the Union.

The committee also included a \$38,500 profit on the Travel Plan, although the plan would be crippled if too many campuses reject CUS this year.

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UMAC remains top priority

PORT ARTHUR (CUP) -- The CUS plenary session seemed to harden its line in a sparsely attended meeting Monday when it passed a resolution calling for universal accessibility. The motion which came from the Student in Society Commission, took a firm stand on the question of universal accessibility to higher education.

The motion said, "We live in a society with a class structure which constantly regenerates itself. The basis of this structure is economic." It continued, ". . . the existing class structure of our society is reaffirmed by the structure of our educational system. By demanding universal accessibility to the universities, we are demanding an end to the streaming system and to the affirmation of middle class values through education."

The motion also carried a temporary program, which defined itself as ". . . stop-gap." It called for preferential admissions criteria and student representation on admissions boards.

It suggested that the "University community provide tutoring in background studies and . . . for" . . . economically and racially oppressed." students.

The motion said that ". . . a student wage (should) be provided." and called for the implementation of a ". . . Guaranteed Annual Income, . . . in Canada." A note was attached to the motion which said ". . . that raising the necessary money for this program under the present taxation system would be totally inequitable. Therefore implementation of the Carter Report is a necessary first step."

Though the motion was passed 11-1, some delegates had reservations. Glen MacDonnell from Queen's University, was worried

about the direction the motion was leading.

"Does it lead to something we can do and if so what?" he said Barry Hales from the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, said that the ". . . end result, . . ." of the motion would be to make ". . . students more privileged than they are already."

On the whole, students are in effect a privileged class, he said. David Leadbeater of the University of Alberta amended the motion to include the clause about the Guaranteed Annual Income.

"It is not simple enough to pay a wage to students," he said "I think we should say something about a Guaranteed Annual Income for all people."

CUS Secretariat member John Gallagher called the motion a ". . . positive proposal. . ."

But, he said, "Any proposal that is made has its own contradictions." The student wage would make students more privileged but at the same time would open the doors of universities to lower-income groups. This would tend to destroy the class nature of education.

"If education is not going to reinforce the class structure," said Gallagher, "then the people who participate in it must have money." But the proposals of this sort "We have to be careful. We have to look where they lead."

Another Secretariat member Peter Chesson said that the proposal would aid the ". . . student who would like to go to university and is able to get loans of one kind and another but who has someone near him who needs his income."

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OH WOW- CUS freaks out

CUS staggers out of Congress

(Port Arthur - CUP)—Financially crippled and riven internally by attacks from both moderates and radicals, the Canadian Union of Students staggered out of its 33rd annual Congress facing the very real possibility of dissolution by Christmas.

Perhaps more important, the Congress had not come to grips with the charges laid by radicals, delegates, observers and members of the former CUS Secretariat, that the national organization faces total irrelevance if it did not struggle to alter its nature and that of the student councils which form its base.

When the final plenary session broke off at 6 a.m., last Wednesday, more than a third of the times on the order paper remained to be debated and passed, but the meeting could not go on in the face of the increasingly bitter antagonisms raised as radicals insisted that the structure of CUS rather than moderate programs held the key to rebuilding the Union.

"A lot of people here are going to return to campus and not do very much," charged Barry MacPeake, last year's Atlantic field worker and chairman until he spoke at the final plenary.

"People have to make a choice," he said, "either they fulfill the implications of the consequences of our motion in action and in words or they sustain the structure which has led to failure in the past."

"That choice may mean staying on student council or getting the hell off. And when the real crunch comes they're going to stay on council. The choice lies not in keeping the structures," MacPeake said. "We have to destroy them or tear them apart so they will serve the people."

But MacPeake's charges brought bitter denunciation from John Gallagher, a member of the incoming CUS Secretariat, who labelled the radicals "opportunists" and supported the position of incoming President Martin Loney — that the Union must concentrate on organizing students around such issues as housing and unemployment rather than a radical analysis of society.

"You're not dealing with these problems in an historical way," Gallagher said, "You have failed to come up with an alternative program."

The previous evening delegates from the University of Waterloo also tried to force a discussion of CUS structure. They stunned the Congress by proposing that the National Union become a member of the International Workers of the World, a revolutionary syndicalist organization smashed by police in 1920's.

The Waterloo motion went down to defeat by a vote of 17 - 3 after the Congress refused to allow Waterloo to withdraw its motion.

The right as well as the left was unsuccessful in forcing debate on CUS structure. A motion put forward by the University of Calgary calling for creation of a new national organization, the Canadian Student Federation, died for lack of a second.

Sponsored by members of the University of Toronto, McGill, Dalhousie and UBC delegations, the resolution included a constitution which would have greatly restricted the ability of the new Union to take political stands.

Neither McGill and UBC were registered at the Congress. Delegates from U of T and Dalhousie delegations refused to support the motions of a minority of the members, but the logic of finances may prove to be more of a deciding factor in the direction of CUS than either radical or moderate arguments.



Delegates sing as motion presented

After eight hours of debate the delegates at the first plenary session of the Lakehead Congress of the CUS, sat up straighter while the University of Waterloo read a resolution calling for the Union to join the International Workers of the World, a revolutionary syndicalist organization smashed by police in the 1920's.

Immediately after Ron Thompson had stopped reading the resolution, Don Mitchell of the University of Saskatchewan, Regina campus seized the microphone and began singing "Solidarity Forever!" a work song sung by the members of the IWW. Many delegates raised their fists in the air and began to sing along while others looked on in dismay.

But the resolution focused attention on the major problems of the Congress, structure, and suddenly it wasn't a game any more.

Even if the Waterloo delegation didn't "give a shit" whether its Wobbly motion was tabled or not, the Congress agreed with secretariat member John Gallagher when he said the motion has "forced us to face up to the real problems here."

The motion, he said, "is critical to the Congress."

After a procedural hassle between Simon Fraser and Barry McPeake in the chair, the Congress continued debate on what Regina delegate Ken Sunquist termed "this ridiculous motion."

Regina withdrew a motion of its own asking for a tabling of all policy statements so the delegates could debate the spirit of the Waterloo motion.

CUS secretariat member Dave Black, one of the men behind the motion, told the Congress that "we want to try to provoke a debate that is not just about words."

In an emotional speech aimed directly at the delegates' individual and collective consciences he said:

"To sit here and pretend that we can perpetuate a system that denies the rights of other people is absurd."

"We are privileged," he said, and backed up his contention with a description of the kids with bad teeth and little food who were his friends around CUS offices in Ottawa.

"And that is the debate that is not going on here," he continued, "the debate that is relevant to the people on my street."

"Your teeth are okay and theirs aren't." That is what Imperialism is all about.

"If this union can't do something about that... can't deal with anything but referendums, I don't see how in good conscience I can go to a student and defend a union that doesn't deal with the problems Canadians face."

"We are the few people with the time to investigate," he said, "and if you don't see yourselves using that time to help the people then I don't know why we are here or what we are about."

Mr. Black's statements portrayed the disillusionment of many delegations with rhetoric.

"Rhetoric and revolution don't mix," said an angry Liz Law, University of Alberta vice-president.

Delegates were not only angered by free-flowing rhetoric and jargon. The delegation from St. Mary's criticized the use of procedural rules by some delegations to hamper and manipulate debate instead of aiding it.

"I really hope we can stay out of this parliamentary bag said Mike Smith, "It's a waste of time."

Regina representative Don Mitchell added, "It's hard to plug the political rhetoric (the harder the better) into people's political reality."

He said the emotional participation in the workers' song, Solidarity, was "only an exaggerated version of what's gone on through this whole conference."

CUS president Peter Warrian earlier in the conference brought a plenary to halt because "the steamroller effect" of the intensive Congress not only separated delegates from political reality, but was impolitic — they would have passed the Communist Manifesto by the end of one session, he said.

At this plenary he repeated his warning and, in effect, said what a delegate from University of British Columbia has postulated outside the hall earlier: The conference had set in motion an emotional dynamic which left delegates politically pregnant with no idea of intercourse.

There was no doubt in most delegates' minds what passing the motion meant, in Mr. Gallagher's words, "that we make plans to close up the union in an orderly way, and meet our commitments."

Ryerson's delegation suggested it meant that "rather than forming an alliance with the working class, we are playing into the hands of the press which know is out to destroy us."

Neither U of T and Dalhousie delegations refused to support the motions of a minority of the members, but the logic of finances may prove to be more a deciding factor in the direction of CUS than either radical or moderate arguments.

At the end of the Congress only eight student councils had committed themselves to the Union for the coming year, although several other delegations had committed themselves to fight for CUS in referenda.

With only 39,500 students in the Union, CUS Finance Commissioners predicted the Union would be "... belly-up by Christmas ..." if critical referenda on Carleton and the University of Toronto campuses did not favour CUS.

Students at Carleton will vote October 13; Toronto students October 23. As many as ten other referenda may be called during the coming year.

The precarious state of the Union's finances lead to one change in CUS operations; selection of the President-elect, traditionally one of the duties of the fall Congress, was postponed until Christmas when the Union will hold another legislative meeting.

The decision to elect Loney's successor at mid-year will allow CUS members to evaluate the actions of the CUS Secretariat in view of events during the next four months.

While many programs were left undebated in the hands of the CUS National Council, the delegates from 33 schools — with voting rights regardless of membership status — managed to pass resolutions on some aspects of education and on the nature of the student's role in Society.

(See stories this issue).

No opposition to democratic classroom

The 33rd CUS Congress called for a more democratized approach to classroom organizing Tuesday.

An unopposed resolution criticized existing course unions for being divorced from most students in their course, being monopolized by a minority of "students with career ambitions in the discipline" and "student bureaucrats," and limiting their action to administrative matters, without democratizing the classroom.

Delegates called for a new policy whereby unions would only be formed after small groups of students in a class had initiated critiques of the class' content and structure, and after "the mass of students within the discipline have articulated some concrete demands."

Instead of working so closely with faculty, the new kind of course union would write critiques of both the course and its textbooks, confront the professor openly in the classroom, and organize counter-courses, as these appeared necessary to the members.

Committee member Craig Heron (Toronto) said classroom organizing was "probably the key area students have to be involved in next year," and emphasized the need for a more informal approach.

Observer Ron Thompson raised the only debate on the new concept when he proposed an amendment which would start a

program of organized cheating at the class level to challenge the whole system of marks and grades and the way course content is determined.

Thompson's "cheating" rejects methods like getting someone else to write one's exam or sleeping with the professor. In his non-competitive system, as soon as an exam was handed around the students would gather together to discuss it, divide up the work to be done, perhaps bring relevant books and notes into the room to "broaden the scope of their answers."

The logical result of such a system is to extend the exam period for a term or even a year, in order to make the answer more complete. Thompson extends his system finally to the abolition of teachers, since the students would know so much about the subject through this research that they could set the exams, then the course content, and finally even mark exams, which would be irrelevant by then in any case.

Thompson asked the delegates to adopt the first step in the system, by starting to "cheat by cooperating in the classroom".

Lorenz Schmidt (Carleton) said he "wondered how that type of thing would apply to structural engineering," and that it was "more appropriate to create counter-courses."

The amendment was defeated by a narrow margin, with many delegations abstaining.



O'Sullivan elected CUS VP

Port Arthur — (CUP) — A tight count was the key-note as the 33rd CUS Congress elected its upcoming vice president, Ex-Saint Mary's student president, Mike O'Sullivan defeated UWO student Marg Lennox by a 12-11 vote.

Both of the candidates presented similar platforms, Lennox defined herself as a socialist.

"I think", she said, "I should say at the outset that I am a socialist." In the text of her speech she called for women's liberation and defined oppression of women as "... qualitatively different from that of men."

O'Sullivan was nominated by Regina delegate Don Mitchell, who told the plenary that O'Sullivan had had experience in Stu-

dent's Council, on-campus organizing and in labour organizing.

"I hope you will listen very carefully to what he has to say," he said.

Both O'Sullivan and Lennox called for a strong socialist stand on the part of CUS, O'Sullivan in particular called for the creation of "radical life-styles" on the part of student activists.

"We have not integrated radical ideals with radical life-styles." Students could not be effected as radicals while living in a bourgeois manner, he said.

Touching on women's liberation he cautioned against thinking that social revolution was a panacea.

"Social revolution does not guarantee women's liberation," he said. He cited the example of Cuba, which he recently visited, Cuba had a social revolution but women there are still oppressed in many ways.

The election itself was unusual. The ordinary procedure has been for members to convene a general council meeting and vote on the candidates at that time. This year due to the small number of universities which have committed to CUS, plenary chairman Barry MacPeake ruled that the plenary session would vote on the candidates. Then the general council convened and ratified the elected member.

Kill-CUS move dies on floor

Port Arthur (CUP) — An attempt to kill the Canadian Union of Students met a quick death here Tuesday.

Members of four universities attending the 33rd CUS Congress drafted a resolution which would have disbanded the union and created a new national organization called the Canadian Students' Federation.

Put before the annual general meeting of the union by the University of Calgary, it died for lack of a seconder.

Sponsored by members of the Universities of Toronto, McGill, Dalhousie and British Columbia, the resolution included a constitution which would have greatly restricted the ability of CUS to take political stands.

Neither McGill nor British Columbia were registered as delegates or observers to the Congress. And neither the Toronto nor Dalhousie delegations would support the motion drafted by a minority of their members.

Behind the attempt were students' union presidents Gus

Abels, Toronto, Bruce Gillis, Dalhousie, Fraser Hodge, UBC, and Martin Shapiro, the from McGill.

Saturday the Toronto and Dalhousie delegations disassociated themselves from any statements made by Mr. Abels or Mr. Gillis concerning the new union.

The delegations were particularly angered that the two presidents had released a statement to the press concerning the federation proposal.

Heated caucuses of both delegations before the Saturday night plenary accused the two of "double-crossing" their delegations by releasing a statement as heads of delegations without informing the members.

Mr. Abels and Mr. Gillis both said they had acted as individuals and emphasized they had the right to do so.

CUS president-elect, Martin Loney, after defeat of the motion Tuesday, called the attempt irrelevant in terms of the Congress. He said he did not know if the idea would affect any

campus referendums.

"It was set up so that 15 per cent of the students could paralyze it permanently," he added, "because that is all that was needed to recall the elected members."

"It was very similar to what was set up in 1926 and about as relevant. It was arranged so it could agree with 95 per cent of the people and anything 95 per cent of the people agree with is already in practice".

He said supporters of the federation will probably wage a red-baiting campaign on their campuses.

Mr. Gillis, after the defeat, said "what I wanted to do was show that there was an alternative, a union that could be more cognizant of the students' opinions."

It would have made CUS more representative through campus-wide elections but the defeat is a typical example of the way CUS refuses to relate itself to students, denying any obligation to relate to students."

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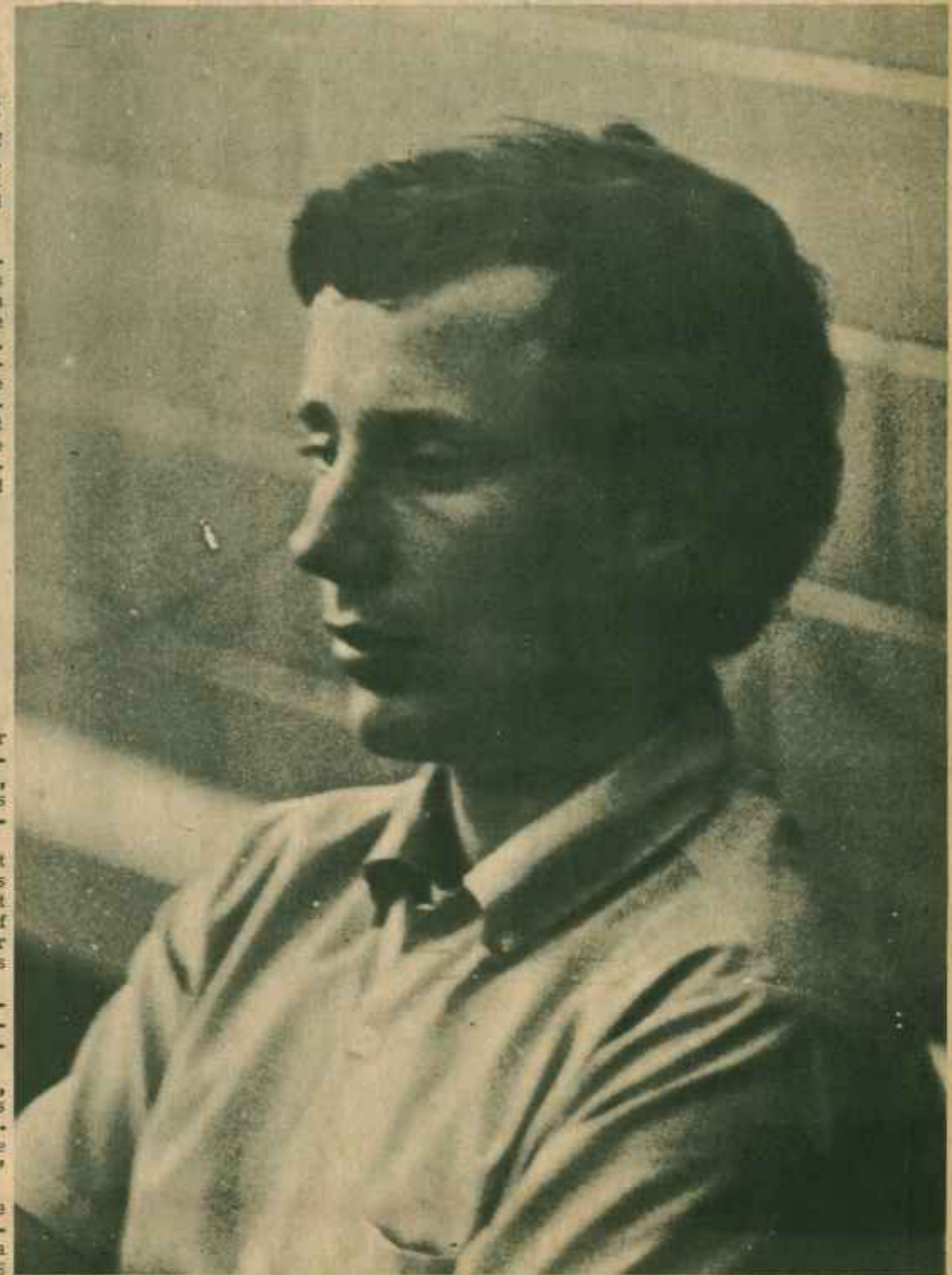
Ryerson's delegation suggested it meant that "rather than forming an alliance with the working class, we are playing into the hands of the press which know is out to destroy us."

Laurentian students castigated the Left for inaction. "It is time the people on the Left got out of their romantic notions and started to work where it counts, at the grass roots level, not spend time sitting around like a bunch of intellectuals. "We must start to move towards a better world, not play an academic game."

By 3:30 a.m. after what was generally called "a kind of Confessional" on the part of delegates as they presented some of their more realistic evaluations of their beliefs, Waterloo offered to withdraw their motion.

Regina refused to give the unanimous consent necessary to carry such a motion.

After another procedural hassle, and a quorum call, it was finally tabled at 4:05 a.m. on a motion from Alberta.



Cus President Martin Loney watches as the debate wears into the night at the 33rd annual Congress of the Canadian Union of Students.

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One of the myths of a free press is the "without fear or favour, and without favour" image the press has of itself. To a critical eye it is obvious that the newspapers in this country are anti-left pro-American, apologists for a governmental and economic system which does not answer the true needs of the people.

American control in this country is an economic fact and yet the newspapers rarely comment on it. In fact there has never been a large newspaper in this country which has ever attempted to carry out a definitive study of the situation.

The reasons for this are two-fold. One, the newspapers are supported by advertising. Two, a study of the situation would reveal that the business corporations of this country are responsible for American domination of the country, since in fact most of them are American owned. If one postulates from empirical evidence that the corporations advertise in the papers then one can get a good idea what slant the news is going to have.

But the economic control of our country does not stop at destroying the critical abilities of our newspapers.

The educational system is designed to separate managers from producers on the basis of their class origin, with working class children being streamed into vocational schools and middle or upper class kids going to university.

The government implements the decisions of American corporations and allows the application of American laws on Canadian soil. For an example of that look at the sugar companies which were not allowed to buy Cuban sugar by the American Trading With The Enemy Act, although they were located on American soil and Canada has no such act.

Looking a little closer to home, the Nova Scotia government's only successful program is the SYSCO plant in Sydney, which is administered by a government appointee. Yet the government gives money to private companies who must pay taxes if they show profits and so do not try hard to make them.

The tax system taxes the people of Canada in such a way that if every company in Canada was taxed at the same income rate, the country would have more money than it has ever had before.

The point of that superficial discussion was to show the importance of economic analysis on the things which affect your lives. Don't believe what the papers tell you about the dirty student radicals who only want to destroy the best system that has ever been devised. They are lying in their teeth out of their own self interest. And don't believe the glossy handouts you will get in four years time from the corporations. They are the same corporations which gouge the working-man, pollute the air and water, and manipulate the government for their own profit.



Song of the asphalt park

Early last year the administration raised questions in many minds when they closed off the north parking lot. A story in the JOURNAL carried a statement made by then-Dean of Student Affairs Ken Bendler to the effect that the area would be turned into a park.

Even if we ignore the furor that the decision raised among mobile members of the campus community, the fact remains that the decision was made in a most undemocratic manner.

"Turned into a park," read the statement and we thought of the lush grass, beautiful gardens and shady walks the words evoked. Well, to paraphrase an old ditty:

"The fall has sprung
The grass has ris
We wonder where
the hell the park is?"

It seems that the administration sees the obvious PR value of having an empty parking lot to picture beautiful young coeds strolling through the yellow lines, admiring the barricades and resting under the shade of a tall leafy commissioner with ticket book.

The only question which remains is where they are going to put the DND signs and the guard tower. After all the coeds must be protected.

Of course lack of funds may be a problem, as it always seems to be, but surely the planner responsible for the decision made sure that money was available. If that is so then we are forced to the conclusion that somebody has lead weights in his pants.

This is perhaps not the most important issue on campus, but it is illustrative of several problems.

Firstly, the administration takes direct, authoritarian action without even the courtesy of a by-your-leave.

Secondly the SRC does not try in any way to reverse that action, although they may protest it vigorously. Certainly they rarely take action.

Then after all the fuss has died down the administration quietly forgets the whole thing, and proceeds to something else which they can do in their authoritarian manner.

The SRC has the problem that radical action always seems to be frowned upon by the majority of the students here and so they fear for their positions. On the other hand many students always support such action and support it strongly. Also we have rarely had a demonstration disrupted by opposition from among the students, as has happened at other universities.

This leads to the conclusion that past student councils must have had at least the passive support of most of the students with a few abstaining from any thought about the situation at all.

We think that the SRC should not be afraid to take radical action at any time that they feel the rights of the students are endangered. They must at the same time refrain from becoming an elitist group of bureaucrats who form policies without reference to the wants of the students. This danger can be overcome by having periodic mass meetings about issues and listening to the demands of the student before forming policies.

Previous student councils have formed policies and brought them to the students for ratification rather than asking the students for ideas and programs.



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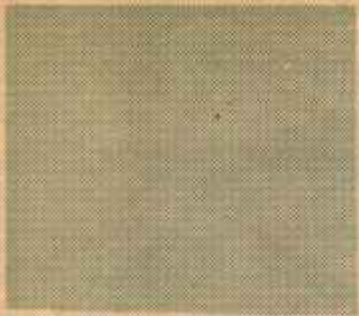
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