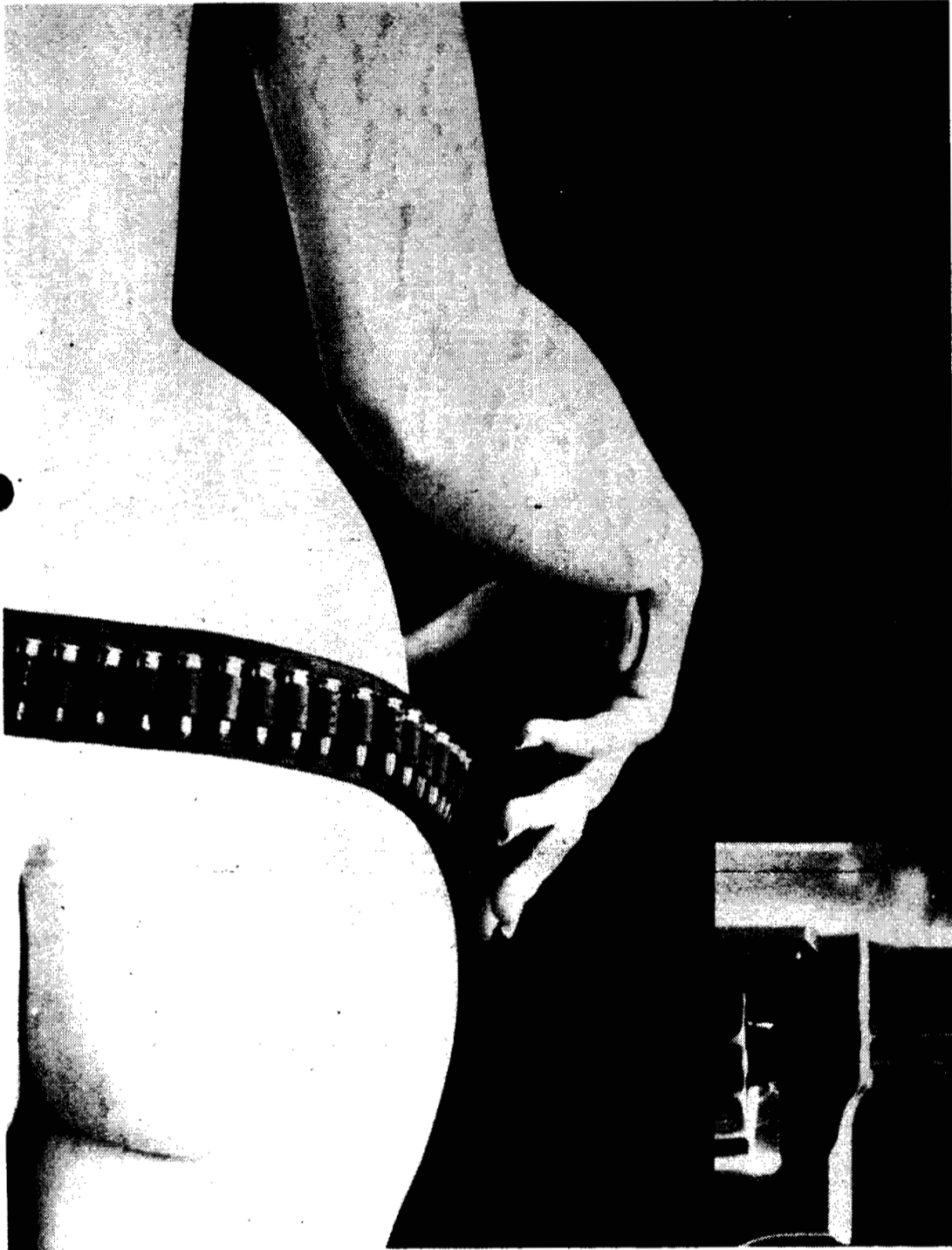


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Firings . . . can Taylor continue to turn the other cheek?

Protest action considered today

A special AMS meeting is being held in the Gym today. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the type of collective action students should take to protest procedure taken by the administration in not renewing the contracts of three popular Uvic professors.

A special Student Council meeting held after the speakeasy last Thursday passed the following motion.

"That a general meeting be held in the Gym on Tuesday, March 28, 1967, at 12:30 to discuss and consider collective student action in light of the breach of academic freedom on this campus."

Council president David Mc-

Lean issued the following statement to the press.

"When an issue arises we must look at it objectively and act accordingly. Now is the time for students and faculty to act upon the present issue at Uvic. It is an issue that demands our immediate action, regardless of public opinion.

We should condemn and disassociate ourselves from the administration actions and can do this effectively by collective student protest."

A letter has been circulated to all faculty members urging them to come to the meeting.

Dr. Taylor was also invited to come and speak to the students on the non-renewals but declined the invitation.

Flood of letters

Last week was the week for open letters. The Martlet Magazine featured letters from two professors who resigned in protest of the contract non-renewals of Messrs. Schwartz, Tarlton and Mackenzie. Seven students who visited the President and the Deans at the time the controversy broke loose distributed an open letter last Wednesday. Dr. Malcolm G. Taylor then issued a public statement on the non-renewals. Three AMS Presidents replied to Dr. Taylor's letter the next day. Also in response to the President's letter came statements from Dr. Tarlton, Jack Bush and Richard Grivil. The complete text of all these letters and statements are reprinted on pages 2 and 3.

Taylor Pressured Into firing

By MARTLET STAFF

University of Victoria President Dr. Malcolm G. Taylor has admitted the dismissal of Dr. Charles Tarlton constitutes "an abridgement of academic freedom".

Dr. Taylor made the remarks at the end of a two-hour interview with Dr. Tarlton Jan. 30 and promised to reverse the decision to terminate Tarlton's contract.

"I will reverse it," he said.

These facts came to light in a recent interview with Professors Tarlton, Richard Powers and Jerry Schwartz.

Dr. Taylor was not available for comment.

Some time later in the new year, Tarlton was called in to see Taylor again. This time, said Dr. Tarlton, Taylor explained why he had not reversed the decision and referred to "pressure from five or six persons" who had threatened to quit if Tarlton was not let go.

"I couldn't believe it," said Tarlton, who discussed the matter with the president for some time, pointing out the consequences to the university. Taylor agreed with everything he said.

"But there is nothing I could do," Taylor said. "The men who threatened to quit are good men I can't afford to lose."

Dr. Powers, assistant professor of political science, said he went to see Taylor to discuss the matter. Taylor told him about the faculty pressure from some people. They talked for an hour and a half.

Taylor told Powers, "I can say nothing but good about Tarlton's scholarship and teaching." He also told Powers that the people who had said they would leave if Tarlton didn't, were men he (Powers) would respect.

Powers told Taylor he might respect the men but felt their conduct very petty.

In a meeting with seven students Dean Wood said, according to an open letter circulated last week that:

"If these men (Professors Tarlton, Schwartz and Mackenzie) do not leave the University, within two or three years the University will lose at least four and perhaps as many as ten of our

best senior scholars and you can count the Dean of Arts and Science among that number — but this is not a threat."

The termination was the last step in a series of disagreements which began the last week of summer session last year when Dean of Arts and Science A. J. Wood protested Tarlton's giving an open book exam to his students.

It continued when Dr. Gordon Bertram, chairman of the department of economics and political science tried to pressure him into stopping publication of the faculty report, on last year's mess in the English department. "He brought up the business of my contract," said Dr. Tarlton.

Enquiries by Faculty Association past president Dr. Peter Smith succeeded in clarifying Bertram's stand.

"We're certainly going to recommend you for renewal," said Bertram, after Smith's call, according to Dr. Tarlton. "Don't worry, we'll take care of you."

Dr. Bertram was not available for comment.

Dr. Tarlton said he had been worried before, but each time he had gone to Taylor had been told not to worry . . . "You're the kind of person around whom this university should be built," Taylor told him.

Members of the faculty review committee that decided to terminate Tarlton's contract: Professors Bertram, Neil Swainson and I. D. Pal from the department of economics and political science. Also Professors Gordon Pettit, of history, Dr. Gordon Hobson of psychology, Harry Dosso of physics, and Dean Wood.

Discussion in the committee, according to one informed source, centred around the recommendation of the department that Tarlton's contract be renewed, but with the proviso that he be urged to "be less of a disruptive influence".

At no time, said Dr. Tarlton, did anyone ask me what I was working on or what I had published in the time I had been here. Dr. Tarlton has published five papers in four years, plus a book manuscript, and has been instrumental in curriculum changes and recruitment in his department.


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What you can do

What can I do? That's what students are asking themselves and each other about the non-renewals of Professors Schwartz, Tarlton and Mackenzie. For it is clear that in the minds of everyone who knows the facts these terminations represent flagrant violation of academic freedom.

What has happened is that three excellent professors, committed to a set of beliefs that demanded they speak out against the nature of decision-making processes at Uvic have been cut down by these very processes. Their firing indicates that the future for professors holding similar beliefs is unpromising indeed.

The faculty association, divided and ineffectual, has shown itself so far powerless to help its colleagues.

The students, wisely allowing the proper channels every chance of effective action, have held off acting until now. But the channels proved useless. The three professors, among the best scholars and teachers at the university are leaving for other, better paying jobs.

Yet students, even at this late date, can do something to ensure that such a debacle never happens again. They can, by their public actions make known the lack of freedom here at Uvic to the whole academic world. They can by their actions, perhaps force the administration, under the white-hot glare of public attention, to make some dramatic gesture to save the university's reputation.

They can turn out to the general AMS meeting at 12:30 today in the Gym and vote for a study-in.

The aim of the study-in is to give students a chance to publicly dissociate themselves from the administration's policy, and to demonstrate their disgust with the lack of academic freedom at Uvic as manifested by the firings.

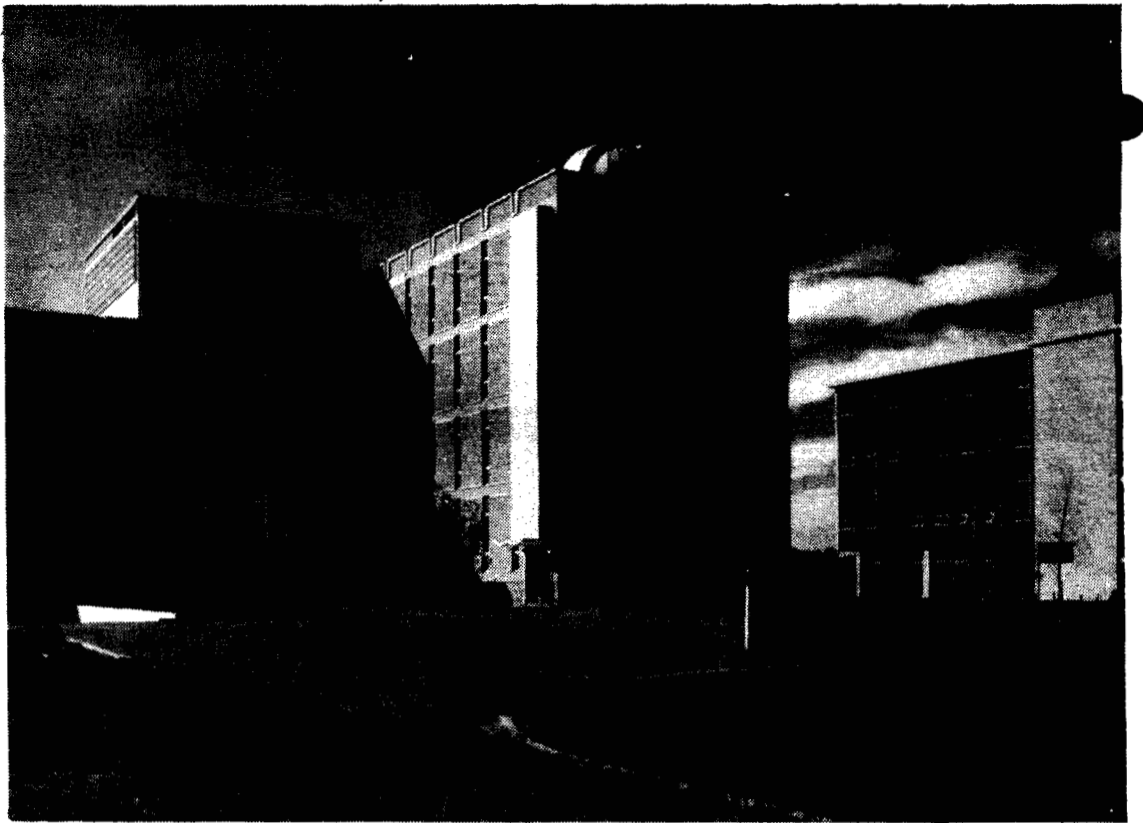
This study-in is NOT simply a boycott of classes. Students are urged to continue studying-in the library, in the SUB, in the residences. In addition, students and their parents, relatives and friends are urged to attend a series of lectures in the SUB beginning at 9:30 a.m. These lectures will be a kind of super-sight series, aimed at demonstrating to the public the calibre of the professors who are leaving.

The aim of the study-in is to attract enough public attention to the lack of freedom at Uvic that definite improvements will have to be made.

Many professors who are reluctant to speak out support the study-in because they feel it is the only device left by which the administration can be pressured into giving the full details of the firings.

Thus students are faced with a choice. To act or not to act. By acting they can affirm the principles of academic freedom and strike a blow for the improvement of the university. By not acting they can only acquiesce in the decisions and outright denials of freedom that have occurred.

But whatever you do it is your decision. Turn out to the General Meeting, express your views and vote. We urge you to support the study-in, for only YOU can make it work.



An open letter to Dr. Taylor

Dear Dr. Taylor:

On receipt of your open letter of March 23, we were pleased to note that you have decided to speak publicly with regard to the current crisis at this university. Because we believe that our views do not differ from yours, all three of us have pleaded with you to declare your position. We hoped the letter would provide that declaration. Unfortunately, the letter said nothing that in any way clarified the situation.

We agree with you that it is the right and responsibility of faculty to judge their colleagues; we believe that this judgment should be based on teaching ability and scholarship, but we know, as you know, that recent non-renewals of contracts were the result of factors other than these.

Your letter has been published in two local newspapers and the public is certain to interpret your phrase "certain elements" as meaning Professors Bush, Gravid, and the seven students who signed a public statement disclosing Dean Wood's admission that threats of resignation by a group of senior members of faculty were key factors in the decisions.

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Let us make it quite clear that we are not questioning the honesty or competence of the faculty. Let us make it quite clear that we are not questioning the right of faculty members to be assessed by their colleagues. Let us make it quite clear that the only group of people capable of destroying this university are those who would deny this right, those who acquiesce to the reversal of a departmental recommendation by an administrative committee, those who would oust a colleague for non-academic reasons.

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Once more we ask you to take the stand you said you would in the first paragraph of your letter. Once more we ask you to answer Professors Tarlton and Schwartz when they ask "why where we dismissed?" Once more we ask you to state that faculty members shall be judged only by their colleagues. Once more we ask you to repudiate the action of those faculty mem-

bers, who, in secret, threatened the Dean with their resignation, and once more we state our disappointment that the administration would bow to such coercion.

We continue to believe that we share with you a concept of a true university community secure in the knowledge that teaching ability and scholarship will be the criteria for evaluation. We are confident that we share with you the certainty that such an environment is conducive to academic excellence.



TAYLOR

The appeals are over — the C.A.U.T. report is in Ottawa and cannot be prejudicially influenced. You are free to act. Therefore we appeal to you, as President, to act decisively and immediately to define just who are the "certain elements" determined to undermine the rights and responsibilities of the faculty, and to ensure that never again will an excellent teacher and unimpeachable scholar be lost to this university because of secretive threats to the Dean. We look to you today, to fulfill the responsibilities you set for yourself at your installation.

David McLean,
Stephen Bigsby,
Paul Williamson

Taylor speaks

As a result of recent open letters to the faculty and of statements in the press I feel it is my duty at this time to place on record a formal and unequivocal statement of my stand on the current situation at the University of Victoria.

Because it is the right and responsibility of the faculty to judge their fellows and then advise me about such matters as appointments, reappointments, promotions and tenure, I have at all times avoided — as I must avoid now — any public statement that might influence favorably or unfavorably those judgments.

And yet at the very time that these orderly procedures are being followed the university is being subjected to what appears to be a concerted attack not only upon those of our colleagues who are conscientiously trying to reach decisions but also upon the integrity and competence of the whole faculty. At such a time I cannot remain silent.

It seems to me now that certain elements are determined to undermine — perhaps even destroy — the professional standing of the faculty and the good name of the university. I therefore protest and condemn any attacks designed to call into question the honesty and competence of my colleagues. Moreover, I wish to assure them of my deep concern and distress over the indignities they have suffered during these past weeks.

I reaffirm my trust in
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'Taylor's statement beneath his office'

President Taylor's statement of Thursday in which he attempted to meet the serious questions of intelligent professional academics by conjuring up spectres of conspiracies and plots was beneath his person and his office. It was even more shocking to me in light of the high opinion which I held before of his ability to be both fair and acute in his assessment of situations.

Insofar as both President Taylor and I are both political scientists trained at the University of California, I find it difficult to understand how he could both violate the dignity of his office and demean the academic discipline in which we both participate.

The statement, in its references to concerted efforts to undermine the reputation of the University of Victoria, was a snide, intellectually feeble, and too remindful of the tactics of the American radical right to fit comfortably in the minds of serious members of the university community.

C. D. Tarlton

Open letters

Student delegates report pressure

March 22, 1967

To whom it may concern:

On February 8, 1967, a delegation of seven students held separate meetings with President Malcolm Taylor, Dean Alex Wood, Dean R. R. Jeffels and Dean Tyler to express their deep concern over the unwarranted dismissals of Professors Tarlton, Schwartz and Mackenzie from the faculty of the University of Victoria.

We believe that the non-renewal of the contracts of these men constitutes a gross denial of academic freedom. Our conviction is that excellent and dedicated instructors are being removed without justifiable cause, but because of conflicts of personality with the university. Subsequent actions since that time have strengthened our conviction that this reason, and no other, constitutes the motive behind the administration's action.

To prevent any misunderstanding, we wish to state clearly and without hesitation that at a meeting with the Dean of Arts and Science at 11:30 a.m., February 8th, Dr. Wood informed us that:

"If these men do not leave the university, within two or three years the university will lose at least four and perhaps as many as ten of our best senior scholars and you can count the Dean of Arts and Science among that number — but this is not a threat."

We believe that the statements made to us represent the crux of the issue. We feel it is predominantly a question of personality conflict and that the statements made by the Dean to our delegation on February 8th must be confirmed and made known, for it is essential that all members of the faculty of this University realize that no professor is secure if such threats are as effective as they have been. Compatibility with the faculty members who threatened the Dean, not teaching ability or scholarship, is the primary criterion for survival at this university.

Stephen Bigsby
Paul Williamson
Jack MacDonald
Nan Elliott

Ken Hart
Brian White
Neil Williamson

Profs insulted by Taylor's comment

Dr. Taylor's statement on Thursday amounts to a direct challenge to our motivation in resigning to protest the dismissals of three of our colleagues. At no time since our decisions to make the only meaningful protest open to us has either of us attacked or wished to attack "the integrity and competence of the whole faculty." We must resent strongly the suggestion that we could contemplate conspiring to "undermine — perhaps even destroy—the professional standing of the Faculty and the good name of the university."

We find it quite inconceivable that this be interpreted as an attack upon the university.

Jack Bush
Richard I. Grivil

Frank discussions we have held separately with Dr. Taylor during the last three months have given him absolutely no cause to reach such conclusions and should reassure him of the exact opposite. In view of this, we feel personally insulted by the president's decision to brand our separate protests as a concerted attack upon the entire university.

We wish to make clear that it is precisely because we feel a commitment to the university and to the wider interests of education that we have taken the step of resignation. In the absence of open debate by the Joint Faculties we have argued, in our open letters, that these decisions were made on non-academic grounds and that they therefore constitute a threat to the basic principles of the uni-

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TAYLOR (Cont'd)
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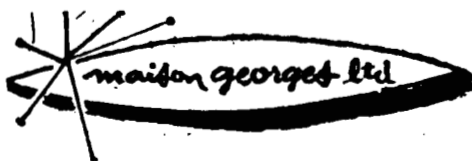
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CUS: a year of withdrawal

OTTAWA (CUP) — Winter is beckoning to Spring and students across Canada are preparing for the final onset of term papers and exams.

Their leaders are now looking back over an unusual year — rife with new talk about student activism, student involvement in university government and developments in education.

It began with the usual Canadian Union of Students declarations about busting the social fabric of this country by pressing for free education, student salaries, better teaching in the universities and open decision-making by the crusty legions of university government.

For 28-year-old John Douglas Ward, president of CUS, it began with the certain knowledge that if Canada's largest student organization was going to rise beyond mealy declarations, it was going to have to lose some members.

And lose them it did. Eight universities have withdrawn from CUS since Ward faced the annual congress last fall.

The withdrawals, centred on the activism issue, cost CUS all its Quebec membership and shaved its rolls to 40 universities and 150,000 students.

But today, it isn't easy to say Ward has been able to maintain the congress orientation.

CUS itself withdrew from something — casting aside its full membership status in both the International Student Conference (ISC) and the International Union of Students (IUS) — both student manifestations of the Cold War.

CUS has failed (on more campuses than Ward's army could visit in six months) to activate the bureaucratic, administrative monstrosities that are local student government.

Now the union holds associate membership — and no vote — in both international student camps, although it reserves the right to make policy declarations in international affairs.

Ward has fearlessly blasted students' councils for dealing in the "irrelevant" things like winter carnivals, yearbooks and campus dances.

Out of Doug Ward has come massive office reorganization, new concentration on implementing CUS legislation, a research centre and a start on field work.

Local CUS chairman have failed to take CUS ideas and programs to their campuses, and projects like Univac have died on many of their desks.

A communications secretariat last fall published program outlines to help local campuses in their drive for seats on univer-

There are perhaps half a dozen campuses Ward is pleased with today. He is counting on a newsletter called CUS Across Canada and work by his travelling secretariat to produce better local student government.

But more and more, there is a feeling in CUS headquarters that student government will have to be by-passed and better communication methods found if Doug Ward's successor, Hugh Armstrong, is to reach students effectively.

There is a new reliance on the new provincial structure which CUS has assumed this year.

He said this week he can't foresee much growth in the national headquarters for a while. The Ottawa beachhead is probably established, and social activists will now carry their battle on to provincial fronts.

Ward, who was levelled for part of January and February with a serious case of flu, is now hard at work trying to make up lost time.

Indicators of success achieved by CUS lobbyists aren't many, but they represent some solid gains.

For example, the free education lobby is now gaining support from many politicians in the so-called old line parties. Students on half a dozen campuses have gained representation on senior university governing bodies.

And there is no indication that tuition fee hikes will be general across the country this year.

Ward's long-awaited report on CUS structures will be considered by a CUS directors meeting next month . . . if he can get it finished.

And when Spring truly comes the CUS secretariat will be gearing for closer contact with students interested in going activist.

The next approach will be direct, warns Ward. This year about 3,000 students have written for information about CUS. Next year, with an expanded communications section, Ward is hoping to boost that figure to 15,000.

If it happens, a student movement centred on social conscience will owe a lot to Ward. He could be remembered as the man who wove an astonishing new bureaucracy into the fabric of social protest in Canada.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS PLANNING TO RE-REGISTER FOR THE SESSION

1967-68

1. The last date for submission of applications for re-registration in the session 1967-68 is **Friday, 30 June 1967**. This is a new date authorized by the Senate.
2. A copy of the re-registration form will be mailed to each student who writes final examinations in April. This form will be included with the student's Statement of Marks.
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