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CUS Maintains Policy Students Are Citizens

Bigsby Loses Election But Hails CUS Stand



BIGSBY: greater involvement

Stephen Bigsby, past president of the students' council of the University of Victoria, lost a bid for the presidency of CUS last Friday. But the national union will continue to support a policy of broad social involvement for students.

Peter Warran, a sociology student at the University of Waterloo, was elected 1968-69 president on the last day of the week-long CUS congress at the University of Western Ontario in London.

He will serve as president-elect for one year before succeeding current president Hugh Armstrong.

Bigsby and Warran ran on similar platforms. Both favoured increased involvement in students' total environment.

Warran tended to take an ideological stand for more student participation in both the governing of universities and the learning process.

He argued academic reform was possible only if students realized their personal problems were caused by their environment.

"Personal problems are related to public issues," was his theme.

Bigsby supported this, but called for a more realistic appreciation of campus level problems.

Stressing techniques and planning, he said "we can never achieve our aims if actual conditions are forgotten."

Bigsby warned against the perpetual CUS phobia of lack of campus support.

"The quality of ideas must be our only criterion, not numbers of support. Apathy is not a mandate to oppose."

Two other candidates, Peter Larson of Western and John Cleveland of Kings, pulled out before the vote.

After the election, Bigsby expressed confidence President-elect Warran would continue to keep CUS progressive.

The organization will remain involved in international student affairs despite opposition to such involvement from several campuses over the past two years.

The congress voted to maintain associate status with both the "eastern-oriented" International Union of Students and the "western-oriented" International Student Conference.

CUS has for several years mistrusted these organizations as outmoded products of a 1950-ish cold war mentality.

Last year's disclosure the C.I.A. had supplied funds for the ISC provided ammunition for those who would have CUS withdraw completely from the international field.

The congress also approved a 10 per cent per capita fee increase with the qualification campuses with genuine financial problems could remain in at a reduced rate.

Four campuses, UBC, Saskatoon, York Glendon, and St. Patrick's College took advantage of the permissive clause permitting them to stay in for less than 75 cents a head.

Students' council president David McLean led the Victoria delegation to the congress, the 5th since former president Alf Pettersen led Victoria into CUS in 1962.

Log Saws, Conspiracy Next Week

The Peanut Butter Conspiracy, a San Francisco rock band, headlines a swinging frosh week September 18 - 23.

They will play Friday evening at the big Frosh dance to be held at the Esquimalt Sports Centre.

In addition, there will be costume sockhops all through the week at the Student Union Building. Monday is mod; Tuesday is hard times; Wednesday is beach wear and Thursday is protest night.

Saturday, there will not be one as usual, but three log saws.

Students in the three faculties—Arts, Science, and Education—will compete at different beaches to make the most money.

When it's over, they'll all come back to campus for a giant feast and open-air dance.

Tuesday, at noon, is the frosh assembly in the gym. They will hear addresses from Dr. Taylor and members of students' council.

Friday, Frosh queen candidates will parade in the afternoon at the SUB, prior to judging and awarding of the crown at the dance that evening.

Enrollment Nears Four Thousand Mark

An estimated 3,900 students are expected to register in UVic's biggest-ever enrollment this week.

Of these, 3,800 will be undergraduate students and 100 will be doing graduate work.

But considering the total academic year, in which 900 were registered in summer session and an expected 700 will take evening courses, UVic is already well into the 5,000-plus bracket.

Last year 3,400 students were enrolled during the winter session.

Big news this year is that there will be no Saturday classes.

Last May the Senate authorized the registrar's office to eliminate Saturday classes from this year's timetable schedule.

What this means for students, in most cases, is that the old Monday-Wednesday-Friday patterns will be broken.

Instead, students will have a class on one separate day, such as Monday, and then on

two consecutive days, such as Thursday and Friday.

Of this winter's enrollment, 300 will live on campus in four residences, two of which were just completed. Together they will comprise UVic's first college.

About 140 women will live in Margaret Newton Hall and Emily Carr Hall, and 160 men will live in the yet unnamed men's residences.

A faculty committee is presently thinking about what to name the University's first college. Suggestions from students are welcome, they say.

The University's second college is already in early planning stages to help accommodate part of 10,000 predicted students by mid-1980's.

Martlet, Pubs Oust Athletics

The Martlet and other publications have moved into the old Athletic Council office upstairs in the student union building.

The former pubs offices became part of the expanded SUB cafeteria last year and pubs operated out of clubs' rooms.

Eventually, the Martlet is supposed to move into what is now the Medical Hut. In the meantime, we're in the Sub. Won't you join us in putting out the paper? Everybody welcome.

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The Week That Was

Due to efforts of organizers and participants, Youth Week, held August 20 to 27, rates as a highly successful and worthwhile project. Credit for this must go to members of local religious youth groups, students and the Victoria Youth Council.

Hard work done in preparation for the week was rewarded by strongly interested attenders at nearly all events. From the parade which kicked off the week and the public forums held nightly at the university, to the happenings and dances which brought the week to an end, "Our Week" generated spontaneous and genuine enthusiasm among youth and others alike.

Although attempts to hold a Love-in to climax the week failed because of an unco-operative city council, no serious detrimental effect was suffered.

However, in the midst of this shower of praise filter sprinklings of constructive criticism. Failure of two bands to entertain at the end of the inaugural parade could have been prevented with more diligent organization by planners. Although it might be considered a petty point to argue, hundreds of eager spectators were disappointed by the bands' non-appearance. As the first event in the week, it could have spelled disaster.

Another bone of contention is the choice of speakers scheduled to herald the nightly public forums.

Rather than picking a sole candidate to lead the discussion, it would have been better to slate a panel with known opposing views which would have served better to generate controversy and stimulate interest.

For such an important dialogue as "Youth and the Police", why pick a man who has as much as stated publicly he doesn't care for or think much of the under 25 group.

To talk on "Psychedelics and Youth", why pick a speaker supposedly with a high knowledge of the subject who spoke only in generalities and could give no specific facts or details about something which has become one of the most widespread topics of discussion in this country.

Held annually a youth week could have a tremendous effect upon the city of Victoria. However, in order for it to enjoy significant success, attention must be paid to the above mentioned recommendations.

The SUB That Could Be

Overcrowded facilities in the Student Union Building will be obvious to students attending the university this year. The present building, completed in 1963, was built with an eye to a population of approximately 3,000 students by 1970. With current enrollment close to 4,000, cafeteria, recreation and office accommodation in the building are unsatisfactory.

An obvious solution is to expand and to do so immediately.

Last term preliminary plans for a \$1,000,000 expansion were drawn up and could have gone to tender in February. If the program had been implemented, a building of sufficient size would have been in use by the beginning of 1968.

However, in April of this year a freeze on all campus planning and expansion came into effect due to financial difficulties and much dissension about overall future plans of the campus. With this freeze, the SUB expansion program to all intents and purposes ground to a halt. And since then, no one has voiced a positive opinion as to when expansion can commence.

A considerable amount of student money was spent last year on architects' plans for a new addition. A considerable amount of time was spent drawing up and revising the plans for the addition. Was this time and money wasted? Why cannot the campus planning committee find a speedy solution to their dilemma and allow construction of an expanded SUB to take place?

Does students' council intend to interest themselves in this vitally important issue and will they pursue the problem diligently until a solution is found? Until serious consideration is given to the above questions, students must exist in a small overcrowded building hampered by inadequate eating space and office facilities and all student activities will suffer.

This situation will probably exist for at least two years and will get much worse during that time.

It is not good enough. Let's have some action on the problem now.

—Deryk Thompson



"I trust People over Thirty"



VICTORIA YOUTH COUNCIL PROMOTES HUMANIZATION IN PROPOSED AUTUMN PROGRAM

By CHARLES BARBER

The Victoria Youth Council is a group of young people that is trying to promote the kind of social change necessary to humanize our world.

The individual projects that are planned from September to January will be oriented around education, high school organizing, publishing, court action, recreation, and the December elections.

Four monthly magazines will be published: the Winepress, the Artist, Peter's Magazine, and Menopause 12. The Word of the Lord is published weekly. We shall also continue the social education centre as a publisher of pamphlets.

Education plans include research into a free university, a parent-operated kindergarten, public seminars and high school workshops.

High school organizing will involve development of an inter-high school paper, democratization of elections in schools, workshops, leafletting, preparation for student strikes and liberalization of censorship in school papers.

In the field of court action we are preparing to take a case to the Welfare Appeal Board; this might involve suing the police for malfeasance. We hope also to test the contraceptive and vagrancy laws.

A recreation committee has been struck to consider calling out the park supervisors on strike to point out the shoddiness of some parks.

Election activity will involve printing posters and

leaflets, running and/or supporting candidates for the mayoralty, aldermanic and school board campaigns.

Special VYC projects include:

- A vagrant-in at Centennial Square.
- Development of an all-inclusive Youth Centre.
- Development of a Radical Education Project.
- Formation of an inter-school students' council or union.
- Preparation of student-written briefs and reports to the Department of Education.
- An art raffle.
- An assembly of unrepresented peoples.
- Labour pools and co-op stores.

• Attempted prosecution of Ald. Baird for vagrancy (the law reads: "no visible means of support," not declaring that support to be physical or mental. We would prosecute on the latter charge.)

• Trying to keep out of debt.

• Production of films and tapes.

Taylor Names English Head

University president Malcolm Taylor today named the new head of the Department of English.

Dr. Roy Leslie, 45, currently at the University of Wisconsin and formerly with the University of Manchester will take up his new duties here next July 1.

He succeeds Prof. Roger Bishop who resigned last January after 22 years in the position.

Dr. Leslie studied at the University of Manchester after a wartime career with

the R.A.F. He joined the Manchester faculty in 1950 and moved to Wisconsin in 1964.

Dr. Leslie teaches the history of the English language, and Old and Middle English literature. He has published several books on Old English poetry and the development of the English novel and English drama.

Until Dr. Leslie's arrival in Victoria, the acting head of the English department here will be Professor John Peter.

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CUS Seminar

Structure Out, Say Students

Delegates from universities across Canada attending a Canadian Union of Students seminar on academic reform at UBC September 19 to 29 faced a crucial test on the seventh day of the session.

Several participants, dissatisfied with the non-structured aspect of the conference, called a plenary session and proposed striking a steering committee to direct the seminar for the final three days.

It was imperative, they claimed, to produce concrete proposals and realistic programs for reform. When a vote was taken, the only one during the seminar, the proposal was defeated 31/21. The seminar participants, after much questioning, re-

jected orthodox methodology as a viable means of reform.

What does this rejection mean for universities in Canada, already rocked with student and faculty unrest?

Those involved in the seminar, particularly proponents of the non-structured approach, are reluctant to make predictions, believing such statements tend to limit future action. Nevertheless, several interpretations of the important decision to maintain the unstructured approach are meaningful.

First, the participants rejected the present university structure as the best learning environment. If the seminar is, in the words of CUS

president Douglas Ward "a model learning community," then the rejection of lectures, a rigid timetable and an imposed program is rejection of contemporary universities.

Second, participants were confronted with the fact freedom can be stifling. The basic conflict which developed was between those who believed their learning potential was increased in a free environment and those who require a structured teaching situation.

Third, humanization became a consideration. Those opposed to the steering committee were in simple terms opposed to anything which would restrict their human right to decide what is best for themselves.

In practical realities, this consideration challenges administrative aids such as prerequisite courses, provincial or departmental examinations, and even examinations themselves, which characterize our educational system.

Fourth, two groups usually opposed to one another joined forces to defeat the move towards structure. The first were those who genuinely believe in a concept of participatory education. The second were political strategists, appropriately dubbed "wheelies" who desire to manipulate political situations to achieve reform and who realize arbitrary action by "political bosses" within the universities will no longer be accepted.

The group in opposition, faced with the possibility of returning to their home campuses without some concrete plan for academic reform,

felt insecure. A structured situation, with lectures and papers, would provide them with a report.

The fifth factor is most significant. The basic dichotomy at the seminar was between those satisfied with a personal experience of a model learning community and those who wanted a blueprint for reform. Generally, the first were called "personalists" and the second "strategists." By the end of the seminar, individuals in both groups began to realize the first experience was as pragmatic as the second.

This should not be taken as an acceptance on their part that the best learning environment is completely unstructured, for indeed the seminar was an extreme. But having experienced the extreme and knowing the weaknesses of the unstructured situation for large numbers of people, they can set their sights on a more efficacious structure. And it almost goes without saying, the institution they advocate is closer to the extreme of the unstructured seminar than to the present straight-jacketed university.

Victoria students Steve Sullivan, Nora Seaborne and Tom Paul attended the CUS Seminar at UBC. Paul Williamson, author of this article, was present part of the time as a member of the press.

Summer "Professors" Work 90-hour Week in the Bush

What is Frontier College?

Hart: Many people have asked me just that. Frontier College is an organization founded in 1899 to promote education in the Canadian bush camps among men who may not have had the opportunities that city dwellers have.

How does Frontier College go about all this?

Hart: Each summer a group of college students is sent out into the bush to work as labourers on the gangs. Each evening when their labouring is done they become "professors" (their most common nickname on the gangs), organizing classes, discussions, sports, film programs, libraries and counselling services.

What qualifies the Frontier College volunteer?

Hart: It is difficult to say . . . resourcefulness, ability to communicate, concern, good physical shape . . . and a little altruism.

Mike, where did Frontier College send you for the summer?

de Rosenroll: I spent the greater part of the time in the wilderness of Northern Ontario and Manitoba working on a railway steel laying gang. Much of these months passed in mortal combat with ravenous mos-

quitoes and cannibalistic black flies. I began as a lowly "picker-upper" and advanced as my proficiency with lining bar (glorified crow-bar) and sledge hammer increased.

Could you describe the working conditions?

de Rosenroll: We worked a 60-90 hour week in all types of weather, from 100° above to freezing snow. There was food in quantity and a place to sleep, though the quality of both were no more than adequate.

Starting wage was \$1.64 an hour (about \$1.00 an hour less than a student labourer in B.C. can make). The main parts of my Frontier College program were English classes and informal discussions. These took up my evenings, stretching the working day another 2 to 4 hours.

Could you sum up the summer for us?

de Rosenroll: I think Ken will agree with me on this. The summer was personally rewarding to an extent which in April I would have found unimaginable. We both feel we gained more than we gave.

Ken Hart and Mike de Rosenroll are 1967 University of Victoria graduates who spent the summer working for Frontier College.

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Uvic Tries For Olympics

Uvic at the Olympics? It could come true if the members of the Viking Rowing team have their way.

After coming close to making the Pan-American games this spring (they placed third), the team is all out to make the Olympics this year.

Trying for the Pan-Ams, the crew undertook a heavy training schedule this spring. Coached by Lorne Loomer, they trained as much as three hours a day seven days a week.

They competed against the big American institutions at the Western Sprints Inter-collegiate Rowing Championships in California and placed 8th of seventeen.

Back in B.C. they had more success, winning the B.C. Championship Perpetual Trophy at the Shawnigan Lake Centennial Regatta.

On July 13 they went east

to try for the Pan-Ams, losing only to a powerful UBC crew and the much-heralded St. Catherines team.

Uvic coxswain Richard Wright was chosen to represent Canada at the Pan-Am Games in the pair with cox-

swain events.

And now for the Olympics. It takes time and lots of guts. If you think you might qualify, watch The Martlet for details of the first meeting and daily calisthenics session, or phone 477-2122.

Jeffels Heads Student and College Affairs

Dean Ronald Jeffels is resigning as University of Victoria registrar to assume a double-barrelled deanship.

Dean Jeffels will remain dean of student affairs and will also become dean of college affairs.

His new deanship will be a key position in university planning and organization of the new colleges.

His resignation as registrar will become effective as soon as a new registrar is

found. University officials hope this will be before the end of 1967.

Dean Jeffel's new title will be Dean of College and Student Affairs.

Registrar since 1963, he is a member of the committee which developed plans for the college system, due to start operation in the fall of 1968. At least six colleges are planned for 1974-75.

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Are you, as professors, students, administrators, but essentially PEOPLE, dissatisfied with the curriculum at Uvic?

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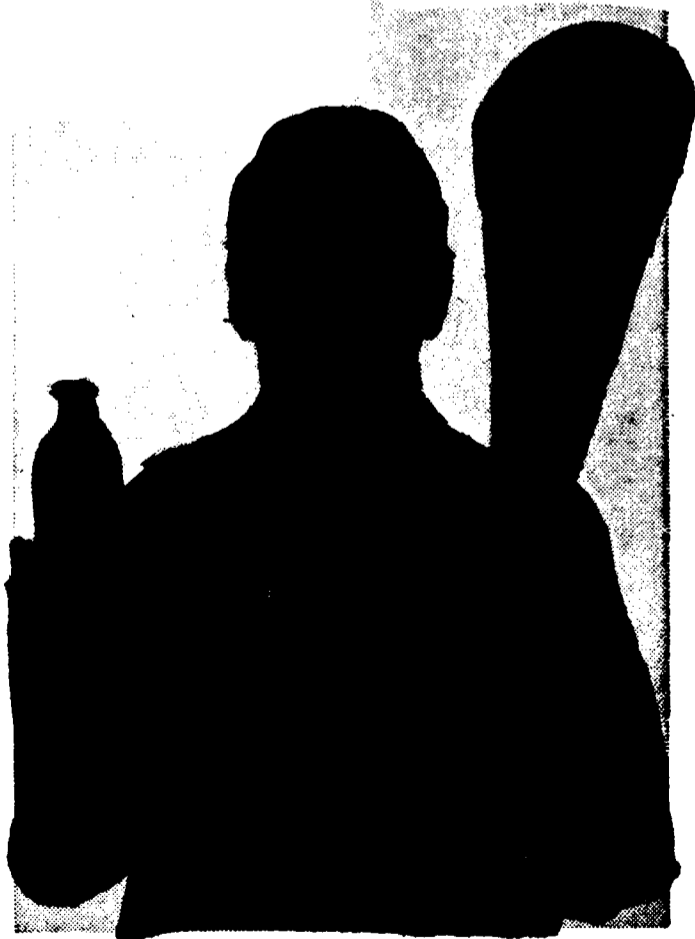
ing; or maybe you just want to talk about non-verbal communication.

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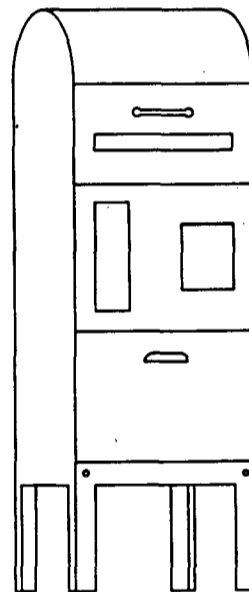
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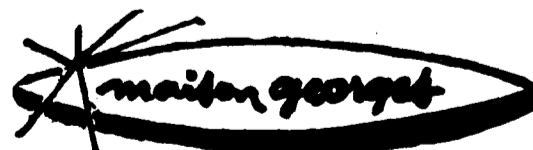
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