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"Heroes are created by popular demand, sometimes out of the scantiest material."
G. W. Johnson

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Brief war ends with resignation

Dr. Alan Gowans, division head of art and art history, resigned as chairman of a committee on student government Wednesday following a quarrel with student leaders.

The dispute began months ago when Alma Mater Society president Frank Frketich submitted a brief entitled The Need for Change to the committee.

Dr. Gowans responded with a criticism of student government which he circulated privately to members of the committee, and gave in confidence to Frketich.

Frketich had copies of the brief made and gave them to the students of the representative assembly (students' council).

Dr. Gowans' brief consists of criticism of the policies of the students' council.

"We too are prepared to demand changes," reads Dr. Gowans' paper, which also claims to speak for "the overwhelming majority" of faculty, past and present, at the university.

"We are tired of having the essential work of the university continuously harassed by this miniscule minority of part-time students who cannot or will not understand what a university is all about," he complained of students' council members.

Basically, Dr. Gowans' criticisms are, first, of the manner of electing the members of the representative assembly, which he says is not representative of the general student body.

He also says that councillors are merely mouthpieces for "professional students", politically-minded students from eastern Canada and the American schools.

"It is humiliating to have our student body represented by imitators so servile they cannot even comprehend what the proposals they are parroting imply," he says.

The Martlet also came under attack from the professor. It was described as "just possibly the worst 'student' newspaper in North America" and directly compared to the Volkischer Beobachter, the party paper of Nazi Germany.

Dr. Gowans claimed that letters critical of student council policy remained unprinted by the Martlet, and that it was "ridiculous, boring, childish vulgar, and uninformative."

The final reform suggested by Dr. Gowans was that payment of AMS fees be voluntary.

Jeff Green, a third-year arts student, member of the assembly and one of the students who sat on the committee on student government, replied to Dr. Gowans' comments with a defence of council policy.

"Dr. Gowans has secretly and confidentially chosen to exhibit a hostile attitude toward student representatives," he said.

His paper also demanded that Dr. Gowans resign as chairman of the university government committee.

"He could only retard any progress that this committee could otherwise make."



yes sir
mister frosh
leader sir
I AM happy.

the Frosh as Nigger

—BRUNSWICKIAN

'Constant turmoil' radical aim - Gowans

Students advocating radical changes in administrative structures at Uvic want to transform the university into a state of constant turmoil, says Dr. Alan Gowans.

The recently resigned chairman of the committee on university government says radical reform is not necessary at Uvic.

"I feel we have a very good university here," he said Monday.

"I feel the administration is very sympathetic toward the students."

"The great majority of faculty and students don't want a university that is in a constant state of turmoil."

Dr. Gowans described suggestions for reform contained in Frank Frketich's brief 'The Need For Change' as a "mixed bag."

"Some of them have already been implemented,"

he said.

He said he regrets the language he used in his secret brief on student government was "stronger than warranted", but added that he still holds to the ideas expressed in his paper.

The committee on university government was set up to discuss ideas, he said, but not necessarily implement changes in the present structure.

"We have to decide what kind of an institution the university is before we can decide what it is supposed to become," he said.

Dr. Gowans said he spent several weeks doing background reading on the subject of student revolt before he presented his brief to the committee.

Twenty years teaching experience at Ivy League and state universities in the United States have given him a good understanding of the prob-

lems that concern a university, he said.

The main role of a campus newspaper is to provide training for students who intend to pursue careers in journalism, said the head of Art and Art History.

Dr. Gowans was art critic for the University of Toronto's Varsity during his undergraduate years.

He recommended that the Martlet carry national and international news, as well as catering to the wide range of interests found in a university community.

Student power tame at Uvic

Students at Uvic have been less radical in their approach to university reform than at other universities claims AMS president Frank Frketich.

He was answering charges from Dr. Alan Gowans that a student clique is constantly harassing university administrators.

"I think our approach has been very reasonable and restrained, unlike the approaches taken by student bodies at a lot of other universities.

"We haven't for example, come remotely near the approach of overt action we saw at Simon Fraser this summer," Frketich said.

"Our idea of university reform is and has been, one of presenting proposals for free and open discussion."

He said Uvic's student administrators are not connected with the extremely radical Students for a Democratic Society, and do not parrot the views of anyone, "radical or otherwise."

"Dr. Gowans has charged that the student government at Uvic is a clique of political science students," Frketich said.

"He says representatives should be elected according to majors instead of generally."

"Well, there are only three or four people

from poli-sci on council now, and there are representatives from science, education, fine arts and the humanities.

"Everyone is pretty fairly represented," he said.

"If we do it his (Dr. Gowans') way we'll end up with the same problem they've got at U.B.C. — factions fighting factions for diverse interests."

Frketich said Gowans felt the committee on university government should be nothing more than an advisory committee to the president of the president of the university.

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The old cowhand still lives clean

By **MOUNTEBANK**

I met Roy Rogers the other day. And Dale Evans. I mean, they really exist, and I really met them.

I went to a press club cocktail party in Vancouver while the PNE was on, and the King and Queen of the Cowboys (who were entertaining at the Ex), were the guests of honour.

Several of us were hunched over a table swilling bad gin, watching colour television coverage of the Democrats' suicidal orgy, interrupted by periodic close-ups

of sweating, snarling storm-troopers busting noses, heads and teeth. A lot of people in the club were getting noisily drunk, including a number of heavily-bearded, broad-nostrilled, pugnacious reporters with obvious Irish names, one or two pseudo-mod dapper dans with gleaming shoes, and a clutch of girl-Fridays with mini-skirts and ironed hair. A typical Vancouver social scene — lots of booze, lots of loud with-it talk, and a general vacuous, desperate zing! about it all. A sort of lotus-land with ulcers.

Then, in came Roy. His skin was brown and smooth as fine leather; he wore a tan custom-made suit that fit perfectly over his lean body; his white stetson was set at a slightly rakish angle. His dark brown boots had polished genuine silver toes. Dale Evans followed, in flounced polka dots (or something), two or three pounds of pancake make-up and hair-

spray, with a permanent sweet smile. Her eyes, which jumped swiftly from face to face, were very blue and very clear.

As I watched Roy Rogers answer questions, I could not believe that he was sixty years old. But I remembered, too, the Saturday afternoons at stinking matinees, screaming with excitement as Roy thundered over the hill on Trigger just in time to fling himself into the fray, fists flying, shirt ripped, to untie Dale from the cactus and ride away as the violins and guitars rose in a quavering crescendo, and the Sons of the Pioneers whoo-whoop-deeded a couple of choruses.

The visitation came to an end. The King delivered a graceful speech about beautiful Vancouver, the joys of the PNE, but mostly about children. The King loves children, and fills his desert mansion with them — all colours and nationalities. He builds hospitals and gives away money to causes for kids. He told us about his grandchildren, and about the one "in the oven." Then he turned to the Queen, patted her affectionately on the bottom, and said, "Momma — you wanna say anything?" The Queen laughed (from a distance the make-up was nearly invisible) and said "No father, you said it all." Then they left.

I noticed how quiet it was. The bellowing and lurid ugliness on the television screen seemed distant and irrelevant, the outside world violent and rushed. After all, Roy Rogers symbolized a much simpler, more direct way of life — a life at the same time violent and sincere, honest and artificial. But the King, a living legend (albeit, a little camp), really believes in all those simple virtues. A successful capitalist, immortalized in comic books, clean and straight as a new Winchester. And he really believes. Wow.

(Ed.—Mountebank is a columnist since way back when who has been writing on and off for the Martlet under the questionable anonymity of this pseudonym since 1963.)



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Withdrawal tabled . . . 'Far left' CUS like Pravda

The Representative Assembly last Monday tabled a motion that the University of Victoria withdraw from the Canadian Union of Students.

The motion was introduced by Activities Chairman Paul Watson who terms the leadership of CUS "far, far, far left" and claims that "CUS completely alienated itself from the majority of students in Canada and on this campus, in particular at the last congress."

Frank Frketich, student president and leader of the University of Victoria delegation to the congress, opposes the motion to withdraw from CUS. He took the delegation to Guelph seeking structural changes in the organization of CUS which would "bring CUS closer to the student on the campus."

Two major changes were made: field work was decentralized and a national council was formed on a regional basis.

"With these changes CUS can be more effective on campus. There will be a field worker in B.C. on a permanent basis and he will be on campus often to talk to the students," Frketich said.

"The things we are trying to do on this campus are similar to the goals of CUS."

The two other members of the Victoria delegation, Jeff Green and Bob Higinbotham also oppose the motion to withdraw.

"Students must become aware of the union and its power, its ability to help them in achieving their aims. The only reason for having a union is so that it can work for the members as a tool," said Green.

Bob Higinbotham, the third member of the Victoria delegation, wants to adopt a wait-and-see attitude. "I feel that the universities will do something this year. If they do, fine. If they don't we won't be in CUS next year," Higinbotham said.

Paul Watson feels that the basic aims of CUS have changed as a result of the "far left leadership."

"After reading some of the motions that were passed at the congress I felt that I had been reading the editorial page of Pravda," Watson said.

"They condemn the U.S. war effort in Viet Nam and then turn around and endorse the National Liberation Front which also engages in nationalist terrorist activities that only hurt the people of Viet Nam," Watson said.

Watson also criticized the resolution of the congress condemning the capitalist system and the increase in the per capita levy. CUS has raised its fees from 75 cents to one dollar per student.

"It was my feeling when we discussed this in the assembly before the congress that 75 cents would be our limit, although this does not appear in the minutes. Five thousand dollars is an awful price to pay, I think we should have our lawyers look into the agreement," Watson said.

The Representative Assembly will debate the motion at its next regular meeting, 7:30, September 29.

Seats up for grabs

Sixteen seats in the representative assembly and a pair of executive council positions come up for grabs October 11.

Nominations open September 27 and run through October 4.

Four of the 16 seats will be open to first year students, six go to second year students, and the remaining six belong to students from third year up.

Resignations from Academic Affairs chairman Deryk Thompson and campus development chairman, Dave De Rosenroll necessitated by-elections for the council positions.

The campaign week for candidates runs the last week before elections, and student candidates can expect \$5 grants from the AMS to cover campaign expenses.

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| Wednesday 7:30— 8:15 a.m. 4:30— 6:00 p.m. 6:00— 8:00 p.m. 8:00—11:00 p.m. | Rowing. Men's J.V. Basketball. Men's Varsity Basketball. Student's Badminton. |
| Thursday 7:30— 8:15 a.m. 4:30— 6:00 p.m. 6:00— 7:30 p.m. 7:30— 9:00 p.m. 9:00—11:00 p.m. | Rowing. Men's Varsity and J.V. Basketball. Women's Basketball. Volleyball. Intramurals. |
| Friday 7:30— 8:15 a.m. 4:30— 6:00 p.m. | Rowing. Men's Varsity Basketball (Sept. 28 - Oct. 25). |
| Saturday 8:00—10:00 a.m. 10:00—12:00 p.m. 12:00— 2:00 p.m. | Men's J.V. Basketball. Men's Varsity Basketball (Sept. 28 - Oct.31). |

DANCE STUDIO

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| Monday 6:00— 7:30 p.m. 8:00— | Cheerleaders Evening Division | Wednesday 6:00— 7:30 p.m. 8:00 | Cheerleaders Evening Division |
| Tuesday 6:00— 7:30 p.m. 8:00— | Fencing Evening Division | Thursday 6:00— 7:30 p.m. 8:00 | Fencing Evening Division |

Dance Studio reserved by P.E. in mornings.

Sandals, slacks out as Snug goes prestige

Snug patrons take note: after 6 p.m. dress at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is strictly conformist.

Blue jeans, sandals, bare feet and slacks are out, says Snug manager Mitch Mitchell.

"The Snug should have the look of a prestige hotel, not

a downtown beer parlour," he said.

Complaints about dress at the popular drinking spot have come from "middle class customers", Mitchell said, not guests of the hotel.

He stressed the new restrictions were not aimed at Uvic patrons.

"Some Uvic professors

have congratulated me on my stand," he said.

The manager said rowdiness is not behind the new rules and added that the hotel management intends to "just try and clean it up," and may "crack down harder on women."

And in case you're wondering, turtleneck sweaters are ok. Mitch said so.

Police demand liquor license

The era of under-the-table booze at the Crystal Garden dances has come to an end.

Activities coordinator Paul Watson announced Monday the Crystal Garden management now requires a liquor licence from any group using the building for dances.

Part of this week's Frosh Dance will be located in the Crystal.

"There's a pretty good chance the police will let us have a licence for the dance," Watson said.

"They've always known lots of drinking goes on at all our dances."



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Battle of briefs harms the cause

The minor eruption of jeering, distortion and counter-distortion that fouled Uvic's air last week appears to be subsiding.

After the miniscule battle of the briefs between Dr. Gowans and students' council, representative assembly members are patting themselves on the back over the decisive victory for student power they have won. No doubt they will hold the threat of their terrible wrath above us like the sword of Damocles for the rest of the year.

To put it bluntly, we are not impressed.

Mr. Frketich's response to Dr. Gowans' assinine attacks and witty fumbings can only be described as petty, immature and politically indiscreet.

Dr. Gowans statements were obviously intended for their sarcastic bite rather than as constructive comment, but for Mr. Frketich to deliberately make public what was stated in strict confidence was a decidedly juvenile response.

Student power is not synonymous with irresponsibility, despite Mr. Frketich's unfortunate definition of the term.

Only a fool hunts flies with a machine gun.

The AMS president is not the only one who is apparently unaware of the responsibility involved in trying to change a rigid political structure with gentleness and rationality.

Dr. Gowans' response to the initial brief was remarkably petty and immature for one of his academic stature, and it demonstrated the same sort of political indiscretion that seems to afflict Mr. Frketich.

As representative of the administration and chairman of the committee on university government, a little more self control would have been in order.

We did not expect that a man with the reputation of Dr. Gowans would stoop to the level of irrelevant mud-slinging and nasty humour.

To do such stabbing in secret is even less in accordance with the responsibility required of a committee chairman.

And the representative assembly, in gleefully tumbling along behind Mr. President Frketich should have known better than to adopt Jeff Green's equally assinine reply to Dr. Gowans as their official stand.

Dr. Gowans has gone as chairman of the committee, and judging from his funny little comments, it is a good thing. But the nature of his passage is sure to distill much bitterness where none is needed.

In the lull before students' council confidently moves on to other battlefields (we hope of slightly more importance), it is evident that the University of Victoria suffered most from the brief encounter with Dr. Gowans.

By publishing what was said to him in confidence Mr. Frketich has successfully compromised his trustworthiness in the eyes of the administration.

By taking a supercilious and sarcastic attitude toward student proposals Dr. Gowans has compromised the respect of students for the administration.

Green government

And while we're on the subject of competence, is Jeff Green the only competent member of the representative assembly, or is it sheer coincidence that Mr. Green:

- was a delegate to the CUS congress in August;
- currently sits on the controversial senate committee on university government;
- and c) was last week nominated as Uvic's sole student delegate to a marijuana conference at Montreal?

Not that we have anything against seeing Mr. Green's name in print, but we are beginning to wonder whether we will ever get to interview any other members of the 'representative' (the term is used loosely) assembly this year.

We have to admit that in his manner Jeff Green has demonstrated a certain competence at jumping into the breach where others have defaulted.

But we're still waiting for the rest of that anonymous assembly to take up the slack.

Co-op kudos

Our Uvic student executive is to be congratulated for coming through with a \$500 grant to the guys in co-op housing.

Van Charnell, Trevor Gibbens, Larry Alder and Co. are taking the first vital steps in the fight against repressive housing costs that force students to scrimp and beg for enough money to pay for a bed, a room and some food.

The co-op housing scheme should be supported and expanded — money and rooms are getting scarcer every year.

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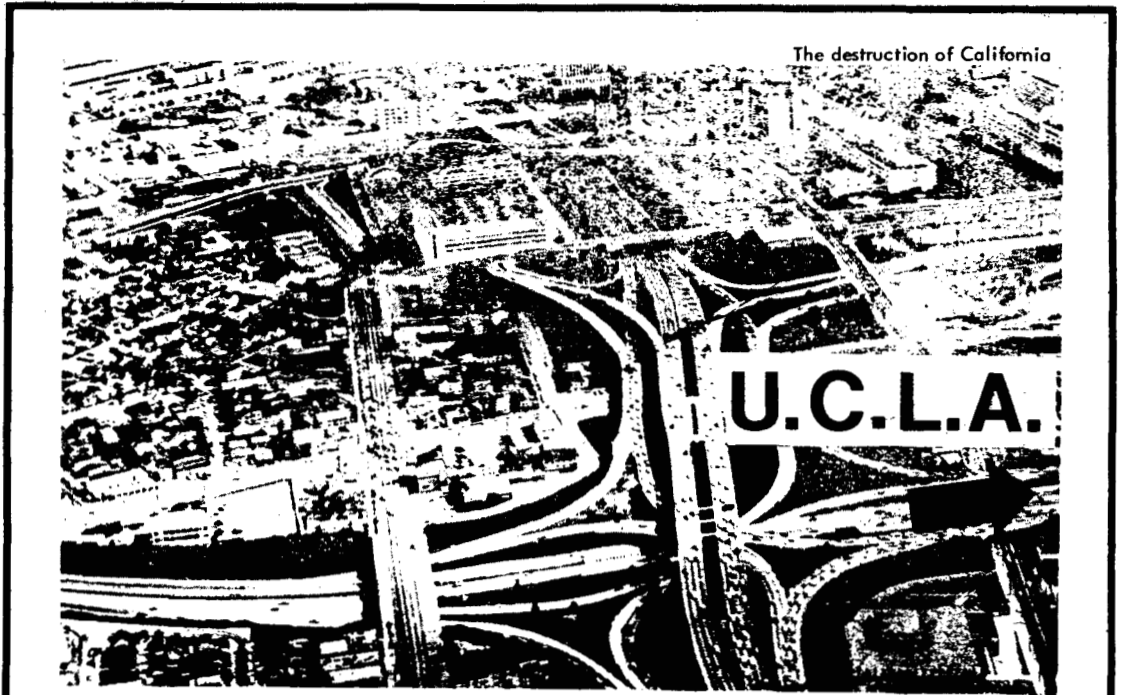
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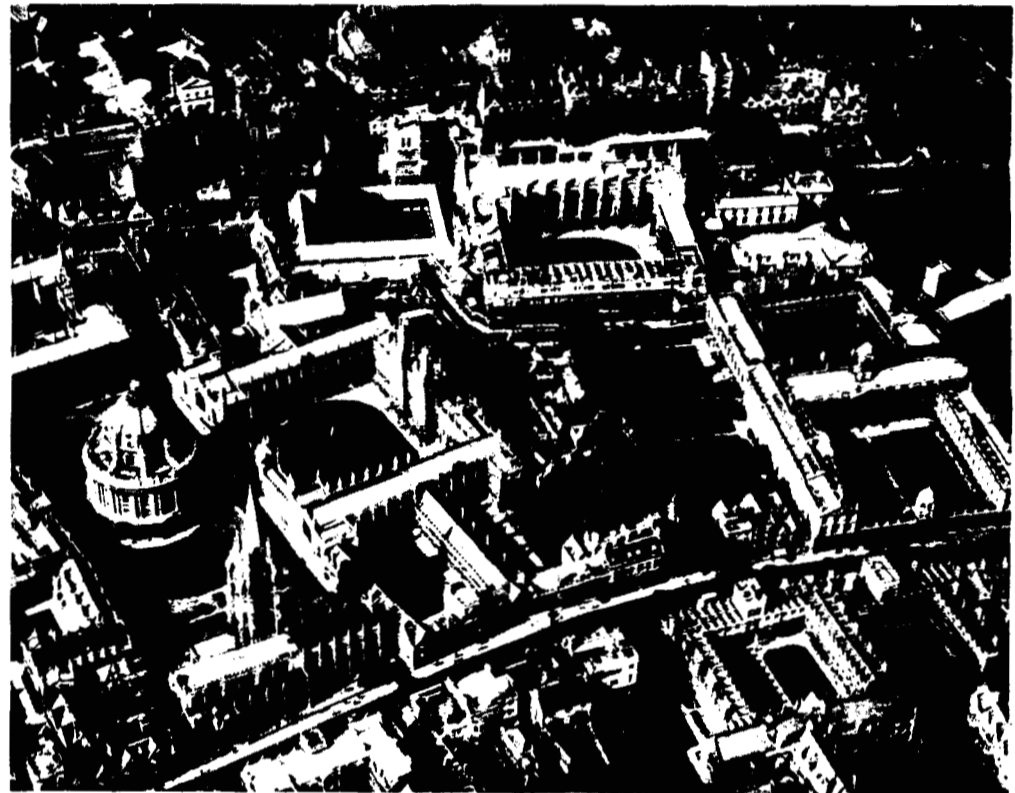
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Which way is our campus going?

—Bernard Kenney

University president: either a fool or a saint

(Part of a letter to the Vancouver Sun by John R. Seeley, Santa Barbara.)

Editor, The Sun, Sir — Largely, no doubt because of the mail strike but also because I have been much away on other business I have only just seen The Sun's Aug. 1 account of the temporary settlement of SFU's thorny problems. I have also only just seen other documents relevant to the decisions made.

For the sake of everyone involved I think it important to make my position crystal clear — as I have tried to do in the case of two other universities searching for a president.

As I said before, during and after my visit to Burnaby, I have not been, was not and am not a 'candidate' for anything, especially not a university presidency in these times.

My congratulations, but also my condolences, go to Dr. Strand. Anyone who accepts a university presidency, or even keeps one, these days, under the obtaining conditions is either a fool and villain, or a saint and hero willing to kill himself attempting to hold a line that cannot and ought not to be held.

Nothing like the kind of university that has existed in the past can, I believe, continue much longer into the future, and the changes that are required are not to be achieved by tinkering with the existing structures. Nor is there much time to carry out a peaceful transition, as the events at Berkeley, Columbia, Stanford, The London School of Economics, Nanterre, The Sorbonne, Berlin, Tubingen, etc., attest.

I believe that students all

over the world and many faculty will—nad ought to—dismantle the present universities, just as blacks here begin to burn the cities, unless the authorities involved show credible signs of eagerness to apply appropriate remedies fast.

In both cases it is "academic" in the worst sense of that word to ask whether Negroes and students are being orderly or nice, or have well articulated plans as to what they want. What is true in both cases is that we have a short period of time — five years would be a wildly high estimate — to undo the effects of a century or two of folly, wrongdoing, sloth, blindness, arrogance, and blatant mistreatment of the powerless because they were powerless.

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CUS radicals set new pace

Musical membership: Uvic in, out, in

GUELPH (CUP)—The Canadian Union of Students shrugged off a minor flurry of small-campus withdrawals during its 1968 congress to mount an attack on society at large as it analyzed the problems of the modern university.

The congress opened Aug. 28 with 40 member universities. Before it wrapped things up with an 18-hour plenary session that dragged on until 7:45 a.m. Sept. 4, the roll call dropped to 27, climbed to 30, then hit 34 with hopes for more.

Between disavowals and commitments to the union, delegates worked out an anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist critique of society—although they balked at a four-square stand for socialism—labelled corporate capitalism as the cause of repressive instincts in Canadian universities, and demanded that student unions have control over the “learning process and university decision-making”.

They also came out 3 to 1 behind a statement condemning U.S. war efforts in Viet Nam and endorsing the Vietnamese National Liberation Front in its “struggle for national liberation”.

Tension arose at the congress as campuses calling for structural changes in CUS lost ground to policy-makers who ended up largely responsible for the major congress resolutions. UBC and Manitoba, with 20,000 and 12,000 students respectively, also were influenced by prospects of a \$1.00 per capita levy—up 25 cents a head.

UBC and Manitoba both refused to sign commitment forms before the deadline, but by congress end they were back in on the basis of special financial clauses which permit them to pay less than one dollar per student if necessary.

The University of Victoria also pulled its 5,000 students out temporarily, opting for a wait-and-see attitude toward congress policy, but it

was back before the final plenary on Sept. 3.

Following these, and a series of other withdrawals, the delegates divided into commissions on the Student in Society, Student Power and Education.

The anti-imperialist resolution emerged from the student-in-society group and charged that “Canadian society is not self-determined; our cultural, political and economic lives are dominated by giant American corporations”.

“Self-determination in education will be possible only in a society which is self-determined,” the resolution said as it found the roots of authoritarianism and repression in imperialist and capitalist economies. University of Toronto and a congress majority killed an attempt to call for a “socialist” alternative, voting for “non-exploitative” despite pressure in commission and an hour-long floor fight in plenary.

Spearheading opposition were St. Mary's, objecting to the statement that “capitalism is a fundamentally exploitative system,” and Windsor, which termed it irrelevant because its analysis was “national” not directly applicable in “tactical decisions for action”.

The education resolutions scorched military research in universities, demanded that campuses refuse money intended for military research and urged member unions to oppose financial gifts to their universities if these contradicted CUS policy.

A controversial proposal attacking student syndicalism as a tactic, involved parallel decision-making structures between students and faculty at departmental levels. The proposal called for confrontation and mass-movement, outlining a structure in which both student and faculty committees would have veto power over each other's actions. Alternative action would involve a reconstituted senate with an equal number of students and faculty. The board of governors would be abolished in either case.

A Viet Nam resolution “condemned the im-

perialist and genocidal war currently being waged against Viet Nam by the United States of America and its allies”, and demanded the withdrawal of all U.S. and allied troops fighting there.

Regina campus' Gerald Pout-Macdonald attempted to have the clause supporting the NLF deleted, but his amendment was overwhelmingly defeated. He said no group should be endorsed which engaged in “terrorist activities which do not accomplish anything”.



—CHEVRON PHOTO
Delegates at CUS congress raise Ho Chi Minh personality poster during debate on resolution supporting the National Liberation Front.

Marxists press for university reform

By JACK STATHERS

“A free university in a free society.” This according to Martin Loney of Simon Fraser University, is the slogan of S.D.S., the radical Students for a Democratic Society movement which is 30,000 strong in the United States today. This movement and others similar in motive are shaping the program for university reform throughout the world. The parallel Canadian organization, Students for a Democratic University (S.D.U.) is meeting regularly on the UBC campus now.

Training ground for radicals

These people seek a great deal more than mere academic reform in the universities. Their objective is social revolution. They would change our universities to become the training ground for radicals who would work towards sweeping international social revolution. Their ideological tone is unmistakably Marxist and the attack is against our entire social order. These students wish to control the universities financially and academically to the extent that their philosophy and ideals will shape the entire educational programs of the institutions.

As Martin Loney put it recently, “if we produce the sort of university we want we are going to run head-on into the corporate elite of B.C. because the sort of people who come out of that university will not go and work in the corporate firms of B.C.”

The revolutionary tactics and philosophy of the student power movement are clearly set out in an article by Carl Davidson, Inter-organizational Secretary of the Students for a Democratic Society, entitled “The New Radicals and the Multiversity”, which, I believe, appeared in *Our Generation*, a student radical magazine. This is a reading must for anyone wanting to understand student activism. It can be obtained by writing to 3837 St. Laurent Blvd., Montreal, P.Q.

Sit-ins vs talk-ins

The intellectual roots of the student movement for university reform are planted firmly in the new Marxist writings on social revolution. Even the more moderate liberal students draw their strength and support from the radical socialists. The two groups differ not so much in their ideals or even

(Originally published in *UBC Reports*, this is an excerpt from an article by the president of the *UBC Alumni Association*.)



—CHEVRON PHOTO
SFU's Loney: “head-on into the corporate elite of B.C.”

their political philosophy as in their methods. The more militant radicals believe that confrontation politics, that is, sit-ins, strikes, demonstrations and the like will bring action on their demands. The liberal student does not go this far, but prefers to work towards acceptance of his ideas by discussion and negotiation. An example of the latter is the brief recently presented to the University by UBC's Alma Mater Society. It is a demand for negotiation on academic reform phrased in terms of accomplishing ultimate social reform.

There are two rather simple reasons as to why the confrontation is taking place in the universities. The people who are thinking deeply about social injustice tend to be concentrated in our universities. This is where we find a large number of young people not committed to defending the status quo and free to think and act in an unorthodox manner. In other words, it is largely an intellectual move-

ment. The second reason is that universities are vulnerable to this kind of attack. They profess to be highly democratic institutions whose traditional concern is to foster freedom of thought and expression, where radical or orthodox. This means that the arguments of the radical student movement—which have some intellectual appeal—must have a hearing.

The problems of dealing with academic reform have always been and should always be with us. The University can cope with this. But to deal with an attack against society as a whole is really quite beyond the responsibility of the university administrators. At present—and the public should bear this in mind—university administrators are carrying the load of discussion and negotiation on behalf of the entire community. I believe the radical students should carry their campaign for wider social reform into the area where this belongs—the political arena.

Eliminate Mickey Mouse

As to the university or academic reform itself, I believe there is undeniably work to be done. The students ask for a greater say in the academic and financial management of the University. In many areas they have a good cause. The “Mickey Mouse” courses and the dry text book lectures must be eliminated. For decades students have complained of these things and yet they persist. If the students can cause the University to achieve higher standards of academic excellence by greater participation in planning and management then we will all benefit from their action.

No time to adjust

We must recognize, however, that many of the other student complaints can only be eliminated if the universities receive adequate financial support. At present our universities can barely keep pace with the demand. UBC's enrolment will be over 20,000 this year, more than double what it was only 10 years ago. There is not much possibility of a slackening in the demand. Our universities are not being given the chance to adjust. There is no breathing spell. It's simply a constant battle to keep the doors open to all the young people in B.C. who qualify for entrance. To expect academic excellence and widespread university reform in the midst of the confusion and tension of meeting such ever-increasing needs every year is to expect nearly the impossible.

Fool or Saint

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Any faculty responsibility there may be is clouded, because everywhere the powers that belong properly solely to the students and to them were usurped by the representatives of power and money in the boards and administrations.

The sole reasons given for this usurpation are two bare-faced lies; that these men do represent the public interest, and that they (or someone other than the scholars) must exercise oversight over the money it costs the taxpayers to operate the universities.

The second is the greater lie.

The prosperity of every province and the wealth of every state rests on its universities — the scholars have made these men rich and powerful. For every penny a scholar has "cost," the rich and powerful have got back a dollar or a thousand.

The inventions they exploit rest upon university-based science. Almost every valid idea they hold was hatched in these halls.

And we even had to teach them at the last how to run their businesses so that they would not have continuous turmoil in them or bring down their whole economy in absolute ruin as they nearly did in 1929.

Any state or province that lost its university would sink to the condition of backwoods Tennessee or King Leopold's Congo almost overnight. The only public interest in the university is to keep it free and generously endowed so that it may be a bastion of learning, social criticism and the initiation of redemptive social action.

And this these men who represent the powerful private interests against the public good can neither do nor, so far as they can prevent it, allow.

I would not again play in that game, nor will now the best students or the best professors.

Nor would I again try to reform a system I deem irreformable. Three years at York fighting for the most elementary canons of decency and plain-dealing and faculty and student rights, and another three years at Brandeis, similarly engaged, are enough. Two defeats and one victory.

The victory, at Brandeis, proved that a department can be delightfully run, (at no loss to scholarship either) as a participatory democracy of students and professors. The defeats proved the power of those two administrations — at least, then — to force even mild demands for reform either into exile or into revolutionary incandescence.

SFU commemorates freedom

Placing plaque presents problems

By GARR

Canadian University Press

Simon Fraser University, the Bethlehem of student revolt, reached another golden milestone in the revolution this month when they unveiled a plaque to commemorate the reinstatement of five teaching assistants fired in March, 1967.

The young radicals did not wait all this time to order the "Freedom Square" plaque; indeed, it was ordered in March, 1967. But the battle to install the piece of metal which cost the students the equivalent of 150 copies of "The Quotations of Chairman Mao" took more man hours than the actual revolt it celebrates.

When the students announced they were going to order a plaque to be placed in Freedom Square dedicated to those "who gave of themselves in the cause of academic freedom", the administration balked.

Simon Fraser is primarily a Social Credit government tourist attraction which, on free days, is used by students. To mar the landscape of that memorial to free enterprise with gibberish would be, you must admit, somehow wrong. A reply was sent to the students.

"Dear students: We have checked the plans of SFU and can nowhere find an area designated 'Freedom Square.' If, however, you do insist on making this plaque a gift to the university, it must be approved by the aesthetics committee.

The student council saw this as a right-wing ploy. But, just as they were about to act, someone noted that the plaque had been mis-placed.

Arguments were presented by the left-wing fringe that 150 copies of "The Quotations of Chairman Mao" would not have been

as easily mis-placed and, besides, they would give the students something to read until the plaque was located.

Some months later a young frosh, while busily looking for poster material to make up some welcome signs for the Canadian Legion Pincher Creek Ladies Auxiliary who were about to visit SFU, stubbed his toe on what he thought was a hip door jam.

His burning investigative fervour, given to him at registration, drove him onward. He flipped the jam over and there, for God and everyone to see, was the plaque.

That nite SFU saw merriment and pizza eating it had never dreamed of. Another student had consciously and adamantly given of himself.

But what to do with the plaque now re-discovered? The administration . . . they must have a safe. And so, before another student could lift a beer glass in the name of freedom, the plaque was dropped into the bottomless pit of the bursar's safe.

Student newmen immediately picked up the trail and went camera in hand, to snap a pix of the plaque. The administration balked: "If the students want a picture, the plaque must be important."

The newspaper received a communication via the Dean of Student Affairs. "Dear students: We have noted your request and shall look into the matter. A brief call to the aesthetics committee, however, indicates that no plaque has ever been approved. Further, we have checked the plans of the university and can find no space allocation for freedom. Bearing in mind that students are our most important product, we remain yours, The Dean etc."

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Competing in the meet, which will feature heaviest entries in the field and sprint events, will be some world ranked athletes.

There will be Vancouver's human flash Harry Jerome, a bronze medallist in the 100 metres at Tokyo's Olympiad, and former world record holder in the 100 yards and 100 metres.

A local speedster of another sort who should be racing in the meet is Victoria's Bob McLaren.

Slowed by illness earlier in the season McLaren missed his berth in the 400 metre hurdle at the Olympic trials, but was selected

as a substitute for the 1600 metre relay team.

Recently the Oak Bay grad regained his form and smashed the Canadian record for the brutal event.

Also running in the meet will be Canada's sensational half-miler Bill Crothers. A silver medallist in the 800 metres at Tokyo, Crothers earned fame as the middle distance runner who was always on the heels of New Zealand's Peter Snell.

On the distaff side of things there'll be Jenny Meldrum, the all around woman who completely dominates the pentathlon in Canadian track and field.

Sprinter Irene Pietrowski will also run. Athletes are on the track at 2 p.m., rain or shine, and just in case you're a new student, the stadium's covered so you can gloat while the runners soak.

Tickets for students and old age pensioners are \$1.50, kids under 12 get in for \$1, and adult seats go at \$2.50 and \$3.

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Course changes

Tuesday, September 24 — Friday, October 4.

Students who wish to change a course may make application to do so by completing a CHANGE NOTICE available in the registrar's office. Students should consult the Calendar before doing so, in order to ensure the change will fit the degree problem in which they are registered. Also it should be noted that certain courses or do not permit late entry for various reasons. Preliminary consultation with departments is necessary.

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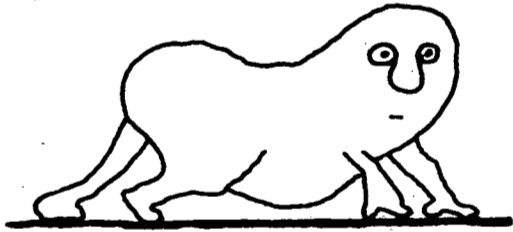
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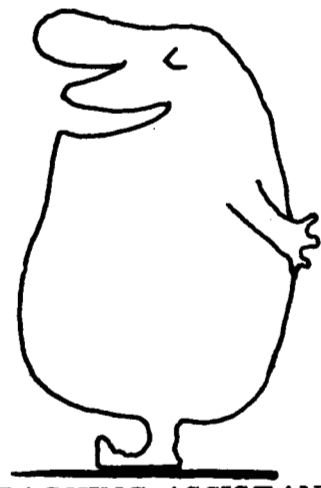
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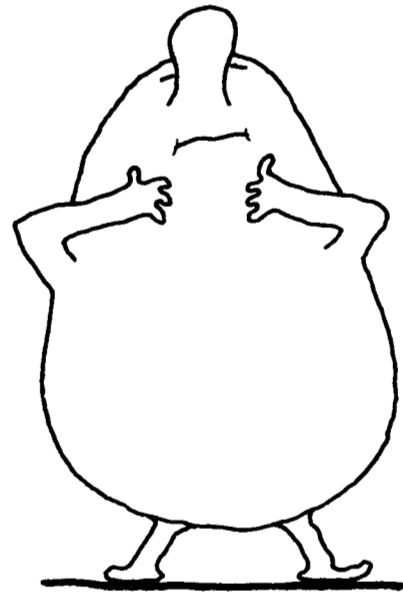
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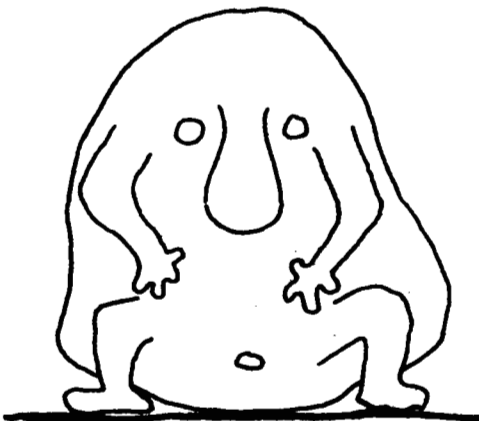
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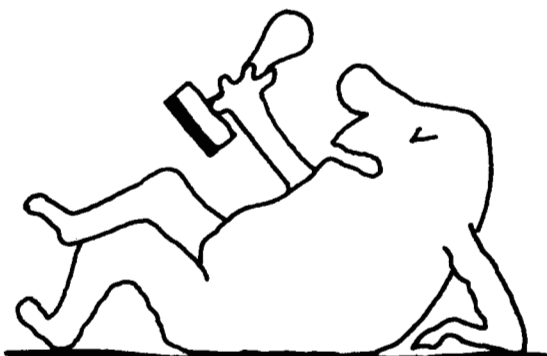
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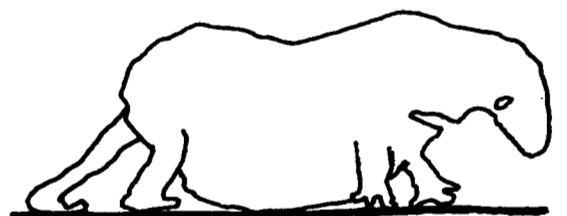
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