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AT FRIDAY'S AMS MEETING

Council Recommends Students Ratify Second Pool Proposal

Ten Issues Face Student Body

Finance, Government Policy To Be Decided

Student Council will present a motion seeking, in effect, student ratification of the two swimming pool plan at Friday's general meeting of the Alma Mater Society.

The Council motion will ask that students vote "not more than $100,000" toward, "providing a second pool on campus."

The swimming pool issue will be only one of nine issues facing students at the noon meeting in the armory, which will unquestionably be one of the most vital meetings within memory.

It will determine the fate of thousands of dollars in student money, possibly effect a radical change in student government, determine UBC's activities as a Canadian university, and perhaps have a strong effect on the fight against campus discrimination.

Here are the issues:

- Students will be asked for $100,000 for indoor swim facilities, and be required to decide whether they prefer Empire Pool roofed, or construction of a second smaller and enclosed pool.
- The Undergraduate Societies Committee will try to obtain the power of veto over decisions of Student Council.
- The Men's Athletic Association will ask for a referendum to obtain a $2 fee increase which would go to athletics and give every student an athletic privilege card.
- Students will decide whether UBC should rejoin the National Federation of Canadian University Students at a cost of 50 cents a student.
- Student Council will seek the abolition of fall general meetings and the lowering of the quorum for spring meetings from 1000 to 600.
- MAA will ask that students contribute $3000 to help send UBC's rowing crew to England to compete in the Henley Regatta this summer.
- Student Council will seek a reformation of Student Court, slashing the responsibilities of USC's investigating committee.
- Students will hear the report of the AMS committee on discrimination, and perhaps be asked to extend its terms of reference to include all forms of discrimination —particularly sororities.
- The question of UBC participating in a Western Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union may also possibly arise.
- Students will be asked to raise special meeting signature demand to 500.

Opposition to these proposals may come from any quarter. But in some of the issues, the battle lines are already clearly drawn.

In addition to McGugan's demand for a student voice in the pool decision, Student Council will also face opposioitn from USC in its constitutiional revisions concerning Student Court and fall meetings.

The two groups will also clash over the proposed power of veto for USC over Student Council decisions. This will probably rank next to the pool issue in prominence at the meeting.

So great and numerous are the considerations facing students that Student Council has won faculty permission for all 1:30 lectures to be cancelled.

SCANNING for names of UBC vets they might have met during the war, four of the touring Oxford-Cambridge team look at UBC's Book of Remembrance. Left to right John Currie, Robin Plumbridge, Alan Barter, and Tom McClung. —Brian Thomas Photo

Englishmen Given Odds In Today's Rugger Tilt

The 21-man force of a combined Oxford and Cambridge rugby side will be the favourites at noon today when they clash with Albert Laithwaite's Thunderbirds.

The English team, composed of ten of the light Oxford blues and eleven of the Cambridge team, who have won the annual two-school classic for the last three years, are beginning a 12 game North American tour.

They will play six games in B.C. and six against California teams. Local rugger experts are predicting that the Englishmen are in for a surprise when they meet the heavy Californians on the American's smaller field.

Thunderbirds, meanwhile, are anxious to make the visitors' first impressions lasting ones, and are expected to put up a strong fight.

Thunderbirds will be minus forward Jim McNicol and possibly fellow forward Bill Bice. Albert has two capable replacements in Mike Chambers and Pat Kinney.

Today's game will be general admission, 50 cents for students and $1 for adults. The English team returns to Varsity Stadium next Thursday to play a combined Varsity past and present squad.

Post Office Bars Red Publications

BERKLEY, United States Post Office has stopped delivery of Pravda and Izvestia, official USSR publications, to most American subscribers, according to the Daily Californian, student newspaper of the University of California.

Receiving legal sanction from the Justice department, Post Office officials have undertaken to confiscate and destroy copies of these publications as a part of a program aimed at halting the flow of Soviet propaganda into the United States.

The government is also considering measures to bar the Daily Worker and other publications of the Communist party from domestic mail under the Communist Control act of 1954.

Commenting on the effects of the Post Office ruling, a professor of political science at the University of California expressed doubt that it would seriously affect "scholars, research centres or schools of higher learning."

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Dance Club Holds Annual Bash

UBC DANCE CLUB will hold their annual instructor's party in Kerry Dale Hall, March 18th at 9:00 p.m. Girls bring a box for two, boys B.Y.O.L.

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PRE-SOCIAL WORK SOciety general meeting has been changed from Friday noon to Monday noon, March 21, in Arts 206.

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UBC DANCE CLUB's last session for the ballroom dancing instructor's group is tonight at 7:30 p.m. in HG 4. All members please attend.

LPP TO FORM GOVERNMENT AT MOCK PARLIAMENT

The Labour Progressive Party will form the government at the Mock Parliament to be held on Thursday at noon in Arts 100.

The official opposition will be the Social Credit party. Speaker will be Doug Whitworth, Law 3, and CCF is to form minority opposition.

The government will present a bill concerning the natural resources and industrial development of British Columbia.

McGill Considers Return To NFCUS

Doug Fitch, Western Regional Vice-President of NFCUS, hinted Monday night that there was a possibility of McGill University reconsidering their withdrawal from the Federation.

Mr. Fitch attended the Student Council meeting to discuss the pros and cons of membership in NFCUS. His suggestion was based on the fact that the 1955-56 president of their Students' Executive Council was previously chairman of the McGill NFCUS Committee.

He presented a report to the meeting on NFCUS activities during the past year which included the annual Art Competition, the scholarship campaign, regional conferences and seminaries, a short story contest, and the national debating contest.

Mr. Fitch said, "Failures of NFCUS are failures of the individual universities since it is almost impossible to plan activities or organize the budget when membership in the Federation is so unstable."

His discussion with the Council brought out the point that benefits from a NFCUS membership were largely of the intangible, asthetic sort and thus are not generally recognized.

Also on Monday night, Council heard a complaint from World University Service concerning damage to their Open House display. WUSC will ask the Open House for approximately $12 to cover the cost of plywood and other materials destroyed when the display was dismantled.

NO PASSES

Council Privileges Curtailed

An amendment to the AMS constitution will be presented at Friday's general meeting asking that the granting of special privileges to Student Council members, in the form of free admission to all campus activities, be left to the discretion of each Undergraduate Society.

At present, according to the AMS constitution, Council members have the right to attend any campus function free of charge.

A motion was presented to the USC by Law representative Ken Fawcus protesting this council privilege and was supported by USC, which felt that each Undergraduate Society should have the power to grant or withhold privileges. Fawcus pointed out that as the Law Undergraduate Society is small and has a very limited budget, the giving of free tickets to the annual law ball and the consequent loss of ten or fifteen dollars makes an important difference to their budget.

Committee Heads Elected By Council

Student Council Monday night elected 1955-56 heads for four campus committees.

Mark Bell, Forestry 2, was elected Head of NFCUS to succeed Jim Craig. He was chosen from three nominees for the position.

Gerry Hodge, who has done a commendable job as this year's Special Events Chairman, will continue in the position for a second year.

In charge of the Varsity Revue for next year will be Gerry Lecovin, Law 1.

WUSC chairman for 1955-56 will be Peter Krosby, Arts 4, who succeeds Maurice Copithorne.

Committee Labelled As Unconstitutional

The Un-American Activities Committee was labelled "unconstitutional" by Mrs. George Starkovich in an address Tuesday sponsored by the Social Problems Club.

George Starkovich, a former organizer of IWA in Washington is on trial this week before the Velde Committee on a charge of "Contempt of Court" incurred when he appeared as a witness before the group in 1954.

In order to discuss this charge and her husband's refusal to answer Committee questions about the trip he made in 1950 to attend the World Peace Conference in Warsaw, Mrs. Starkovich is making a speaking tour of the Pacific Northwest.

"My husband refused to answer questions about the trip by using the Fifth amendment. If he had answered one question connected with his trip, he would have been legally forced to answer all of them," she said.

"This 'stoolpigeoning' would have meant involving hundreds of other people, including those who helped or encouraged him in any way to attend the Conference," she added.

Mrs. Starkovich emphasized the fact that prior to the Investigations, her husband had published a complete report of the Conference and had publicly given his own views on the trip.

New Group Proposed

Discrimination Committee will recommend to the general meeting a new committee to work next year with the IFC to fight discrimination.

The new committee would consist of the USC chairman, one representative from civil liberties union and one independent. One member of the committee would sit on the IFC discrimination committee.

Copies of the report, including a summary of the answers received to questionaires are available in the AMS office.

New Executive

Annual meeting of campus Liberal club elected the following slate of officers:

President, Darrel Anderson; first Vice President, Harry Tuura; second Vice President, Cece Branson; Treasurer, Clive Lytle; Secretary, Donna Runnals; PRO, Sally Dilbridge.

UBYSSEY PRESENTS SPECIAL 'INFORMED VIEWS' EDITION

Because of the heavy and important agenda facing students and council at Friday's AMS general meeting, the Ubyssey has arranged a special reduction in ads to accommodate informative articles by campus leaders presenting views on the questions to be brought up at the meeting.

Readers will find these articles, dealing with every major topic on Friday's agenda, on the second and third pages.

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The Big Ten

Friday's General AMS meeting will tax students' judgement to the extreme.

Six motions, one of them involving some 18 AMS code changes, will determine future governmental, financial, and athletic policy.

The swimming pool resolution involves $100,000 of students' money. The ultimate decision will be with UBC students for years to come.

If students want to put their money into swimming facilities at this time, handing a straight $100,000 to the administration would finally put responsibility for the pool problem where it belongs.

Nonetheless, students should have the opportunity of stating which pool proposal they prefer if they are contributing part of the cost.

It should not be done in the way student council suggests, however, two votes should be taken. There should be no strings attached to a student contribution, and the council motion encourages just such an attachment, whether it is passed or replaced with another motion.

Of the constitutional revisions, the most important are: The proposal to increase the signatures necessary to call a special General Meeting, to 500; the proposal to decrease the quorum from a proportional two thirds representation, to a numerical 600 students; and the plan to abolish Fall General Meetings.

Reduction of the quorum can serve to do only one thing; that is; limit student democracy.

McGill University has just demonstrated what a "convenient" quorum figure can do. Two enthusiasts and a few hundred close friends, last month, managed to pull that university out of NFCUS—a decision nation-wide in effect.

True, it is hard to realize a quorum at times, but a high quorum figure cuts down the possibility of packing a meeting; or railroading important decisions behind the oft-times apathic backs of the student body.

The recommendation stipulating a quorum throughout an entire meeting is long overdue and more in line with Robert's Rules of Order.

If during a meeting the quorum slowly disintegrates nothing is to stop the meeting from being dissolved and another one called later.

The argument against this does not hold water. It may cost hundreds of dollars in Armory costs for each meeting but this is peanuts compared to the hundreds of thousands of dollars handled at those meetings.

"Rep by Pop" isn't as hoary a slogan as supposed.

The proposal to abolish Fall General Meetings is nothing but another attempt by a dictatorial Council to extend its already great independance from the voters.

The proposal to raise signatures, demanding a special AMS meeting from 100 ot 500 signatures, is justifiable.

It will prevent cranks from calling unnecssary meetings.

Another decision involving student democracy is the proposed extension and/or maintenance of USC power over Council.

The USC, if operating on a faculty quorum basis, is in a much greater position than Council to guage and reflect grass root student opinion.

Council, at present, has only the General meeting as a check—which they are trying to eliminate—another watchdog in the form of increased USC powers has merit.

The student court proposal is a good one. First of all it would serve to better prevent politics from entering into student discipline. Most important, it would clearly delineate the duties of the investigating committee and the court.

Defendents would be named prior to a trial and allowed to appear in their own defense, and the committee would be limited to preparing evidence for th prosecution.

Thus the court would be left with the sole duty to hear evidence and to make judgement. There would be no cross examination by judge or other such kangaroo court procedures.

Then plan to assess students an extra two dollars largely to go to athletics is justifiable in its need.

The debt-ridden athletic department needs more money to maintain its present program. But we suspect that two dollars would in fact provide more than is necessary.

However, if the student do give the athletes more money it will eliminate the annual UCC-MAA budget squabble and help ut athletics on a more solid footing.

There is something to be said for compulsory athletic cards.

The rowing Crew's need for money to carry them to the Henely reggatta also cannot be denied. And Treasurer Ron Bray seems to feel a grant is feasible: UBC will not be ashamed of its representation in the Reggatta.

But whatever the outcome of the meeting the decisions will be with us for a long time.

It is up to today's student body not to give students of the future an apathetic stab in the back.

Underhill Blasts Pub, Asks For More Council Power In Year-End Report

The following are the highlights from AMS president Dick Underhill's presidential report.

A. ADMINISTRATION OF AMS

The Alma Mater Society is remarkable for the high degree of financial control which is exercised over student organizations and for the degree of student autonomy which it is our privilege to possess. Nevertheless, we should constantly work to make student government better and it is with this in mind that at the outset of this report I would like to make specific recommendations. Student government must serve two functions on a campus.

(A) It must provide a complete extra-curricular program.

B. It must represent the students effectively visa vis the University and the Community. Two ways in which I feel it can better accomplish these ends are:

1. The Alma Mater Society Office — Student government is fast becoming big business and in order to function better, it will need more permanent administrative officials. Specifically, within a very few years the position of Business Manager should be enhanced and a top administrator appointed. Student Council members will have to act less in the position of office employees and more like the Board of Directors of a large enterprise. This expansion in administration must be gradual as one must reconcile the need for efficient administration with the need for student interest and participation in Council and student activities.

2. The Constitutional relationship. It is my thesis that UBC has outgrown the "town meeting" stage of government and that students should be prepared to deligate complete responsibility for the administration of student affairs to Student Council. This would give more authority to Student Council at the expense of the General Meeting which I feel should be relegated to the position of an advisory body rather than the ultimate constitutional authority. This step would bring UBC into greater conformity with other student unions across the nation and also with the University Act of British Columbia, to which all our AMS activities are subject.

3. Budget and Finance. Under the cautious hands of Mr. Bray and Mr. Maunsell, the financial picture of the Society is good, and for the first time in several years we can report that the Society is free of debt. The decision made again this fall to charge students for their AMS cards and Totem pictures was accepted this year by the students and it is hoped that this indirect fee increase will be perpetuated, as before, on an optional basis.

B. PUBLICATIONS

Due to a failure by certain members of the Publications Board to recognize the status and responsibilities of a student newspaper, the effectiveness of the Ubyssey as an interpreter of student opinion was somewhat marred this year. It is to be hoped that the incoming Publications Board will be motivated more by a sense of duty and less by a sense of self interest.

In one respect however, the paper has been much improved and that is in its presentation of "intellectual" copy. The practice of including guest commentaries from many sources on the Editorial page is to be commended.

Furthermore, the assumption of Ubyssey advertising by the AMS this fall, has proved to be a most wise step. As a result of the efficient handling of this business by Mr. Geoff Conway, the publication of 4 Ubysseys a week may become a very real possibility next year and I would strongly advise next year's Council so to do.

The Student Handbook was inexcusably late in appearing this year and as a consequence will lose some money. It is to be hoped that this will be remedied next year.

In closing I would like to thank all those with whom I have had the privilege of being associated this year for their co-operation and untiring effort on behalf of the student body. To my successor, Mr. Bray, and to all those who will be filling student offices in the years to come my best wishes for a successful term of office.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Richard Underhill,
President, Alma Mater Society.

DELAY IMPOSSIBLE

Too Much Power For USC Chairman

Bill Tracey disguises the true effect of his Undegraduate Societies scheme by talking about the representative government.

What Bill's scheme would do is give the USC chairman power to veto any motion for two weeks entirely on his own decision wtihout refering in any way to the Undergraduate Socieies Commitee.

If a political club tried to book a speaker scheduled in two weeks time, the USC chairman alone could stop them. And here are many questions which require immediate decision if they are to be acted on at all.

TWO-WEEK VETO

Apart from the dictatorial two-week veto, there is the question of who, USC or Council, is in the best position to look after the interests of all students.

On Sudent Council, Undergraduate Societies, Men's and Women's Athletics, the sixty-odd clubs are all represented. In addition there is the Treasurer and the Co-ordinator, who are intimately aware of the problems facing student activities.

NFCUS and WUS, report directly to Council, as do a host of such committees as student facilities and the accident benefit committee. Council members sit on University committees such as Buildings and Grounds, Food Services and Housing. The AMS president and the treasurer are in close contact with Administration officials.

INFORMED

It follows that only Student Council, a group of constant membership which meets throughout the year, is in a position to give a completely informed decision.

How about USC's claim to being more representative? Aside from the fact that the largest group of students, the Artsmen, are unrepresented, USC reps are responsible to their USC executives. Undergraduate society activities are important, but they are not the only activities on his campus. And Undergraduate executives are primarily concerned as they ought to be, with their own activities.

USC VIEW

Only rarely does the whole Undergraduate Society decide any issue. Frosh Undergrads never have a general meeting. Law has only one general meeting a year. Usually a small group have to decide. And they can only hear the issues at second hand, often getting only the "USC view."

Actually only Student Council can claim to be fully representative in the sense that this is the only group that every AMS member gets to vote for.

Tracey's veto scheme would impose on us the cumbersome system of checks and balances that has hamstrung the ability of the United Staes to take effective action. We need a responsible group able to plan and implement its decisions on an informed basis. By trying to divide responsibility, Tracey's scheme would give it to no one.

Danny Goldsmith

Budget, Quorum Main AMS Issues

So that Student Coucil may not slip through its changes in the Student Court as mere details of procedure, it should be emphasized that the entire structure of student self-discipline is being disrupted.

Under the former set-up, if a person or organization had a complaint, it was presented to the Investigation Committee, drawn from members of USC.

It was the duty of the Investigation Committee to collect evidence, if the charge was deemed serious, for presentation to the Student Court. In fact, the Student Court was constituted only to hear the evidence and bring down a verdict.

OUTCOME OF FRACAS

The proposed changes presumably result from the handling of the Pub-Engineers fracas several months ago. At this hearing the Student Court chose to act as both Prosecutor, Judge and Jury.

On the other hand, Mr. Underhill charged the Investigation Committee has been "remiss" in its duties for not laying further charges before the Court.

In order to clarify the definitely muddled role of the Investigation Committee, USC requested Council to review the whole question of student discipline. Several months passed and Council went through the pangs of procreation silently and unattended.

BROUGHT FORTH

This is what they brought forth: All charges are to be presented directly to Student Court, which will rule on the validity. The Court **May** ask the Investigation Committee to take part, or it can "otherwise resolve" the complaint! The Investigation Committee has been effectively emasculated.

How can Court rule on the validity of the charge if it hasn't even investigated it? And if the charge is looked into we are faced with a kangaroo court digging up evidence for convenient use later at its own hearing.

Since the Court is appointed by Council, it is in close contact to Council opinion. On the other hand, the USC role has been neatly short-circuited out of the picture and this check on Council actions has been eliminated.

REVISIONS

Naturally, the Investigation Committee was not invited to express their ideas on the revisions, and Miss Sutton has presumably modernised the Constitution using a crystal ball.

In order to stop this unprecedented attempt by Council to pull all the strings on the campus, and in the interests of student justice, these proposed amendments must be defeated on Friday.

—Ralph Sultan

CHECKS AND BALANCES

Tracey Favors 'Check' On Council By USC

At Friday's AMS General Meeting you will be asked, in effect, to answer these questions:

(1) Do you think that there should be some "check," other than a General Meeting, to delay or prevent Students' Council from taking a hasty and ill-considered action which does not obviously have the support of the Student body?

(2) Do you think this "check" should lie in the hands of the Undergraduate Societies Committee?

Your answer to these questions should determine whether you vote yes or no to the amendment to give USC this power to "check." The problem lends itself readily to confusion and technicalities, but if you can keep these two quetsions in mind you should be able to decide wisely.

The amendment has been proposed because some us feel that the answer to both of the questions is **YES**. There is factual evidence available to show that unrepresentative action by a Students' Council is not just a theoretical possibility, it is a real possibilty. We all are aware that it is possible, and even easy at times, to present a very plausible case for taking a certain action if only one side of the question is presented and if no time for consideration or research is allowed. There is a definite danger in our present AMS administrative setup that ill-considered motions can be railroaded through Council, and when once passed by Council, the inertia to be overcome to stop the action is overwhelming.

A stubborn Council has the power to delay reconsideration indefinitely, or at least until the hope of effective action has disappeared.

We hope, by giving the USC Chairman extraordinary power to table a motion before Council for two weeks, to be able to introduce a cooling-off period, a chance for Councillors to gain a fresh perspective, for USC to poll the students, and for the students to become informed and interested in the issues at stake.

Assuming, then, that you agree that there should be some check of this sort on Council, the question to be answered is the second one. We believe that USC should have this check, for several reasons. One is that from each of fourteen organized Undergraduate Societies, and these representatives have access easily to the opinions of a good cross-section of the opinion of all but an estimated 1000 to 1500 un-organized 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year Arts students.

No other Council member can claim that large and unique sounding-board. Also, I feel that we can safely say that the USC Chairman is in a very sensitive position as regards student opinion, more so than any other Council member, and that an irresponsible or truculent USC Chairman would be made short shrift of by an aroused Student body. These are only two of the reasons.

Lack of space prevents proper consideration here of the others, but we urge you all to come to the General Meeting and listen to the arguments of both sides, always bearing in mind the two questions stated at the beginning of this article.

This problem is important to you and deserves your honest and considered opinion

Bill Tracey

FAIR FOR ALL

Three Big Code Changes Proposed

Three important constitutional changes affecting every student will be proposed at the General AMS meeting this Friday.

They are: A new budget approving procedure together with abolition of the fall general meeting, lowering the quorum to 10 percent of the students, and raising the number of signatures necessary to call a special general meeting from 100 to 500.

Student Council is supporting the new budget procedure because it believes that this method is the fairest for all the students.

Under the new procedure the budget is presented to Council. The approved budget is then published in the Ubyssey, so that every interested person or group has an opportunity to study it, discuss it with the Treasurer, and present his views to Council.

The budget is then brought up at a second Council meeting. No budget is effective until it has been approved at two Council meetings.

The reason that Council advocates this new procedure is that an AMS budget is a complex thing. It has no balance, and to change any one of the dozens of items is to affect all the others. The whole budget is necessarily the result of cutting of figures, of co-operation and of compromise.

A complex budget of this nature can not be worked out at a general meeting of hundreds of impatient students. At a council meeting, however, interested persons can spend all night if necessary presenting their views and adjusting their claims.

When change is made, as was done under a motion of Ralph Sultan this fall, the group that is cut, in this case the athletes, just raise a petition and put the budget back to where it was. For years no budget change has ever been finally made.

Once the budget does not come up, the purpose of the fall meeting has really gone. For this reason, it would be eliminated.

The purpose of raising the number of signatures from 100 to 500 is a simple one. A general meeting should only be held when there is a large number of students who want one.

No one is here suggesting that we eliminate special general meetings. Council does ask that those who ask for such a meeting show that there is enough support for the meeting. Every candidate who ran for AMS president came out in support of raising the number of signatures needed.

The proposal to lower the quorum is also based on the needs of the students. While quorums have not been challenged towards the ends of AMS meetings, it is clear law that a quorum can be challenged at any time during a meeting. A quorum of 20 percent of the students, experience shows, will not stay for any more than an hour.

Under the present setup a selfish group could hold up the meeting for an hour, and then with no quorum present render the students powerless to take action. The students as a whole can only enforce their views at a general meeting. Lowering the quorum ensures that there will be general meetings when students can make their own decisions.

Danny Goldsmith

LOOK THEM OVER, IT'S YOUR FUTURE

Today's two think pages of the Ubyssey present the sides of the stands taken on the vital issues facing students Friday.

Student council PRO Danny Goldsmith presents council views on the pool (one, two, or none), the USC rulings, discrimination, and constitutional ammendments.

EUS vice-president Ralph Sultan and EUS representative on the Undergraduate Societies Committee Bill Tracey air their views on the student court change and the USC veto power.

NFCUS chairman Jim Craig explains his reasons for a UBC rejoining of NFCUS. Bob Brady, MAA president, asks for $3,000 dollars for the rowers and teams with MAC secretary R. J. Phillips to ask "for the athletes."

The final decisions are up to you, the reader. A perusal of the considered opinions printed here should be made before you vote on the biggest issues that have faced UBC for years.

We're Not NFCUS Members But We Receive Benefits

UBC has not been a member of our National Student Association this year. To us at UBC this has meant a saving of $1300 but because of the nature of the organization we have received most of the benefits of membership.

At the meeting following the National Conference our Council refused to set aside any amount. Council had again, with the exception of one or two of its members, knowing little or nothing about NFCUS and apparently not interested in knowing anything about NFCUS, decided that the Federation was not worth its cost.

Since that occasion the statement was made by Mr. Bray that "we now find that we could have paid the increased fee."

Without attempting to justify the existence of NFCUS I would like to present the following facts for the consideration of Council and the detractors of NFCUS: (1) all countries excepting those having no university, have a national student union; (2) whether UBC is or is not a member of the Federation it will benefit from the activities of the Federation—if UBC is willing to be a free loader it must accept the consequences of this status; (3) NFCUS is not just another campus organization. NFCUS affairs are the responsibility of the student council; (4) UBC is one of the few that has no provisions on the council for the NFCUS chairman or for anyone whose concern is solely national and international affairs. Yet Council is willing to send as one of its delegates, the NFCUS chairman, to the annual conference, knowing nothing about him, shows virtually no interest in the issues that are to arise at that conference, and certainly takes no part in formulating resolutions to present at the conference.

These last remarks are not necessarily personal criticisms of the members of the present Council, but of councils past and present, the past having handed on to the present council the attitude of indifference toward NFCUS.

The main interest, one person excepted, that this year's Council has shown in NFCUS was in the appointing of the NFCUS chairman, and recently Council has become aware that NFCUS has a value to students; even the more juvenile members of the council have been moved to believing that not everything good comes in a sweater or a candy wrapper.

But in spite of the adverse criticisms made of NFCUS by Council members the Council has now seen fit to recommend our reassociation with our National Student Union. It is to be hoped that this Spring's General Meeting will support Council's resolution. It is not every day that every Council member is able to see beyond the confines of the campus. It would be a shame to overlook this just intimation of a national outlook.

James Craig,
"NFCUS"—UBC 1954-55

Athletes Seek Sound Finances

Do you know how Athletics at UBC are financed? Do you realize that two-thirds of the athletic budget is derived from estimated gate receipts? This means that if actual gate receipts do not reach our estimates, then the athletic budget will either finish up in the red or be subject to curtailment. The only assured revenue we receive is the annual AMS grant, based upon the present $3.20 per student. To maintain the present programme we must over-estimate our gate receipts for each year, because we know that if estimates were made on a realistic basis we would have to cut the budget of each sport by a proportionate amount, i.e. curtail the entire programme. To illustrate this we wish to present figures taken from our current 1954-55 budget:

Case A — from 1954-55 budget . . .

Estimated Revenue

Fixed AMS grant	$17,600
Estimated privilege card sale	3,500
Estimated gate receipts	15,350
Television contract	3,000
Programme receipts	1,300
Total	$40,750

Actual Revenue

Fixed AMS grant	$17,600
Estimated privilege card sale	3,300
Estimated gate receipts	12,450
Television contract	3,000
Programme receipts	615
Total	$36,965

(estimated gate receipts include $2,500 student gate revenue)

Case B — Pro Forma Budget 1955-56 — including $2.00 increase.

Estimated Revenue

Fixed AMS grant	$17,600
Guaranteed privilege card receipts	11,000
Total guaranteed revenue	$28,600
Estimated gate receipts	9,150
Television contract (est)	3,000
Total	$40,750

Actual Revenue

Total guaranteed revenue	$28,600
Estimated gate receipts	9,150
Television contract (est)	3,000
Total	$40,750

We are not asking for an increased athletic programme — we are simply asking that the present programme now be placed on a sound financial basis. For a $2.00 increase in athletic fees each student will automatically receive an athletic privilege card. This card will entitle the student entrance to every regular scheduled inter-collegiate athletic event.

We feel sure that the students will realize that they will have the opportunity to attend approximately 30 major athletic events which would normally cost about $16.00, for a total cost of $2.00 per student. At the same time as the individual student benefits, he will be making a concrete contribution to the financial stability of the University athletic programme.

R. J. "Bus" Phillips,
Athletic Director, UBC

Robert Brady
President, Men's Athletic As.

Finance Dictates Second Pool Plan

The summary of the swimming pool story is:

First, if we are to have a covered pool now it means two pools, because the Administration doesn't have the money.

Second, the swimming pool was always part of the War Memorial Gym plans. By building the pool we are only completing the gym.

Third, the students are only being asked to put up *$100,000, the most that they can reasonably finance.* The Administration will put up the difference. And the Vancouver Parks Board will ask the City for $500,000 to build the same sized pool.

Fourth, Student Council has obtained an understanding that the students will get year round free swimming.

Fifth, building the second pool will provide a real contribution to Vancouver swimming.

Sixth, The two pool plan shows up best for recreation, teaching, and competitive purposes.

Student Court Changes Offered, More Protection Given To Accused

Many improvements in the Student Court will be proposed at the AMS General Meeting.

Changes are being proposed by the committee after long discussions with past and present members of the court, the investigating committee and those who have charged and have been charge before the court.

The first improvement is that no one can be investigated until he has been notified of the complaint.

The next improvement is to provide for a preliminary hearing by the Court. The accused person can come out to this hearing, if he wants to, and perhaps the whole problem can be settled there by agreement: If someone knows he is guilty he may well choose to have the case decided then and there without the Investigating committee going after him.

The Court at this preliminary hearing can also throw out any frivolous charges. If, as happened this year, someone is charged who wasn't even at the alleged riot, this can be quickly settled at the preliminary hearing.

Then when the investigating committee does its work, it has the benefit of a first hearing and written direction from the Student Court so that it can properly investigate the charges. The accused also finds out the case he has to meet. If two of the five members of the committee feel that there is adequate evidence, then the accused must be charged before the court.

Changes have also been made to protect the person making the complaint. Neither the court or the investigating committee can throw out a complaint without giving written reasnos. This year some charges were thrown out by the investigating committee and the people making the complaints are still wondering why.

Danny Goldsmith

Amendment Cuts UBC Powers

Controversy between Student Council and the Undergraduate Societies Committee will be brought before the students as a whole under an amendment presented by Council to the AMS General meeting.

Under this amendment USC would be placed in the same position as the rest of the subsidiary organizations in that its constitution would be subject to approval by Student Council.

Earlier this year Council threw out as being repugnant to the USC bylaw which permitted USC, after a poll of its members, to pass motions binding on the whole AMS unless Council unanimously disapproved. Since the USC chairman has considered himself bound by the decisions of the USC this unanimous approval could never be obtained.

The position still remains that USC can determine its constitution so long as it isn't repugnant to the AMS constitution The committee feels that here is no reason for USC to be in a privileged position over the other groups.

In addition the deletion would make the whole bylaw read more clearly.

Danny Goldsmith

UBC Rowers Earned Trip To Regatta

In August of 1954, a group of young men from UBC thrilled Canada and the Empire, by defeating England's best on the Vedder Canal.

Needless to say, the students of this university were proud of their crew's stirring victory, and were quick to honor these young men who brought such recognition and glory to UBC.

Now our crew has been invited to participate in the Royal Henley Regatta to be held in England in July of 1956—an honor they well deserve. As in the past, numerous citizens of Vancouver have come forth to lend financial and moral support to our crew.

The sum required to send the boys to England is $25,000. Of this amount the students are asked to contribute $3,000. The balance will be pledged by Vancouver and provincial groups.

Most of us realize that $3,000 is a small amount to ask in comparison to what is needed.

We feel that our students will rise to the occasion and contribte this amount to support the crew in their endeavors.

It is a cause in which each and every one of us can participate and feel justly rewarded. The contributions which we make will give the downtown campaign added emphasis.

Robert Brady

CODE CHANGES

'A' Group No Problem

First group of constitutional changes to be proposed by Wendy Sutton, constitution committee chairman, are not controversial and it is not expected that there wil be any objection raised to them.

These amendments will all be presented as a whole. Any student, however, who wants any amendment to be discussed and voted on separately has the right at the General Meeting to insist this be done.

The first amendment is to prevent student council from expelling anyone from AMS membership until there has been a recommendation from Student court. Since there is the requirement of a Student court recommendation, the vote has been cut down from unanimous to two-thirds; otherwise one person would have complete say.

The second amendment changes the name of the Literary and Scientific Executive to the University Clubs Committee, a name which LSE wants.

Then next amendment makes provision in case of a tie in the voting of the Public Relations Officer, who is elected by Student Council.

The sixth amendment is a deletion of an obsolete bylaw about student council being a court of appeal from the old Judical Committee of the USC. The eighth allows the election committee to start elections on either the first or second Wednesday in February, although they still must be completed by the end of February.

The ninth amendment would permit capital expenditures over $1,000 to be authorized by a referendum. They now can be authorized only by a general meeting.

The tenth amendment is to delete an obscure motion about the Faculty Council Committee on Student Affairs. The committee discussed this motion with Dean Gage who agreed that it should be deleted.

The last amendment in this group has the Treasurer instead of the Secretary receive annual reports of the various organizations.

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SPORTS EDITOR, KEN LAMB

English Open Tour Today, Rugby Magic On Display

'Murals

Track Tourney Coming

Next week will feature the annual intramural track and field meet which should show some of UBC's athletes off to better advantage.

Highlighting the events will be the mile relay which will be held approximately at 1:15, during the half time of the big Oxford-Cambridge game on March 24. Monday, March 21, will feature the final in the 880 yard dash.

Wednesday will feature the pole valut and the 440 yard final. The meet winds up Friday with the mile grind going at 12:50. For a full slate of all events, those interested are advised to consult the bulletin board in the gym.

MOVED OUT onto the football field, the four visitors test a football—Yankee made. The Slingin' Sammy Baugh is Robin Plumbirdge. Others, left to right, John Currie, Alan Barter, and Tommy McClung. —Brian Thomas Photo.

COLUMNS UNLIMITED

Are There Any Such Among Us?

By KEN LAMB

The Empire is not dead. Long live the empire.

And England, it seems, who was good enough to give her name to the Empire, still must claim the right to be the seat of it.

Some of that right she will assert today when her team shows the fans some of their rugger code wizardry they haven't seen since the All-Blacks visited these shores.

The Englishmen will be playing rugby today, a quality that was sadly lacking when the California behemoths were here. The Birds will be playing rugby too, because they will have to if they want to stay in the game. But that's beside the point.

NO, IT WASN'T A 1935 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

You see, the mention of the name "Oxford-Cambridge" brought to recollection a letter I found in the mail-box some time ago. Here it is:

"Dear sir,

I would like invite a Canadian team, or teams, to compete in a University auto-rally from London to Singapore in the fall of 1955. It would help me a great deal if you could bring this to the attention of your readers.

"As it stands at the moment, the rally is scheduled to be an efficiency competition between one Oxford and one Cambridge crew on a route passing through France, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Siam and Malaya.

"The cost will depend on what sort of cars the competitors decide to use and how heavily they are sponsored, but we estimate that for a three-man team, the London-Singapore journey could be done on $2,400, including the cost of a good used car.

"To give an idea of the sort of expedition we run, I enclose one of our press hand-outs from our 1954 25,000 mile rally between Oxford and Cambridge.

IT WAS A LONG FIGHT, MA, BUT THEY WON

"The two landrovers (similar to a jeep), driven by two crews of three, passed through 24 countries in Europe and Africa, were given magnificent hospitality by the locals, and hit the headlines in Africa and all over the British Empire.

"As part of our publicity program for our sponsors, we wrote a book, appeared on 18 radio and TV programs, produced a movie film and 2,000 photographs, gave lectures and wrote many magazine articles.

"Those interested can get full details from me at Christ's College, Cambridge, England."

(signed) G. H. Morgan.

Interesting as it is, his press handout is too long to print here, but here's a few hints of its contents.

The whole thing started as an undergraduate night club bet near Hong Kong. The expedition chose the worst possible time of year for the trip, when the Sahara was impassable for heat, the Abyssinian rain forcast impassable for mud, and the rest of the route washed away by floods.

The Cambridge car was forced over a cliff and fell wedged between two trees, necessitating a 450 mile search for welding equipment.

ON AND ON AND ON, THEN BACK AGAIN

They were welcomed by natives, native princes and a herd of lions that coughed all night around the camp. At Tunis they were involved in an attack in which two soldiers were shot by Arabs dressed as women. Then the Oxford leader was flown home, suffering from heat and sand.

In upper Egypt only the arrival of the village headsman saved them from the angry citizens when a child ran into one of the cars. They came within 900 yards of a Mau Mau skirmish, and finished the trip by driving the last 3500 miles into Capetown in four and a half days.

Then they started back. They fought bush fires, went on stage as a vaudeville act, were taken once for spies in the Congo, were swept downstream on a raging torrent in Ubangi . . .

The story ends there, mostly because I lost the rest of the letter. But you see the sort of things they did. And when one thinks that the best idea ever to come from the Georgia was a drunken boat trip to Nanaimo . . .

Yes, Britain is still the home of the Empire, and with an idea like that, she's earned the honour.

Shake out my bicycle, mother mine, I'm off to London with the Union Jack in my hip pocket.

PRINCE RUPERT UPSETS VC AS COURT TOURNEY BEGINS

Unheralded Prince Rupert staged the upset of the opening day of the B.C. Invitational Highschool Basketball championships Wednesday by beating Vancouver College 60-57.

Other scores: Alberni 46, Penticton 42; Delta 35, Victoria 30; West Van 34, Esquimalt 33; Duke of Connaught 66, Cranbrook 36; Kamloops 41, Queen Elizabeth 30; Gladstone 35, North Surrey 27; Trapp Tech beat Trail.

ALL FOR 50c

Four Days Of Wide Open Ball

The War Memorial gym threw open its doors yesterday to 150 high school basketball players as the tenth annual B.C. basketball tournament got under way at 1:15.

With tournament chairman Jack Pomfret predicting a successful series, and with half a dozen schools capable of putting their name on the tenth shield of the Sparling Trophy, the series looks like the most wide open yet.

Tournament champs will be crowned, amid hundreds of adolescent cheers, sometime Saturday night. From the way the winds swirl in the crystal ball it might be wise to look for the red jerseyed Gladstone men to take the championship.

Also at the crowning of the 1955 provincial champs will be the announcement of the first and second all-star teams, and the most valuable player.

Students may buy a pass to all of these games for only 50 cents, which is a cheap price for 26 games and a few missed labs.

Weightmen Smash Two Records

UBC weightlifters smashed two records Monday in the B.C. Junior championships held at the Arcadian Hall.

All on the way to a heavyweight winning total of 625 pounds, Bill O'Donnell established a new press record of 195 pounds.

SECOND PLACE

Vern Case took second place in the middleweight class with a 585 total, behind Jerry McCurrich who won with 600 pounds. Case set a new clean and jerk record with 245 pounds, 20 pounds above the previous mark.

O'Donnell's win makes him eligible for the Pacific Northwest Junior Championships held March 26 at Everett, Washington.

Badminton Quits

Presence of the high school basketball tournament has cancelled all War Memorial Gym activity of the badminton club for this week.

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Birds Promise Real Battle To Ox-Cam

By PETE WORTHINGTON

At noon today the combined Oxford-Cambridge rugger XV tackles the Thunderbirds at the Owen Bowl. If any team in the west is going to beat the "Blues"—and the chances are slim—Birds have the best opportunity.

The touring Englishmen have never played together as a team, and UBC will be their first opponents. Since their arrival in Vancouver Tuesday morning, they have been holding light "get-acquainted" workouts on the upper field at Varsity, and look in good shape.

The team is composed of more normal looking individuals than were the California Bears. There are few players over the 200 pound mark, and their height is within striking distance. Speed and skill are their weapons rather than power and strength.

BIG, EH?

Incidently, for the final Bird-Bears game last Saturday, statistician Max Howell has figured that the average weight of the Cal scrum outweighed UBC by 50 pounds per man.

The Ox-Cam crew are headed by manager Peter Kininmonth who has captained, Scotland eight times and won 21 caps. A lot of caps and a lot of rugby. Ten of the team are from Oxford, while 11 belong to Cambridge.

SIX GAMES

While in B.C., where they play six matches, the Englishmen are being berthed at Acadia Camp, where the fittest will probably survive.

From here they move on to California for introductions to the enormous Bears, UCLA, and Stanford. Six tilts down south and they return home.

The tour is strictly a B.C.-California one. It is not the tail-end of a world-wide one which we usually catch.

The costs of the trip, approximately $20,000, are being shared by B.C. and California, with any profits staying the side of the border on which they were earned.

COLORFUL

The "tourists" are a colorful collection, both on and off the playing field. R. C. Allaway, a 23-year-old 190-pounder is the present captain of Oxford University and a brilliant hooker. He also excells as an exponent of Zulu dancing.

What Zulu dancing consists of is unknown through most of Vancouver. Also unknown is wheher or not he does this before or after games. No wonder he captains Oxford.

P. Davies plays full back, and is noted for his cool, calm and calculating cunning. Anyway he is one of the steadying influences of the all-stars. He plays for Wales, too.

ANY POSITION

Ian Beer, captain of the squad, can play almost any position in the scrum. A Cambridge student, he was instrumental in the 3-0 defeat of Oxford by Cambridge this year. He also played for England against France in 1955. He plans to teach school, although he owns a Natural Science degree.

Thunderbirds will field the same team which beat Cal twice last week. Injured Derek Vallis is whole again, and will be in the line up. Birds are near their peak, a bit bruised, perhaps, but still as dangerous as they have ever been. Many fans are hoping for an upset win by Birds, since their opponents might be shaky from their trip and unused to Vancouver sunshine. Unlikely, but possible.

NEXT MATCH

The next match is a week today, at noon on Thursday, March 24th, when an All-Time UBC squad plays past greats for Varsity will be eligible to make the team.

These games are the desert of the rugger season, and are as sweet an offering as has ever been seen. After the Cal series that's saying a mouthful.

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