

The Medium

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A.M.S. COUNCIL REPORT, FEBRUARY 7.

A letter was read to council from Mr. Morgan which stated that he disapproved of the A.M.S. report of the February 1st meeting, in the Medium, concerning Food Management. He felt that this should not have been printed in the newspaper, and that either the newspaper or the A.M.S. should send a note of apology to Mr. Childerhose. He also mentioned that the first reading, for him and Mr. Childerhose, was in the Medium. As the author of this previously mentioned report, I say it is my duty to report any proceedings of the Council to the student body. If this matter was not fully prepared, it should not have been presented to council, and the principals involved should have waited until the correct authorities were notified. There was ample time to ask that this matter be withdrawn from the Newspaper report prior to printing, if this request was warranted by the editors.

After the reading of the letter, President Hess then introduced Mr. Childerhose, representative of Food Management Services. To prevent misunderstandings, a motion was carried that the newspaper not be allowed to report on the matter at hand. I suggest that the members of the A.M.S., who voted on this motion, read Section II, Article XI of the Constitution, under the title - Meetings; in which, it states that any member of the A.M.S., (which includes any full-time student) shall be entitled, subject to the seating capacity of the room in which the meetings of the A.M.S. council are held, to attend meetings of the A.M.S. council meeting, the Medium has a duty to inform any absent members of the A.M.S. of the proceedings. As there were a few non-participant A.M.S. members there, all others have a right to hear the business at hand.

Considering the council knowledgeable of its own constitution, especially the President, this reporter discontinued his notes and relaxed to listen to the arguments presented.

by W.M. (Jack) Lemmon.

In the February 3, 1966 issue of "the Medium" there was an article that was very bitter and equally unjustified. The article centred around the failure of the A.M.S. to allot funds to a political club. This club wished to send delegates to a convention in Toronto.

It only stands to reason that the governing student body of a University cannot be expected to give funds to a political club for that political club to further its own political objectives. If the Lakehead University Alma Mater Society had given money to the political club as requested, it would then be sponsoring directly candidates for a Senior Political Party - when not all of Lakehead University's seven-hundred and twenty students agree with the philosophy of that particular political party.

It has been said that if the A.M.S. had allowed the political club to send delegates to the conference in Toronto, the delegates would return to the Lakehead much informed and better able to tell the students of the policies of the Senior Political Party. This is clearly a furthering of the political ambitions of one political party at the expense of all the students at Lakehead University.

Another point of discussion was the reason why the A.M.S. Council had allowed political clubs on campus if the A.M.S. would not allot money for the political clubs to send delegates to nation-wide political conventions. As these political clubs were allowed to exist, the Council obviously recognized the necessity of having a knowledge of the

political situation in the world today. However, it is not in the best interests of the whole student body to send delegates to conventions in order to better propagate the political philosophy of only one party.

At this time, it is neither financially nor physically possible to sponsor delegates to all party conventions. Who draws the line? And where?

The A.M.S. has drawn the line in the best interests of the student body as a whole, not just a few!

Jack Edwards,
(A.M.S. Science Representative.)

CHIP ON MY SHOULDER.

The aim of any newspaper is awareness. It is in an attempt to make the student body of Lakehead U. aware of elections that this issue has set up. February 16th is the date that students will cast their ballots for the A.M.S. Executive of 1966-67. It is of vital importance to every student

1. that he cast his ballot, exercising his franchise
2. that he exercise that franchise as an enlightened voter.

Each candidate has a platform of proposals for the next year. It is your duty to be aware of just what a particular candidate stands for and to know who the candidates are. To help in this department the Medium has compiled the following list of candidates as of 4 p.m. February 9th, the close of nominations.

W. Tocheri - President
Mike Wainwright - President
Ian Thompson - Vice-President
Ron Hider - Treasurer
Donna Brownlee - Secretary

If you do not know the identity of the candidates your vote is not only a wasted effort it could seriously damage the governing mechanism of next year's A.M.S. Council. You are encouraged to read the platforms of the candidates for the Presidency; Mr. Tocheri and Mr. Wainwright. You are also asked to watch for election conferences that may be held next week before the election day. The Medium is doing its best to set up a press conference open to the student body where students will be able to get acquainted with candidates and freely question them on University and election issues. Signs will be posted telling students the location of the polls on election day.

To this editor two issues particularly stand out. The first is that of Universal Accessibility - government paid academic and residence fees for University students. This affects you and I and it is an issue that our governments are soon going to have to deal with. What will the view of our A.M.S. Council be? Would we settle for a more immediate solution to such rising costs by cutting fees only, or removing academic fees completely and leaving residence fees or vice versa? Residence fees for a single room will rise in the fall of 1966 to \$725. A double room will cost \$650. What will the effect of this be on present residence students? This is a question not only at Lakehead but at every Canadian University. Your council is guided to a large extent by the stand of the executive. Where will they stand on such an issue? You and I cannot afford to cast an ignorant vote when the stakes are so high. Academic fees will rise also next fall.

Secondly this University is an expanding University. What is the relationship between students, faculty, and administration? Should students have representation on the Senate or on a "University Council," a sounding board for problems and expansion of facilities in both faculty and courses to be offered? At present these issues involve a two-step process of student to faculty or student to administration and on up. What about the Board of Governors? Here the possibilities of a "University Council" appear particularly desirable. It would provide an

opportunity for fences down discussion by all concerned with the Lakehead University situation on an equal basis.

There are many issues and many questions. But the most important fact of all is this. The freshman vote equates 1:1 with that of upper-classmen. This means that the freshmen vote decides the issue and he has to live with the results next year in campus student administration. You can't afford to vote without being certain of who is involved and exactly what he or she stands for. Vote as you please but vote February 16, 1966.

FRIDAY PRESS CONFERENCE.

An open press conference will be held Friday, February 11th at 1:00 in the cafeteria. At this time a battery of reporters from the Medium will direct questions to the candidates for position of President. Students are asked to attend the conference but public questions will be restricted to a Town Hall Meeting next Monday afternoon.

MIKE WAINWRIGHT - ARTS II PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Election Platform

1. Better liaison between the students and their Council.
 - bulletins issued after each Council meeting
 - student handbook - to be out in October
 - weekly copies of the Medium - with enough copies to keep all the students informed
2. Cheaper dances which will be restricted to all 'teeney-boppers' and 'bubble-gummers.'
3. Lakehead University to join the Canadian Union of Students in August, 1966.
 - institution of a Student Discount Service at local retail merchants
 - closer communication with other Universities
4. Public Relations Man - to advertise events at Lakehead University to the local public through the papers and radio.
Social Convenor to arrange all Council functions such as dances, Winter Carnival, Centennial projects, etc.
5. Committee system for the A.M.S. Council to facilitate quick action, and to keep more students better informed.
6. Welcome Week for all first year students in all faculties.

W.M. TOCHERI - PRESIDENTIAL PLATFORM.

I would like to present the following points for your consideration in making your Presidential choice, Wednesday, February 16th. In presenting myself as a candidate, I feel that my experience as an executive member in your student government over the past two years has given me a keen insight into the problems and interests of Lakehead University students. The A.M.S. council has a wonderful opportunity to inaugurate new and progressive programming for their student body. The following ideas and recommendations are of major concern:-

- I The A.M.S. council will be handling a minimum of \$30,000 next year. Foresight and definite planning can provide many new and beneficial programmes for every student.
 - the \$20 caution fee (totalling a minimum of \$20,000) must be eliminated or controlled by the students themselves.
 - increased revenue can be obtained by proper investment and early organization of student activities.
- II Athletics - additional support should and will be made to athletics. My recommendations for setting up of a joint student - administrative athletic board to provide better scheduling of athletic events in the

interest of the student body, were recently accepted by the Administration and the A.M.S. Council's Commission on Athletics.

I also recommend:-

- a full-time qualified athletic director.
- the building of a field-house which will accommodate our capacity enrollment, to be reached in 1972.
- entrance into an inter-collegiate athletic conference; be it Canadian or American.

III Summer programming - this A.M.S. council should be providing a summer social programme.

- dances, folk concerts, plays.
- I have attempted to create a university entertainment circuit to offer big-name entertainment for our students at realistic costs. This circuit has been accepted by every University in Western Canada.
- organization of the summer students.
- publication of a summer newspaper.
- proper organization of "Frosh Week."
- contracting of entertainment for Winter Carnival 1966-67.
- inauguration of restricting dances to University students, with I.D. cards, and their guests.

IV Academic programming:- The Faculty Association has accepted the A.M.S. Executive's proposals in regard to study week, which this year is April 5 - 12.

- next year this study week should be in mid-February.

Night classes - should be eliminated from the full-time students' curricula.

V Cafeteria facilities:- additional seating capacity for the student body must be obtained - cafeteria appliances should be expanded to provide hot meals at cost prices.

- Food service in our Residence must be improved without an increase in Residence fees.

I have obtained substantial information and experience as a Lakehead University delegate at University Conferences on a National and Provincial level. Recommendations and new ideas from every student are important and will be given complete consideration.

The programming as I have outlined is modelled upon other universities and is thoroughly feasible and can be extremely beneficial to every student. During this campaign, I will be developing these ideas more thoroughly and I encourage your inquiries.

RON HIDER - CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

by Harvey Clue.

Mr. Hider believes in the establishment of a proper finance system including CENTRAL BANKING with the further reservation to later expand it. During the interview, the candidate for treasurer stated that he will work for greater student awareness of the financial system, particularly since in his view, at present, the majority of students are grossly misinformed in this particular sphere. Mr. Hider used the Technology Society Brief presented last fall to the A.M.S. Council as an example to illustrate the previous statement. In his opinion, the Brief was misinterpreted. He will "shine a different light" on this matter.

He hopes, in the event of his election, to improve and augment the finance system, to make further use of the purchase order system, and to make full use of the newly formed committees, naturally with the emphasis being on finance.

In answer to the question of whether the A.M.S. Council should allot money to political parties on campus in order for the latter to send delegates to conventions, Mr. Hider stated that presently, the Council should not give money for this purpose, since considerable

expense is involved, but at the same time, he stressed the need to review the whole question.

He believes that the A.M.S. Council should get the most for its money with respect to profit and value, but not at the expense of the student body.

Moreover, as far as he is aware, definite advantages await Lakehead University as a member of C.U.S. Once again, he stresses that the committees will render the A.M.S. Council more efficient by providing closer scrutiny on the part of individual councillors for important questions.

Finally, Mr. Hider believes in government aid for students in order to attend University but he does not agree with the idea of complete government sponsor. Incidentally, this answer was in response to the question: "What are your views on "universal accessibility?" (free university education for all.)