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Student Involvement

The year 1967 may well be remembered not simply as centennial year but as the year of campus ferment. In Canada and North America generally, university students are reaching out to claim more authority for governing their own campus lives; they are more and more becoming aware of their own group power.

Recent centres of ferment in Canada have been Waterloo University; Glendon College, York University; The University of Western Ontario, and Simon Fraser University. Much of the ferment whirls around the concept of student involvement in university government. Students have resented their exclusion from university government. Along with other young people today they are "no longer content to sit on the sidelines and observe." As the message-is-the-medium man, Marshall McLuhan goes on to point out with particular reference to youth in the business world: "Your young workers today want to play a participatory role in your operations. Youth understands this all-at-once world of ours."

Whether in the business world or the university world, young people reach for recognition; they invite involvement.

In Alberta, the act which governs the operation of universities makes it possible for students to participate in decision-making at the levels of the Senate and the General Faculty Council. The University of Lethbridge, which was founded in this year of ferment, has taken advantage of the provisions in the Act and has involved students in the work of the policy-making body known as the General Faculty Council which makes decisions and recommendations with respect to curriculum, type of teaching period to be established -