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JENSEN SEES THE LIGHT—Santa presents lounge inspector Dwight Jensen with a new lighting fixture for residence lounges, replacing out-of-style incandescent lighting.

Food Poisoning Strikes Thirty At Residence Christmas Banquet

Food poisoning struck 30 students after the annual residence Christmas banquet Saturday night.

Most of those stricken were treated in the residence, others were hospitalized overnight. None are believed seriously ill.

"It would be unfair for me to venture a guess as to the cause at this time," said Joel M. Stoneham, Director of Food Services, when interviewed Sunday afternoon.

Six residence dwellers were detained in the Student Health Services Infirmary overnight, five had been released by Sunday noon.

Two others reported to SHS and were released after examination.

Mr. Stoneham stated that Dr. J. S. Elliott, Director of Student Health Services had examined approximately 25 other students in the residence.

Samples of all the food served have been retained and the Department of Public Health will

investigate and analyze all samples.

The food supplies from which the meal was prepared will not be used until the investigation is complete.

Those stricken are a small percentage of the 980 students who

were at the Christmas Banquet. Mr. Stoneham thinks this would indicate bad food rather than bad preparation.

In the 25 years that Mr. Stoneham has been in this field, this is only the second case he has encountered.

French Week Seeking Aid

French-Canada week is not being deterred by some lack of co-operation in financial areas by the provincial and city governments, says David Estrin, CUS chairman.

The provincial government has refused to grant any money to the French-Canada Week committee on the grounds there is no provision in the provincial treasury for such grants. It has also refused to let the committee use Jubilee Auditorium rent free.

"We hope the provincial government will reconsider its decision about a grant at its Tuesday cabinet meeting," says Estrin. "We are not concerned by the refusal to grant free use of the auditorium."

The city government will definitely not give any money to support French-Canada Week. Mayor William Hawrelak told the committee, "It is not the role of

municipal governments to support projects of this nature."

"If we support one ethnic group, we must support them all," he said.

SUPPORT GIVEN

The committee has received \$1,000 from the Board of Governors and \$500 from the Students' Union. "We have asked the Students' Union for another \$500 and will probably get it at the Monday meeting," says Estrin. "We also are hoping for a large grant from the Quebec government."

Air Canada is giving two free return-trip tickets, one from Montreal and the other from Quebec. The Macdonald Hotel has reduced rates on rooms.

"The goal of this week," says David Estrin, "is to give an explanation of the major causes of Quebec's disquiet to the students and other inhabitants of Alberta, and to make people realize that English Canada must change to preserve Confederation."

All the activities of the week are free except the two performances of the Quatre-Vingts singers. The activities include speeches, panel discussions, dis-

Davy Criticizes Faculty Letter

Paper 'Too Philosophical' But Still Has Meaning

By Brian Campbell

A petition signed by 148 faculty members protesting "a growing atmosphere of restricted freedom in Alberta" has been criticized by its originator.

Dr. Grant Davy, head of the department of political science and one of three persons who prepared the statement, says it is "too philosophical."

"It isn't the statement that I would have written," he told The Gateway.

"But it covers the nature of academic freedom and responsibility well."

The statement was endorsed by 148 faculty members, 65 per cent of whom occupy senior positions at the university.

"I initiated the idea," says Dr. Davy, "and I'll have to take a lot of the blame—the statement is the work of three people: Dr. E. E. Daniel, Dr. E. W. Mandel and myself."

Dr. Davy also criticized the university's alumni association for failing to take a stand on academic freedom following recent statements by provincial cabinet ministers.

"At other universities, we would have strong alumni support in a situation like this," he said.

"The reason we hear nothing from the alumni is because we haven't given them the feeling during their undergraduate years that university is one of their most valuable life experiences," he added.

Dr. Davy said academic freedom

will come under increasing danger as the university becomes more specialized.

SPECIALIZATION

"As specialization advances, people will become more loyal to their department than they are to the university as a whole," Dr. Davy told The Gateway.

The statement outlined three key principles underlying academic freedom:

- "Freedom of enquiry is the cornerstone which supports the entire structure of a democratic society and it must not be disturbed. Teachers should be free to discuss all topics relevant to their subjects, tempered only by an understanding of the limitations of the human mind and the possibility of error. Students should be free to criticize a teacher's position without pressure on, or detriment to themselves as students. For a teacher to allow less freedom is to fail in the social function of preparing citizens for democracy—to turn the school and university into agencies of indoctrination.

- Religious or political views are not and should never be the criteria for engaging teachers or for removing them from their positions.

- The ultimate goal of education, especially at the university level, is to equip the individual to make his own evaluations and to develop his own standards of conduct and his own objects of political, social and religious significance."

HOKE COMMENTS

Hon. A. J. Hooke, minister of municipal affairs, commented on the statement Saturday. "I agree with academic freedom and will certainly fight for its maintenance at all levels of teaching but reserve the right to declare fearlessly where this freedom is abused," he said.

"Based on the theories expounded surely a cabinet minister or anyone else should be entitled to free speech and ought to be permitted to say that certain publications contain what, in his or her opinion, is not in the best interests of education, without being told immediately that he is interfering with the right of a group of professors to sponsor such a publication."

In conclusion, Mr. Hooke stated, "There is no government in Canada more determined to guard individual rights and democratic freedom than the present Alberta government."

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