

I'VE DIALED 706 NUMBERS AND STILL NO DATE—The campus telephone directories were released last week, and a mad dash for the phone booths followed, as students tried for dates for Wauneita, and its main competition, the Losers' Ball. The unusually large proportion of photo directorate members in this picture suggests that maybe the photographers are the biggest losers of them all.

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Injustice in Canada worse than in U.S., says lawyer Belli

Canadian injustice is even worse ence in Con Hall Friday evening, than American injustice, claims controversial lawyer Melvin Belli.

was comparing the Steven Truscott trial to the Jack Ruby trial.

He said the trial of Steven Trus-

Belli, speaking to a capacity audi-

-Al Scarth photo CONTROVERSIAL LAWYER MELVIN BELLI ... blasts Canadian justice at Con Hall forum

cott should cause Canadians to hang their heads in shame.

"It is horrendous how Truscott was railroaded into a kangaroo

Belli admitted his statement was based only upon Isobel LeBourdais' book, The Trial of Steven Truscott.

Justice has always looked its worst in the cases which receive world publicity, he said.

"Yet the bread and butter cases which constitute 99 per cent of the court action in the United States are handled in a very competent and just manner."

Belli spoke of his unsuccessful defence of Jack Ruby, convicted killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of former president John F. Kennedy.

UNCONVENTIONAL.

Belli cited several examples of the unconventional method the Ruby trial was dealt with. For the first time in the history of common law, a public relations man was assigned to the judge.

Fifty or more radio and television men would swamp the court at every recess, and court room procedure degenerated until the trial appeared to be a macabre circus performance.

Belli spoke for two hours, his topics ranging over individualism, California politics, inflation, and morality.

Belli was the first in a series of speakers sponsored by the Law School Forum.

Lethbridge protests board appointments

By RALPH MELNYCHUK **Gateway Managing Editor**

While U of A students struggle through the annual Waterloo known as November Test Week, students and faculty at Lethbridge Junior College are fighting their Armageddon against the "educational shackles" of Alberta's Social Credit government.

Education minister Randolph McKinnon's Oct. 17 announcement of the appointment of seven of the 14 members of the board of governors of the proposed Lethbridge university sparked the dispute.

In a front page editorial, The Lethbridge Herald suggested the selection of governors indicated Lethbridge would have a "parochial college" rather than "a true university of which all Alberta can be proud."

Student, faculty, and community protests were immediately fired to the government, but a letter to the Herald, signed by provincial agri-culture minister Harry Strom quickly transformed the skirmish into all-out war.

NO MAJORITY

Mr. Strom said he did not believe the critics constituted a majority of southern Albertans.

"I will not believe it, and I suggest the people of southern Alberta, if they share the views of the critics, should quickly express themselves to us so that we might rescind our decision and not proceed with the building of a university at this time," he said.

Charges were immediately made that the government was denying free speech to the people of Lethbridge "under threat of punish-

The college's students' union president, Hugh Campbell, said the choice of board members would seriously hinder the development of

the new university.

He stated the present atmosphere of Lethbridge Junior College

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Pearson asks government restraint

The federal government must be prepared to demonstrate restraint if it wishes to persuade others to exercise restraint in increasing their demands on the economy, says Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In a letter to campus Liberal president Ed Devai, Mr. Pearson said it was for this reason the government "chose to defer some programs, which, in the longer run, we look upon as being singularly important to the Canadian people and the Canadian economy.

"These decisions, which are most difficult to make, are taken in the wider interests of the country."

The prime minister was replying to a letter Devai sent him Oct. 18. protesting the postponement of the Canada student grants and scholarships scheduled for this year.

Mr. Pearson said the economic situation will be reassessed later this fall, and "we will be able to judge whether less restraint than now appears necessary would be appropriate, and it would then be possible to adjust our programs accordingly."