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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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Lethbridge protests board appointments

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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 agriculture 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 punishment."

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

Canadian injustice is even worse than American injustice, claims controversial lawyer Melvin Belli.

Belli, speaking to a capacity audi-

ence in Con Hall Friday evening, was comparing the Steven Truscott trial to the Jack Ruby trial.

He said the trial of Steven Trus-

cott should cause Canadians to hang their heads in shame.

"It is horrendous how Truscott was railroaded into a kangaroo court."

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.



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CONTROVERSIAL LAWYER MELVIN BELLI
... blasts Canadian justice at Con Hall forum