

## Canadian University Press DATELINE

### University students "exploited"

SASKATOON—Canadian universities have been accused of exploiting students across the country.

Earle Birney, writer-in-residence at the University of Toronto said "The whole university system is in need of reform."

There is going to be a change in the future in university education "but not necessarily from the top," he said. Students will soon be showing their dissatisfaction with university by quitting, not coming to university, or looking elsewhere for education.

Students' talents are hindered by restricted cultural environments and brainwashing at school where the attitude towards any cultural pursuits is "pernicious," he said.

The best way to solve the problem is through the seminar system of education, with no class having more than 20 students, Birney claimed.

University should give students the knowledge they will want to use all their life, not something which will be forgotten as soon as the exam is written.

Dr. Birney stated there was too much emphasis on facts in the university system and "the focus of the educational emphasis should be on creativity."

This creativity must be fostered before it is too late, as there is a great danger of it being stifled, he said.

### Invitation retracted

VANCOUVER—University of British Columbia students suddenly retracted their speaking invitation to extreme right-wing German politician, Adolf von Thadden.

Brian Plummer, chairman of the Alma Mater Society's special events committee told the controversial von Thadden in a wire:

"(We) consider both your policies and those of the West German government detrimental to the cause of democracy and peace. I must therefore deny you a platform to espouse a philosophy which is contrary to humanity."

Plummer, at a press conference, issued an eight-page type-written statement which stated, in effect, that at the time the invitation was made, Plummer thought the visit would show Canadians whether Germany is heading back to fascism.

Since, Plummer did some reading on Germany and decided that country was indeed heading toward fascism and therefore he felt no need to bring von Thadden here to find out.

### Editors dismissed

KINGSTON—Two cadets of the Royal Military College have been dismissed as editors of the student newspaper *Marker* because of an editorial criticizing the college commandant's rules on church attendance.

Robert Baird and Colin Browne said in the editorial the "newest travestys issued from the head is a ruling forcing cadets who don't want to attend church while on campus to write essays on comparative religion."

The editorial termed the regulation "nothing less than religious blackmail—a thinly veiled attempt to make it as unpleasant as possible for the non-conformists to avail themselves of liberties granted by the Canadian Bill of Rights and the Queen's Regulations and Orders."

Dr. Rex Wilson, a civilian faculty advisor to the paper, said the cadets were fired as editors because they contravened a Queen's regulation prohibiting publication of critical comments about the armed forces, its policies and senior officers.

### Representation gained

MONTREAL—A revised version of the University of Montreal charter contains a proposal to include students and professors in the university's board of governors and senate.

The new charter which will go before the Legislative Assembly for approval, will permit two students to sit on the board of governors, said associate vice-rector Paul Lacoste.

The two students, who must hold the equivalent of a BA Honors degree, "will be appointed after consultation with student representatives", said Mr. Lacoste.

Professors will be officially associated with the university for the first time through their five seats on the board.

Other board members will be appointed by the provincial government, the archbishop of Montreal and U of M graduates.

In addition, a 70-member senate, including deans, professors and students, will be created to nominate the rector and approve major decisions.

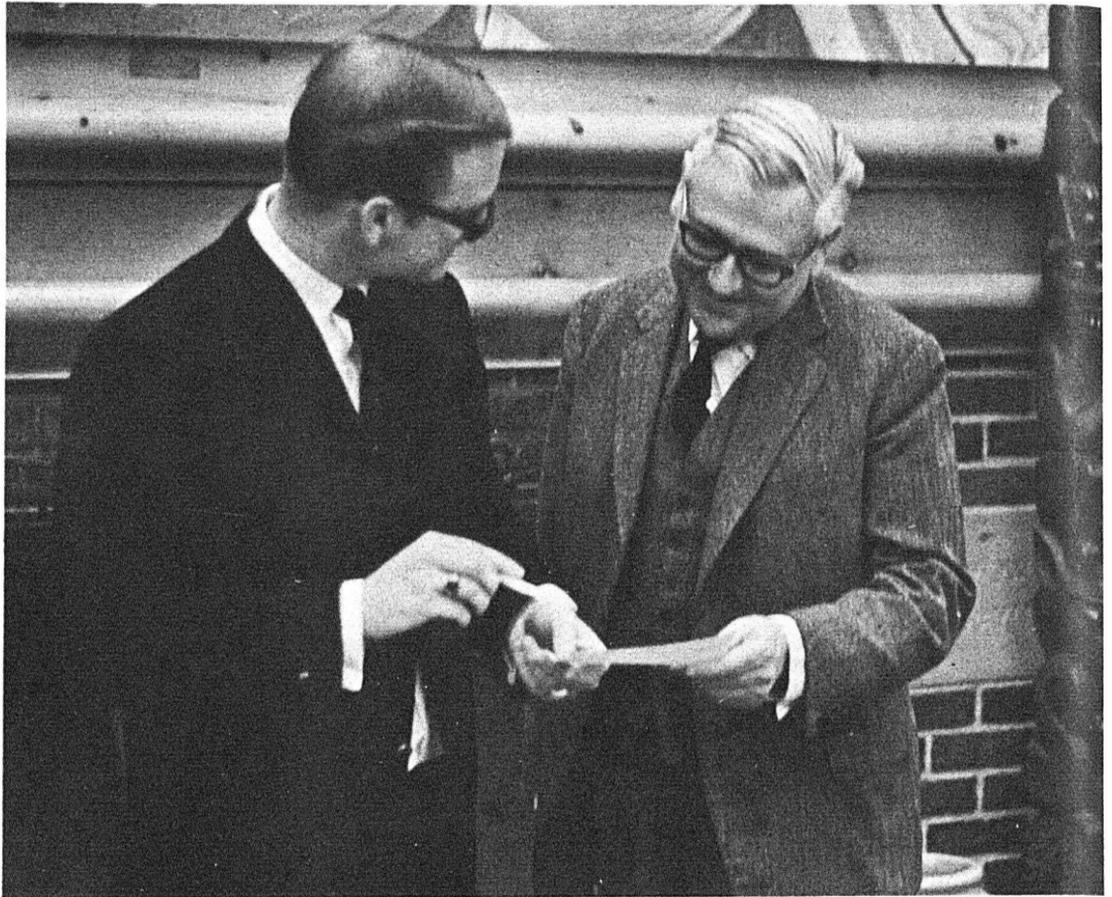
The new charter will transform the university into a democratic and secular public institution with a decentralized administration, said rector Roger Gaudry.

### Birth control advocated

BERKELEY, Calif.—University of California, Berkeley, students have voted almost four to one in favor of distribution of birth control pills by the campus health clinic.

The totals from a referendum show 1,580 in favor of dispensing the devices at low cost to any co-ed over 18; 398 students were opposed.

The Berkeley student population is 27,000.



—Lynn Hugo photo

**DO I REALLY HAVE TO SIGN IT, SIR?**—Steve Snyder, manager of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship used bookstore, presents a cheque for \$1,800 (bookstore profits) to Stacey Woods, general secretary of the International Federation of Evangelical Students. He signed it.

## 'University fails community because of false assumption'

The university "puts people in boxes" instead of educating them, a panel decided Sunday night.

The panel consisted of Dr. Brian Heeney, professor of history; Peter Boothroyd, grad student association president; Dr. Christian Bay, professor of poli sci, and Lola Maltais, SCM council chairman. They discussed the divided campus after a service at St. George's Anglican Church.

"The university is a glorified high school," said Boothroyd. "It assumes people must be molded."

"You have to take a certain number of courses for your degree, and the degree is the end. You are not here for an education."

The panel generally agreed this was the failure of the boxed university.

Miss Maltais said only one course in each of her three years had interested her and started her thinking. "I wanted this in everything," she said.

"Professors are not supposed to be experts in group dynamics," commented Dr. Heeney. "Professors are scholars. You have to remember how professors are appointed."

"Yah." Dr. Day interjected. **CURIOSITY KILLED**

He maintained professors should develop "therapeutic teaching" to interest students because the whole system of education before university has killed his natural curiosity.

Dr. Heeney disagreed, saying the basic assumption of a university is that students are already interested in the subjects, and professors need only present material.

Miss Maltais, Dr. Bay and Boothroyd blasted faculties that "train students without educating them or teaching them to think". Dr. Bay suggested professional training should be done in apprentice guilds of medicine or engineering instead of at the university.

Dr. Heeney disagreed, saying some of his best thinking students were in professional faculties.

## SAIT student group declares autonomy

CALGARY (Staff)—The students' association at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology here has declared itself autonomous from the institute's administration.

At their last council meeting the students' executive council rescinded a part of the constitution which gave the administration the

right to veto students' association affairs.

The legality of the move is still in question, as the administration under Article XIII still has the right to veto the rescinding of Article XIII, which reads:

"1. All the powers which are conferred by this constitution shall at all times be subject to the plenary powers of the administration of SAIT.

"2. The administration of SAIT shall have, at all times, power, to revoke this constitution in whole or in part, and to alter, modify or set aside bylaw decisions or action by the students' association, or the students' executive council, or of any officer, committee or sub-organization of council, or of any officer, committee or sub-organization of the students' association."

The cry for autonomy began in 1965 when the student association president returned from a Canadian Union of Students congress, having discovered that other student governments were not restricted in this manner.

The idea that the student government should be autonomous went over like a lead balloon at that time, but the issue came up again this fall, and this time was successful.

## U of C students get plug-ins

CALGARY (Staff)—University of Calgary will install 600 plug-ins in the student parking lot by next winter.

The university's grounds and utilities committee feels the move will encourage the use of car pools to share costs and cut down the number of cars on campus.

Total cost, including installation of transformers, is estimated at \$15,000.

Rent on a plug-in would be \$15 per year.

Until then, U of C's campus patrol will help students start their cars by providing a set of jumper cables.