

Corruption Charges

SACKVILLE (CUP) A student currently serving in Ghana under the Canadian University Services Overseas plan has accused Ghanaian leaders of "hypnotizing the people into following them so that they can achieve international fame for themselves as well as a life of ease and luxury at the expense of the people."

Robert MacLaren, a 23-year-old graduate from Mount Allison University says in a report to the Mount Allison student paper, *The Argosy*, the leaders "have degraded ease and luxury at the expense of the people."

MacLaren is teaching mathematics at Tarkwa, about 200 miles west of the capital of Accra. He was in Ghana about two months before the report was written.

CRIME OF IMPOSITION

MacLaren charges "still the crime continues. Day by day, the robbery mounts. The crime is Imposition. The criminals, the expatriates and the leaders here in Ghana; the victims the common people who still don't know what hit them."

MacLaren says the government has forced the people to give up their independent lives in the small jungle farm communities, where they were happy, and brought them into the urban areas where "they are confused, bewildered by a life too complicated and relegated to life as servants and petty-clerks."

"The leaders, in order to impress the world with their own importance, have combined the communities into a country so that they can represent a great nation," MacLaren says in his report.

He says the people now have to pay taxes "for a prestige merchant marine and an international airline, both of which lose money due to lack of business."

LOSING VENTURES

He charges much money is being paid expatriates who are teaching them to operate "these losing ventures."

He says the people are paying for a dam project they don't need; teachers from Britain and America who cannot adapt themselves to the Ghanaian way of life.

MacLaren says the people were lured into the town by promises of "modern inventions," but they now pay such heavy taxes they have no money left to "afford the lures that led them to the cities . . ."

"Money becomes important, and they have none," MacLaren says.

Few people can go back to the farms they left, as these have now been taken over by the state. The few that do get back find "they are now producing for the state and not themselves," MacLaren says.

VICIOUS CIRCLE

"It is a vicious circle, with the leaders getting every cent they can and the poor with no hope for the future."

"Fortunes are being stockpiled in Switzerland because Ghana's resources are running out and the end is in sight for the leaders," MacLaren says in the report.

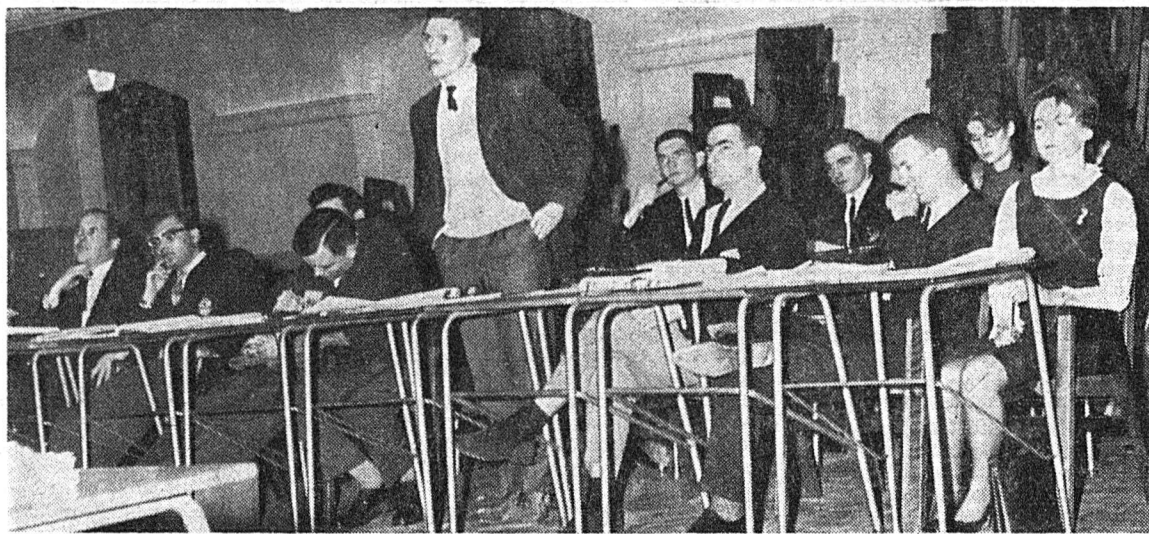
"We have adapted their country to our way of life when we should have adapted our way of life to their country," the report says.

"Neither their way of thinking, nor their economic position, nor their climate will ever allow them to be the great nation that they are striving to be."

"However, if left to themselves, they would have a life every bit as full to them as ours is to us."

But the Imposition goes on, both by the leaders and the experts, and the people become deader and deader.

"For the sake of a few, many must suffer," the report concludes.



Dave Parsons, leader of the opposition, utters strong words as Model Parliamentarians met in Convocation Hall.

photo by Gene Hattori

Sidewalk Report:

Bookstore: Comment And Criticism

by Lexy Dryburgh

U of A Bookstore: shop-lifter's haven; discount dream; cute clerks; but also, sloppy service, odious ordering, frustrating failures, poor planning.

Here are some of the campus comments and criticisms voiced by 94 students in reply to questions attempting to appraise bookstore facilities:

"Do you know anyone that has stolen anything from the bookstore?" Forty per cent of the students replied that they knew personally some one who had or admitted that they themselves were guilty, after I promised not to pigeon to the campus cop.

APPROPRIATION . . .

"I don't know anyone that hasn't," replied one law-abiding citizen. "I'll tell you how," he volunteered. "You pick up three or four books, pay for the cheapest, and put the rest of them in with all your own junk that you brought in with you." You can put your name on the books you are going to steal but then you run the risk of being caught writing it in.

Said another: "Hell, there's an easier way; just fill your briefcase full."

"Half of the people I know have stolen something from the bookstore," replied another, "in fact I have myself."

"Yes, but I never did," replied one girl. "I think it's disgusting; he had the money."

"I don't steal," replied one indignantly, "I shoplifted."

A female accomplice admitted, "I was with her when she did it. She didn't have the money and anyway she couldn't see the point in paying for it—it was a stupid book for a stupid Ed. course. She's out teaching this year."

MISCALCULATION . . .

An engineer related his practice of pilfering extra graph paper with each purchase. "That's miscalculation, not stealing."

The bookstore's leniency was blamed for the stealing, shop-lifting or miscalculation in the vast majority of confessions.

TEMPTATION . . .

"They're too lenient—university students are more honest than the people on the street, but how honest do you think they are? There could be added temptation if you're broke and really need a book—it could be a choice between stealing or failing." "They put temptation in front of everyone."

Suggestions for greater control included paper bags, textbooks stamped on purchase, previously purchased book left outside and/or gates set up.

FRUSTRATION . . .

Sixty per cent of the students questioned had been seriously inconvenienced by the failure of the bookstore to provide books. Tales were told of books not coming in until just before final exams, not

arriving until Jan. or not at all. Twenty books ordered for a class of fifty seems common.

"My anthropology book didn't get in until January 1963, and I still haven't caught up on my reading." "What is the matter with them?" asked one girl desperately.

Do you think the bookstore provides satisfactory services considering the conditions under which they must operate? NO, strongly stated 55 per cent of the students asked.

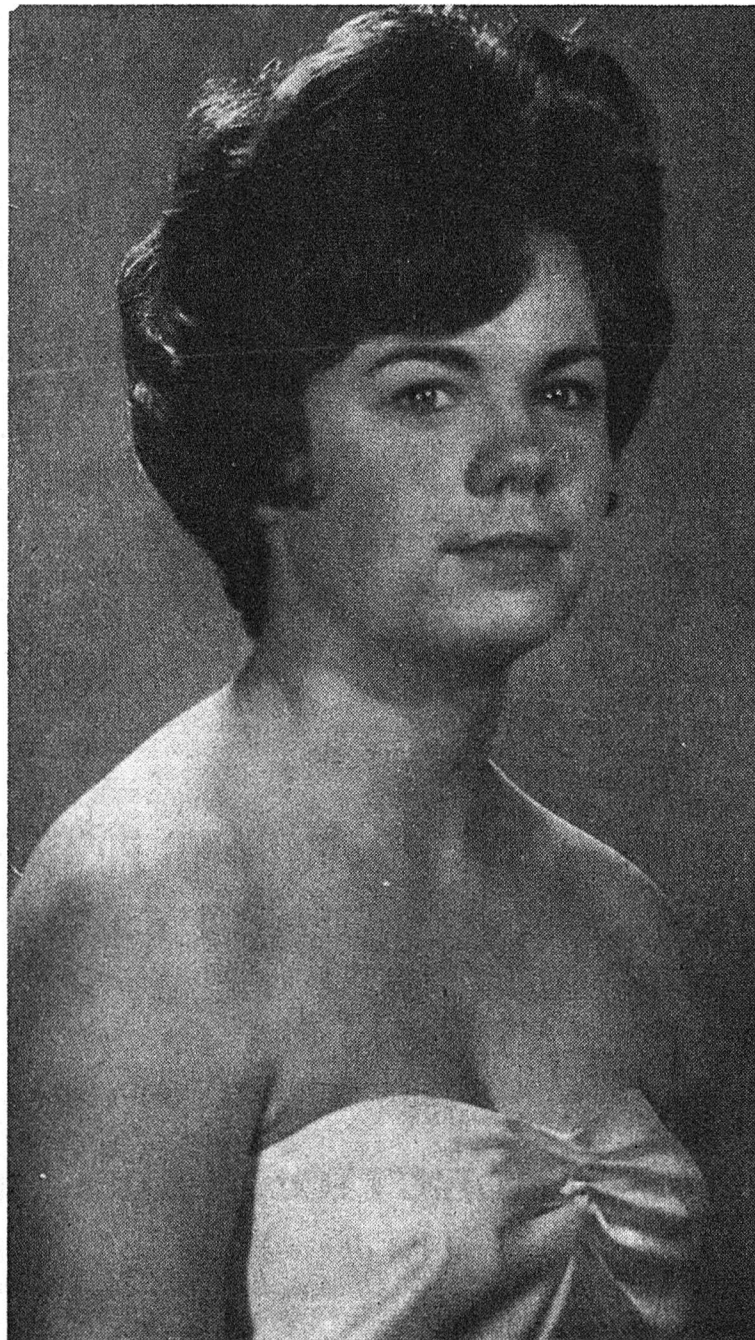
"They don't carry textbooks, they carry more underwear at the beginning of the year."

"They should provide clerks that know something about books—those dumb blondes don't know anything about books."

"They should start three months earlier in getting stuff in—there aren't even enough notebooks in stock."

"They could use the space they have to more efficiency—Hurtig's doesn't have much more space than the bookstore, but they are organized."

"There should be more clerks during the rush hours, no one should have to stand in line and wait and wait and wait."



KATHY MOON . . .

ESS QUEEN '63

Campus Exports Singers

A campus vocal group, the Take Four's will appear Sunday, February 17 at the Yardbird Suite. They will present a full evening of folk music.

The group is composed of five University of Alberta undergraduates—the group has multiplied since choosing its name. Their repertoire includes many popular old ballads, spiced with a few original ones.

They have performed several times at campus functions and will be featured in Varsity Varieties next week at the Jubilee Auditorium.

Sunday's performance at the Yardbird Suite is regarded as "an important break" by the group. "We have been cutting everything to get ready for it—meals, sleep, girls. I'm proud to say we haven't missed any classes, though," a Take Four spokesman allowed, taking five.

Group members are John Armstrong, arts 2, Dave Baby, arts 1, Burn Evans, science 3, Pat Peacock, arts 2 and Dave Tremlett, arts 1.

Performance begins at 8:30 p.m.

As Usual

Queen Week Subtleties

Engineers' Queen Week has come and gone. It was much like the Queen weeks of old, with the warm weather inspiring kidnappings, fights and sessions in the ESS stocks for those offenders of ESS law who were small enough to be taken prisoner.

In the course of the week three of the four candidates were kidnapped. Judy Johnston, the Chem-Civil candidate was taken Sunday evening and returned the next day. Kathy Moon, the Electrical-Mechanical candidate, was missing Tuesday morning but re-appeared later the same day. Judy Holyk, the 2nd year candidate, was kidnapped as she sat alone at coffee Friday and was returned during an interview with the candidates at a local television station.

Fighting and general vandalism played a large role in the week this year. Wednesday night a mob of "artists" raged through the Engineering Building scrawling insults on walls and woodwork as well as on the outside of the building. Some of the fire hoses were turned on and the automatic alarm system summoned the city Fire Department. Thursday night proved to be the most eventful of the week. The annual ESS stag was raided by local gendarmes and several of the more boisterous were arrested. Another battle at the Engineering Building once again brought the firemen out.

On Tuesday an official ESS decree forbade all male Education students the use of the elevators in the Engineering Building. Those who chose to ignore the decree and were caught sat in the stocks for an appropriate length of time.

On Friday the members of the ESS cast their ballots for queen at the poll in the basement of the Engineering Building. As usual elaborate protection was arranged and the polling officers job was unimpeded by attempts to steal the ballot box.

The 25th Annual Engineers' Ball was held Saturday night at the Derrick Club. Kathy Moon was crowned Engineers' Queen for 1963 by Marilou Wells, last year's queen.