

FACULTY SEEK CONTROL

Recommend Sweeping Reforms

A split between the administration and the faculty has developed over the implementation of the Collier Report.

The report recommends sweeping reform of university government, and is termed by its author as a "draft for a completely new University Act."

Although the report was adopted last spring by the Faculty Association, and made available some time ago to the provincial government and the University Senate, the Board of Governors has not as yet considered it.

ACT OUTMODED

And although university President, Dr. Walter Johns, considers the present University Act "outmoded and in need of complete revision," he feels that any revisions must wait until a cross-country investigation of university government has been completed. The investigating commission, headed by Sir James Mountford, is expected to visit the campus this spring.

But Dr. H. B. Collier, department of biochemistry, and chairman of the Faculty Association committee responsible for writing the Collier Report, told The Gateway the situation at the University of Alberta is "too urgent to await the report of these men."

Another scientist, Dr. E. J. K. Penikett, a bacteriologist and chairman of the Faculty Association's Committee on University Government, "agrees entirely with Dr. Collier."

PROCESS NEEDS SPEED

Dr. Penikett emphasized particularly the importance of transferring control of funds for various departments from the Board of Governors to the faculty. In an interview he told The Gateway "we must speed this process up before the present inadequate machine grinds to a halt."

But he cautioned against taking criticisms in the report as being aimed at the present administration. "Our object is not to criticize the administration, the Board of Governors, or anybody else," he said, "but we do believe the situation as now constituted is incompatible with the government of a good modern university."

There is neither time nor need to wait for the Mountford Commission Report, Dr. Penikett said, in implementing the recommendations of the Collier Report.

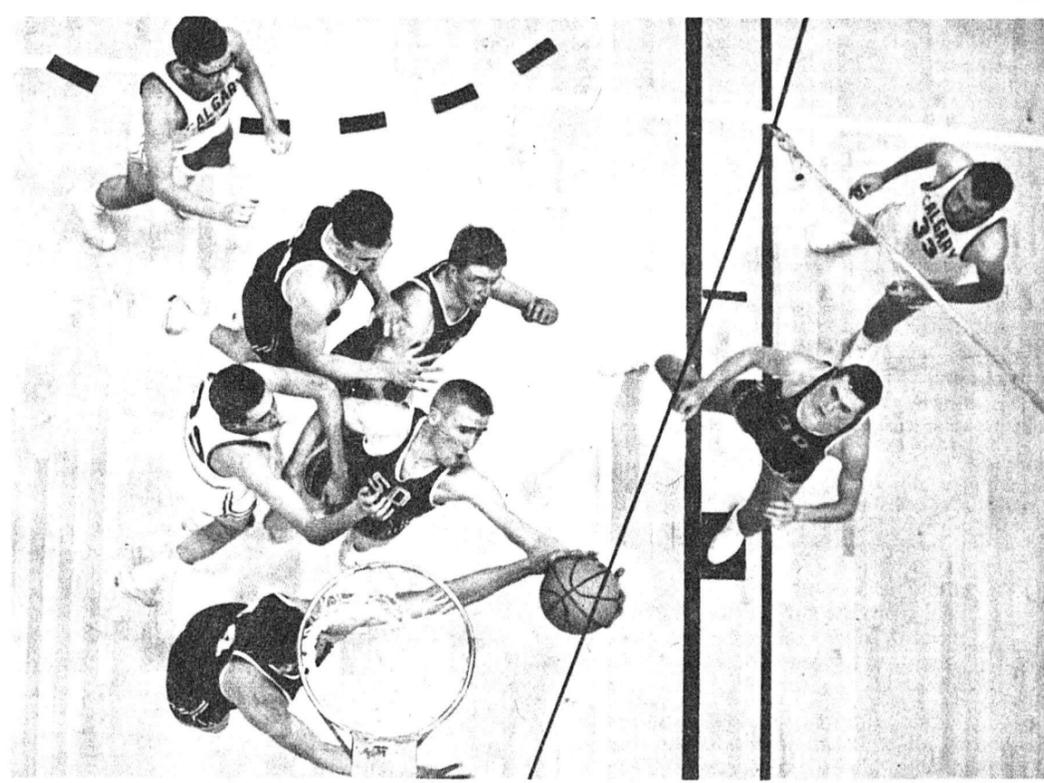
"I think that Alberta is one of the leaders in Canadian education," he said, "and therefore we should take the leadership in solving our own problems."

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This is the final edition of The Gateway to be published before Christmas.

The next edition will be published Friday, Jan. 10, 1964 and will be the only edition before test week.

Following test week, The Gateway will publish only once a week—on Fridays—except for special editions, as has been the case in past years. The reasons for this are in part budgetary, in part academic (Gateway staffers have to pass, too).



HEY, YOU'RE ON MY SIDE. So says Golden Bear Nestor Korchinsky as teammate Lynden Hutchinson gives him a hand in stealing a rebound from Dinosaur Tom Sindlinger. Bears stole a number of rebounds in posting their 56-52 win on Saturday night.

Suggest 'De Facto' Government

By David Estrin
Administration Reporter

The emasculation of the university Board of Governors is being sought in a plan before the provincial cabinet.

Other sweeping reforms of university government in Alberta are contained in a recently released report adopted last spring by the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

This so-called Collier Report on the Need For Reform of University Government calls for "de facto" control by the faculty of the essentials of university government:

- the admission and examination of students
- the curricula for courses of study
- the appointment and tenure of office of academic staff and
- the allocation of income among the different categories of expenditure."

TWO MAIN PROBLEMS

The reform of university government at this university, the report states, centres upon two interconnected problems:

1. There is virtually no channel of communication between the Board of Governors and the faculty as a whole.
2. The lack of effective communication between the administration and the faculty.

The governors, notes the report, are mostly appointed by the provincial government, and yet has the authority to make policy decisions without consulting faculty opinion.

"We are concerned," the academics say, "that as the university grows larger and becomes more complex, problems of communication will become even more difficult," which would lead to the "alienation of the administrator from the faculty."

HIERARCHY POOR SYSTEM

Another aspect of these problems is that besides the governors, the chief administrative officers are appointed by the government in power, and the members of the academic community have no choice in their appointment. "President, deans, and department heads derive their authority from above, in a hierarchial system, and need not consult those under them regarding policy decisions."

Yet, the Collier Report states, "the faculty member does not consider himself a subordinate of administration, of either the president and his associates or the Board of Governors. Any attempt to introduce policies or practices which suggest a role of superordination for the president on the one hand and a role of subordination for the professor on the other hand will almost inevitably produce conflict."

"It is our opinion that self-government, by the faculty, is the answer to these problems. And in this twentieth century, when colonialism is in retreat everywhere (except under totalitarian regimes) it should not be necessary to argue the vital importance of self-government in a university in a democratic society."

Demonstrators Back On Trial: One Witness For, Seven Against

By Don Sellar

Were four university employees guilty of unlawful assembly at William Hawrelak's first council meeting Oct. 21?

Testimony from eight witnesses has been heard by Magistrate S. V. Legg, but summations from the Crown and defence counsels will not be given until Dec. 19.

A packed courtroom watched last Friday while eight witnesses testified in the Crown's case against Manfred Rupp, 31; Henry Beissel, 34; Robin D. Mathews, 31; and Noel Parker-Jervis, 41.

The four accused are free on recognizance bonds of \$250 each, pending completion of their trial.

COMMISSIONER TESTIFIES

Edmonton City Commissioner Malcolm Tweddle told the court that one of the accused, Mathews, stood up in the public gallery just after Mayor Hawrelak had called the Oct. 21 meeting to order, and that the accused began "reading from a document."

Mathews sat chewing gum in the dock as Commissioner Tweddle stated that noise in the council chamber had drowned out most of the statement being read by the accused.

The commissioner said that Mayor Hawrelak had ordered Mathews removed from the chamber and placed under arrest.

He added that Commissioner G. C. Hamilton had ejected Mathews, but not before Beissel had begun to read the statement.

Mr. Tweddle identified Rupp and Parker-Jervis as being "the other two who began handing out copies of the document" to those present at the meeting.

"POLISHED STATEMENT"

Under cross-examination, the Commissioner told defence lawyers

J. W. McClung and David McDonald that "the statement was delivered in somewhat polished English" and that it contained "no threats, abuse, or swearing of any kind."

Magistrate Legg commented that Commissioner Tweddle had been "a most refreshing witness."

A 21 year veteran of the Edmonton police force, Policewoman Susan Hinchey, told the court that it had been her first visit to a council meeting and that actually she should have been on duty elsewhere at the time.

VIOLENCE?

She said that the only physical violence she saw was the removal of Mathews from the council chamber after he had gone limp.

When George W. Thompson testified under cross-examination that he did not "fear for his life" during the meeting, the courtroom broke into laughter.

Joseph Lucas, a regular spectator at City Council meetings, said that he was "amused at first" during the incident and added: "It was a peaceful demonstration." He noted that people "have stood up before and spoken from the public gallery" without permission. He said: "I deplore the taking away of a person's right to speak out at a public meeting."

PAMPHLETS "SNATCHED"

The next witness, Fank Lakusta, testified he had "taken" one pamphlet and "snatched" some others from one of the accused. He said he gave the extra copies to police. His own copy was admitted in evidence by Magistrate Legg.

A tape recording taken in the Council Chamber by CKUA Radio reported Paul Tatarewicz was also admitted by Magistrate Legg after brief objections from defence counsels.

Describing the atmosphere in council chambers, Tatarewicz said:

"There was no feeling of fear. The attitude of the crowd was a continuation of the election campaign." Tatarewicz added that Mayor Hawrelak had been unable to control the meeting until the accused had left. A police constable testified that the four were charged after they had accompanied him to police headquarters.

ONE IN DEFENCE

The lone defence witness called was Kenneth Orr, an Edmonton Journal reporter who identified three photographs which he had taken during the meeting.

The evidence from the eight witnesses is now in. Magistrate Legg will hear arguments from Crown and defence counsels and then decide on the fate of the four accused.

The charge of unlawful assembly carries a penalty of 6 months in jail and/or \$500 fine.

Another First For The Gateway

First in Western Canada.

The Gateway cartoon section in this issue is the first in Western Canadian journalism. After checking all available sources, we have learned that this is the first time any newspaper in Western Canada has produced its own colored cartoons.

Some newspapers have printed full color cartoons using mats received from international newspaper syndicates, but no Western Canadian newspaper has ever produced colored cartoons using its own artists and printing techniques.