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**SLEEPLESS SEMINARIANS** are shown here signing in early Sunday morning at the Leadership Seminar, held at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. A party was held the night before, also at the Mayfair. The band stopped playing when the seminar started at 10 a.m. Sunday. (Photo by Zach)

## Position of foreign students provides main seminar theme

By Jim Richardson and Bev Woznow

A conscious effort to make the foreign student a part of the university community formed the central theme of the second 1961 leadership seminar Sunday at Mayfair Golf and Country Club.

Some 140 student organization leaders heard speakers present the various problems encountered in dealing with the expanding foreign student population, "our guests," at the university. Tentative solutions to some of these problems emerged out of discussion sessions.

Foreign student enrolment at the university has its sources in 49 countries, with Britain, the United States, Hungary, Pakistan, and India contributing the largest representations. Some 350 students fall under the "foreign" classification. Of these, 181 are enrolled in the faculty of graduate studies.

Students find their way to the University of Alberta primarily through a number of assistance programs, the best known of these being the Colombo Plan. Upon arrival, new students are immediately faced with a multitude of problems, including purchase of adequate clothing, red tape of registration, finding accommodation—and rapidly adapting to a new culture.

This year, Major Roland Hooper, adviser to men students and official representative of the Friendly Relations With Overseas Students Association performed the function of welcoming new students to the city, and aiding them in becoming established at the university. He indicated the job is too large for one

man and next year the Golden Key Society will be responsible for much of the arrangements for orientating new arrivals.

### OBJECT OF CURIOSITY

Rev. A. J. Hough, of student counselling service, told the gathering the foreign student is treated as an "object of curiosity—and in some instances an object of antagonism. He is unable to penetrate into the group of the larger organizations." Like the stranger in a large city, he finds friendships are difficult and conversations often do not progress beyond the stage of polite ice breakers.

In determining the level of background education of the new student, the registrar must eval-

uate past courses, contrast them with, and translate them into, our terms. Outdated textbooks, in the student's native country may make a course meaningless in terms of Alberta course content, added Hough.

Hostility encountered by the student seeking accommodation on the part of some landlords leaves the foreigner with a poor impression of Canada. Intolerance does exist in Canada. To avoid this, he suggested pre-session contact should be made by the University, with prospective landlords.

### PERSONAL VIEWPOINT

Stephen Quarcoo, Dent. 4, whose homeland is Ghana, provided a personal viewpoint of a student who has encountered the difficulties of attending a foreign university. Lack of knowledge as to what was required on campus in extra-curricular and social activities caused his first year here to be lacking in these aspects. Contact within the close knit group of his faculty in other years did offer him some social outlet but he felt this too to be limited in scope.

Three recommendations or criticisms of the approach Canadian students could take to foreign students were offered. He noted the welcome received from various groups in the first two weeks is often short-lived, disappearing after the first rush has expended itself. Stephen believed there is an advantage to having an arriving student met by a native of the country sending the student. Lastly he pointed out many people would like to sense they belong to and are contributing something to the campus. Being asked to entertain at one or two international functions could form an opening, Quarcoo said.

Before a World University Service fund drive can succeed the student body must be educated as to the specific aim of the campaign and the more general aims of WUS itself, Dr. Saul Zalik, adviser to WUS, told the conclave.

In commenting on the change of slogan for this year's campaign from Conception to Cabins for Chile he commented, "To the extent the dean of women can laugh like hell, I bet she did." Mrs. J. Grant Sparling, also a head table guest, countered with the statement, "It was the merriest moment of the year."

Dr. Zalik presented his interpretation of the purposes of WUS for foreign students as three. Primarily, such a program is meant to share Canada's educational resources with less fortunate countries. Secondly, foreign students broaden the outlook of Canadian students and professors. Lastly, exchange and contact among scholars and universities nationally and abroad is offered.

Following an address by Dr. A. G. McCalla, dean of graduate studies, buzz sessions involving all delegates filled in the afternoon. Within small units, ideas and proposals were formulated based on the morning speeches.

## Chief justice calls for uac autonomy

By Peter Barford

UAC should be renamed, publicly supported, and made autonomous said C. C. McLaurin, Chief Justice of the trial division of the Southern Court of Alberta. He spoke Saturday at the Fall Convocation of the University of Alberta, Calgary.

The Chief Justice said "the day will come when UAC is self contained and administered by itself . . .

there is little virtue in following the California plan where there is a variety of universities under one government."

He said no university can be vigorous while "living completely off the government's purse," and suggested that UAC should be renamed Alberta Southern University.

Chief Justice McLaurin was one of two men receiving honorary doctor of law degrees at the convocation.

## Calgary high schoolers whip two u of a mcgoun debaters

"Rather deflating," was debater Dave Cooke's attitude following a recent debate in Calgary. Taking the negative of "Sweepstakes Should Be Legalized in Canada," the U of A Edmonton team of Cooke and Cliff O'Brien, both law 3, was defeated 90 to 86. The winners were Maurice Yacowar, former editor of the UAC Gauntlet, and Dick Wall, Calgary's World University Service scholar last term.

Cooke seems unable to give a reason for their loss, or for that matter why one of the judges (all three were Calgarians) left before the rebuttals began.

Cooke and O'Brien were expecting Calgary to produce a juvenile class of debaters. Surprise! They were confronted by a clever pair of European-style debaters—who use a technique which our debaters don't understand, according to Cooke. Cooke also found the audience reaction both "disconcerting" and "rather hostile" to their case! Cooke feels that "no matter what we said, it seemed we would lose."



**SHAMEFULLY SHOVELLING** in front of Pembina, two Athabascans and one Assiniboian help a Pembinite in a vain attempt to curry favor with Pembina women. George Smith

## Ticketed procrastinating

By Harriet Stone

Some wayward student has managed to garner seven traffic tickets to his credit. Another expects Campus Patrolman Edmonds to pay for a ticket received off campus while the student was attending classes. Approximately 34 students have scored more than two offences and haven't done anything about them. A grand total in excess of 1,200 tickets has been issued to date.

"The main trouble is that people don't read what's on the ticket," stated Major R. C. W. Hooper, adviser to men students. The tickets carry this warning:

"This traffic ticket shall be

presented within ten days to the Campus Patrol Office located behind Athabasca Hall, for recording of the offence and assessment of the penalty. This total may be presented between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily except Sunday."

"Instructions about stickers are clear," said Hooper. "They are to be put on the car in the right rear corner of the back window facing forward. Any vehicle not showing a sticker is considered unregistered."

A number of students are leaving their stickers in the glove compartment and are using the visitors' parking area. "We are gaining considerable revenue from people trying this practice," Hooper pointed out. "Towing will come."

and Dave Ozeroff shovel industriously, while the disgruntled Pembinite and Bob Hemmings meet head-on.

(Photo by Al Nishimura)