

# Ryerson students resign from B of G

TORONTO (CUP)—Two students sitting on the Board of Governors of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute have kicked off widespread student reaction by resigning from the board, claiming they were "ignored, deceived, and tolerated like kids," by the board and the institute's administration.

Richard Finlay and Gordon Jackson, elected by students last October and then appointed to the board, said Wednesday they resigned in a joint letter to Ontario Premier John Robarts a week ago. The provincial government appoints Ryerson board members. Both Jackson and Finlay ran for

the positions as moderates, "hoping to counteract the atmosphere of student rebellion . . . to demonstrate responsible student participation."

Ryerson was the first post-secondary institution in Canada to get student representation on its board.

But their proposals for reform and attempts to get information were thwarted by the administration.

"Our motives were impugned—as if we wanted to do something evil to the institute," said Finlay. "We were referred to as 'the kids' and treated as if we were too dumb to evaluate certain decisions."

"This is as good a time as any to examine the role of the Board of Governors," said Ryerson student council president Barry Hales. "Frankly I don't think it is relevant in this institute."

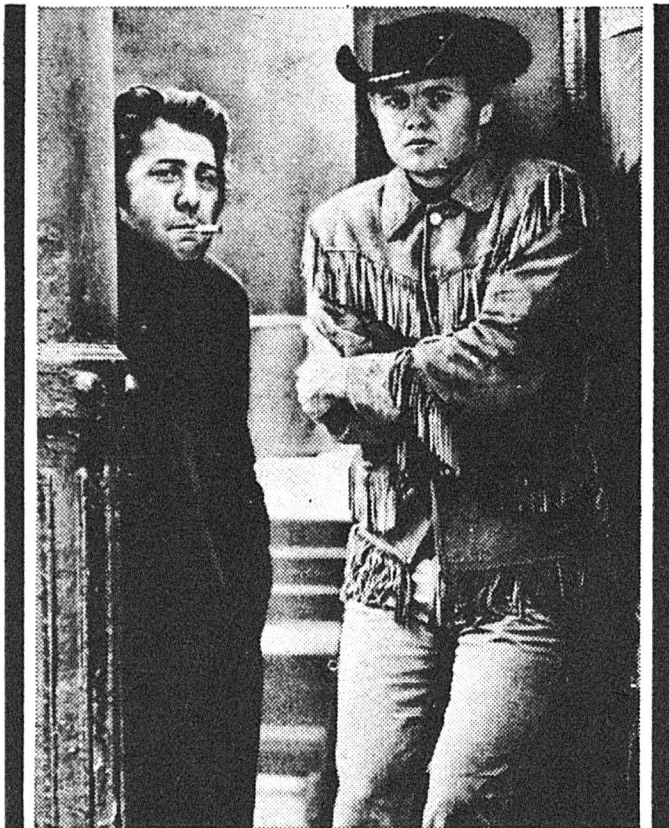
He said he expects an investigation of the board to be started soon by students and alumni with possible faculty support.

W. M. Kelly, Chairman of the Ryerson Board and Vice-President of Consumers' Gas Company, has denied the students' accusations.



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Written briefs and opinions from informed individuals and organizations are being solicited and will be presented at public hearings to be held in various cities across Canada.

The purpose of the commission is to gather information from both Canada and abroad on the current state of medical knowledge about the effect of the drugs, to determine the extent of the "phenomenon," and to inquire into the motivation underlying this use.

More particularly, the commission wishes to delve into the social, economic, educational and philosophical factors relating to this use, as well as the social factors having led to it, the age groups involved, and problems of communication.

Having done this, it hopes to be able to recommend means by which the federal government can act, alone or with other government levels, to promote the reduction of the problem of drug misuse.

The commissioners have been given authority to protect the anonymity of anyone wishing to give evidence. Arrangements will also be made to hold special hearings to guarantee the privacy of those not wishing to appear in public.

Two reports will be prepared: an interim report for which briefs must be submitted no later than November 1, and a final report. Briefs should be sent in eight copies to the commission office in the Vanier Building, 222 Nepean Street, Ottawa.

Chairman of the commission, Gerald Le Dain says, "The commission recognizes that an extremely important area of its work must be a concern for the use of drugs by young people."

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