

THE PROPOSED EDUCATION BUILDING

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The uselessness of Canada Council and the fact that anti-intellectualism is jeopardizing the arts in Canada were two opposing opinions brought out at the recent seminar on Canadian-American Relations, held recently at Assumption University in Windsor, Ontario.

Walter O'Hearn, managing editor of the Montreal Star, applauded the efforts of Canada Council, who, through their grants to deserving artists, are trying to give "creative subsidy to creative art." He stated that the essential position of the average Canadian with regard to art was expressed by Irish playwright Brendan Behan, when he commented that Torontonians regard theatre, art and poetry as sissified and not of real interest to he-men.

"We are in a society only two steps removed from the pioneer," Mr. O'Hearn said. "The standards which the frontier life applied are still current, if disguised."

A Toronto newspaperman at the same conference blasted Canada Council grants as being support to a cultural plutocracy which has not helped Canadian culture.

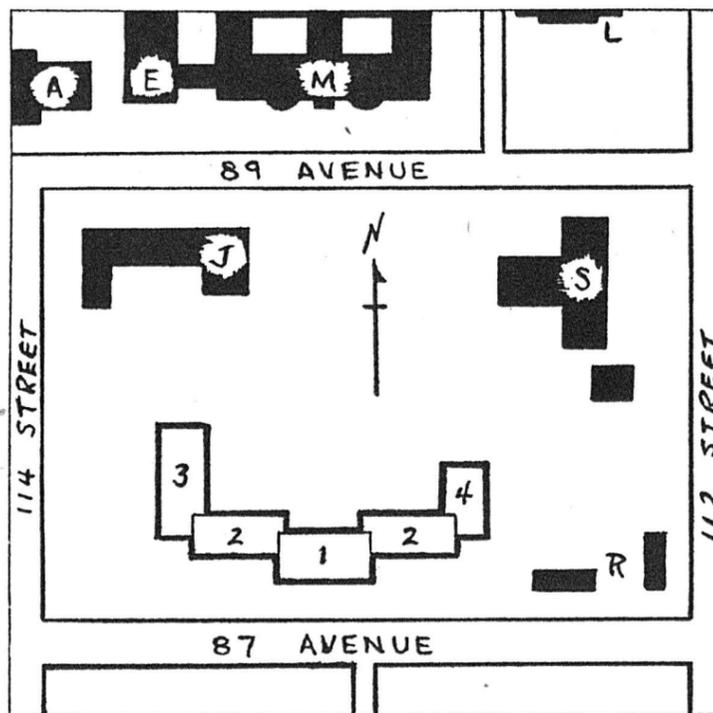
Harold Greer, correspondent for the Toronto Globe and Mail, claimed that most of the grants given by the Council support a "closed system in which a cultural plutocracy decides who gets helped, what is hung in exhibitions, who get prizes, and what is purchased by public art galleries."

Mr. Greer declared that Canadians should get off the "culture kick" to preserve Canadian identity. He claimed that the amount of money spent to subsidize the promotion and exhibition of art is considerable, and that he could see no evidence of a Canadian culture as a result of the Council's efforts.

Thank you, Mr. Greer. I suppose that you can propose an alternative to Canada Council which will provide half the services Canada Council has in past provided. Or do you believe that we should continue to, as you put it, keep "paying the price for living in the shadow of the United States"?

Dregs From the CUP: The Ubyssey, of the University of British Columbia recently ran a classified ad which stated, "GIRLS! Re trip to Cuba via Mexico. There is still time to sign for an appointment to be interviewed. Contact Garry or Phil." Purely ulterior motives, I presume?

The Big Red Schoolhouse Revised And Approved



BIGGEST BUILDING WITH NEIGHBORS—The proposed Education Building (lower centre on the map) will be situated on 87 Avenue. It is to be composed of a central office tower (1), classroom wings (2), a gymnasium (3), and a library (4).

Revised plans for the proposed Education Building were approved Thursday by the buildings and grounds committee, B. W. Brooker, buildings superintendent, stated.

Final main floor plans will be submitted to the faculty of education for approval next Monday. The building is to be completed by the fall of 1962.

The Education Building will be the biggest building on this campus. It will be approximately 500 feet long and 145 feet high. There will be more than 100,000 square feet of floor space. The structure will cost \$3,000,000.

The building will be situated facing south onto 87 Avenue, between 112 and 114 Streets. The main floor of the central tower will be lobby and exhibition area, with doors opening south to 87 Avenue and north towards the Medical Building, according to the plans approved Thursday.

A landscaped quadrangle will be created between the new structure, the Medical building, and the two religious colleges.

The gymnasium in the new Education Building will be 80 by 120 feet. (The West Gymnasium in the Physical Education Building is 60 by 120 feet.) There will be no cafeteria or auditorium in the new structure.

Libs Oust P.C.'s In Mock Elections

OTTAWA (CUP) — Student Liberals bent on continuing last year's performance of taking seats from the Conservatives have won all five model parliament elections held so far, three of which have been marred by irregularities.

They won at Memorial in St. John's and knocked out a PC government at McGill. At Western they won in a traditional Tory stronghold, the victory at Manitoba was a repeat performance, and in Saskatchewan they took the government from a reform party.

The PC's fortunes, which were on the upswing prior to the election of the first Diefenbaker

government, dropped last year as the Liberals swept up five of the eight seats dropped by the Conservatives, taking seven victories to their five.

However, a series of irregularities and student apathy this year overshadowed what in some cases might have been a Conservative victory. Political tendencies were hardest to determine at McGill where 40 per cent of the ballots (720 votes) were declared void. The McGill Daily said this brought the percentage of student participation down to 12 per cent. The Liberals won 273 votes, the GNU 156, PC's 123, CCF 61 and New Party 22.

Although ballot boxes were stolen at Western, the Liberals received 697 votes to 550 for the PC's and 138 for the CCF. Only 41 per cent of the students voted compared to 46 per cent last year.

At Manitoba 200 votes cast by

the Faculty of Accountancy were disqualified because the faculty's junior student council representative forgot to lock the ballot box and to strike the names of those who had voted from the voters list. The 450 eligible votes might have given the Tories a minority government.

Only one-half the eligible voters cast ballots give the Liberals 1,315 votes, the PC's 998, the CCF-New Party 523 and the Communists 90. The Liberals took 27 of the 60 seats in the parliament, exactly the same number won by the Conservatives last year.

In Saskatchewan the Liberals took 23 of the 55 seats, the CCF 19, the PC's 11 and the Communists two. As yet no standings are in from Memorial.

The next election will be held at Toronto Dec. 9 where the CCF is now in power.

A Message And A Merry Christmas From President Johns

I am pleased to accept the invitation of the Editor of The Gateway to express in its columns my best wishes to the student body for a Merry Christmas in 1960 and my best wishes for the coming year.

Opportunities for the President of the University to become acquainted with students are all too few but I can assure you that I regard my chief responsibility as being to provide the best possible facilities to you in your search for higher education at the University of Alberta in both Edmonton and Calgary.

We are this year attempting a new experiment in postponing mid-year examinations until after the Christmas holidays. I hope you will all give this new system a fair trial and attempt to assess its merits only when the academic year is over and you have had a chance to decide whether or not this helped you learn more in the academic year than you might otherwise have done. In any event, I wish you all success in your Christmas exams — even though they are being held in January.