

REFLECTIONS

The University is the servant of society. It is also society's judge. In fact, one may say that the unique service of the University is precisely the judging of society.

Judging here means comparison with a standard. The standard of the University is (or should be) intellectual excellence. Any human endeavor that can be intellectually analysed is within the domain of the University. To put it another way, the University sets (or discovers) the particular excellence of any human activity that can be intellectually analysed.

If, as I suggest (and the idea is not mine), the University is to judge society-at-large in this sense, it must be autonomous. Political, economic and cultural interference must be kept to a minimum. This means, obviously, that when a society establishes a University it runs the risk of being condemned by that University; the accusation of ingratitude is then the immediate attempt at self-justification. The temptation to control the University is therefore strong. But it seems to me that any such attempt is in the long run injurious to society.

Economic, political and social pressures will in the end defeat the University; it will become subservient to society. Its judgments will no longer assess the behavior of society, but acquiesce in it. The people it graduates (and it is through these

people that the University ultimately judges society) will lose the critical capacity, and with it the capacity to determine meliorable faults. Attempts to improve society tend to become half-hearted, if they do not cease all together.

Now a society presumably establishes a University to assure itself of always having capable individuals available. And 'capable' presumably means 'able to improve and able to prevent deterioration'. I think I have sufficiently indicated that society's interference in the University will ultimately defeat the very purpose for which it established the University in the first place.

A final observation: It seems to me that the University of Alberta is far too dependent on the provincial government. —wolfe

Bonnie Dobson, Zou Zou Sabourin And Bill Bogart In M-P Building December 6

Bonnie Dobson, a Toronto-born folk singer will be performing in a concert to be held in Room 12 of the Math Physics building Dec. 6, 1960, at 8:30 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by the Folk Music Society of Edmonton and the University of Alberta Extension Department. Consisting of folk music of different nationalities, the program will also include folk singers Zou Zou Sabourin and Bill Bogart.

Miss Dobson was born and educated in Toronto. During her high-school years she was an honours student. After finishing high school years she was a student at the University of Toronto where she was class valedictorian at the time of her graduation.

Her plans to become a teacher were interrupted because of financial difficulties and instead she became a professional folk singer.

Miss Dobson first learned folk singing at a camp she attended at the age of twelve. Since that time she has sung to many high school and campus audiences throughout Ontario and Quebec. She has also been leader of a folk song club at Settlement House at the University of Toronto.

Besides singing to various audiences, Miss Dobson has done a network show with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and she has sung at various folk festivals in the United States. She has also done some recording and her first record is expected to be out shortly.



BABBLE CONTINUED

council meeting (seven in attendance) that all four members of the Committee to Investigate the Basis of Student Awards (I'm not making this up) be from Council. The chairman of the committee opposed this motion, arguing that it might be wise to consider inviting an older, more mature student, NOT a member of Council, to sit on the committee, as he no doubt could add a lot in the way of perspective and other big words. Don't get me wrong . . . I like the idea. Many Council members liked the idea too, but before the matter could be discussed properly, the majority (O round-eyed ones) introduced a motion of closure and railroaded the original motion through. Once more, the Committee looks like it will be conducted on the same selfish, patronizing level of favoritism that brought it so much criticism from the student body last year. As always, certain people are getting greedy. Big payola time is rolling round again, and the Council members who would like to do something about it have their hands tied by the others. Disgusting exhibition.

Wonders never cease. Ernie's Golden Boys have accepted my challenge to debate "Resolved that Santa Claus should be a Woman" on Dec. 14 noon in Con Hall. I hope they like coconut cream pie . . . and it will blend nicely with that Sacred Syrup!

Late Flash: Rumor has it that the powers-that-be are officially declaring the Varsity Rink open this Wednesday. That's funny . . . I thought that Stan Kenton had officially declared it closed.

Voila!

Cette Laundromat ces, how you say, — ze berries!

Brotherhood Corner

I.F.C. Hold Annual Banquet

The Interfraternity Council dealt with its first rushing offence this year at its Tuesday night meeting.

Phi Delta Theta was charged by Delta Upsilon with having a rushee at a Saturday night party, which is forbidden by the IFC constitution. The Phi Deltas admitted they were guilty, and stated they had mistakenly thought the rushee was eligible for this party, as he was a second-year student.

After some discussion IFC prexy Harvy Andre's recommendation of a \$10 fine was defeated and the sum raised to \$25.

A second charge, brought against Kappa Sigma by Delta Kappa Epsilon, in connection with a violation of the dry rushing rules, was withdrawn.

The DKE rep explained that it was not fair to ask a pledge to testify against a fraternity that, although he did not join, still contained many of his friends.

Sororities Hold Annual Banquet

Members and alumni of the three campus women's fraternities will hold their annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet Monday evening, December 5, in the Jubilee Auditorium.

Pan-Hellenic alumni residing in Edmonton whose fraternities do not maintain Alberta chapters have also been invited.

Guest speaker Maryetta Thornton, Delta Gamma, will show colored slides to illustrate details of her talk on her trip to Israel last summer. Maryetta attended the World University Service Israel seminar as an Alberta WUS representative.

Highlight of the banquet proceedings will be the presentation of the Pan-Hellenic scholarship to the fraternity whose members managed the highest average on last April's final examinations. Delta Gamma girls have retained the trophy for the past two years. The top pledge and active average for each fraternity will also be announced. According to custom, the Dean of Women, this year Mrs. Grant B. Sparling, will make the presentations.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1960

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

7:30 p.m.—Service for Students and Nurses.
Coffeetime and YPU after the service.

YOU ARE WELCOME

Liberals And Leaders

"No political leader worth his salt takes his instructions from a party convention."

"If we really want a leader we have to give him the responsibility of leading," Professor G. R. Davy told the Young Liberals at a meeting in West Lounge, November 29. He was introduced by campus Liberal president, Dave Haigh.

There is a popular notion, Davy said, that conventions are the place where policies are made, in order to give directions to the party leader. This sounds beautifully democratic but it is incorrect. Resolutions passed at a convention are often not based on a complete or accurate understanding of the political situation. Furthermore, the problems which a leader faces are continually changing and the resolutions may not apply.

Professor Davy showed that in actual practice a leader must formulate policies to fit situations as they arise, and put them before the people to either accept, ignore, or reject.

It is psychologically valuable at a convention, he said, to discuss party policy, both past and future. This gives the delegate a feeling of participation, and can give the leader

stimulation and assistance in formulating policy.

"Party members should be given the opportunity to wrangle and debate and formulate resolutions, but should stop short of trying to tell the leader what to do."

Professor Davy agreed with the idea that conventions should make general recommendations, as long as they do not try to be too specific in time or detail.

He also gave some of his views on certain social security problems such as public medicine, unemployment insurance, public education at University level, and urban development.

"Why should we value the mental health of our nation above the physical?" he asked. "The public has taken a responsibility for providing a minimum education, and it is only logical that it will do the same for health."

Professor Davy pointed out that most European countries have public medical schemes and that they are under discussion in the United States. The Medical Associations are recognizing the trend and beginning to discuss the problem within their ranks.

"Public medicine is bound to come," he said. "It is just a matter of how soon, and what form it will take."

Professor Davy feels that there is a move in this country toward public education at the University level. This is something he would like to see, provided Universities will regain a greater measure of autonomy, and stiffen admission requirements.