

# Canadian University Press DATELINE

## A student for chancellor?

VANCOUVER—A 21-year-old Japanese-Canadian student here has made an unprecedented bid for the position of chancellor of UBC.

Randy Enomoto, grad studies 1, is the first student to run for the position, which is usually awarded by acclamation.

The other candidate for chancellor, John B. Buchanan, 69, is a former member of the senate and board of governors and a past president of the alumni association.

"This is an unorthodox thing to do," Enomoto said March 2, "but it's not a stunt.

"I want to attempt to make that area of the university democratic, and reveal the status quo that exists.

"There is no reason why students should not participate in decisions affecting the students of this university. The chancellor has this decision-making potential."

The nominees have five days to decide whether they will stand for election. Enomoto says he intends to campaign fully, focussing on the undergraduate population on the campus itself, even though they are not allowed to vote on the chancellorship.

Though his campaign, Enomoto says he wants to make students aware of the undemocratic nature of an institution like UBC.

## Students picket movie-house

BRANDON—Students here have taken direct action against the town's only commercial movie-house.

High school and university students picketed the Strand Theatre Feb. 25 and 26 to protest the theatre's policy on student rates. The monopoly movie-house, part of the Famous Players chain, refuses to grant student rates to college students. High school students have to pay the full rates on weekends.

The picketers urged students to stop patronizing the theatre but to attend dances organized at the same time by the Brandon College Student Association.

Maurice Currie, editor of Brandon College newspaper, The Quill, estimates the theatre lost about 70 per cent of its business—worth about \$1,000—on the days the students picketed.

Compulsive movie-goers among the students were invited to the Sunday film-showings sponsored by the BCSA.

## Plumbers pull a slowdown

TORONTO—About 500 University of Toronto students plunged Toronto's new subway into chaos for five hours when one of them cut off power in the line as a practical joke.

Led by the Lady Godiva Memorial Band and the Brute Force Committee, an engineering society group that prides itself on terrorizing the community, the students marched on the St. George St. station, and pulled an emergency switch that cut off power in the east-west line.

The Bloor-Danforth line was out of order from 1:43 p.m. to 2:33 p.m.

Toronto Transit Commission Chairman Ralph Day charged: "They should all be tossed in the jug."

Because Toronto's entire subway system is integrated, the shut-off on the east-west link threw schedules out on the rest of the runs as well. The snarl continued through rush-hours, tying up trains from one end of the system to the other.

The power was shut off after about 400 students had boarded an east-west train with their musical accompaniment; those left behind pull the switch.

The students remaining on the train tore the cushions off the seats, changed garbage can lids as cymbals, and swayed to the Lady Godiva sound.

They were greeted at the Bay St. station by 10 constables and a squad of TTC inspectors, who brought their journey to an end.

## Viet-Cong did co-operate—prof

OTTAWA—Professor Staughton Lynd of Yale has claimed that the Viet-Cong de-escalated its war effort in December and January in response to the U.S. peace offensive.

Prof. Lynd, whose passport was suspended by the U.S. State Department because he visited Hanoi recently, was addressing the second session of a Student Union for Peace Action teach-in at Carleton University March 2.

He said during the last week of the peace offensive, U.S. forces in Vietnam met less Viet Cong resistance than in any week during the preceding five months.

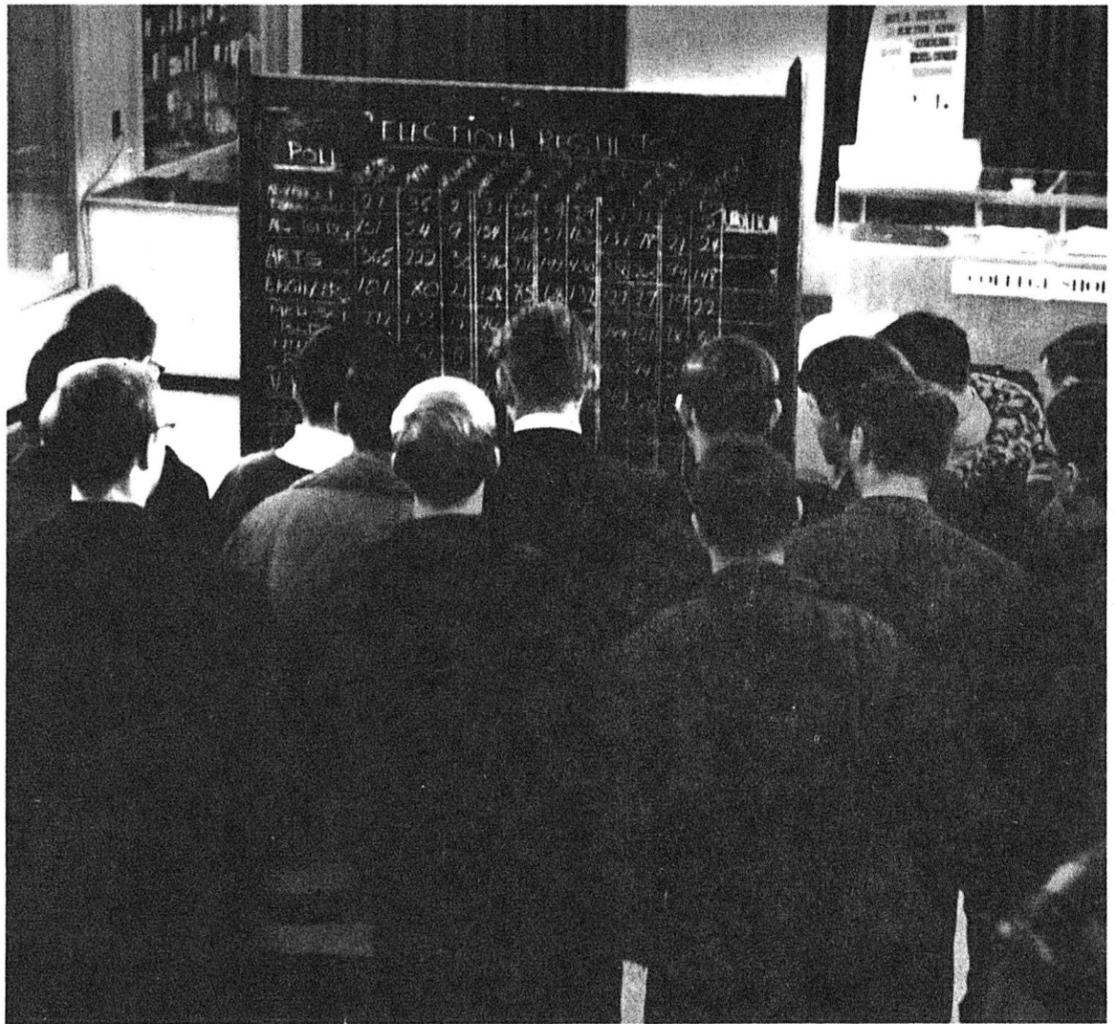
Prof. Lynd said this response was precisely the one the U.S. had asked for during a previous bombing pause in May 1965.

He charged Washington with "scandalous insincerity" in deciding to resume the bombing.

Prof. Lynd called President Johnson a "moderately prejudiced" man and said "There is a lower threshold of inhibition in Americans in doing such things (war atrocities) to dark-skinned people than there is in doing them to Europeans."

He urged Canada in its role on the International Control Commission along with Indian and Poland, to investigate what happened in the fighting during the peace offensive.

Lynd blamed the U.S. for the continuation of the war.



—Neil Driscoll photo

TENSION MOUNTS—Last Friday night as poll after poll was counted, excitement ran high in SUB's rotunda with certain candidates commanding growing majorities. A portion of the sizable crowd crashed the Turtle Derby carrying president-elect Branny Schepanovich on their shoulders shortly after the final results were announced.

# Dr. Boorstin sees expansive spirit in the affluent American society

By ANDY RODGER

Is the United States a material society?

Yes it is, according to Dr. Daniel Boorstin, guest lecturer for the history department, Tuesday.

To begin with, there is something "odd" about the U.S., he said.

"The significance of material objects in different cultures varies as the cultures vary," he said, and in the U.S., wealth is considered part of the society at large.

People in the United States consider themselves part of the community, and associate the wealth and growth of the community with their own wealth and growth. This contributes to a dynamism and expansive spirit in the American society.

The mercantilistic view of European nations, who thought that wealth was static, sought to gain as much of the economic pie for themselves as they could. The

American revolution was, in part, against this concept, said Dr. Boorstin.

"In the standard of living society, 'You gain is my gain.' But in a wealth society, 'Your gain is my loss,'" he said.

There are a number of other peculiarities to the American concept of a 'standard of living.'

With a standard of living, wealth is public, not private. Without a standard of living, wealth is private, secret, something to be kept from the tax collector's eyes.

The United States was founded on the doctrine that there was some virtue in poverty, Dr. Boorstin said. Because the economic pie was infinitely expandable, the poor man, through his own industry, could succeed.

This has changed the concept of poverty. Previously, poverty had an absolute value, but now in the U.S. there is no such benchmark. "So as the standard of living goes up, the standard of poverty goes up too.

"The most pervasive, most seductive characteristic of a standard of living," said Dr. Boorstin, "is that it can be universalized. Thus, the purpose of foreign aid plans is to raise the standard of living of other peoples, which will raise the American standard."

## Positions open in union

(continued from page three)

### LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

This committee will organize seminars to discuss problems and topics of common interest among clubs and university students in general.

Composition—chairman, members.

### CHARTER FLIGHT

The students' council authorizes charter flights, subject to student interest. The charter flight secretary is responsible for organizing, publicizing and supervising the flight, co-ordination of travel plans and cooperation with the local CUS travel department.

### BLITZ COMMITTEE

The blitz committee is in charge of the student division of the United Community Fund. It organizes the student volunteers who canvass small Edmonton businesses.

Composition—chairman, members.

### CULTURE 500

The purpose of this committee is to organize activities in the cultural, intellectual and entertainment sphere for all students on campus. It encourages students to develop intellectual and cultural interests while at university.

Composition—chairman, members.

### STUDENTS' CINEMA

This committee plans and presents a program of feature films at a low cost to students. The committee will cooperate with other campus clubs and departments to present a series of movies.

Composition—chairman, 10 members.

### ARTS COMMITTEE

This committee makes arrangements for art displays to be exhibited in the students' union gallery. It organizes fine arts programs, develops a print rental system, and supervises the acquisition of art objects for the union.

### UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT

Members will serve on the various boards and committees of the university governing structures that have student representatives. It will "aim to achieve a greater degree of influence and responsibility" for students in the affairs that affect all sectors of the university.

Composition — chairman and members.

Application deadline March 18.

### NOTICE

The two positions of arts representative and science representative to the 1966-67 Wauneita Council are open for applications.

Letters of application must be submitted to the students' union office by March 14. Applicants will be contacted for interviews.