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MEGATON BOMB EXPLODED IN ALEUTIAN ISLANDS—
Jim Montalbetti is seen studying the shock waves of the U.S. nuclear device detonated in the Aleutian Islands Thursday. Official estimates placed the blast at 6.75 to 7 on the Richter Scale. This was slightly higher than the two earthquakes in California Thursday morning. Much to the credit of the Geophysics department, none of the 25 or so students who watched as the blast was recorded had their ears plugged.

Discipline, Law and Order Committee invites submissions

The General Faculty Council Committee on Discipline, Law and Order on the Campus, has written the Presidents of the A.A.S.U.A., the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association asking them to invite their members to make submissions respecting any matter falling within the Committee's terms of reference. In the near future, relevant material, including existing disciplinary regulations, a draft interim report of the Committee and a draft of proposed regulations respecting procedure for disciplinary hearings will be published in Folio. In addition to inviting written submissions the committee will make arrangements to receive oral submissions at an open meeting or

open meetings to be held shortly after the publication of the relevant material in the Folio.

Dent faculty rapped

Students are forced to buy high-cost equipment

By BARRY CARTER

A group of dental students has criticized the faculty of dentistry for its teaching procedures and use of obsolete equipment.

The students say they are forced to purchase high priced equipment for use in their classes.

They outlined these points as their prime objections to faculty operations:

- Dental supply companies are unloading obsolete supplies and equipment on students.

- Students should not have to pay for their mistakes while participating in a learning experience (plastic teeth used for practise must be replaced at 85 cents each).

- The faculty must take a critical look at itself and the curriculum.

- More instructors needed.
- More efficient administration of the faculty is required. The dean is now overextended because of conflicts between traveling and administrative duties.

- Rumours of certain types of dental care becoming unnecessary because of scientific advances are handicapping needed expansion of the faculty.

- The faculty is not consistent in its presentation of practical courses.

The high cost of equipment con-

tributes to the already high cost of dental care, they said.

The students are unhappy with purchasing a \$140 handpiece that is, in effect, obsolete, when an available foreign make at \$40 is comparable in quality.

"When we finish school and go into practise, we will be using more modern air and electric equipment.

"A \$40 handpiece is sufficient for our four years in dentistry."

The students also charged that the dental companies were unloading a surplus of obsolete equipment such as cable dental drills which they could not sell to anyone else.

It all adds up to a generally low morale among a large majority of dental students, they say.

But faculty dean H. R. MacLean said Wednesday the group is not "representative" of dental students.

"He said students are consulted on the equipment they must buy. There is a student representative from each year and they are fully consulted, he said.

"We delete from the equipment kit everything we possibly can.

"We have a very active student-staff liaison committee which has tried to keep as efficient a communication between students and staff as possible."

As for students having to pay for their mistakes, the dean said "this has gone on for years and I don't think there is anything wrong with it."

He said faculty members have looked at the curriculum "very critically" over the years.

Dr. MacLean attributed the cost of equipment to tremendously increased costs in recent years. "And I don't really think the equipment is obsolete."

In response to the students' suggestion that equipment be rented rather than sold to students, the dean said such a scheme has been considered and rejected.

When students buy their kits, they start out with a full supply of instruments which they can use in their practices later, he said.

University expansion priorities rather than fewer requirements for dental care has delayed expansion of the faculty, said the dean and few facilities will be forthcoming in the planned health services centre.

And on the administration of the faculty, Dr. MacLean said he would "be willing to gamble" that the school here is in better shape than most others in Canada.

"We are quite aware what is going on within the faculty."

But, say the students, "the dean is too busy with visiting other dental schools and looking after a \$1,000,000 budget to provide adequate administration."

Concerning the rental system, they point to the Toronto dental clinic "where the rent is a sort of damage deposit. This is a much better system."

The students interviewed claimed the faculty is very resistant to change. "The way they stick to bureaucracy is ridiculous.

"The professors have ways of preventing class members from uniting," they said. "A professor will be nice to some students and not so nice to others. Thus, the class is split in its opinions of the professor."

Dr. D. M. Collinson, clinical director, said Wednesday "the fact that they (the students) want to remain anonymous, and the fact that they wish to go outside the faculty and perhaps create a controversy in the newspaper is, in my opinion, not professional conduct."

"If they are sincere, then there is no reason why they can't come directly to the faculty, either themselves or through their elected members."

If they are vitally concerned, he added, there are mechanisms for change—representation on the kit committee, the curriculum committee and the staff-student liaison committee.

The students interviewed did not want their names published because of possible repercussions within the faculty.

Komix for Casserole

The Gateway is proud to announce the debut of its first comic strip this year on Casserole C-4 and C-5.

The SFU Komix this week feature a parody on Simon Fraser University president Kenneth Strand and his actions in the current confrontation between the administration and the department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology.

And in future, The Gateway has other surprises planned as we offer comic parodies of the establishment comics.