

Thanks For Looking

Varsity Guest Weekend 1961 has succeeded to a degree never before realized in the history of the campus-hosts-province event. This success, attested to by the registration figures, is conclusively proven by an editorial appearing in the Edmonton Journal of Feb. 25.

Concerned with the proposed stacking of the Rutherford Library smoking room with books, and bearing the quaintly mid-Victorian title "Store The Books, Indeed!", the Journal editorial criticized an admittedly trivial decision of Students' Council. The editorial signifies the Journal is now paying more attention to the decisions of student government than it has in the past accorded new developments in chemistry and physics, or new theories in the humanities.

The avowed purpose of Varsity Guest Weekend is to make Albertans—especially prospective students—more aware of the Uni-

versity community. The Edmonton Journal's re-vitalized concern about student government could indicate a new awareness.

Perhaps it presages an era in which Edmonton's only daily newspaper will accord this fourth largest University in Canada the coverage which would normally come from a responsible and competitive newspaper. Perhaps attention will expand from the chambers of student government to the University's laboratories, lecture halls and informed personalities. Perhaps future articles about the University of Alberta will have motives other than the suspiciously attendant advertising bonanza of last weekend.

Or perhaps angry Albertans—"informed" by the only daily newspaper at their hand—will write letters critical of the "student attitude", and remain ignorant of the facilities, the accomplishments and aspirations of their University.

On The Perfectibility of Man

From an article in "Saturday Night"

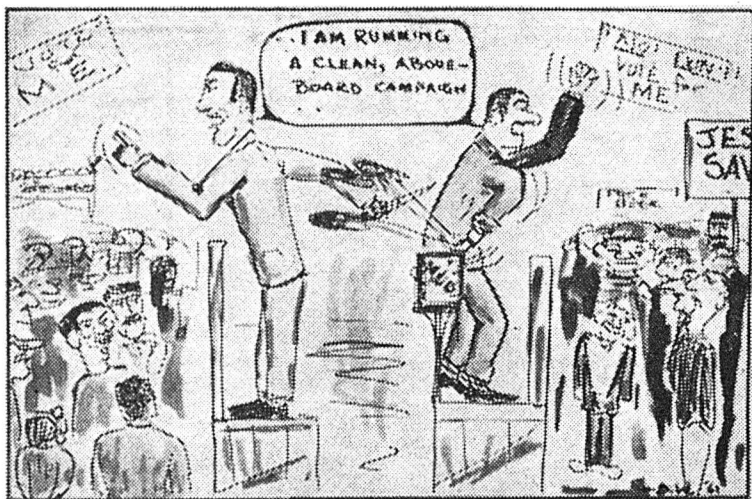
The Canadian Army Journal has some astounding information in its recent issue:

"Computation made on an electronic computer by a former President of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences, aided by historians from England, Egypt, Germany and India have produced some astounding figures on the frequency and severity of wars.

"Included in these findings is the fact that since 3600 BC the world has known only 292

years of peace. During this period there have been 14,531 wars, large and small, in which three billion six hundred and forty million people have been killed. The value of the destruction would pay for a golden belt around the earth 156 kilometers in width and 10 meters thick.

"Since 650 BC there have been 1,656 arms races, only 16 of which have not ended in war. The remainder have ended in economic collapse of the countries concerned."



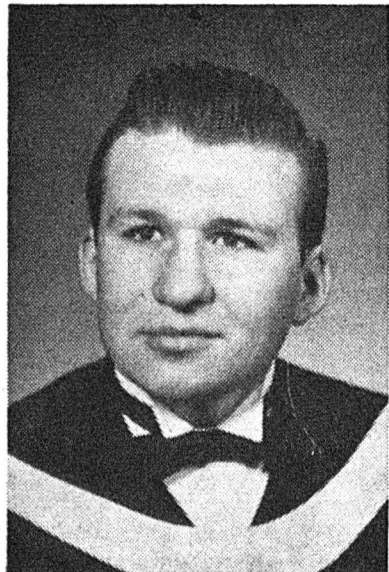
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Students' Union President--Campaign Statements

By Hal Veale

The office of president of the Students' Union is one of high responsibility, requiring dedication and hard work. The president must serve as a liaison between three distinct but interrelated parts of our community — the provincial government, the University ad-



HAL VEALE

ministration, and the student body.

I feel that my experience in negotiating with the provincial government on such matters as student residences and my experience in these campus activities would prove invaluable in enabling me to provide competent leadership: law rep on Council; chairman, residence committee; chairman, WUS fund-raising committee; Committee on Student Affairs; Hugill Cup debating winner; intra sports board; buildings and grounds committee; vice-president, law club; acting chairman, leadership seminar.

I ask your support on March 3 so that I may work for the implementation of measures such as these:

1. Recognition of academic achievement by the Awards Committee.
2. Steps to ensure increased availability to all students of the facilities of the Physical Education Building.
3. Steps to fulfil the pressing need for student spirit of a very different character from that generally called for. Political, religious, debating and cultural organizations should be encouraged to expand so that all students may take part in activities which will enable them to assume, in the future, their roles as leaders in society.

This sort of student spirit does not entail unquestioning conformism, but rather recognizes the value of the thinking individual. —H.V.

By Peter Hyndman

Student government on our campus has become big business. Moreover, the explosive growth of extra-curricular activity in recent years, coupled with the expanding physical plant of the campus and a steadily rising student enrolment, indicates a continuing increase in both the size and the scope of Students' Union activities.

Thus, more than ever before, the president of the Students' Union must be prepared to work to the limit of his capacity. More particularly, he must serve and represent the student body of our campus in an effective, competent manner.

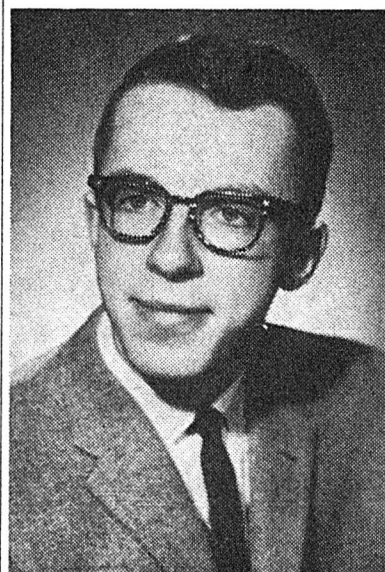
If chosen as president of the Students' Union, my work, in addition to that normally required of the president, would be directed to the following areas:

- The institution of immediate action to deal with the problem of the need for expansion of the physical facilities of the Students' Union Building;
- The effective carry-through and the implementation of the results of the re-organizational study of the Students' Union begun this year;
- The maintenance of a close watch

over the plans for and construction of our new residences to insure that when completed they will provide comfortable and convenient living for the students occupying them;

• The initiation of action to cope with the recent fee raise by pressing for increased financial assistance to students.

May I request your favourable consideration at the polls on election day, March 3. —P.S.H.



PETER HYNDMAN

"UN Congo Force May Be Harmful"-Davy

Last week we presented Professor Davy's views on the causes of the Congo situation, with some of his ideas on what should be done. Since then, Dag Hammarskjold has received authorization for his troops to use force against any group using force to prevent unification of the Congo.

Interviewed again in the light of this recent development, Professor Davy herein discusses why he thinks the move may have been unfortunate.

"Authorizing United Nations troops to use force in the Congo may have done more harm than good," said Professor Davy Friday. In fact, it might be part of a scheme to wreck the UN in the Congo."

The action proposed by 18 African and Asian nations has been lauded as a manifestation of their desire for peace.

"Frankly, said Professor Davy, 'I am suspicious. It is strange that these nations, many of them open supporters of Lumumba, should suddenly demand the use of force which Hammarskjold and the West have so long wanted.'"

"We must remember that the UN is in the Congo at the invitation of Kasavubu's government. There is a strong chance that this government itself may 'use force to prevent Congo unification'. If they are opposed by UN forces, Kasavubu can, and quite possibly would, demand their withdrawal. This may be what the Afro-Asian block has anticipated."

Such a situation could render the UN useless in the Congo in several ways. First, stressed Professor Davy, the Congo is a sovereign nation and an independent member of the United Nations. If the UN is requested to withdraw its troops and refuses, it will be violating the sovereignty of a state, the UN Charter, and the provisions under which these troops are in the Congo. This would discredit the UN as an authority for world justice.

MAY UNSEAT KASAVUBU

To further complicate the situation especially if the UN is determined not to withdraw, the question of seating in the General Assembly may arise. Kasavubu occupies the position of President because the UN recognized him as the legal head of state.

"What the 18-nation bloc may intend is that the UN unseat Kasavubu if he opposed them. Lumumba forces would then have a great possibility of gaining power."

Regarding the Belgians, the presence of nationals in the Congo is still a problem. It cannot be proved that the Belgian government is supporting Tshombe through the nationals, but Professor Davy expressed a suspicion that they are doing just that.

REBEL AGITATED

Again, he stressed, Britain, France and the United States must demand that Belgium either remove these people or declare herself no longer responsible for their activities. The Belgians in Katanga are especially bad in agitating the rebels, and Belgium is responsible to the world for getting them out.

"The situation may very well lead to loss of faith in the UN." Once again Professor



Davy emphasized that this depends on the attitude of the West toward Belgium. "The stand against Belgium must be clear to gain the confidence of

other colonies and new nations, and to wipe away the suspicion that imperialism in the past has created."

According to Professor Davy, "no matter what happens, Hammarskjold has had it." The Russians have criticized him, he has returned the attack, and they cannot back down now. Even if they cannot have him expelled, the Russians might refuse to recognize the Secretary General, thus rendering him useless.

DAG JUST SYMBOL

"It is not a question of his competency," says Professor Davy. "He is now just another symbol of the East-West struggle. He has taken sides and can not continue effectively under these conditions."

Ironically, Professor Davy thinks the Congolese themselves, rather than the 'civilized' nations, may hold the solution to the problem. Perhaps they will realize the danger that their situation may also turn into another manifestation of the East-West contention and the separate factions within the Congo may decide to unite.

"There seems to have been a tendency toward this before the use of force was proposed, and this is what makes the move seem questionable. It seems we will have to depend on the good sense of Congolese to revive this move, and take action to unify themselves."

Telephone Service

Upholding another great Gateway tradition, The Gateway will run a telephone service this Friday from 6:30 p.m. Persons wishing to obtain election results may get them blow by bitter blow by phoning the offices of The Gateway at GE 3-1155.