

PRES. BISSELL "WILL NOT REMAIN ALOOF"

Toronto (CUP) — Fraternities on University of Toronto campus are being investigated by the Caput "with a view to definite action."

Following a closed meeting Saturday morning the Caput, supreme disciplinary body of the U of T campus, issued a statement unanimously endorsing President Claude T. Bissell's declaration of principle "that any action of discrimination based upon race, religion or color strikes at the very heart of the life of the University of Toronto."

"The application," the statement continued, "of this principle to the recent incident involves a study of the complex and technical question of the relations between the University and the fraternities."

The incident mentioned is the controversy over pretty Negro co-ed Bobbi Arrington who was edged out when she tried to join a sorority. Bobbi said the president of one sorority took her for a "walk around the block" and told her no one would bid for her if she tried to join the organization.

Shortly after the Arrington incident was made public, President Bissell explained the fraternities and sororities were technically private clubs, but that they were made up of undergraduates of the university and so the university is concerned with what they do.

"The university will not remain aloof because of its technical position as being apart from sororities and fraternities," he said.

Saturday, the Caput backed Dr. Bissell up completely.



This student's identity has been concealed because he promised entering Gazette photographer John Acker to be a good boy from now on. The head of the Grounds Committee is thinking of putting a permanent photograph on his staff.

Operation Crossroads - Africa May See One Dal Student

During the summer of 1960 one Dalhousie student will be given the opportunity to participate in a work camp to be held in Africa. Operation Crossroads—Africa was started by Dr. Robinson, minister of "The Church of the Master" Presbyterian Church in New York City, when last year he took a group of 50 students to Africa where (on a village level) work camps were established. In this very practical manner a great deal is being done by Robinson to improve interracial relations and to make Africa better known on this continent. Although last year only one Canadian student attended the camp. This year provision will be made for 10 Canadians, one of which to come from Dalhousie.

This coming year 135 students from Canada and the United States will take part. Projects such as building schools, playgrounds, community centres will be carried out in Senegal, Liberia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leona, Ghana, Nigeria and French Camerouns. The party will leave New York by air on June 15th and return on August 25th, going first to London, England, for orientation sessions. The time in Africa will be divided into periods of work, travel and study.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from The Rev. Hanns F. Skoutajan, United Church Chaplain, whose office is located off the West Common Room in the Men's Residence. Application should be made before December 6.

The Old Order . . .

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used in the Sir James Dunn Science Building. This will not completely soundproof the room, but it will prevent most noise from travelling from room to room.

Each room is so constructed as to permit the maximum of studying efficiency. It would appear as if the furniture was fairly stationary; the desk is situated in such a way as to block vision through the windows to a maximum.

Furniture contained in the room is as follows: one continental style bed with bed lamp; one head board unit; one combination desk and drawer unit; one wall book shelf; one tack board; one mirror; one table lamp; one large closet; one metal shoe rack in the closet; one desk type chair and one lounging chair. The estimated cost of furniture in each individual room is approximately \$300.00

A tuck shop will be open in the north wing on the ground floor during evening hours, serving tea, coffee, milk, soft drinks, and snacks.

Rumours have been developing around campus that each room will contain an individual thermostatic valve. Dr. Theakston, the university engineer, has stated that this is incorrect; heating will be done thermostatically, but in sections.

It might be suggested to the Administration that a suitable name for the residence be adopted. Something like "Studley Hall", or "Dunn House", or the like. Somehow "Dalhousie Men's Residence" sounds rather flat.

There you are, fellows. I must apologize if I sound a bit like a real estate salesman, but those of us who have lived for any extent of time in the old Men's Residence may now find salvation. No more will the dropping of a pin at one end of the building echo with a resounding crash at the other, nor will people, groping for trunks and other items in the attic, put a foot through beaverboard floors and ceilings.

One thing, however, did seem a bit odd and out of place when I was glancing over the blueprints of the building. The architects did not seem to make any provision for alcoves.

Controversial Handbook Stirs Ottawa U

OTTAWA (CUP) — The University of Ottawa Students' Council Sunday put the brakes on an attempt to force changes in a controversial students' handbook, published by the university administration this fall.

The handbook spells out detailed rules for student conduct and places all student organizations under tight administrative control.

Some handbook highlights:

—the prohibition of drinking, gambling, or carrying firearms on campus.

—reaffirmation of the universities' right to abrogate student autonomy "whenever it deems that necessary";

—regulations insisting that all student organizations must be approved by the administration, and must submit constitutions and budgets for administrative approval.

—rules providing that any student affiliation with "interuniversity organizations, whether national or international is subject to . . . approval".

The Council refused to withdraw for amendment a constitution which was submitted to the university administration for approval last May 31.

Although Council has not had any word of the fate of their constitution, unofficial sources have indicated it has since been amended by university authorities.

The motion for withdrawal, proposed by the five-man council executive, was made with the hope of two results. The move might:

—make room for constitutional changes which might force amendment of a controversial students' handbook published by the university this fall; and

—strengthen the Council's position by bringing non-affiliated organizations on campus under its jurisdiction.

The motion was defeated by Council in an 11-2 vote. Council members felt it was better to let authorities declare themselves before taking further action on the constitution or handbook.

Council also authorized writing negotiations with the administration to attempt to get an interpretation of the handbook that would favor students more than the authorities. They felt the handbook as it stands is open to two interpretations.

The Council has submitted constitutions to the U. of O. administration for almost ten years. All proposed constitutions have either not been returned or returned too late for final Council ratification.

The constitution now in authorities' hands already provides for more students authority than the handbook appears to allow. Council president Andre L'Ouillet regards the handbook as "the reply to their past requests for ratification".

Two U of O student editors played roles in Sunday's events.

Arnold Amber, editor of the English-language Fulcrum, told Council the majority of U of O's students had not read, or were indifferent to the new handbook. He said many students were afraid to express opinions because of possible repercussions from the university.

Following the meeting Paul LaRoche, editor of the French-language La Rotonde, indicated he intends to resign.

"I am leaving my post because of the amount of school work that is piling up, and to a lesser degree because the student body and council are not behind us," he said.

"We hoped that if the constitution had been withdrawn it would show that the students did not approve of the handbook."

LaRoche, a law student, said he would run for French vice-president in the next student election.

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magnificent entrance foyer that extends through to the east entrance on the opposite side. The laboratories and lecture rooms for the first and second year students in physics are found on this floor. At the south end, there is a large lecture room for 216 students, divided into 10 spacious aisles, with a foyer and projection room. The men's and women's cloak rooms are located close by. In the north end, there are two lecture halls seating approximately 80 students each, while there are two laboratories, each capable of seating 60 students, to the centre of the floor. A small seminar room, two offices and two research rooms may also be found.

Large Library

On the second floor, there will be a large laboratory for third year electricity and four laboratories for advanced honours and engineering physics students, with dark room, photographic and glass-blowing facilities near at hand. A large seminar room, a medium seminar room, two physics research laboratories, two geology research laboratories and nine offices also compliment the floor. At the south end, one will find the new library, which will be as large as the main reading room of the MacDonald Library. The library will be fitted with tables and chairs to accommodate 60 students. In addition, there will be an office for the librarian, stacks for periodicals, and five study carrels on the south side.

Hot steam, piped from the central heating plant in the current science building, will heat water in the new Sir James Dunn Science Building, which will be circulated throughout the building by pumps. All windows in the building will have convectors beneath their sills and nearly all rooms will have thermostats. Ventilation equipment, located in the penthouse on the roof, will supply constant humidified air to all large rooms.

With attributes such as these, it is obvious why the opening of the Sir James Dunn Science Building is so eagerly awaited by all concerned.

Feudal Ball With few Chains

King's annual Freshie-Soph Ball, enjoyed an "unprecedented success" this year, as more than 110 couples turned up in the Haliburton Room, last Friday, Nov. 13. Knights in shining armour, mounted on their black chargers invaded the formal. However, they did not disturb the 230 dancers, but merely added to the medieval atmosphere, which the "Feudal King's Ball" so successfully achieved.

The knights also managed to stay on the walls, where they had been so carefully placed by the 14 members of the dance committee, headed by Don Stevenson. Numerous banners, flags and crests of various shapes and designs, transformed the King's Common Room into a tournament field.

A 50-foot mural by Nancy Wetmore, very realistically depicted all phases of the age of chivalry. Don Crawley's 10 foot giant paper mache knight, fully armed, was very imposing; Rollie Lines' drawbridge was very effective, and this provided the bandstand for Reg Quinn and his orchestra. Evergreen trees and castle all helped to throw the dancers from the twentieth century, back into the colourful, gay, and chivalrous medieval times.

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