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SCHEPANOVICH STILL EDITOR

Explosion Rocks Campus

By Adriana Albi
CUP Editor

At 2:55 p.m. Monday, an explosion shattered the quiet of the fifth floor of the Chemistry Building.

The explosion left Guy J. Tourigny, a second year graduate student working towards his doctorate in Chemistry, in the hospital with badly mangled hands. His left hand may have to be amputated.

Dr. David Darwish, an assistant professor in the department, heard the explosion from his office three doors down the hall, and he and Dr. K. R. Kopecky rushed into the laboratory. They found the victim and another graduate student, Robert Mermelstein, bending over the sink. They put Tourigny under the shower and immediately applied tourniquets to stop the bleeding. An ambulance arrived to take him to the hospital 20 to 25 minutes later. Within half an hour all was quiet again on the fifth floor.

COMPOUND TOO WARM

Tourigny was carrying on a filtration. He was working with silver perchlorate, a potentially explosive substance under unfavorable conditions. Dr. Darwish said he thought that Tourigny had realized that the compound was getting too warm and he left the protection of the safety shield to cool the substance in an ice water bath. The flask exploded in his hands. At the time, Mermelstein, working in the laboratory, had his back to the victim and did not see the accident. The explosion was localized and essentially there was not any damage done to the room.

Tourigny's face was cut by the flying glass. He was wearing safety glasses which were shattered by the explosion, but his eyes were unhurt.

How or why the accident happened will not be known until officials have talked to Tourigny. Dr. S. G. Davis, assistant professor in the department of chemistry, said that there has been no accident of this proportion in the last ten years. He termed an accident of this type "not a common occurrence."



IT WAS EASIER GOING DOWN! Under instructions from Students' Union President Wes Cragg, janitors carry seized copies of The Gateway's special VGW edition back to The Gateway offices. Cragg ordered the 7,000 copies seized late Friday afternoon, returned them less than an hour later.

Photo by Heinz Moller

CUS Pressure Group

Jenkins Addresses Council

The Canadian Union of Students is a "pressure group working constantly on a number of fronts to gain benefits for students."

That was the message given to students' council Tuesday evening by David E. Jenkins, National President of the Canadian Union of Students. Mr. Jenkins, last year's council president here, is in the city as part of a speaking tour of all western Canadian universities.

The CUS president explained how CUS originally put forward the idea of 10,000 \$1,000 scholarships and how subsequently the idea was picked up by the Liberal party and turned into a campaign promise.

Jenkins, a law graduate, explained how the federal government will have trouble implementing its loan and scholarship program since "responsibility for education is assigned to the provinces under the British North America Act."

PROMISED \$10,000,000

"However, the important point as far as CUS is concerned is that this federal administration has, in effect, promised the students of Canada \$10,000,000. If the scholarship and loan ideas fall through for constitutional reasons, then we will expect the Liberal administration to use fields that do not infringe upon provincial responsibility for education—such as taxation."

Jenkins said that CUS has prepared a lengthy brief on how the federal government can benefit all the stu-

dents in Canada to the tune of \$10,000,000 in the field of taxation. "For example," said Jenkins, "parents of university students should be allowed to deduct the tuition fees of their dependents."

The CUS President explained how for 10 years CUS (then NFCUS) presented briefs to the federal government asking that students be allowed to deduct their fees when paying their income tax. "This was finally enacted just four years ago," said Jenkins. "It is one of the best achievements in our history. However, it is only useful to students who earn enough money during a year to pay income tax."

CENTENARY BRIEF

Jenkins also explained the brief CUS has presented to the Centenary Administration calling for \$15,000 with which CUS will carry out a program of educational travel in the years prior to and during 1967. "These are only examples," said Jenkins. "We are constantly working in many different areas."

The visitor also had praise for the work the University of Alberta students' council has done at the national level. "The 27th National CUS Congress held here in the fall has been described to me many times as the best in the history of the organization." Jenkins said Alberta's lead in paying \$1 per student to CUS is being followed across the country and that this will lead to financial stability for CUS. He said U of A also supplied a member of this year's national executive: Dan Thachuk, law 2, the western regional president.

Survives Seizure, Council Indictment

By Gateway Staff Writers

Suppressed, released, Indicted, and twice acquitted; it was a rough weekend for The Gateway.

Friday afternoon, 7,000 copies of a special Varsity Guest Weekend edition of The Gateway were seized by officials acting under the orders of Students' Union President Wes Cragg, who considered the issue "in extremely bad taste."

Forty-five minutes later, the newspapers were returned from the Council Chamber where they had been locked up. Janitors carried them back to the editors with no explanations.

EXECUTIVE ANGERED

Several members of the Students' Union executive were apparently angered by a front-page editorial which attacked rising educational costs and the Provincial Government's educational policies.

The editorial predicted that many parents would be unable to send their children to the U of A within five years, "if present trends continue." It called rising student costs "pretty darned alarming."

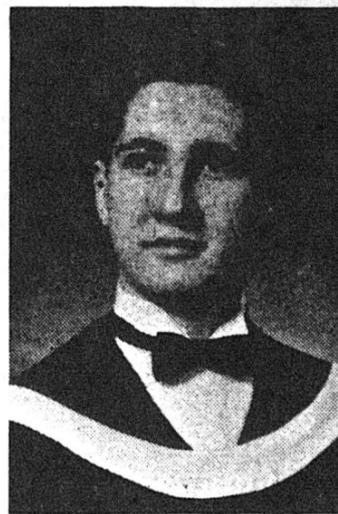
The issue also carried two other critical editorials and a cartoon by award-winning cartoonist Bill Salter, labelling the campus "a school for the rich."

HAVE LAST WORD

Dr. Walter H. Johns, president of the University, refused to comment on the special edition, saying: "There is no point in arguing with a newspaper. It always has the last word."

Few visitors to the campus during the guest weekend found the paper to be particularly offensive, and most students greeted it with acclaim.

Sunday afternoon, at a regular meeting of Students' Council, a motion was introduced calling for



BRANNY SCHEPANOVICH
... still editor

the resignation of editor-in-chief Branny Schepanovich on the grounds that he had "betrayed his trust" with Council. His critics argued that Varsity Guest Weekend issues are not supposed to be controversial—they are to be promotional and laudatory.

CANTOR RESIGNED

After a two and one-half hour debate, the motion was defeated nine votes to six. Schepanovich remained editor. One of the prime movers behind the resolution, VGW Director Paul G. S. Cantor, resigned.

"I can't see what the fuss was all about," said one councilman during the debate. "Until this issue was foolishly suppressed, no one thought it was offensive."

"I couldn't be true to myself and print a mire of false compliments," said an elated editor Schepanovich later.

But the fireworks were not yet over.

ANNE WANTS APOLOGY

Early at Tuesday night's Council meeting Anne Gardiner, nursing rep, moved that The Gateway print a front-page apology to the VGW Committee and the public for material in the edition.

When asked by Schepanovich to be specific as to what she found offensive, she quoted two sentences from a page four editorial: "There are professors on this university who haven't the first clue as to how to give a decent lecture... There are muddled professors."

A number of councillors were heard to mutter "True, true." Miss Gardiner spoke no further.

Schepanovich asked Miss Gardiner whether she had been pressured into bringing the matter before Council. She did not reply.

Gord Meurin, eng rep, moved that the motion be postponed indefinitely. The motion carried and the battle was over.



WES CRAGG
... still mad

Mr. Jenkins discussed the work that has been done by the CUS Structures Commission over the past winter. The report will be the major topic at the Western Regional CUS Congress, to be held in Victoria in May. Jenkins said the major structural problem facing CUS is "evolving a structure that will satisfy both the English and the French membership—and still give consideration to the different geographical areas in Canada."

**Parliament
Dissolved
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THE STUDENTS' UNION
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
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A Campaign Rally

For the Presentation of Platforms
by all Candidates Participating
in the

General Elections

will be held in Convocation Hall
at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 1964

All University Classes have been
Cancelled for this Period and Interest-
ed Students are Invited to Attend

February 28, 1964 William Samis
Returning Officer