

We're Walkin'

Four student editors "walked out" on the Canadian University Press, as a policy-making body, to prevent their individual editorial rights from being "walked on".

At CUP's 23rd annual conference, last week, delegations from Queen's University and the Universities of Toronto and BC walked out of the sessions, and the University of Alberta Gateway refused to consider itself a part of CUP on any policy-making decisions, though staying in the conference sessions.

The "walk-outs" centered around a motion of the conference allowing CUP to be represented as a body on questions of an editorial nature with a two-third consent of its members.

Not only is this representation technically impossible for most papers, though "most" didn't seem to think so, but it infringes on the press rights of the individual members, another thing most of the delegates did not stop to consider. The "walk-outs", then, indicate a difference of opinion in regard to the intent of CUP. The four who "walked out" obviously consider the framework of CUP, as the majority see it, one within which it is impossible for a free student press to exist.

CUP, as The Gateway, and the three other papers which walked out, see it, is a service organization, not one to make or disseminate editorial policy.

It can not make policy because it is responsible to no one. The student editor is hired by his student council and depending his production, or lack of it, can be fired by the student council. In essence, he is responsible for everything that appears in his paper, and his only vulnerable spot is a breach of that responsibility.

A CUP policy-making decision could put the individual editor in a position whereby he is

breaching responsibility even though he may violently disagree with the two-thirds of the CUP members who decided the policy decision should be made.

In a decision of this type, CUP transgresses the freedom of the press as far as its member papers are concerned. The conference delegates failed to realize that on an issue of this kind respect of minority rights takes precedence over majority rule.

An association of newspapers can not take a united stand on anything, other than the administrative, or technical, without stepping on the individual freedoms inherent in the member papers. Four papers at the conference refused to give up their independence, the others were probably unaware they had it.

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Ironically, every paper at the conference, including the four mavericks, expressed the desire to back CUP in every possible way—as a service organization, and a meeting ground for the exchange of individual ideas.

Technically, the four who "walked out" could kill the CUP operation on its present scale, since they represent, as four of Canada's largest Universities, nearly one third of total CUP income.

In defending CUP as a policy-making organization, some of the delegates felt that CUP should defend, through editorial pronouncements, its "Charter of the Student Press." It may be noted however that most professional press organizations have high blown charters that their members ostensibly defend. Except those papers feel, as perhaps the CUP papers should, they are big enough to stand on their own two feet.

Look To The Rhodes

The awarding of the Rhodes Scholarship to Bernard Adell has prodded us to dig out an editorial printed last fall. The editorial dealt with the inequalities generated by the scholarship and grant system now in effect at this University. The editorial made it clear the present rigid system provides for grants according to marks obtained—without considering the ease or difficulty the student encounters in his particular pattern or faculty.

Mr. Adell, a law student, won the Rhodes Scholarship with an average of 73 per cent, and a good record of extra-curricular activities. "But what happened to all those chaps in history, psychology and whatnot who had averages much glossier than 73?" asks the wide-eyed freshman. The answer is simple: the Rhodes Scholarship committee took into account the fact marks are hoarded jealously in faculties such as law, where a 73 is equivalent to a higher mark elsewhere.

The important point is that the University of Alberta scholarship and grant system does not possess flexibility such as that demonstrated by the Rhodes Scholarship selection committee. The regulations unequivocally state averages of 75 per cent or more are in the scholarship category, entitling students to apply for Government of Alberta Scholarships in various amounts depending upon need and other factors. As written earlier this year:

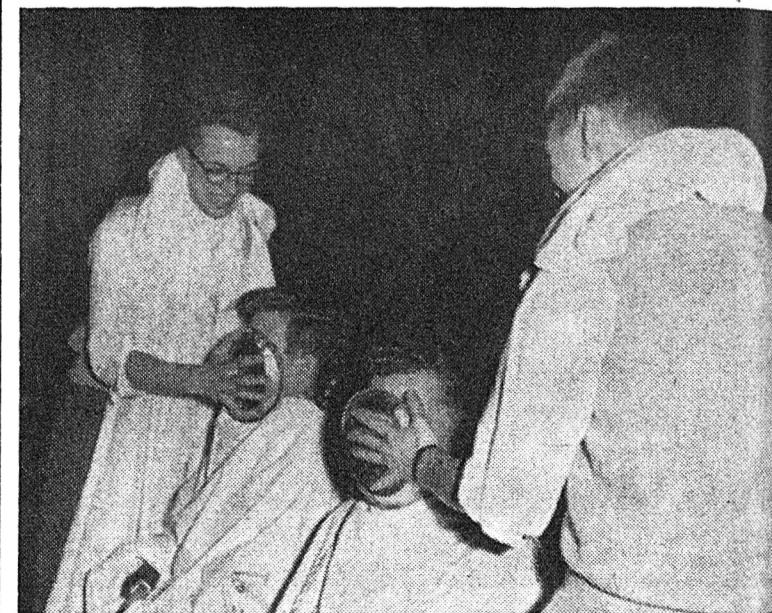
"A 75 per cent average is praiseworthy in any pattern—but no account is taken of the fact that such averages are rare birds in political science and relatively frequent in psychology. An average of 65 per cent earns a grant of \$200, whether the student has coasted through a year of sociology or slogged from dawn to dusk all year in medicine."

Here is where Mr. Adell proves to be such a useful example. As an extreme illustration, we will divest Mr. Adell of all his worldly goods and monies. Also his Rhodes scholarship. If this hypothetical Mr. Adell, tottering and trembling in the last stages of starvation, was so presumptuous as to apply for a Government of

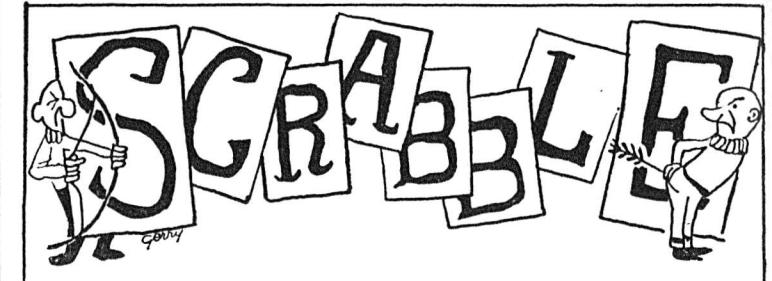
Alberta Scholarship, he would be turned down. Why? "Because your average is a measly 73 per cent and you have to have a 75 before you get a scholarship," would be the official reply.

And that would be that. If Mr. Adell was civil, he might get \$300 for having an average over 70 per cent. It would do him little good to point out that 73 per cent in his faculty corresponds to 99 per cent in honors basketweaving.

It is clear that the professors in the various faculties must try to bring their marks into line with the rest of the University (either stiffen or ease their marking)—or a sliding scholarship scale must be instituted which would take into account varied marking from faculty to faculty.



SANTA IS SO A WOMAN!



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holidays were a bash sober for 15 minutes. Hate to be back to that musty old medieval backwards university so they give house ec a new building so they give ed a new building so they build a new chlorine-infested swimming pool to kill off all the students in the most efficient manner so after forty-five years theres a rumor that theyre going to get fresh milk in caf so social credits at it again which leads me to my next topic of conversation the government the backwards back to nature back woods government of this stinking province which reminds me of the federal government whens somebody going to get some sense into their heads and get rid of the party with the paradoxical name and get a decent government in wholl give free vitamins to starving students which reminds me of wus bucks for bombay how about dimes for dudley the march of dimes goes on and whose gonna benefit not the law faculty thots for sure 1763 law review original 1763 binding job lousy but who cares about us anyway and i dont care about anybody anyway and i dont apologize to anybody anyway because i dont like anybody anyway in fact the whole worlds gone to the dogs and i dont care because i hate everybody the whole societys lousy infested with women and always praising motherhood whats a mother good for anyway unless youre a freudian psychologist in which case youre nuts and who says mothers are good and the government and both are false because both are built on false premises anyway and i dont believe in anything anyway and i hate everybody but thats okay cause they hate me except the cheerleaders and im not going to wish anybody a happy new year.

PRE-EXAM QUIZ

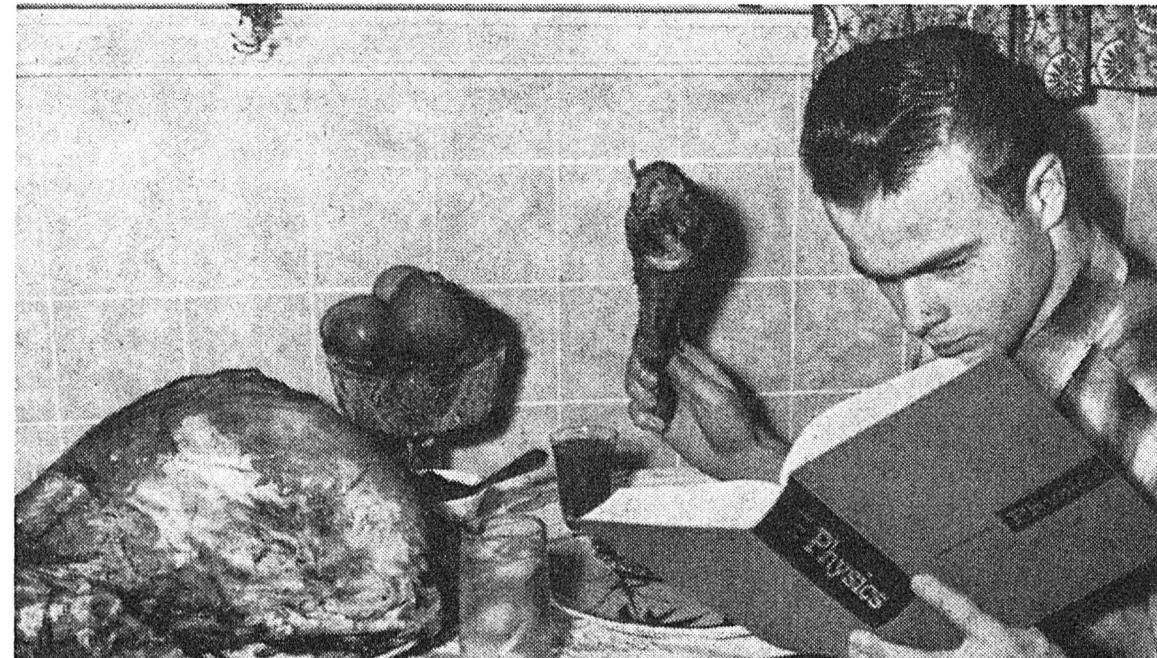
Do you like exams after Christmas?

How much did you study at Christmas

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Answer the questions and bring, mail or send this Quiz to The Gateway office for checking.

OFF-CAMPUS SCENES



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