

# Scientists Chained By Moral Restraint

By Bentley LeBaron

Should the scientist be free to search and discover without moral restraint, or ought his ends and methods to be prescribed by a social code of ethics? Does the responsibility of value judgments fall to science or society, or both?

These were some of the questions discussed at the SCM panel, Friday evening, under the general problem of ethics and morals as related to science. Chairman Peter Paris, SCM General Secretary, introduced the five panelists and allowed each a five minute speech.

Professor A. M. Mardiros, philosophy department, expressed the view that while scientists are not expected to define moral values they should conform to those set by society. Because science has such a

profound effect on every aspect of modern life, and especially because of its increasing destructive capacity, scientists have a definite moral responsibility for directing their activities toward beneficial rather than destructive ends.

Dr. D. D. Betts, physics, agreed that scientists have general social responsibilities in addition to certain specific responsibilities, including recognition of ethical limits. For instance, he said, "psychologists recognize that they cannot perform torture experiments on human beings, and in my own opinion the development of H-Bombs should likewise be beyond limits."

Rev. Robert Arnott, theology, pointed out that science should embrace the meaning as well as the fact of its discoveries. "It should," he said, "take responsibility for them by considering moral implications which they raise, especially with regard to destructive capacity."

Mark Van Oene, chemistry, objected that principles of behavior and morality "hang in air," that is, are

not solidly based or clearly defined. He felt, therefore, that science should not be expected to participate in value judgments. Rather it should be allowed to pursue its own ends of research and discovery unhampered by moral questions. "Society," he said, "can exercise whatever discipline is necessary to keep science from getting out of hand."

Dr. R. L. James, sociology, recognized that the present gap between science and society forces scientists to act in the dual capacity of trying to conform to two conflicting sets of rules.

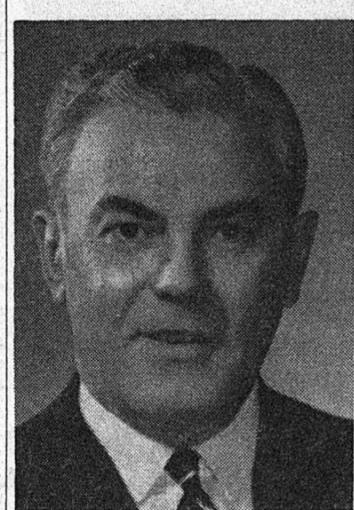
"If a scientist does not let value judgments influence his work he is not moral from a social standpoint," James stated. "On the other hand, if he is influenced by value judgments he is departing from the scientific standard. So, he is unmoral either way."

After the panelists had spoken they were given time to question each other, followed by a discussion period with audience participation. Out of this discussion evolved a strong protest against nuclear arms, and several ideas on the possibility of world-wide peace.

Coffee and cookies were served. After formal discussion was closed the meeting was turned over to small group discussions.

# 65 Students In Seminary

Dr. Walter H. Johns, U of A president, delivered good wishes and congratulations of the University to the members of the Redemptorist Order, at the official opening of their Junior Seminary, Holy Redeemer College, last Sunday.



Dr. Walter H. Johns

Intended for candidates for the priesthood. Holy Redeemer will stress moral and spiritual development, as well as the standard Alberta academic and physical curriculum. The College covers grades nine to twelve, and sends high school graduates to the U of A for classes for one year leading to a BA. The last three years will be completed in Eastern Canada.

Despite the fact that the College's 65 students lead a more ascetic life than most University students, they hope to draw academically and culturally from the mainstream of University activity.

Speaking to an audience of over 600 persons, Dr. Johns said: "This achievement which we signalize today is, of course, only a beginning, for it is the work to be done here which makes the College particularly significant . . . I recognize and respect the vital importance of religion . . . in making a better world here on earth for the period of our sojourn on it."

Lieutenant-Governor J. Percy Page presided over the ceremonies and cut the ribbon officially opening the College.

Others present were the Very Rev. B. Johnson, C.S.S.S., Redemptorist Vice-Provincial; Marcel Lambert, MP for Edmonton West; Dr. T. C. Byrne, representing the Minister and Department of Education; Mayor Roper and the Reeve of the Municipality of Strathcona, representing the city of Edmonton; Mr. A. A. O'Brien, representing the Separate School Board, and Brother Prudent, rector of St. Joseph's College.

# - Council Shorts -

The Leadership Seminar was termed "a success" by law rep Hal Veale in a Seminar Committee report submitted to Students' Council Tuesday evening.

Seventy-eight persons attended the seminar Oct. 2 at the Windermere Golf and County Club, which brought campus leaders, and administration and faculty representatives together to discuss problems of campus activities and leadership.

NFCUS rep Dave McLean believed that attendance was slightly down from last year, but Co-ordinator Peter Hyndman, who was active in the seminar himself, stated that "the quality was up 1,000 per cent."

The United Nations Club was installed as an official Students' Union club, at Tuesday night's Students' Council session.

Jim Foster, speaking for the club, stated that the club had a membership of about 140, and the budget would be \$200. He added that the club sponsors a TV series known as "Small World" in which interviews and discussions with various foreign students are televised.

Student's Council law rep Hal Veale's belief that a law student should be given preference to a position vacant on the Students' Disciplinary Committee was not shared by the majority of Students' Council as they appointed Al McKenzie, engineering 4, to the committee.

Veale stated that asking a medical or engineering student to fill this position was like asking a law student to serve flapjacks at the Bar-None dance.

"A good idea," commented med rep Andy Stewart. The remark was greeted by the cheers from other council members.

The vacancy was caused by the ineligibility of John Vandermeullen, now teaching.

Council decided to refer to last spring's application rather than advertise for new ones, and this will be its policy this year if such a circumstance arise again.

In the event of a McKenzie refusal, Dave E. Jenkins law 1, will be asked to take the position. The present four committee members are divided equally between dentistry and law.

Negotiations are still under way with the various theatre managers as to the possibility and the amount of theatre reductions.

A reduction is already in effect at all Famous Player theatres on presentation of plastic student I.D. cards. The Odeon Theatres have declined

this offer but have stated that a man is due from Winnipeg to discuss the possibilities of some form of price reduction for students.

Students' Council Tuesday evening voted to hold the civic banquet and the parliamentary dinner together this year. The reason for the change, Students' Union Vice-President Betty Robertson stated, was the work and planning entailed by this arrangement will be far less than if the two events were held separately.

The banquet is to be held on Varsity Guest Weekend, which will allow the guests to be entertained after dinner by the annual production of Varsity Varieties.

Residence Committee chairman Hal Veale told Students' Council that a provincial government official had vocally promised that residence construction would start this spring.

Provincial Treasurer A. E. Hinman stated that the government was in favor in every way, and the situation was now under the scrutiny of the University Board of Governors, said Veale.

He added that the government would supply one half of the costs.

Veale said that the Residence Committee is preparing a brief which should be out before Christmas, and in light of present developments, would be modified to include the recommendations of students as to what innovations they would like in these new residences.

Veale, who is law rep on Council, did not mention that vocal agreement does not get residences accepted in the provincial budget.

Gerry Lucas has been appointed as vice-president of NFCUS. Mr. Lucas is in law 2.

# Frats Draw At 325

Final tabulation of the Intra-mural golf scores has been completed with a first-place tie between the Delta Upsilon and Kappa Sigma fraternities. The top five groups are: DU—325, Kappa Sig—325, Phi Kappa Pi—327, Later Day Saints—347 and Phi Delta Theta—351.

Low ten scorers were: Martell—72, Ondrack—73, Sherman—74, Wilson—75, Noland—76, Wynn—76, Patrick—77, Wiese—78, Laign—80 and Mitchell—80.

# Tea For 150 And 150 For Tea

Returning graduates had an opportunity to meet familiar members of the University staff at the Staff-Alumni Tea held Sunday in Wauneita Lounge.

Approximately 150 alumni, both from the class of '35 and from other classes, visited Wauneita during the afternoon to chat with their former classmates and lecturers. Many preceded their tea by a guided tour of the new Physical Education Building.

Tea convenor, Miss Lydia Paush; president of the Alumni Association, Mr. Bob Rogers; vice-president of the Association; and Mr. Haughton Thomson received the guests.

Among those pouring tea was a special visitor, the president of the Wauneita Council of 1935, Miss Marjory McKenzie.

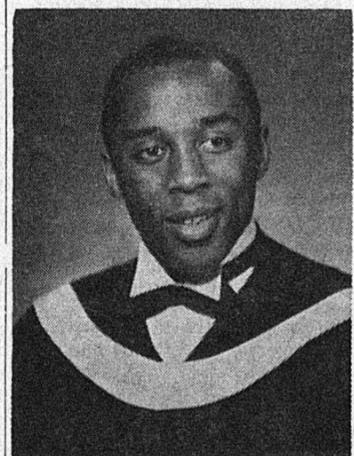
Mrs. Bob Rogers, Mrs. Haughton Thomson, Mrs. A. G. Markle, wife of the executive secretary of the Alumni Association and Mrs. Laurence Cragg, wife of the vice-president of the University assisted with pouring.

All University of Alberta graduates and staff members had been invited. The good attendance by

both groups made the event, in the opinion of the Alumni Association, "a very successful occasion".

Sunday's tea officially ended Homecoming Weekend, this year honoring the class of '35 on its twenty-fifth anniversary of graduation.

# But Not A Place To Park



LIONEL JONES

The University parking committee hopes that voluntary student restrictions on car use will make strict negative restrictions unnecessary.

Secretary-Treasurer Lionel Jones, Students' Council representative on this committee, said if students made greater use of the transit system, walked when possible, and shared cars, the parking situation would be greatly alleviated.

He added that no definite policy had been formulated as yet regarding Students' Council recommendations, such as the half hour parking zone in front of SUB.

It was also felt that imposing the same penalties for staff violations would be hard to enforce, as student's marks could be held back pending payment of fines, but no such measure was possible with staff.

Mr. Jones said that a full report by the parking committee would be forthcoming.

# Long Break

There will be a one-week study break in March, 1961 for students at McMaster University. This is the first in more than a dozen years, after the first recess was discontinued as unsuccessful.

During the break the library will be open and professors will be available for consultation.

McMaster President G. P. Gilmour said that he had "helped invent it, and helped kill it. Students assured me that they needed the time, were exhausted, and would use the time to catch up. There is no evidence that this occurred. My pity for the average undergraduate is not very warm. Later on, they are not going to get a mid-term break whenever they need it."

# Women's Musical Club Brings RCAF Band To First Concert

An RCAF concert in the Jubilee Auditorium Wednesday night was the first in a series of five concerts being presented by the Women's Musical Club of Edmonton.

All Saints' Cathedral will be the site of a choral and organ music recital on December 7. Mr. Hugh Bancroft, known across Canada as an organist (several anthems have been dedicated to him) will direct the choir and perform organ

solos. The price of this concert is \$1.00.

The last three recitals will be held in the Jubilee Auditorium.

Edmonton-born violinist, Betty Jean Hagen, will perform on January 31. A year ago she played Mendelssohn's First Violin Concerto over CBC-TV.

Soprano Selma Jetmundson, an experienced CBC performer, will be heard on March 1 and the series will conclude with an evening of ballet on March 29.

The time of all concerts is 8:30 p.m. A series ticket costs \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for students, however tickets for each concert may be bought at the door.