

"Welcome back, Mr. Charley" greets Toronto freshmen

University president mocked

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Toronto students attending President Claud Bissell's opening address Monday were greeted first with a copy of Jerry Farber's 'Student As Nigger' and then a juicy piece of watermelon just to bring the point home.

The handouts were provided by the Ontario Union of Students. Farber's article, widely circulated last year, compares the student as class citizen with the status of the American black.

A huge sign reading "Welcome back, Mister Charley" was unfurled inside the hall, a reference to the student's role as happy slaves.

Most freshmen were unfazed by the welcome but were a little startled by the OUS stunt performed during the speech. Three students jumped up on the stage, posed for photographers and then disappeared.

One of the three wore academic robes and aped Bissell for a few minutes.

Apparently, this type of thing is planned for the classrooms as this year to stimulate students to action.

Mr. Bissell was shaken by the display, but managed to continue with his prepared speech. All the while, he kept his eye on student president Steve Langdon perched on a balcony, as if wondering if



CLAUD BISSELL
... shaken by display

anything more was going to happen.

In his speech, Mr. Bissell stressed

his definition of democracy and openness and accused students and faculty of not accepting their democratic obligations in the university. "A system such as this demands an alert and active academic community. I don't think we have such a community. Either among faculty or students," he said.

"In the university," he said, "the non-democratic element is greater than it is in the state. It arises from the fact that the university is not concerned with the general welfare in which goals may vary, but with a particular area, where there can only be one principle goal—the preservation, dissemination, and expansion of knowledge, and knowledge of a particular kind, knowledge that can be expressed in words or symbols."

After the meeting, students clustered about student president Steve Langdon. Langdon disagreed with Bissell's remarks on knowledge: "Knowledge is only important when it is applied."

Arts council renovated — three divisions now

A revamping of the Arts Council was the major subject of discussion at a meeting of the council Tuesday.

"After the proposed reorganization, representatives of all 17 departments of the faculty and a faculty advisor will comprise the

council. The council will be divided into three divisions," said Dan Mercer, arts 2 rep.

"An academic division will help students with course problems and start a tutorial program. It will also decide if a faculty paper would be a worth-while project."

"A second division, the entertainment section, will be concerned with athletics and social activities in the faculty," said Mercer.

An advisory board composed of two committees will be the third division. One committee will work with existing clubs in the faculty and another will report to the council on decisions of the student council and the administration department that affect members.

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Even the fire truck couldn't get in the lot

"If we had to get a fire truck in here in a hurry, there is now way we could do it."

One of the Jubilee Auditorium's chief maintenance personnel was surveying the parking lot east of the Auditorium. Cars clogged the overcrowded lot when classes began Sept. 13.

Later he pointed down from the Auditorium roof. "That's illegal parking." Three rows of cars squatted outside the guidelines.

"See that red Volkswagen," he continued. "That's where the curb ends." A double row of cars extended three times the curb's length, ending with a traffic jam on 87 Avenue.

Across the avenue, on university territory, the parking lot behind the old SUB resembled a deserted airstrip. Signs that read "Private, No Parking" outnumbered the cars.

The exit on 114 Street was blocked by a car neatly centered in the roadway. Beside it was a Volkswagen draped over the road-

way onto the main thoroughfare, its door open, abandoned.

In the parking lot a student maneuvered in and out until he jammed his car obliquely between two others. He and a passer-by using muscle power rolled two cars forward, one back before he got his out.

"This morning we had one commissioner," said the maintenance engineer. "It was terrible. A lot of these students come before any commissioner is on duty. They park their cars anywhere and go of to study. Men that work here have to pay for private stalls. But if you're not here johnny-on-the-spot, it's taken."

"This parking is a university problem. We're not going to exclude students but last Wednesday we expected 300 patrons for a show. It was cancelled. Otherwise we would have been swamped."

"Comfortably, this lot holds 900 cars," a commissioner told me. Asked how many got in Friday morning he shook his head helplessly. "I could only guess."

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