



# Council Comments

by Al Robertson  
SC President

Without the topics of no Winter Carnival, Xmas exams, or Dr. Krauss, I find myself sitting here wondering what I should write about.

Somebody suggested I discuss student apathy due to the noticeable lack of activities on campus this week.

Overshadowing this, I best liked the suggestion that I should perhaps rap our engineers for the amazing commando raid that brought about the ultimate disappearance of our Gazette for over 24 hours last weekend. Perhaps they should be reprimanded, and perhaps they should be congratulated. That is for no one to say. I would like to offer my humble opinion, for what it may be worth. Why was it done? Was it a childish yen for some excitement, that should, by convention, have disappeared when they became "university men"? Perhaps it was done to show their prowess in the questionable art of thievery, and thus to impress the freshman and his counterpart at the "Hall." Or was it really done, as most people think, merely to advertise a forthcoming ball? Hardly.

It was done because it has always been done. It ought to be called a question of personal honor. On every campus, who is it that always tries to root up excitement, to arouse interest, and to generate a bit of spirit? The engineers have always been the ones to steal toilet seats, ransom mascots, and the like.

But why must it always be the engineers? The Dal. entry in the Atlantic Bowl Parade last week was built by engineers, with the

help of a few beautiful cheerleaders. The boys in residence were asked about building it, but somehow nothing materialized. We have at Dal. a huge potential in the form of full residences, a good sports program, and some pretty active societies. Why can't more of us do what the Science Society did this year, in rising from one of the worst apathetic of groups in the past to the respected position they hold today?

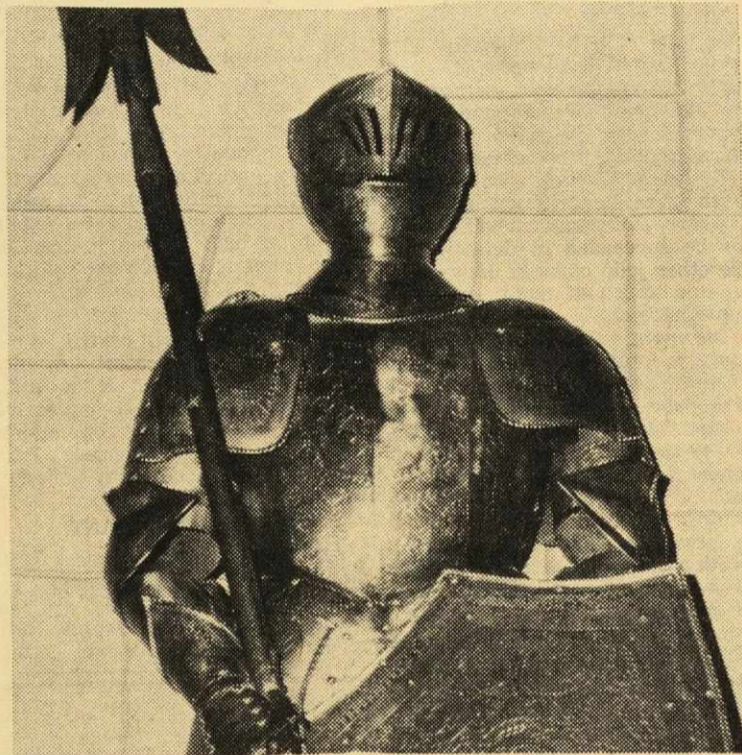
### STUDENTS VOTE

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Students at UBC won their fight to vote in the forthcoming by-election in the university area.

A county court ruling allowed a student to vote because he satisfied the elections act as far as the courts are concerned. The BC election act states a person's residence is usually the place where he sleeps. The students have also succeeded in getting a voting registry established on campus.

The student's case was taken to court as a test case.

Speculation is that the BC Social Credit Government did not want to have the students registered to vote because of their record of voting almost solidly against the Socreds in model parliament elections and fear that with an estimated 3,000-5,000 persons voting they will lose the Point Grey seat.



YE OLDE BOUNCER will supervise proceedings at Ye Olde Medical Ball, Friday December 7, in the Commonwealth Room of the Nova Scotian Hotel. Don Warner's Orchestra will play Ye Olde Musick.

# CUP COMMENTS

By ED SCHWARTZBERG — CUP Editor

The student newspaper crisis at the University of Toronto has ended with the senior editorial staff of The Varsity returning to work.

A compromise was reached in the week-old feud between editor-in-chief Frank Marzari and five members of his masthead. The five charged Marzari with journalistic and administrative incompetence.

Marzari and co-editor Dave Griner released a statement which said charges against Marzari has been dropped and an understanding had been reached which was in the "best interests of both the university and The Varsity."

Varsity managing editor, Marg Daly said the compromise included a clearer definition of responsibilities, which, in effect, gives the staff more freedom.

During the absence of the staff Marzari put out almost single-handedly three issues of the paper. When the disagreement became public Marzari was given unqualified support from both the student council president and the publications commission.

Included in the walk-out were Marg Daly, managing editor; Ken Drushka, news editor; Brian McCutche, executive editor; William Brooks, picture editor and Richard Kollins, sports editor.

### PRESIDENT RESIGNS

McMaster student president, Bill Mathie, has resigned.

His resignation came during a two-hour emergency council meeting, at which Mathie was not present. He was attending a seminar at the time of the meeting.

Mathie said he was resigning because "I felt I could not carry out the functions of the office as they should be carried out."

"... I felt I could accomplish no more on council," Mathie said.

Mathie's resignation came six days after the establishment of a short-lived dictatorship on campus. An unconstitutional "revolution" replaced the student government for about one hour.

Following the takeover incident Mathie expressed his disgust at the actions of those who had taken part.

### LEFT-WING PRESSURE?

A student poll at McMaster indicated that most students answering a questionnaire said they thought the paper's editorial board of the Silhouette was under pressure of a clique of students whose political leanings were not representative of the campus as a whole. One-hundred and two students voted yes to the above, while only 56 said no.

One-hundred and eight out of one-hundred and fifty-one students said they thought the paper had "leftist" leanings.

The questionnaire was inserted as a paid ad in the paper. McMaster has a student enrolment of about 1800.

### PRESIDENT ATTACKED

According to Frank Bogdasavich, NFCUS Co-chairman at the University of Saskatchewan, CUP president Roger McAfee has been plagued with irresponsible reporting. His charge stems from an article written by Mr. McAfee at the NFCUS Congress in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

The CUP president claimed that in a survey taken by him, 25 out of 70 delegates polled admitted they knew nothing about South African economy when they voted for an economic boycott of South Africa. Mr. Bogdasavich contends that Mr. McAfee's claim is false. In a letter to the student newspaper, the Sheaf, he said that the "survey" consisted of two questions: what are the prices of diamonds and gold respectively?

Mr. Bogdasavich pointed out that speaking at the congress was Mr. Paul Becker, International Affairs Vice-president, who was acknowledged by the delegates as a student authority on international affairs. Becker explained that South Africa depends on its diamond and gold export sales for its existence and that an economic boycott of these products would force the government of South Africa to abandon its policy of apartheid or face economic disaster.

Bogdasavich wrote, "The only opposition vote came from an observer, from Memorial University who give no reason and later confessed that she didn't have any. Further, the CUP president 'surveyed' about 20 delegates, not 30 as he now claims, asking them the price of diamonds and gold on the open market; 25 delegates polled did not know the answer to these questions, five delegates did. Thirty delegates ignored the CUP president during his survey and at all other times, and ten delegates laughed at him."

### ATTENTION

All societies and organizations requiring the use of university rooms for meetings etc. must book rooms one week before the event with the campus co-ordinator Dave George. No publicity may be released before this is done.

The best way to book rooms is to leave a note under the door of the campus co-ordinator's office in the East Common Room of the Arts Annex.

Events will automatically appear in the Gazette if the room has been booked by the Sunday before each edition of the Gazette.

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CLASS OF '67?



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