



DON JOHN Neilsen gets package deal from two students' wives. He was invited in to watch the campus Students' Wives Club teach its members how to wrap Christmas gifts, and got wrapped up in the proceedings. The Wives Club, with over 500 members, is believed responsible for the population explosion in SUB. So get out and vote for the referendum before they take over the place. (Photo by Heinz Moller)

CUP runneth all over

College journalists will congregate in Toronto over the Christmas holidays when Ryerson University hosts the 1961 National Canadian University Press Conference.

Following the program set up by The Ryersonian the delegates will formulate national policy for CUP, attend workshops in a variety of newspaper subjects and listen to outstanding members of the Canadian press.

Representing The Gateway will be Dave Jenkins, editor-in-chief; Jim Richardson, associate editor; and Bentley LeBaron, newly appointed managing editor.

Primary in the list of business pertaining to the operation of CUP will be the adoption of a solution to the financial embarrassment of that organization. Mandates and resolutions passed at the various regional conferences across Canada will be adopted or rejected at the business sessions.

The Ryersonian has planned a

number of seminars led by personalities in the field of communication. Pierre Burton, columnist and television personality, Scott Fraser, editor in chief of Maclean's magazine and representatives of the Toronto Globe and Mail will outline areas of study to the attending editors.

The cost of sending the Alberta delegates is borne partly by the Students' Union and partly by the CUP travel pool.

Tuck's cups will get bigger, Gateway learned this week.

Under new management since Dec. 1, the campus corner coffee shack has been conducting surveys of public opinion in an attempt to improve services.

As a result, Gateway has learned:

- cups will be bigger,
- prices may get smaller,
- service may get faster.

"All of which, should it come to pass, may be rightly construed as another triumph for Gateway, Guardian of the Oppressed and Watchdog of Men's Inalienable Rights," said Gateway mascot Ralph Bat this week.

Council finds broken arms

The "Mystery of the Broken Arms" has been solved, declared Jim Cattoni to council Tuesday evening. The first gate was smashed by the garbage truck operators in a wild attempt to show their disregard for economic pressuring by powerful minorities.

The next was shorn when a university truck passed too slowly under the upraised gate. The gate apparently closed on the truck where upon a loud snap was heard by all. The rest of the "accidents" occurred at the hands of miscreant students who, from all reports, were ignorant enough to do their lowly deeds while under the watchful eyes of campus cops. The students each paid \$7.00 for a new gate.

The recommendation to the parking committee that faculty and staff cars parked in wrong areas be towed away, will in all likelihood be adopted, council learned at its last meeting.

LAST ISSUE

This is the last issue of The Gateway for 1961. Next issue of The Gateway will appear Jan. 19, 1962.

Frat fined

A fine for \$200, imposed on the Phi Delta Theta fraternity by the Inter-Fraternity Council recently, was confirmed last week by the IFC Alumni Board.

Chris Evans, president of IFC, said the board's decision was "most satisfactory." He told The Gateway the Alumni Board is "empowered by the IFC constitution with pretty broad sanction of offenders."

President Evans said the board "feels sanction should be severe for blatant offences."

The board consisted of Dr. M. M. Cantor, provincial coroner, Harris Field, a city lawyer, and Alan MacDonald, city solicitor.

Christian holiday

Banff International Christmas, the annual holiday event for foreign students attending Canada's five western universities, will soon give approximately 30 U of A international students a Christmas experience as varied as that enjoyed anywhere on this continent.

Centered in the chalets of the Banff School of Fine Arts, the winter camp program extends over four days from Dec. 23 to 27. Skiing, hiking, swimming, skating and other sports will be the main activities during the daytime. The evenings will be spent around the fireplace singing carols, participating in different festivities, and exchanging ideas of the respective national cul-

tures, including discussion of the Christian message of Christmas.

Students in past years have described the total effect of mountain air, Christmas turkey, and the exchange of ideas as exhilarating.

Approximately 50 Canadian students from the five western universities will foster a traditional Christmas atmosphere and act as hosts to the International guests. Transportation will be provided by chartered bus, leaving SUB at 8 a.m. Dec. 23.

Banff International Christmas is sponsored by Varsity Christian Fellowship. Interested students are requested to register as soon as possible. Further information can be obtained from Ray Archer at GE 3-5226.

Flower of the university becomes a provincial garden

Eventually the University of Alberta's new botanic garden, opened near Devon in June last year, is to become a provincial show garden.

More than this, however, its planners hope to see it become a source of information and inspiration for gardeners and scientists everywhere.

From the point of view of Alberta gardeners, its carefully-

tended plots will provide new ideas for plants which will combine beauty with the ability to survive northern winters.

From the point of view of scientists everywhere, the gardens, doubling as a field laboratory, will provide valuable information on the abilities of plants to adapt to a rigorous climate.

JUST STARTING

Dr. James H. Whyte, director of the garden and professor of botany at the University of Alberta, emphasizes that the garden is still in an embryonic stage.

In its first year of existence, despite an unpredicted attack by rabbits, the garden has seen a total of 1,300 packets of seed germinated to produce some 4,000 plants, out of a total of 1,459 packets of seed planted during the summer.

"We've collected so much information we haven't had a chance to begin studying the data," says Dr. Whyte.

Seeds are used in preference to cuttings or bulbs, he explains, because of the improved possibility of a hardy strain surviving.

NURSERY STAGE

The garden thus is still in the nursery stage, where the basic varieties which can be grown successfully are being cultivated.

In about seven years Dr. Whyte hopes to see the garden used as a provincial educational centre. Regularly scheduled field days with conducted tours and lectures are included in the plan.

A series of paths will conduct tourists through systematically organized yet artistically designed beds.

If experiments prove successful, among the new plants on display will be hardy varieties of such flowers as Mediterranean Crocus which has already survived two Edmonton winters when temperatures at times had it frozen solid.

For the sake of science, not all the plants grown will be front-garden flowers. "We could grow all varieties of some plant like Rhubarb," says Dr. Whyte, "and study variations in response to diseases."

"Such research could lead to new methods of farm disease control."

Disguised cop catches lot cheaters

By Ralph Bat

A secret service corps of undercover police has been organized on campus to detect SUB parking gate offenders.

One plain-clothes officer from the campus patrol office spent Monday morning in SUB spying from windows through binoculars scouting for would-be tax dodgers.

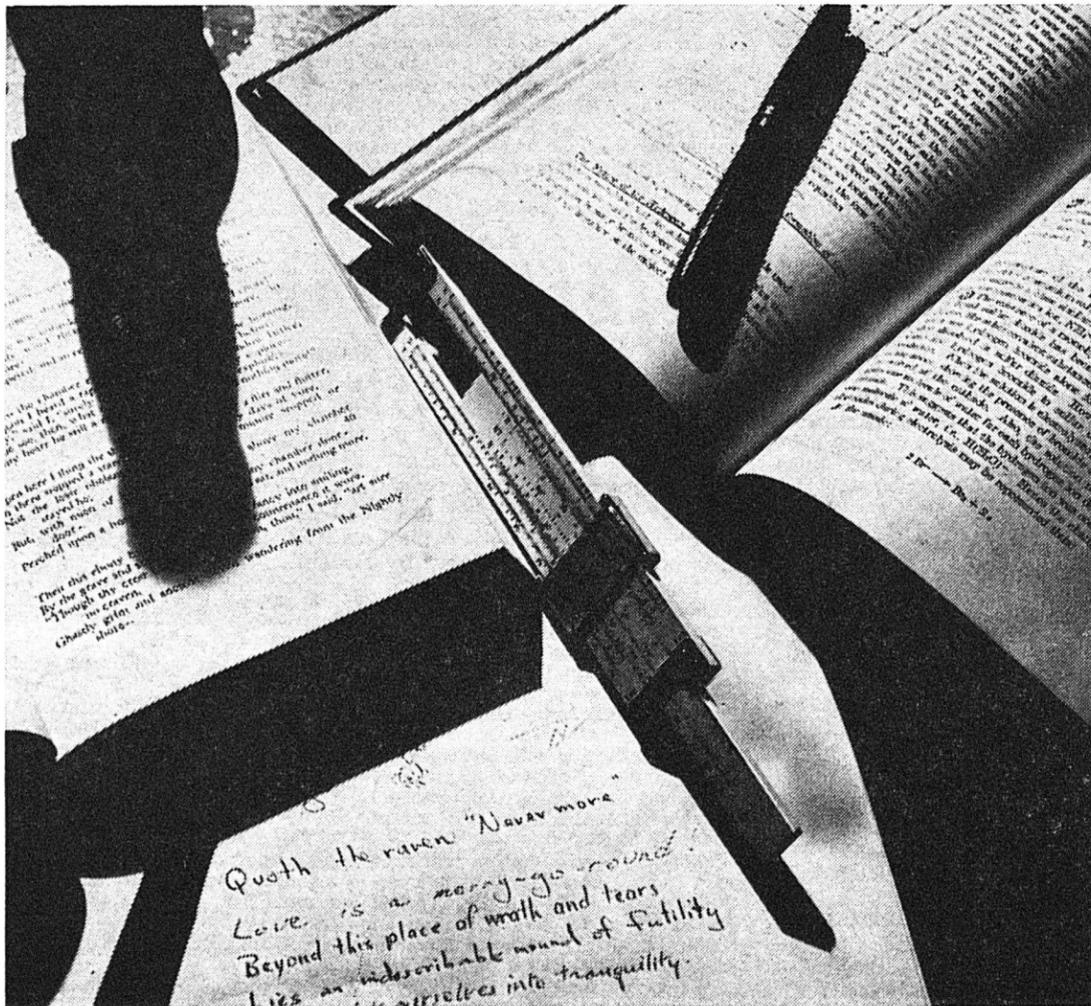
Reversion to espionage tactics followed recent statements from University administration offices that individuals driving cars out of the SUB lot without paying their dime toll would be persecuted.

In several instances, individuals allegedly avoided the car tax by holding up the automatic gate to allow several cars to pass through for the price of one.

In at least one other case, one more direct motorist avoided the gate by simply driving through while the bar was down—snapping it off from the operating mechanism.

In Monday's activities, the disguised officer apparently first sought use of the faculty lounge, then moved to Room 307 (facing the parking lot on the top floor of SUB) when attendants began setting up meal tables.

With his binoculars, the constable had unrestricted view of both parking lot toll gates—and could read the licence number of any car going through other than by legal methods.



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