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GOING UP IN THE WORLD—John Violini (25) of the Golden Bears goes up and over UAC Dino Werner Schmidt (23) with the help of teammate Bruce Switzer in last Saturday's 26-7 win Calgary. Bears could go all the way to Toronto for the Vanier Cup Nov. 20 if they make a convincing win over U of S Huskies Saturday.

Youth being corrupted—Hooke

By RALPH MELNYCHUK

A provincial cabinet minister delivered another tirade Sunday against the conspiracy to corrupt the morals of youth.

"There is a deliberate program to destroy belief in Christianity; an organized plot to corrupt the moral fiber of our youth," said Hon. A. J. Hooke, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

"I have studied the situation, and I honestly believe what I say is true," he said. "It is my responsibility to say these things and stand up for what I think is right."

Mr. Hooke spoke at LSM House on the topic: "Moral Decay in Education."

"It is the tremendous responsibility of teachers to mould the young minds of the leaders of tomorrow.

"We must endeavour to steer young people along the proper path of life," he said.

"It is up to the teachers to present all views.

"My only concern is that in the subjects that are taught, boys and girls have an opportunity to make up their minds from the facts. A teacher who will not provide this opportunity is not worth his salt," he said.

Mr. Hooke said there is a great deal of brainwashing going on now, and many of our traditional values are changing.

NOT SO NAIVE

"I am not so naive as to believe that we should retain all we used to hold, but there are certain absolutes which must be retained," he said.

Mr. Hooke elaborated on some of the "innovations in education" to

which he objected. He read part of a poem which he said ridiculed Christ.

The poem was from Ferlinghetti's "A Coney Island of the Mind," a U of A English text.

"I don't think Jesus should be ridiculed," he said.

"Much the same sort of thing bothered me about J. D. Salinger's 'Catcher in the Rye,'" he said.

"If such things have a place in education, I can't see it."

Asked his specific objections to the work, he replied: "I can see no sense in it. J. D. Salinger must have been ill when he wrote it."

Robin Mathews of the English department suggested that Holden Caulfield, the hero of "Catcher in the Rye," is Ernest C. Manning at 17 years of age.

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Council asks Premier's help

Students unhappy with way University Act being amended

By SHEILA BALLARD

Students' council, incensed over methods being used to amend the University Act, will petition Premier E. C. Manning and also tell him they want representation on the university's Board of Governors.

At their regular Monday meeting, councillors passed a motion registering "strong disapproval" over the way the act is being reviewed.

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Students' council is taking this action for two reasons, Richard Price, students' union president, explained in an interview Tuesday:

- students were not included in the government committee studying changes in the act,

- the committee has thus far failed to give students an opportunity to make a verbal presentation of views already expressed in a brief.

"This action denies the fundamental right of student government—which is the right to consultation," he said.

The petition was to be forwarded to Premier Manning before today, Price told The Gateway.

CLARIFY POSITION

"This summer we sent a brief to the committee, and it clearly set out we would be available at any time to clarify our position."

Price said university president Dr. Walter H. Johns wrote him a letter after the brief was submitted, suggesting the committee chairman would consult the students if it were necessary.

"Apparently, the chairman did not wish to see us; apparently, he did not wish to consult us."

"I am very unhappy about the turn of events in this whole deal," he said, "because first of all, we weren't on the committee."

INSUFFICIENT INSISTENCE

Price said one possible reason why the committee did not give students a hearing could be that students in the past "have fallen down on not insisting" on being represented on it.

Two years ago, students' council issued a report recommending there be one students' union member on both the university's general faculty council and the Board of Governors, but no action ensued.

Then, last week, council voted 9 to 6 to accept in principle a brief by the committee on university government advocating 25 per cent student representation on the Board of Governors.

The petition destined for the premier's desk will clarify the students' reasons for demanding 25 per cent representation on the Board of Governors.



DR. WALTER H. JOHNS

... no comment

No comment on student proposal

University officials have refused to comment on the students' union demand for 25 per cent control of the Board of Governors.

Dr. Walter H. Johns, university president, says the administration will not discuss the students' proposal until the plans for the revision of the University Act are complete.

The students' council approved in principle a committee the report of the committee on university government presented at the Oct. 25 meeting which advocated the redistribution of power on the university Board of Governors.

The committee based its recommendation on the premise students are capable enough, interested enough and intelligent enough to contribute a fresh outlook, if not experience, to the Board of Governors.

"We don't expect to run the show, but we do expect our ideas to be heard before vital decisions are made," said Barry Kirkham, committee chairman.

The Board of Governors was to discuss the review of the University Act at the Board of Governors meeting in Calgary Thursday.