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Editorial

The year may be beginning

The year ends. There seems to have been little time to do anything. And it seems we haven't done anything. Actually, it is a bad time of the year to quit publishing. The tenure issue of Don Whiteside and Seth Fisher appears largely confused, the legislature hasn't brought down the budget yet and thus no one knows if fees will go up again. In essence, the most important stories of this term may still be in the making. But we set a schedule last year and must abide by it.

Is the university heading for possible revolution as that Southam News Service reporter says? We doubt it. The one prime killer—exams—are right around the corner. If things don't happen quickly, the majority of students will quit worrying about next year's fees and

tenure and concentrate on getting respectable grades. As they well should since we are here to learn—even if it means learning from musty text books.

There are definite signs that this place is awakening. Several meetings last week proved that students are thinking about such things as departmental committee representation, representation on other groups which concern themselves with curriculum, planning etc.

No matter what the people across town say, this is a healthy sign for a university. It's healthy because because stagnation precedes decay and the university should never become stagnant.

If The Gateway has helped bring change about, then the year has been worthwhile.

The limits of dissent

FROM THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

The Supreme Court of the United States has laid down an important guideline in its decision that a student has the right to express political opinions on school property. The court's decision did not go into the area of campus demonstrations and unrest. But the court did make it clear that the right of free speech contained in the First Amendment could not be stretched into disruption of discipline or interference with the civil rights of others.

The dividing line between legitimate dissent and illegal disorder is not hard to determine. However, the determination is often wrongly made and dissent escalated into disorder because the dissent is usually couched in words and actions that lead to the assumption by university officials that disorder exists.

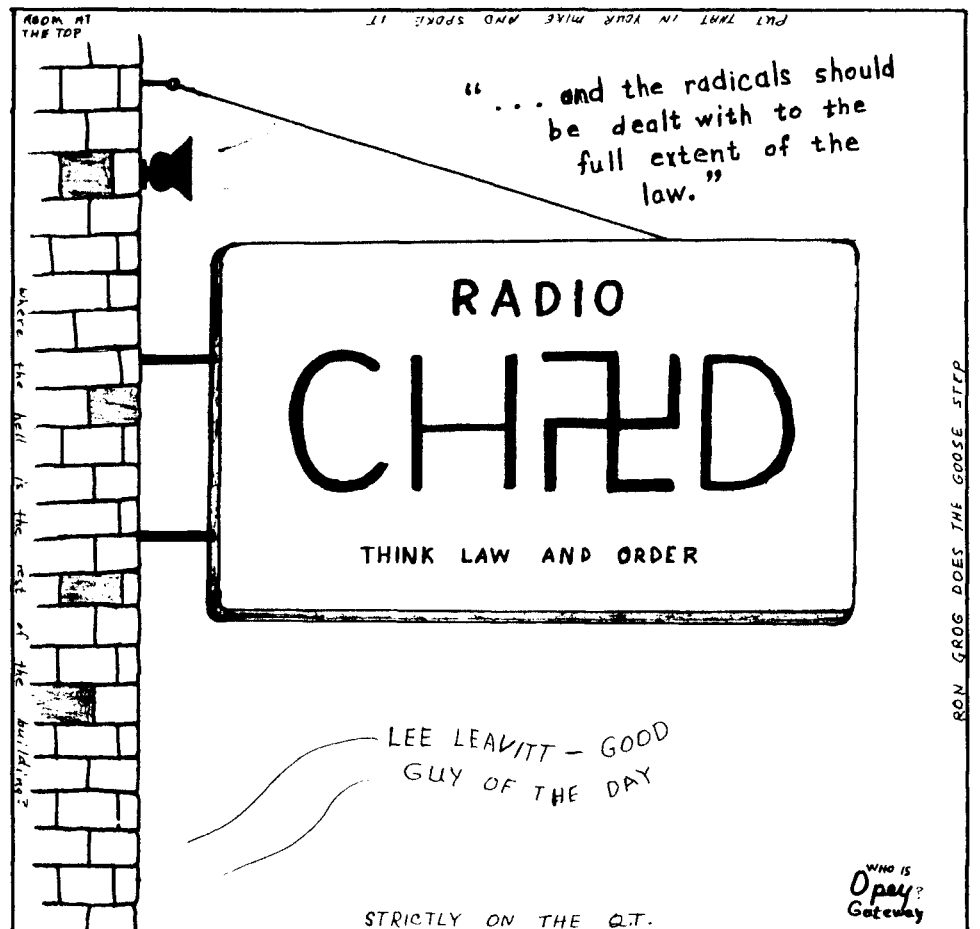
Dr. David Dadds Henry, president of the University of Illinois, underscored this at an Inland Daily Press Assn. panel on Monday. He said, "We are living in a day when manners have changed, when vocabulary has changed. . . . I think we have to get used to a new vocabulary, to a new set of manners, and not always react as if these were the instruments of the revolutionary."

It is apparent that both sides, students and university officials, have much to learn about each other. We have pointed out on

this page that students have the right to protest for a better university, for a better education. Universities have the obligation to answer these protests. As Emmett Dedmon, editorial director of The Sun-Times and The Daily News, said on the same panel, "The (university) administrators have still not spoken up and said that the real power in universities lies in the faculty—and as long as the faculties are running the universities and the young people are paying \$3,000 a year for tuition, and being taught by teaching assistants the faculty is going to have to bear some of this load."

University faculties (and administrators) must face up to the fact that student dissent is, in many instances, a direct criticism of the faculty and the university administration and their practices. In a good many cases this recognition could lead to a change for the better, not only for the students but for the faculty as well.

The students, in turn, must recognize that there is a difference between dissent and disorder. Dissent, legally expressed with leadership and clearly defined goals (which too often are lacking in many campus demonstrations) is healthy. However, dissent which escalates to vandalism and worse, which tramples underfoot the civil rights of others—students and university—leads only to self-destruction.



A solution to our parking problem

By PETER BOOTHROYD

People aren't bitching much about the parking problem these days. Even if you can't find a space in the "X lot" between 9 and Noon—unless it happens right after classes change—and even if they close up the Auditorium lot from time to time, people have given up complaining for this year.

Perhaps it's because the year is almost over. Perhaps there is the notion that next year things will improve. Well don't count on any changes for the better in the years ahead because it looks very grim indeed.

The consultant firm hired by the university to make recommendations on traffic and parking has said in its latest report (April, 1968) that "parking structures 1 and 2 with a combined capacity of 1800 cars should be completed for the 1969-70 in order to meet the anticipated demand". Number 1 is to be just north of SUB, and will probably be started this summer. Number 2 is on the only pleasant area on this campus, the wooded plot south of the Faculty Club. It probably won't get built next year.

It may be possible to construct these over the summer, but I don't think anybody will be surprised if nothing happens by September. The Garneau parking lots may all be kept, but still there will be a shortage of 1000 spaces. Two more blocks of Garneau houses would have to be razed and all construction held off in North Garneau if this demand were to be met. Given the pressure on this university to build, it's unlikely that Garneau will be made a massive parking lot.

If 1969 looks bad, the prospect for 1975 looks hopeless. The traffic consultants figured that with a tripling of student residence accommodation, a doubling of other accommodation close enough for students to walk to campus, and a doubling of the number of people coming by bus, it would still be necessary to construct \$10 million worth of parking facilities to bring the total number of parking spaces in the university area to 6,000. In addition Saskatchewan Drive, 87th Avenue, 110th Street, etc. would all have to be widened considerably. These costs—to be covered by the city—were not calculated. And by the way, everybody except the people parking in the Auditorium lot will have to pay \$120 per year. The cost of parking

in the not always available Auditorium lot will be \$80.

Do you believe that in six years there will be the equivalent of two more Lister Halls on campus, that seven multi-level parking garages will have been built, that the city will have undertaken mammoth road widening projects? That's a lot of faith to ask of anybody.

Do you think that students will be willing to pay \$120 on top of rising tuition fees for the privilege of parking in the big garages, even if they are built? That's asking for even more faith in student patience.

There's only one answer to this mess, and that's rapid transit like the Toronto subway or the Montreal Metro. The City is planning to construct such a system, and hopes to have the basic Northside section finished by 1971. By 1973 they plan to be servicing the campus if, and here's the catch, the provincial government coughs up part of the funds for the Southside extension. It is impossible for a city to pay for the whole of a rapid transit system these days, just the same as a city needs provincial aid for construction of expressways within its boundaries. For some reason Alberta is willing to help cities build highspeed roadways, but so far has given no commitment to help its two big cities develop rapid transit.

Whether it's due to some kind of favoritism to the oil and auto industries, or whether it's due to backwoods thinking, our Provincial government is being negligent in its duty to the cities. Even if freeways were built from 12 directions to the heart of the campus it wouldn't solve our basic problem: where do you put the cars when they get here?

Meanwhile Dent cools his heels in Gordon Taylor's office, U of A commissions' studies point out how bad things are, and you and I spend half and hour every morning trying to find a place to park.

If the Administrators of this university were really concerned about the parking problem on campus they'd get out of their offices, run over to Corbett Hall and silkscreen off some protest signs, and lead us all down to the Legislature where we'd tell Gordon Taylor to start thinking rapid transit.

Since the Administrators probably won't, Leadbeater should. And if he doesn't, I guess it's up to you and I—as usual.