

f. c. engelmann, governor general, r. e. baird, university president, and grant davy, minister of public works, opened the tory building at 9 a.m. friday. when not acting in their official capacities, these men are political science professors.

intellect marries the soil

by grant davy
"minister of public works"

Dean Harries, Your Honour, Mr. Chairman of the Board, Mr. Vice-Chancellor and President, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Student Body, Faculty Members:

I shall try to keep my remarks on this memorable occasion to a minimum because of the inclement weather and because of some slight delay in fitting the front doors properly on this beautiful building.

My colleague, the Premier, has directed me to apologize for his failure, this once, to perform his usual miracle of arranging for the weather to be more suitable for a ceremony of this kind.

My sympathies go out to Dean Harries for the inconvenience to which he and his horses—pardon me associates—have been exposed for so many years, but he has assured me that he is more than satisfied now that he has this new commerce building as a nerve-center for his many enterprises.

It is, I am sure, a matter of no little pride to him—especially in light of the criticisms we on the other side of the river have heard over the years about commerce students being mere money-grubbers—that he has been able to attract to his enterprise so many philosophers (with so much common sense), historians, anthropologists—to say nothing of the initiative he has shown in appointing such a distinguished psychologist, Dr. Sam Smith, to co-ordinate the planning of his activities.

Perhaps just one more comment about Dean Harries might be in order here despite our awareness of the fact that he shuns publicity and refuses to take credit for having been the driving force in getting this beautiful building under way. We on the other side of the river—under the "red-light" as some campus wags like to say—have

often felt (but I hasten to add, in line with our well-known policy of hands-off the university, never expressed) that the university has been too much of an ivory-tower, that it has made no attempt to relate what it does to the real life of this great Province and its great people.

It has been Dean Harries' life-long ambition to marry intellectual abstractions with things of the soil—what better way than to bring his rodeo to the campus. And let me remind you that this great experiment of modern education has gained nation-wide attention and support—Maple Leaf Gardens will never be the same.

Now, Mr. Chairman, my function here is a simple one—but as a Social Creditor it appeals to me. It is merely to turn over to you, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, the keys to this great building, and briefly, to pay tribute to the architects, the planners (and I say in all humility, many of them drawn from my own department), and our friends of long standing, the contractors "Bill" Burns and "Red" Dutton, for the splendid job they did in making this great building possible.

The first part of the function, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, is of course purely symbolic—if for no other reason than the fact our suppliers in Toronto have not yet delivered the keys.

The Chairman of this wonderful meeting has very kindly fashioned a replica of the key, however, and it will be my great privilege in a short time to turn it over to you.

I can think of no better way to express my appreciation for the craftsmanship of this great building so obviously than mention, with no little pride, just a few of the exciting innovations you will shortly have an opportunity to see (but not necessarily see through).

First, we decided that if we put in fast, efficient elevators we could save much floor space in front of the elevators—hence the narrow but quite functional corridor you can see just to your rear.

Second, we have effected great economies while at the same time providing something quite new in visual effects with our \$450 windows. Much of the criticism about these windows is, I am sure, the result of misunderstanding about their structure and function. It was

never our intention that the window unit or the window be hermetically sealed—after all, the air conditioning system has been delayed slightly (about one year).

Furthermore, the icing of the windows was planned, not accidental—as the ice thaws late in the day, water accumulates in the window units and is then drawn off by the caretaking staff as an economy measure and to compensate, in the top levels of the tower, for the fact that the water pressure in the fountains and other unmentionable facilities is almost non-existent.

The innovation of which we are most proud is the complete absence of sound-proofing throughout most of the tower. This, I must admit, started off as a pure economy measure but we have since learned, to our delight, that it has contributed to the already well-known lack of communication among the tenured and untenured members of the Department of Philosophy.

Finally, there is the beautiful expanse of slippery tile you see just outside the main doors.

Our purpose in providing this quite expensive architectural gem was twofold: first, in the rainy season water accumulates making it veritable reservoir of natural resources for which our great Social Credit party is so famous; second, in weather like to-day, the high level of human breakage provides the Medical Faculty, at no added expense to the great people of this great province, with human fractured guinea pigs (or dogs, if you prefer).

Now, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, we on the other side of the river have heard many criticisms from this side of the river—not of course, Sir, from you—about this great building. I have been directed by my colleague, the Premier, not to engage in re-cremations for we feel that these finks on the faculty and among the lunatic fringe of the student body are a greater thorn in your side than a threat to our position.

My colleague, the Premier, spoke with our Leader last evening, and He informed my colleague, the Premier, that He is satisfied with the building—and what is good enough for Him is good enough for the Premier, and what is good enough for the Premier is good enough for me.



—Al Yackulic photo
DR. F. C. ENGELMANN, DR. R. E. BAIRD, DR. G. DAVY
... at the unofficial official Tory opening

opening legitimizes tory building grades

by f. c. engelmann
"governor-general"

Dean Harries, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, my fellow Albertans!

This balmy winter day reminds me of the time when I came to the Prairies. Then, teacher and student were glad to have something to keep the snow out. But today, softer men and women need to teach and study in greater comfort.

This magnificent building represents what made this Province great, and what assures its future greatness: horsemanship and learning. Its tower, this cathedral of learning, keeps healthy the body encasing the scholar's mind as he climbs fourteen

stories while the elevators serve maintenance and construction. Its corridors are designed to establish the most intimate contact between teachers and students anywhere in North America.

Before I open this building, I must rectify a most unfortunate situation. Over-eager professors and students have done business within its walls, though until now it has remained unopened. It gives me pleasure to announce that Her Majesty has graciously consented to legitimize all that has taken place here since September, including all marks, from nine to one.

And now I open this building in the name of our gracious Queen whom God may save!

letter

May I use the medium of The Gateway to clarify an item appearing in the Nov. 16 issue entitled "No Smoking".

The university is not cracking down on smoking in classrooms and labs.

The university is upholding the laws of Canada, the Province of Alberta and the City of Edmonton, which prohibit smoking in classrooms, theatre, and in laboratories where flammable liquids are in use. These laws are designed and were enacted for the protection of all persons using public facilities, including facilities at the University of Alberta.

"No Smoking" signs are being placed in new classrooms and in areas where signs have been removed. The paragraph, Fire Equipment, on page 35 of the Students' Handbook, 1966-67 applies with equal force to "No Smoking" signs.

C. H. Saunter,
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