



RUTHERFORD HOUSE

... what the UWC is trying to save

UWC defends home of Alberta's first premier B of G decides to tear down Rutherford house

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The University Women's Club is launching a protest against the Board of Governors' decision to tear down Rutherford House.

The building, which is situated on Saskatchewan Drive about a block from the Tory Building, was the home of Alberta's first premier, Dr. A. C. Rutherford.

Dr. Rutherford was one of the founders of the University of Alberta. As premier and minister of education he pressed for the earliest possible establishment of a provincial university and persuaded Henry Marshall Tory to become first president. He was also Chancellor of the university from 1927 until his death in 1941.

The University Women's Club is opposed to the B of G decision on the grounds that the house "represents much of the beginning

of a province, a city, a university" and that to "destroy the house is to destroy part of our provincial heritage."

Mrs. A. V. Calhoun, Chairman of the Rutherford House Study Group, said the two principal reasons given by the B of G for demolishing Rutherford House are the heavy cost of renovation and the siting needs of the Humanities Complex.

She gave an estimate of \$36,000 to \$40,000 as the cost for renovation and said that almost \$30,000 was available to them.

"The building could be used for receptions by different university associations and would also be open to the public," said Mrs. Calhoun.

The University Women's Club will be asking the B of G to reconsider their decision at the

meeting next Friday.

Students at Bonnie Doon High School are sending petitions to all the high schools asking for support to "save" Rutherford House.

The first phase of the Humanities Complex which is planned for the Garneau area is being built to house the Departments of English and Classics and the Dean's suite of offices.

Dr. J. F. Forrest, who is involved in the planning, said the Board of Governors' decision is "a final and irrevocable decision."

"I'm sure these ladies are well-intentioned, but they are thoroughly misinformed," he said. "The committee has gone into great depth on the question and are convinced it is in the best interests of everyone involved that the building be torn down to make room for the Humanities Complex."

Please Ma—no turkey for Christmas dinner

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Hundreds of cases of food poisoning were reported here after a special Christmas dinner containing rancid turkey was served in residence Friday night.

Hundreds of students in Place Vanier Residence woke up between 5 and 6 a.m. Saturday suffering, what the doctor called "Salmonellais producing mild dysentery."

But the students were not interested in the long name of the disease when they awoke Saturday morning, they were too involved in fierce competition for the limited toilet facilities in the residence.

One student in the men's residence reportedly kept his stall for a record two-and-a-half hour stretch.

Residence health officer Dr. C. J. McKenzie estimated 75 per cent of the 980 diners were affected but students said virtually everyone suffered nausea and stomach cramps after the ordeal in the washrooms. The university hospital treated and later released 15 cases.

Dr. McKenzie said it will take days to confirm the cause of the poisoning and its source but he is reasonably certain it was the turkey. The end-of-term Christmas dinner contained both fresh whole turkey and compressed boneless fowl.

University food services head Ruth Blair disavowed any respon-

sibility. The germ, she said, could have been contracted at any time during the handling of the turkey.

About 700 of the diners were residence students. The rest were guests who had paid \$1.75 for the meal.

GFC accepts non-academic representatives

The Non-Academic Staff Association of The University of Alberta will soon have representation on the University's major academic governing body.

At a recent meeting the General Faculty Council unanimously approved a motion which stressed its intent to appoint one or more representatives of the Association to GFC as soon as the necessary amendment to the Universities' Act is made by the Alberta Legislature.

Under the present terms of the Act appointments to GFC must be made from the academic staff or the student body. Changes in the Act are expected to be made during the next session of the Alberta Legislature, early in 1970.

In the motion GFC expressed "its recognition and appreciation of the invaluable contribution made to the work of this University by its non-academic staff" in addition to stating its intent to appoint representatives.

McGill second English school bombed since Bill-63 passage

MONTREAL (CUP)—A bomb exploded at McGill University Sunday, only 50 feet from a highly radioactive cyclotron.

About 50 windows were broken but no one was injured. The cyclotron was not damaged.

"Well, I can't say we weren't expecting it," said McGill Administration Vice-Principal Robert Shaw.

He estimated the damage at \$2,000, but said there would be no disruption of university activities.

Asked if there had been any bomb threats, he said, "Hell, we get them twice a week."

Montreal police would say nothing except that there had been an explosion.

It was the second explosion at an English-language school since passage of Bill-63, the Quebec government's controversial bilingualism legislation.

Loyola College suffered \$100,000 damage from a massive explosion November 20.

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