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threats shouldn't be needed

Student government in the Lister Hall residence complex this week showed signs of maturity, when the male house committee chairmen decided to ask the university administration for monetary and other, unspecified amenities of existence—in return for their contributions to residence life.

It is too much to expect a house committee chairman to act as parent, den mother, adviser and guardian to nearly sixty residence students, some of whom are still learning what maturity and responsibility mean, when there is no remuneration involved. Former housing director George M. Tauzer once said he expected three suicides per year in the Lister Hall residence complex. Even though this figure proved to be false, it was obvious that the responsibility for the mental health of residence students lies with senior students living there.

Residence government officials, if they are doing their job properly, will face alienation from some students who fall within their jurisdiction. The enforcement of certain residence rules, particularly those connected with liquor, is a difficult task even for mature adults, let alone students.

A student's willingness to accept responsibility is something which should be rewarded at all times. Individuals who are not afraid to commit themselves to an organization, and who do so at great personal sacrifice, should receive recognition for their efforts.

Clearly, the demands of 11 house committee chairmen must be met in full by the university housing office and Board of Governors. The house committee should not have to threaten Provost A. A. Ryan or anyone else with resignation if these wishes are not met.

communications crisis (part two)

by don sellar

In the current issue of Folio, a fortnightly publication issued by the university's information office, there is this item among a list of resignations:

"PRINTING SERVICES: Claude Martin, Superintendent, effective Dec. 1/65."

Mr. Martin, without a doubt, is the best example of the university's failure to deal with the printing problem on this campus. His appointment, as announced in an earlier edition of Folio, was also "Dec. 1/65."

Obviously, the now-departed Mr. Martin became more than a bit disenchanted with his job, because University Print Shop employees say they never had the pleasure of meeting him.

Why did he leave? No one is saying, but it is not difficult to make an accurate guess. Mr. Martin, you see, was hired to help university officials make a decision regarding the feasibility of establishing a University of Alberta Press.

But before he could even arrive to take up his new position at this university, the decision was made for him by a faculty committee which knows absolutely nothing about the deplorable state which university printing services are in at present. The announcement of plans for a new print shop as part of a "services building" had frozen plans for the future of printing here before Mr. Martin could even begin formulating a printing philosophy. In short, the major part of his job was done before he had a chance to do it.

The idiocy of this move is further compounded, when one considers the way in which the decision for a new print shop was made. No one on the faculty committee even bothered to consult print shop employees, the only persons qualified to determine printing needs on this campus.

Furthermore, when the university's information office issued a photograph depicting the new printing home and a press release about the new building, the print shop manager and foreman were among the last to see them.

"Oh, so that's the new print shop is it," one of the two senior officials said when shown the photograph. "When will it be opening?"

When will it be opening indeed! Dr. Walter H. Johns remarked in his office one day recently that it is difficult, if

not impossible to find capable administrators for such fields as printing. The search for a new printing superintendent goes on, but so far there are no signs that such a person can be found.

Meanwhile, The Gateway continues to push the print shop staff to capacity in an effort to continue appearing on a semi-weekly basis. Meanwhile, the print shop continues to turn down fifty per cent of its job offers. Meanwhile, the existing equipment continues to get more and more out of date, and print shop employees continue to risk life and limb working under medieval conditions.

And there is still no guarantee that the new print shop will be anything more than a spacious, equally ill-equipped version of the present facilities.

feckless dreams spark weary action

by jim laxer
for canadian university press

Sometime last fall, during the balmy aftermath of the Canadian Union of Students' Lennoxville congress, members of the country's student elite were saying that a "Canadian student movement" had been born.

And the same people that change hats for all the student conferences were harking back to CUS President Patrick Kenniff's new-frontier style remarks when he said: "There exists in Canada today what might be called a Canadian student movement, with common aims that are powerful enough to transcend language, regional and structural differences."

Those were the days when CUS was busy recognizing the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec as a national union of students; when 44 student councils were boldly declaring themselves in favor of free education; and when the Student Union for Peace Action was about to engage in dozens of Berkeley-style actions to challenge university administrations.

US SEEKS TO NEGOTIATE VIET NAM ...



"peace in our time"

—neville chamberlain, 1938

the student movement that wasn't

It was the era of Sharon Sholzberg's struggle to lead McGill into UGEQ; it was a time when the University of Toronto still had the illusion that it was in the centre of student action in Canada.

And then there was the CUS duel with 18th Century buccaneer economist Dean Bladen and all the heady preparations for National Student Day.

Those were the days when CUS really planned to send a student journalist to Vietnam; when everybody in the country was carping at the unborn Company of Young Canadians—with the company loving every minute of it.

And, of course, UGEQ was building student syndicalism.

It was a time when editors were toppling; when the Centennial Commission was quaking before the youth community; and when Kahn-Tineta Horn was damning campus Indian weeks.

Then there was the Young World Mobilization Appeal that flashed on to the scene one day claiming to represent three million Canadian Youth only to disappear the next—and the Canadian Assembly of Youth Organizations that

insisted it represented no one at all.

But somewhere along the line all the frantic, hopeful efforts began to falter.

The SUPA office in Toronto became too important to talk to local SUPA members and the U of T campus group, like many others, began to fade.

CUS, disheartened with the turnout for National Student Day, fell back on parliamentary lobbies and turned its efforts to sending hockey teams to Europe.

On the international level, CUS is still quietly investigating the International Student Conference (to find out whether it really is American-controlled) and meanwhile, apparently feels Vietnam is too distant and unhealthy a place to send a Canadian student.

And then the student administrators sitting in Banff at Christmas appeared weary of action and seemed to want a period to consolidate whatever they thought they had, until sometime in the future.

And so, and the school year turns towards exam time, it has become apparent that the torch did not fall to a new generation this year; and that student action takes more than feckless dreams to make itself felt.