



**NURSING SOCIETY QUEEN:** Miss Frances Pullen, 18, second year Nursing Science, was chosen Faculty Queen at the Nursing Society Ball last week.

## RCMP ACTIVITIES DISCLOSED AT UBC

### Officer - Students

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Three University of B.C. students claim they know of RCMP undercover investigations on the university campus.

The trio told their story to a reporter from the UBC student newspaper, *The Ubysey*, during a two-week investigation of RCMP activities at that campus. The investigation is part of a nation-wide survey undertaken by Canadian University Press to determine the truth of recent charges concerning RCMP campus activities.

During the investigation the reporter found:

A fourth year Arts student who said his parents and friends were questioned about his political activities.

A member of the Nuclear Disarmament Club who said undercover officers attend meetings of the club.

A graduate student who said his friends have pointed out undercover RCMP officers.

Almost all the students *Ubysey* reporter Rickard Simeon talked to during the survey said they had heard rumours that RCMP officers were on campus masquerading as students and sitting in classes.

Vancouver-Burrard NDP MP Tom Berger told *Ubysey* investigations:

"It's going on at all other Canadian Universities. There's no reason to assume it's not going on at UBC."

According to *The Ubysey*, Berger said he and NDP Leader Tommy Douglas will reveal the names of three students on other campuses who have been investigated by the police, when the house reconvened.

The fourth year arts student told the paper his parents political records had been investigated and his friends questioned about his political beliefs after he had been receiving material inviting him to attend the Communist Youth Festival in Helsinki last year.

He said also that several young men, who did not identify themselves as RCMP officers asked him several questions.

"The type of questions they asked . . . made it pretty obvious who they were."

"When I didn't go to the Festival all surveillance stopped," he said.

A student said he was receiving material from the Soviet embassy and was approached openly by the RCMP.

Another student, a member of

the Nuclear Disarmament Club, said RCMP men attended all meetings of the club.

"Last year one was taking notes and carried a camera."

The *Ubysey* questioned one of the students pointed out as an RCMP informant. He admitted he was an ex-policeman, but said he had no connection with the force at that time.

"I most certainly have not been investigating students," he said.

I'm in Education now and it's hard enough for older students as it is, without doing that on the side."

None of the professors questioned knew of any RCMP undercover work.

Several said, however, they had been approached openly by uniformed policemen in connection with hiring students for government jobs for which a security check was necessary.

Questions asked at this type of interview usually concerned the character of the applicant.

However, Dr. Norman Epstein said he had been approached on two occasions "in a very routine, straightforward fashion."

"They asked me if I thought a student was a subversive," he said.

UBC Communist Club president said the club "has never been directly interfered with by the RCMP."

"We are familiar with RCMP activity in Toronto and Winnipeg, and we are not looking forward to RCMP activity at UBC."

### CAUT Reply

OTTAWA (CUP) — A spokesman for the Canadian Association of University Teachers says he takes a recent statement on RCMP activities on Canadian University campuses, as a statement of government policy which places an obligation on faculty members not to answer questions of a political nature put to them by RCMP officers.

Dr. J.H.S. Reid, CAUT executive-secretary said Justice Minister Fleming's statement that RCMP officers are not engaged in interviewing students and faculty regarding their political activities, is an answer to a brief earlier this month asking the minister for a statement on the issue.

"We asked for either a denial or confirmation of the charges," he said, "and now we have it."

"If the minister says RCMP are not in making such investigations, any questions by RCMP officers are therefore not proper, and log-

## Protests Grants To Dr. Kraus at Carleton

OTTAWA (CUP) — Four students at Carleton University have charged the students' council with acting unconstitutionally in donating \$100 to Dr. Arthur James Kraus last November.

(Dalhousie students will remember Dr. Kraus' appearances in Halifax last term.)

Council members will appear before the student Judicial Committee on a charge of breach of the constitution.

The students claim the council acted contrary to a constitution clause stating:

"Monies received from Association fees shall be disbursed by council, on the recommendation of the finance committee, for the defraying of the expenses of the regular organizations of the Association."

"We are not bringing forth a vote of lack of confidence or impeachment," a spokesman for the group said. "We feel council acted in good faith, but we feel the precedent is dangerous and should be destroyed."

The group claims giving the money to Dr. Kraus was not "defraying . . . expenses of the regular organizations of the Association." It further claims the money was spent without a recommendation from the finance committee.

A council spokesman claims other sections of the constitution gave the council the right to make a disbursement such as in the Kraus case. He pointed to a clause which says council duties include "to receive and administer all monies which may be placed in the custody of, or may become the property of Council or of the Students' Association."

The other clause says: "The council shall have authority over all monies and property, however acquired, of the Association, and of any group organized among the student body."

An action, similar to the one now undertaken by the group of four, was started in November when students circulated a petition requesting a referendum on the issue of giving Dr. Kraus the money.

The petition was withdrawn when some councillors threatened to resign.

Carleton student president, Ian Johnston, when asked if the council would resign if their action was declared unconstitutional, said he didn't think council as a whole would resign.

"I personally won't resign," he said. "I can't speak for other members so I really couldn't say what they will do."

## RCMP Denial

OTTAWA (CUP) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner C.W. Harvison has emphatically denied reports that RCMP officers attending classes at Canadian universities are acting as undercover agents.

In an interview with Canadian University Press Harvison said there are at present 22 RCMP officers enrolled in regular university programs at universities across Canada.

"They have been relieved of all duties except getting an education," the Commissioner said.

"All arrangements for their entry to university are made openly, on police letterhead, from this Ottawa office," he said.

"I'm not worried so much with the current charges as far as their effect on the force is concerned. I am concerned with the effect they could have on the men we have at school. They work just as hard there as other students. After all they have to pass the exams too."

cially the professor should not answer them."

Dr. Reid, when asked if CAUT would launch an investigation on its own to determine the number and nature of questions being asked professors said:

"I would never advise a person to make a statement which might, in the future, hurt him."

He did not elaborate.

When asked if he believed Fleming's statement, Dr. Reid replied: "I've heard statements contrary to his (Fleming's)." He did not elaborate.



## CUP COMMENTS

By Ed Schwartzberg — CUP Editor

### AMERICAN CANADIAN

It is impossible for Canadians to maintain an identity separate from the Americans, says the Director of the Canadian Studies Program at the University of Rochester.

Prof. Mason Wade, speaking to Carleton's Institute of Canadian Studies, says "It is as hard for Canada to become separated from the U.S. as it is for Quebec to become separated from the rest of Canada; both would be stopped by the hard but logical geographic and economic facts."

Prof. Wade, who is currently doing research for a book on Canadian-American relations since Confederation, says Canada's stock in the U.S. has risen since Liberal leader Pearson's statement on the acquisition of nuclear weapons for Canada.

Since the war Canada and the United States have become more interdependent economically, and this interdependence cannot be stopped now.

### "SMACK"

University of B.C. students are grumbling about one of the newest campus hazards—spring loaded pop-up toilet seats.

The new seats, recently installed in the university's biggest class room building "have a habit of popping up and smacking tender, white unsuspecting seats," says a story in the UBC student paper, *The Ubysey*.

"You've got to grab it (the seat) and hold it down, and hop on it," a UBC student says.

Experienced users say the trick is to hold the seat down while sitting on it.

But, they caution, don't hold down only one side or the other will pop up and smack you.

While dismounting they claim, do so with both sides held firmly down.

A faculty member expressed surprise when told of the new seating problem.

He said faculty washroom seats simply lie there, limp and tame!

### SCM ON TRIAL

A member of the Cabinet of the Student Christian Movement at the University of Toronto says he questions "the Christian sincerity and honesty of some members of the SCM."

Kenneth Whitwell, writing in the letters column of the U of T student paper, *The Varsity*, claims SCM, per se, did not endorse a Combined Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament petition opposing Liberal Leader Pearson's recent statement favoring nuclear arms for Canada.

Whitwell writes: "At a special Cabinet meeting called to ratify the sponsoring of a member of Billy Graham's evangelistic group, there was only a very small turnout, just enough in fact, to form a quorum."

"It was at this meeting, with several members known to oppose the CUCND absent, that after a long debate the skelton Cabinet endorsed the CUCND petition."

"While I feel a decision of policy of this nature should have been made at a full Cabinet meeting, it was probably thought best by Mr. John Berry to push through this endorsement while the emotional reaction to Mr. Pearson's speech was at its greatest."

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### CANADIAN COMMUNIST

More than 200 University of Western Ontario students attended a lecture by the local chairman of the Communist Party of Canada, despite assertions by Ontario Premier Roberts that communists are no good—any time, any where.

Albert E. Bernhardt, sponsored on the campus by UWO's student paper *The Gazette*, said Canada's communist party is an entity unto itself and does not follow a blueprint laid down by Moscow.

"Our aim is the establishment in Canada of a socialist and ultimately communist society," the party leader said.

He condemned Liberal Leader Pearson's stand for nuclear arms for Canada, Bernhardt claimed such action would lead us further down the path to American domination, and would also seriously injure Canada in her quest for world peace.

In sponsoring the speaker, *Gazette* Editor-in-chief Shari Craig said she did so "in the interests of freedom of speech and association."



**DR. JOHN N. HAZARD**, distinguished legal scholar and an expert on the law of Soviet Russia, was a guest of the Student and Faculty of the Law School last week. He delivered two lectures: "Is Soviet Law Unique" and "Peaceful Co-existence and the Law". Dr. Hazard met the students informally at a reception in the Men's Residence. (Photo by Purdy)