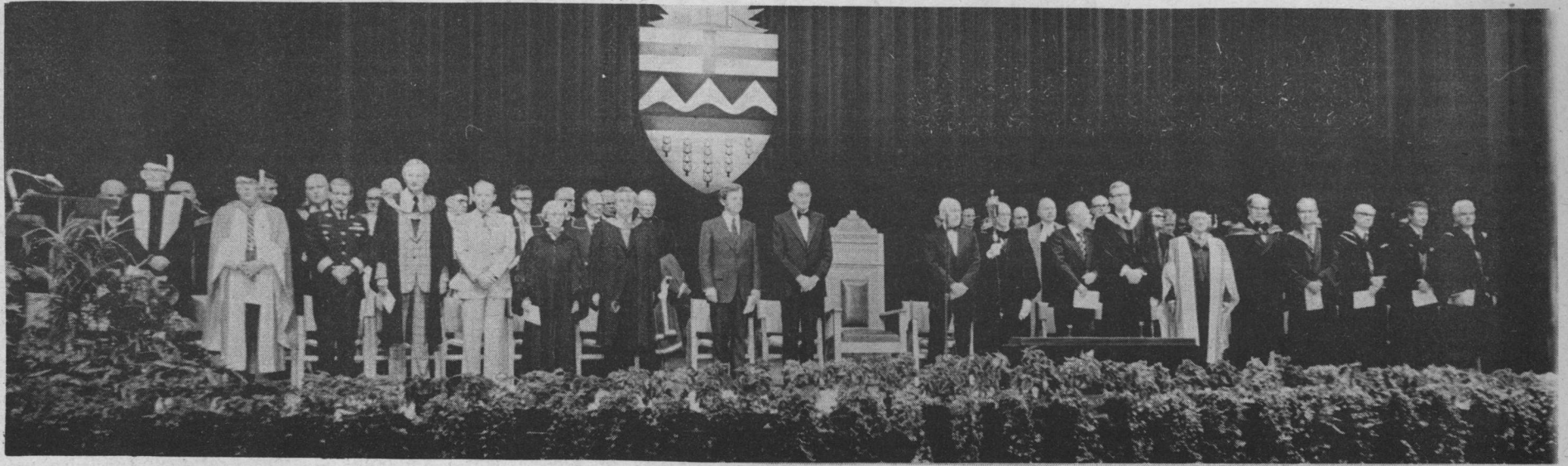


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by Michael MacNeil

In an era of concrete and glass, synthesis and expediency, occasions involving pomp and ceremony are an increasingly-rare occurrence.

The installation of Chancellor Dalby and President Gunning last night was such a rare occurrence, the ceremony representing centuries of academic heritage, influence, and tradition.

The jubilee Auditorium, with its vast interior, red plush seats, and panelled walls was the scene for the stately and solemn procession, preceded by the chief marshal, S. G. Davies carrying the mace, symbolic of the Chancellor's authority. The rippling colors of an international

scattering of Universities filled the stage, and a section of the main floor.

Even the music added to the dignity of the occasion, the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry Band played quite brilliantly: the marches were stimulating and the anthems flawless.

There was a lieutenant

There was a lieutenant-governor, a chief justice, a provincial premier 22 cabinet ministers, and a host of other dignitaries present. The speeches were not inspiring in tone, perhaps one of the perennial drawbacks of reading a prepared speech before a large audience, but the content was equal to the

occasion.

The majesty of the past, the oft-repeated words and obeisance to forgotten or almost forgotten institutions were all put aside as these new leaders of the University of Alberta spoke of the present and the future.

Both are aware of student alienation and the lack of adequate communication between the public and the government. Both promised to try and do something about it. Both want the University to be at the forefront of a move toward a new social and political awareness of the province. Both have pledged to apply themselves to such a move.

Premier Lougheed spoke at length of the future of Alberta, and the University's role in that future. He wants continued dialogue between his government and the University; he supports the vision of political awareness that President Gunning spoke of, and he hopes to see a rich harvest of ideas and projects from research programs.

Whatever your inclinations and convictions, the proceedings last night would have given you food for thought. If the aspirations of these two new leaders can be even partially realized, the concept of University education could be totally revitalized.

The Visitor

R.G. Steinhauer

by Leonard Atwood

Pomp and ceremony are the two most visible aspects of the Vice-Regal position of the Lieutenant-Governor, but under the trappings there are some duties which are very important; duties which often tend to be overlooked or ignored by the public.

One of the Lieutenant-Governor's duties is to act as a Visitor, a person who has the right or duty, according to Oxford's second definition of the term, to supervise on a periodic basis a university, college or similar institution.

So, whether you refer to Mr. Ralph Garvin Steinhauer, Alberta's tenth Lieutenant-Governor, as His Honour, the Honourable or, following the example of his great grandfather as a translator, change the honourifics to Cree - O Kecheyitakosiwin Kechi Okimawitakosow - the job and tury of Visitor still remains, under the Vice-Regal trappings.

Visiting as it is today in English law has as its basis the periodic inspection journeys which church officials made to determine the temporal and spiritual conditions of each parish. Later the practice was extended to charitable institutions and was made law.

According to Halsbury's Laws of England, a Visitor is enabled to "settle disputes between members of the corporation, to inspect and regulate their actions and behaviour, and generally to correct all abuses and irregularities in the administration... A Visitor is not a court, but rather an arbitrator..."

While a visitor can be sued for damages if he should exceed his jurisdiction, his decisions are final and not subject to review, either by a high court or by himself.

The role of Visitor is generally viewed as that of an arbitrator who safeguards against the indiscriminate use of authority as well as guarding the liberal and humane values often professed and sometimes practiced by universities.

The 1852 Charter established the Governor-General as Visitor in Canada. Sir Edmund Head was the first Visitor appointed to McGill University in 1854.

STUDENT'S VIEW: a concerned vitality for the future

by Michael MacNeil

As I sat in the Jubilee Auditorium last night, among the very important and influential people, I reflected on the fairy tale sense of unreality that the installation ceremony created. History quite literally came alive. I saw reverence for a God and a Monarch that no-one seems to bother with anymore. I saw the reverence that once existed for universities and their traditions and I saw proudly worn gowns and caps, the unfamiliar shapes indicating the distance some of the alumni had come to be here.

I thought back to the history I had learned and remembered that it was the universities that brought a civilization out of darkness and I also remembered that

the not-too-distant predecessors (in some cases fellow students) of these academics split the atom and put a knife-blade to the world's throat.

I was just impressed and a bit awed though, not wistful. I don't regret my recently acquired right to question or contradict my English professor nor do I mourn the new presence of students on academic boards and bodies. I realize the progress and innovation is usually a good thing but I had to admit the glittering mace and the rainbow hues made me think that once universities were highly regarded and that they used to produce accordingly.

I reflected that I wasn't alone in some of my speculations, though, as I listened to the addresses of Messrs. Dalby,

Gunning, and Lougheed. The subjects of student frustration, lack of belonging and identification were discussed and I felt glad that men of this stature actually were aware of a growing problem that threatened a nation as well as a student body. I agreed with the principle of increased public awareness and participation in academic, social, and political affairs. Despite the large massive stolid, unambitious and petty people in our society, I thought of the large and growing number of people that would be a valuable social asset if proper training and information were made available.

It dismays me to see a nation goaded into a state of moral indignation over rotten eggs I guess, when I think of the abortion issue and dozens of others that are stalemated to satisfy the interests of a few. It dismays me to see a nation of people herded into rental accommodations for the enrichment of land speculators. I think of what a politically aware, and socially sophisticated electorate would do about these and other issues and so I agree with Mr. Gunning who feels that the University could help create such a group of people.

The constant conflict of interests between the University and the Government was discussed last night too. If rhetoric can be translated into action, and the Government sees Alberta's future in the same frame as the University's, then we could possibly see action marking the tenure of our new leaders instead of conflict.

Premier Lougheed spoke forcefully about this future for Alberta. He spoke of internationalism and better communications with the rest of the country. I have to agree with him. If the West can avoid the mistakes of the East, and if it can be people instead of cities, factories, super-highways and cottage country more densely populated than the city left behind, then it could become a way of life, not only a subject of comparison but an object of envy. I'd like to see this same atmosphere of vitality, imagination, and concern inside the Jubilee Auditorium be translated into tangible results that benefit the whole population.



Gunning- from deejay to pres.