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Senate committee

Report criticizes bookstore

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The Senate Bookstore Committee has produced a report critical of the bookstore operation. In his presentation of the report to Senate Thursday, committee member G. F. Reed described the bookstore as a "mixture of a boutique and a Yonge St. porno shop."

The report itself made a number of recommendations, including:

- immediate termination of the current practice of giving discounts for cash payments on certain types of books;

- immediate termination of the credit system, to be replaced by a university loan fund for introduction of a credit card system;

- more prominent placement of "books of academic quality and integrity" to give the bookstore "a more serious air"

- movement of the "popular modern books and boutique trivium" to the back of the store with less shelf and floor space; and

- more "traditional" arrangement of the budget.

The bookstore had a deficit of \$113,000 last year, 87 per cent of which, according to the report, "appears" to be

the result of accumulation of unsold text books.

Reed, a psychology professor, dean of graduate studies, and one of six committee members (three faculty and three students) was especially critical of the bookstore's accounting procedures.

"We couldn't make heads or tails of the bookkeeping," he said. "It should at least be arranged in figures that any reasonably intelligent 12 year old child can read; in digits—with which we are all familiar."

He said there was no way of telling which individual sections of the bookstore were losing money.

Reed also chastized faculty for over-ordering text books and changing books from year to year, resulting in the accumulation of unsold texts which accounted for the majority of the bookstore deficit.

"The bookstore couldn't be maligned too much as far as trade books (books not on course lists) are concerned, but it is being blamed too much for text book losses," Reed said.

Rafael Barreto-Rivera, director of the bookstore, said he thought the committee's report was generally balanced, but was upset at the way in

which it was handled.

"I'm disappointed that anyone would make such accusations when no one from the bookstore was there," he said of the presentation to the Senate.

He said he welcomed the committee's suggestions and felt the members were fair in their assessment, "except for one individual who will go unnamed." He added, however, that he thought there were some "rather prudish" committee members.

The criticism of the stocking of sex books and books on the occult "threatens the freedom of the press," he said.

The gift boutique section of the bookstore, now at the front, was formerly in a back corner, Barreto-Rivera said. It was moved up to the front at the end of January and given less space.

"We're spending less and making more on this section," he said. "When I hear the move is bringing more criticism, I find it very disappointing. Whatever we do upsets somebody."

He also said the bookstore was dissatisfied with its accounting procedure, but added, "The needs of the university may be such that this method is the best."

He said accounting is a very complex process which any business has difficulty with, and that the bookstore was experimenting to see if a better method could be found.

The criticisms of the bookstore, he said, did not reflect the whole committee's view but only that of one individual.

Michael Mouritsen, president of CYSF and one of the student members, said Reed tended to dramatize things, but felt most of the complaints were justified and reflected the thinking of the majority of committee members.

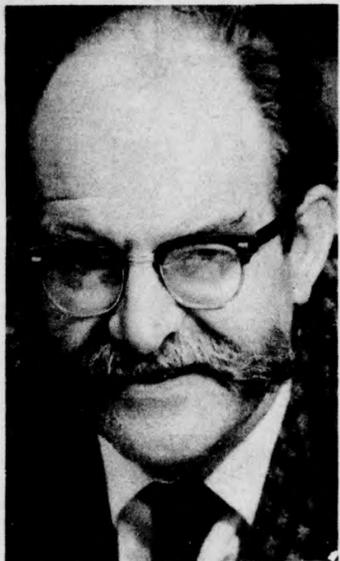
Mouritsen said Reed has had problems of his own with the bookstore, including a six month feud



It's hard to believe, but this tasteful array of handy knick-knacks and three-in-one Santa candles was described by a member of the

Senate bookstore committee as a cross between a boutique and a porno shop. (Copies of Swank, Gent and Whoopie not shown).

Does soft porn sell?



Dean G.F. Reed

G.F. Reed, dean of graduate studies and the member of the bookstore committee who presented that group's report to Senate Thursday, said he would have no complaints about the bookstore's pornography section if it was making money.

"In this time of financial crisis academic considerations sometimes come second to financial ones," Reed said Monday.

"But no one has demonstrated that the pornography in the bookstore is making money," he added.

"There's a definite shortage of decent low-cost books. I've had an enormous amount of mail raging about the low number of good books. There should be a range of things to read."

Reed rejected any suggestion that he or other members of the bookstore committee were prudish.

"The books are all soft porn," he said, "they wouldn't shock anybody. They're just rubbish. Many serious books would be much more shocking. Certainly nobody would object to Rabelais, yet he's very earthy."

Library will open longer

There's hope for library users this Christmas! Through the determined efforts of Bob Colson, student representative on the Board of Governors, the library hours will be extended during the Christmas break.

Originally the Scott library was to be opened only on Dec. 27 and 28 during the vacation period that will last from Dec. 22 to Jan. 1.

Colson, after meeting with the Administrative Vice-President Bill Small, the Assistant Director of libraries Bill Newman, and CYSF President Michael Mouritsen, arranged to have the Reserve Section of the library opened on Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The change only affects the Scott library.

The library will be open Dec. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

So take heart, thesis writers, you've got two extra days to spend within these hallowed halls.

Queen's faculty is growing old but hanging on

KINGSTON (CUP) — Queens University has a rather unique problem — its faculty is growing old together.

Queens' policy of stopping its growth has resulted in too many professors with faculty tenure. During the 1960s, enrolment grew from 2,500 to 8,000, and many new faculty members were hired and granted tenure.

Now that enrolment has levelled off, no faculty can be hired unless old faculty members leave.

Principal John Deutsch stressed that the university will not take drastic action. "Queens should stand behind its faculty, a policy that was kept even in the depression years of the 1930s," he said.

York Canadian content low

York University has the second lowest percentage of Canadian faculty members of any university in the province, according to the report of a select committee of the Ontario legislature.

Only 54 per cent of the faculty here is Canadian, well below the provincial average of 64 per cent. Laurentian's faculty is 53 per cent Canadian.

The report recommends that universities be required to hire 80 per cent Canadians for seven years if the universities do not raise the percentage on their own in the next three years.

"We are not satisfied that the needed and desired changes will take place or with sufficient dispatch without new measures," the report said.

It suggested amending the Ontario Human Rights Code to allow discrimination on the grounds of citizenship, compulsory advertising of vacancies in two Canadian periodicals, termination of tax exemptions for

non-Canadians and improved graduate programmes to produce more Canadian professors.

The report was also critical of administrators for their lack of co-

operation with the committee.

Four of the seven MLAs on the committee disagreed with the recommendation that faculties be required to have 80 per cent Canadian content.

Foreign ownership figures from CIC

OTTAWA (CUP) - Foreign ownership in Canada seems to be increasing, rather than decreasing. The Committee for an Independent Canada recently put forth data on foreign ownership and control of Canadian industry in its magazine, The Independencer. Some of the figures they produced are:

Industry	Percentage of foreign ownership
Manufacturing industries	57.4 per cent
Mining Industries	55.5 per cent
Oil and Gas Wells, Coal Mines	82.5 per cent
Petroleum Refining	99.5 per cent
Automobiles, trucks and parts	96 per cent
Rubber products	98 per cent
Aluminum	100 per cent
Electrical apparatus	67 per cent
Chemicals	61 per cent

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