

Security Grip Tightens

Vandalism has taken its toll in the Dalhousie Student Union Building. Last weekend two chairs in the music lounge were slashed by persons unknown, three cushions were swiped from the

pit of the Green Room, and three globes were lifted from the lights at the rear of the SUB. The weekend before it was three cushions from the stereo room.

The unexplained disappearances and acts of vandalism have prompted SUB Affairs Secretary Dave Stevenson to tighten the security screws on the building.

In a move shortly after the incidents Stevenson ordered a increase in the number of campus police patrolling the building,

and declared that some exits would be closed to prevent valdals from getting into the building.

Stevenson also announced that students from other local universities, who had previously been allowed free entry into the SUB, must now be accompanied by Dal students. The new regulation, however, does not apply to students from Nova Scotia Tech, who have special agreements with the Student Union.

Stevenson said that the privileges had been extended to other universities at first because they did not have facilities comparable to Dal, but that the current wave of vandalism necessitated the new "restrictions". He added that the Operations Board had gone as far as it could to protect the building, but did not want it to become a "prison". He told the Gazette that it was now up to the students themselves to protect their building and urged anyone seeing acts of vandalism to report it to the Operations Board or the Campus Police.

U of T Tense

By David Harrigan

TORONTO — Violence may break out before Christmas on the once peaceful U of T campus. Tensions between the student body and the University administration has reached an explosive level and may result in open student rebellion if not defused.

The trouble began when CAPUT, the disciplinary body of U of T, issued a policy statement on September 20 which in part read, "the statutory disciplinary jurisdiction of the CAPUT includes the power to suspend, to impose fines, to recommend to the Senate the withholding of degrees and with confirmation of the Board of Governors, expulsion from the University, for

"actions arising out of sit-ins, disruption of classes, etc."

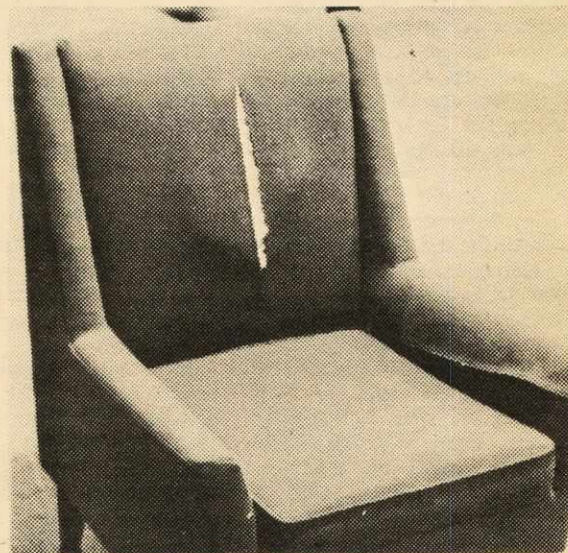
Tempers flared because student spokesmen, namely the Student's Administrative Council and the Graduate Student's Council, felt that Claude Bissell, President of U of T, had disrupted the normal university processes of democratic government. In March, 1969, the CAPUT realized that it in effect had no mandate to pass judgments on matters concerning student disturbances. A student-faculty committee was formed to restructure CAPUT.

During the summer the committee came to the agreement that CAPUT would have no jurisdiction over questions of Campus disruptions and would confine itself to its traditional cases of library theft, etc. Dr. Bissell has apparently overruled that decision and has in fact double-crossed the student body.

Bissell's actions are further indication of the uneasiness of Ontario educators in face of student unrest. On September 16, the Committee of Presidents of the Universities of Ontario (CPUO) issued a working paper on campus law and order. The paper advises universities presidents to answer violence by the "exercise of counter-violence... that expulsion or dismissal is the only appropriate penalty for those who would challenge the university's right to carry on its affairs..."

Due to the tone and the undemocratic nature of the ensuing CAPUT statement and the decision to overlook channels it had already established, the U of T Council feels it can no longer carry on negotiations with the administration until president Bissell repudiates the CAPUT's statement. He has not done so.

Dissent has gone underground but may shortly erupt into fresh disorders. A Council spokesman has explained their position by saying, "the signs of creeping fascism are evident — and the only people who can stop it are the students."



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