

What Does the Board of Governors Do?

When asked by the Editor of the CADRE to give a report on the Board of Governors, I realized that a report would at best be tedious and dull (probably even worse than this article), so I decided to try and give some insight to the students as to the general purpose and function of the Board.

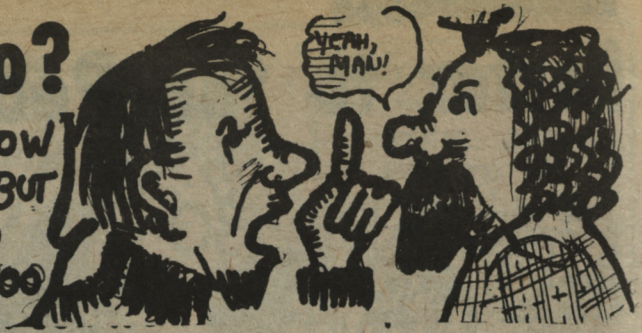
The Board, which has two student members, has three broad functions. It is the deciding body in all property and financial operations of the University, it is the major link between the University and the community, and it has the ultimate authority in all non-academic matters.

There are four sub-comm-

mittees of the Board; these being Buildings and Grounds, Finance, Appeals and Staff and Organization. Each of these committees operates on University matters which pertain to that committee under whose jurisdiction the matter in question falls. These committees gather the required data and report to the whole Board for a decision.

It is safe to say that the Board is actually a "watchdog" in some sense of the word. Although the Board makes the ultimate decision, it bases a fair number of its decisions on information gathered or given by the administration of the University. In a sense, it make sure

MAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY DO, BUT I'M PRETTY BORED OF GOVERNORS, TOO



that the management is doing the job it is designed to do and keeping up on its homework.

Major activities of the Board include budgets, salaries, and the physical plan for the University and many other smaller items.

In the future, there will be consideration given to the next priority on the layout of the University, that is, the new Academic Building. In light of the extra use from the build-

ing conversions on campus and the enrollment forecasts (which are down considerably from the time the plan was drawn up) there is a possibility that the priority may be changed to some other form of construction, but there is nothing definite in this. Also in the future, renovations have been proposed for Kelly Building for next year.

Brian Howatt

What Doesn't the Board of Governors Do?

If parking regulations and their enforcement are absurd on this campus, (see last week's editorial), the attempt to appeal against them and recover one's rights meet with an administration which is even more absurd! It will be two (2) years on the 17 of January that my Volkswagen was towed away from the parking lot behind the barn, at high noon on a beautiful bright winter day. Ever since then I have attempted to establish my rights, like a "good boy" using the "proper procedures" within the University.

Without going into the details - unreasonable, idiotic and absurd as they are! - let me give us a few salient highlights:
1. The University Director

of Security has a hand in the (legislative) drafting of the Parking and Traffic Regulations; he also determines offences against the regulations; he also makes the (judicial) decision that the offender is in fact guilty (without a hearing); he also executes punishment; and he sits (ex officio) on the Appeals Committee to which one can appeal his own decisions! Caesar never had it so good!!

2. The (Judicial) University Parking and Traffic Committee has shown itself incapable of understanding or giving reasoned rebuttals to the most straightforward argumentation of facts and the most elementary principals of justice and the common law.
3. While a case is in the

process of appeal, the punishment (determined and executed by the Director of Security) remains in effect. Guilty unless and until proven innocent!

4. In connection with this case, I was called on the telephone by the University lawyer, Mr. Alan K. Scales, and subjected to an abusive, intimidating and insulting verbal attack I only wish now that I had been able to get someone to witness that outrage on an extension line!

5. My appeal to the Board of Governors led the Appeals Committee of the Board to decide in my favour and thus to quash the decisions of the Director of Security and of the University Parking and Traffic Committee.
6. On October 17 a year

ago, I appealed to the Board again to reimburse me for my expenses incurred in establishing and obtaining a favourable decision from them on my case. I am still waiting for that decision. "Justice delayed is Justice denied".

7. The last, and perhaps most significant point is this: The attitudes are wrong! Security is too frequently high-handed, dictatorial and punitive. The regulations and procedures are too frequently unreasonable and unnecessary. The faculty and students who are affected by all this and might make their voice heard are intimidated, apathetic or morally obtuse.

Fred von Dreger



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Prof. Fred von Dreger presented a "first-anniversary" cake to the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Governors after its meeting last Monday night, in honour of one full year's delay in reaching a decision. The Appeals Committee of the Board heard Professor Dreger's appeal on his parking case on Oct. 17 a year ago!

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