

DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD DIES IN ACCIDENT AT OFFICE



Mr. Dagwood Bumstead

Dagwood Bumstead, 61, was crushed to death today in a giant computer. The accident occurred in the offices of the J. C. Dithers Construction Co.

In describing the tragedy, J. C. Dithers, president of the firm, said that he had told Bumstead to run some information through the computer. Bumstead, it appears, took the order too literally.

Dithers immediately announced that he would use the money in Bumstead's pension fund to pay for the cost of repairing the computer.

Bumstead was employed by Dithers as an assistant associate junior executive. He joined the company in 1938 as an assistant associate junior executive.

Pallbearers at the funeral will include Dithers, neighbor Herbert Woodley, postman Myron Beezley, and Horace Dripple, a family friend.

OTTAWA (CUP)

Students are tackling some crucial questions as the country prepares for the first-ever comprehensive forum on post-secondary education in Canada, to be held in Saskatoon October 25 to 28.

Who decides what is discussed? Will students be out-numbered and ignored? Will industry take control of our education system? Why should we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on one conference in Saskatoon? Will it change anything?

The forty-four member organizing committee met in Ottawa last week to hammer out the vision of this forum, which will bring together two levels of government, the business sector, non-government organizations, academics, administrators, and students to discuss the future direction of higher education in Canada.

"We don't expect all of these groups to reach consensus. We just want them to eyeball each other, to look each other in the eye and hear what the other has to say," said Forum Chair Dr. Brian Segal. "If we tried to reach a consensus it would just collapse into voting strategies."

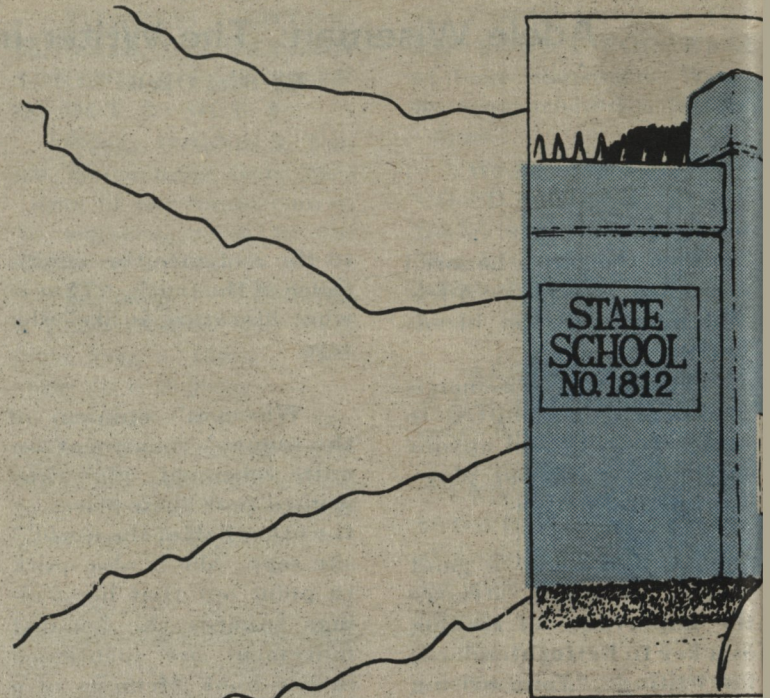
But students are questioning the effectiveness of an open discussion approach.

"The forum has not been given any mandate to come to a consensus (on action). In my opinion, we've talked long enough," said Royden Trainor, chair of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia.

Though administrators are generally more optimistic about the Forum, Dr. Charles Pascal, Chair of the Council of Regents, which governs Ontario's colleges, admits some concerns.

"If there is one thing that nags me (about the Forum), it's that we will all ask ourselves in the airport going home from Saskatoon: 'so what?'," he said.

"We're not perfect and we have to look at the system critically," said Forum Chair Dr. Brian Segal. "But we are not going to spend two and a half days



in Saskatoon looking at how bad we are."

"We have to stop looking at the future through the rear-view mirror," echoes Pascal. "We can't go into this thing looking at how to protect what we have now."

Pascal said colleges are not worried about more private sector involvement. "Any universities that fear participation with the private sector would be damaging to curiosity research are insecure. Sure there are dangers, but they (universities) are big boys and girls and they can guard against them."

And the business representatives on the committee claim they are genuinely interested in education.

"Corporations large and small are where students will be earning their living and (the business sector) is interested in making sure the education system is relevant to what employers are looking for," said Jill Bodkin, former chair of the B.C. Securities Commission.

"There is a growing belief on the part of the Canadian business community that the corporate sector and the government will be cooperating more to provide the necessary funds required to make post-secondary education available to students, and especially to provide continuing education," she said.

"There is an enormous number of people from the private sector. Hopefully, we (students) won't get dwarfed and it won't turn into a conflictual debate between those two groups," said Paul Ledwell, the PEI member of CFS national executive.

"It's quite contentious. The post-secondary community proper is not well-represented at all," said Sheena Weir, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students.

Students represent less than ten per cent of the 600 people invited to participate in the Forum.

The chairs of the 22 workshops on the agenda will be given a list of questions by the organizers to focus debate. The organizers hope to avoid accusations of manipulating the forum by including as a final question on each list: "Are these the right questions?"

"Some chairs are afraid of the issues and want that kind of structure. Others don't want to be perceived as having a hidden agenda," said Pascal.

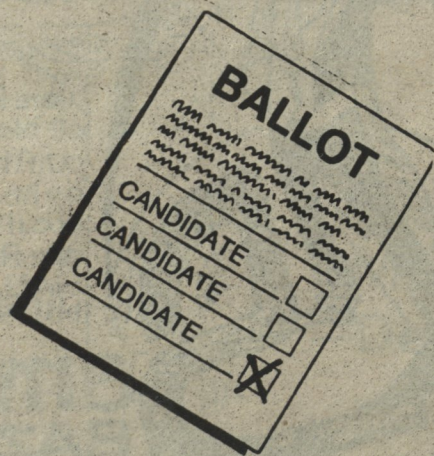
"There was also some concern that the students chosen to attend the forum would be Young Conservatives. Though CFS and SUNS were assured that would not happen, there is some indication that it has," said Royden

NOTICE

Nominations for the following Student Council positions will be opening Thursday, Sept. 24 1987:

- 1 Science Representative
- 1 Education Representative
- 1 Veterinary Medicine Representative
- 2 Senate Representative
- 1 Board of Governors Representative
- 1 Business Representative
- 1 Freshman Class Representative

Nominations will close Wednesday, Oct. 7 1987 at 4:30pm. with a compulsory nominee's meeting at 5:00pm



Elections run October 15-16. Nomination forms may be picked up at the Student Union Office in the Barn, Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00 pm.