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The JOURNAL goes to CUP

The conference was disappointing. This is not to say that I did not have any fun, or that I did not learn anything, because I did both.

Everything started off fine as could be on the first day, with the introductory session in the student centre at which most of the delegates were present.

Well the first thing that turned me off were the people. Now this is going to sound like a right wing conservative, oh fuck, there I go again, you see, that's another thing. Bloody politics all the bloody time. So here are all these assholes who figure they're doing their own thing by wearing long hair and smoking and figuring that's the only way to "make it". They are nothing but a flock of sheep being led by a few self appointed hippy-type communists who know that this lot will lap

up their ideas rather than disagree and be labled "square" or "straight" or whatever.

It is my opinion then, that the 32nd CUP conference was one helluva big contradiction. They talked of a revolution against the establishment yet in a few years they will become the establishment, in fact they were an establishment in themselves to be revolted against. They talked of free speech and freedom of opinion, yet when someone expresses an opinion other than that of their "establishment" he is laughed at and ridiculed. They talked of emancipation of the working man, they thought nothing of having servants come in and clean up after them. They wanted to end the capitalism that has given them everything they now have. They talked of equality, yet looked down on the maids and cooks

that work at their own university.

After one week of being attacked with everything from bureaucratic capitalism to male chauvinism a few delegates, calling themselves the Free Union of Concerned and Unhappy Partici-

*Story and
comment
by Claude Isaacs*

pants of F.U.C.U.P., published a paper of the same name listing their griefs. The paper went over very well and enlisted some comment from the other participants to say the least.

"This is exactly the way we feel," said some. "Go back to Russia where you belong," said

others.

It is all over for another year, again vast quantities of money have been spent (wasted) and a large number of people have enjoyed themselves (got drunk) at the expense of the student body while supposedly doing something useful and perhaps beneficial to their university. Meanwhile just as many people are starving to death and just as many people are shot to death in Viet Nam, I guess I just hate to see so much money being wasted when we still have to scrounge for furniture in the Journal office. Again I have climbed up on my soapbox and though still picking splinters from my feet from my last encounter I shall press on to write the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

The thirty-second National Conference of the Canadian Uni-

versity Press was held this year at the University of Waterloo. The Journal was represented by six delegates consisting of editor-in-chief Mike (G. Harvey Thomgrit) Smith, Goosey Brucey Smith, Ken (the mad lensman) Langille, Ancis Frabbott, Wayne "Let's play cards" Gillis, and Aude Clisaacs.

The first part of the conference was designed as a critical analysis of society and the second half consisted of working sessions to help participating newspapers with the technical and practical matters of producing a student newspaper.

The conference lasted from December 26 to January 2, and concluded with the election of officers.

Next years will be held in Vancouver, a city in British Columbia.

Baird fights to teach birth control

Among the lecturers at the CUP conference was a man who has dedicated himself to a cause. His cause is teaching birth control and promoting the legalization of abortion.

Bill Baird, a gynecologist, has himself performed hundreds of abortions, is qualified to do so, and charges nothing for his services. He has established two clinics, one in New York and one in Massachusetts. He is the director of the "Parents Aid Society, Inc.", which offers free counselling on abortions and birth control.

Birth control is playing a more important part in our life everyday, he stated. We all must admit we realize the most serious problem that faces all mankind today that of overpopulation. Yet when someone tries to help solve

this problem he is persecuted, because the Church and some outdated laws say he is wrong in what he is doing and must be punished. He now faces a three-month prison term in Massachusetts and a six-month prison term in Wisconsin for openly teaching birth control and displaying a knitting needle and a coathanger, abortion instruments, used by quacks, during his lectures.

At this clinic last year 62% of the women who came to him were pregnant, and wanted an abortion. Everyone has a sex drive which is only normal and in backing up this, he stated that three nuns received abortions from his clinic last year.

Some people are of the opinion that if women are going to fool around they are going to have to pay the consequences, but men

are free to have intercourse and women are penalized by unwanted pregnancies.

For those that are of the opinion that abortions are dangerous, Baird agrees that if they are performed by a quack using a coat hanger or rubber tube, they are dangerous, but statistics show that for every 100,000 D and C's performed by specialists 3 women die but a simple tonsilectomy yields 17 deaths out of every 100,000 performed.

Baird works without a salary, supporting his family and clinic by lecturing and donations.

If you are concerned please let us know and if we can help you in ANY way please let us know. The Parents' Aid Society, c/o the Journal, 5th floor of the SUB.

Declaration of independence: subversive, likely communist

Washington (CP) — Seventy-three per cent of an American group at an overseas military base, recently declined to sign a portion of the preamble to the United States Declaration of Independence.

Many thought it was subversive

and some thought it was Communist, said the organizers of the experiment conducted by personnel of the University of Maryland.

The information was put in the Congressional record by Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon, a liberal

Republican, who expressed "deep concern" at the results.

The Declaration of Independence marked the decision of the American colonies to overthrow Britain's rule in 1773. The portion read to 252 Americans at a base in West Germany contains the words that it is self-evident that "all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. . . life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Only 68 signed it says the study, and 148 refused to sign. Thirty-six agreed but would not sign, and only 41 realized what the document was.

The study said one junior high school teacher asked the survey inquirer if he really believed in the document, and then shouted when the inquirer said yes: "You believe in what you want to, you Communist." There was some expressed apprehension about what use would be made of the document, when signed.

-The Edmonton Journal-



Bill Baird, director of the Parents' Aid Society crusader in the fight to legalize abortion and teach birth control.



TWENTY-FIVE CENTS A PIECE — Believe it or not, that what's there charging at all University of Waterloo washrooms for these handy gadgets. Word is that they're absolutely safe, so don't condom them before you try them.

**OPERATION BLUENOSE:
(CANAIRE RELIEF)
IS COMING TO SMU**

As I see it

An outsider's observations

Recently the Editorial Staff of the St. Mary's University Journal offered me the opportunity to become a volunteer writer on their staff. There was no hesitation on my part on accepting for two reasons. First, having never been to a university, I felt it an honour that they, the Editorial Staff, believed I had something to offer. Secondly, as an outsider, it afforded me the opportunity to express views that ordinarily would not be aired.

Some of my friends expressed

by Francis Campbell

the opinion that the first time I tried to write in disagreement with the Student Body I would be muzzled. Needless to say, the same thought passed through my mind but it continued on its way to oblivion. I feel that there is enough maturity in the people responsible for this paper to allow honest dissent, and from my inquiries I know this to be true. This question of maturity in the intellectual make-up of the university student, and yes even some of their professors, has been kicked around and dissected by every John, Maude and Peter who feel it's the "in thing" to do. In every element of society today there is a faction that refuses to do anything but take a superficial look at the student and then pass final judgment. But these same people vow they believe in fair play and honest judgment and would rise in indignation if they were told, "you are a kangaroo court". Why, they say we cannot even understand the language they speak, let alone the reason for their actions. I say if we cannot

understand what they are saying or trying to say, doing or trying to do, we damn well better learn their lingo and look more objectively at what they are doing. Because of their impatience they may lack the good old-fashioned common sense that says you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar but I assure you they have the intellectual maturity to realize that we have a foulness in our society that must be eradicated if we are to survive in a world that is worth the effort to live in.

Radicals or Rebels, call them what you may but if the so-called solid citizens refuse to recognize or do anything about the social and economic ills that beset us, God bless the students for having the intestinal fortitude we lack. This radicalism or rebellion is a healthy sign in a sick society. It is not an omen of impending disaster as our ultra conservatives would have us believe. Socrates said much the same thing many hundreds of years ago. I would be remiss if I did not say in my first article for the Journal that I vociferously oppose some of the students' actions and demands.

Granted the canons of administration in S.M.U. are not perfect or irreversible. Granted some of the governing laws of society are archaic and need revising and updating. Granted it is the moral obligation of university students to see that these changes are instituted. But don't forget there are a lot of us squares in this sick society that are trying

in our own plodding but diligent way to minister curative medication. Ours may not be the radical surgery you want but you cannot dispute the importance of sincere General Practitioners. We do not believe there is any profit in a hell of a successful operation if the patient dies. I don't think that that's your bag either but some of your actions indicate that this is the type of surgery you contemplate or threaten. There is nothing wrong in doing your thing but there sure as hell is something wrong if our future, and you are our future, not only condones anarchy but contributes to it. Now let me reiterate what I said earlier before you all start going off your stick or out of your skull. I believe, and I am sure the majority of people believe students are mature responsible adults that have inherited a world that because of its socio-economic short-comings does not meet their moral standards and they want to change it.

There is a serenity prayer that says, "Grant me the wisdom to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference". You don't have to be religious to accept this but you will if you are smart. I personally know of no better philosophy.

Let me paraphrase Herve and say a university is a ship of knowledge and he who will not answer to the rudder must answer to the rocks.

Remember, "wisdom and knowledge are securities that pay the greatest interest with maturity." How does that grab you baby?

Student power

Society today has many elements of power that can be and have been used for the good of humanity. The other side of the coin is that it has also been used to tear down and destroy institutions, laws and even people that have benefited mankind. We have Student Power, Black Power, Linguistic Power etc. or to phrase them in what I consider a more appropriate term, pressure groups. It would be stupid and facetious for anyone to think that these men and women belong to a fringe of society that has nothing better to do than criticize the establishment, and the establishment feeling that its hard done by, just doesn't dig these cats that they refer to as Nihilists. That's a fancy name, and on checking it out, I find it means destroyers of existing laws and institutions. If this were all they did, that in itself would make them an important segment of society, if the aforesaid were bad. But if we look at the reforms they are responsible for and the great number of social injustices they have fought and won, we see the waves of dissent they make are cleansing waves. No other pressure group has the unanimity that the University students have and this cohesion of thought gives them a voice that refuses to be stilled.

Recently, the president of Dalhousie University, Dr. Henry Hicks, said he believed the future students would only involve themselves with subjects pertaining to their respective universities. With all due respect to this able educator, I feel he is whistling in the wind. Should this come to pass, it would undoubtedly be the beginning of the end of a pressure group that perceives and attempts, with an appreciable amount of success, to rectify social injustices.

The students do not have power per se to change anything, but they are able to exert pressure on those in authority who can. Many of us who feel the brunt of these authoritarian injustices in our so-called democratic society owe a vote of thanks to the students and heartily support their endeavours.

The social status quo today hasn't changed, it is still those that have get and those who have not are forgotten. Maybe we cannot legislate common sense but we can legislate a constitution and a Bill of Rights that would give this great country of ours a participatory democracy that could and would withstand the onslaught of communism that the establishment seems to be so afraid of. F.D.R. said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself". I say the only fear the students should have is of apathy and complacency setting in, instead of a more vigorous, dynamic and united front towards their objectives.

Right now, student pressure groups are vital seeds of participatory democracy I mentioned and if this flower of freedom, responsibility and justice is to reach its full bloom, you must never cease, restrict, or retreat in your demands. I say you should fight and tear down

the barricades that form an iron curtain of second class citizenship for any Canadian. You have been charged with taking part in asinine sit-ins, lie-ins and love-ins; you smoke pot, take L.S.D. and speed. You're turned-on and tuned-in to some hallucinatory frequency that just cannot be found on the channels of common sense.

So saith the accuser. No doubt, our up-tight moralists with their own personal hang-ups will bring in a guilty verdict against the entire student body. There could be no greater miscarriage of justice. Here is where the students have power and they should use that power to jam this frequency or give us programmes so good, the freak-outs are turned off and you're tuned in. You must admit, some of your programming is comparable to the CBC. Need I say more?

If you want a real charge build yourself an electric chair.



Guess who's back?

Editor's note:

Mother Tucker, on her doctor's advice, (or was it her lawyer's) took a well deserved rest. She has now come out of her retirement and rejoined the staff of the JOURNAL.

Mother T. is now willing and able to answer questions, from the lonely and broken hearts, and the problem students of Saint Mary's University.

Dear Mother Tucker

Where can I go? What can I do? To whom can I turn? Who helps a student in times of distress, when he is made aware that the student councillor does not perform a meaningful function?

Much to the student's dismay, he is doctoring to the needs of the faculty and staff instead of the needs of the student. In actual fact then, this titled creature called a student councillor is hindering the future of the many students in need of guidance.

Now gosh darn it Mother T., you know as well as I do that that isn't fair. Faculty seems to be assimilating everything, even what belongs to the students. What can I do?

Depressed and distressed

Dear D.D.

If Winter comes,
Can Spring be far away?

Mother T.

Dear Mother Tucker

Being a frequent visitor to the Student Centre I have noticed a number of things that I feel should be brought to someone's attention. Perhaps you will see what can be done about the following items.

- There are no garbage cans in the cafeteria and the garbage shutes are always locked.
- The pop machines are always out of order.
- There are no ashtrays.
- The elevators still don't work
- The thermostats don't work.

J. "Subby" Student

Dear Subby

Perhaps you should call the Administration Oversight Department. Otherwise, until you have the proper facilities, you can stop creating garbage and ashes. Pop machines like most other things are not perfect.

Rumour has it that the contractor likes the elevators, and if he ever finishes the Centre, and leaves for home, he will take them with him. Five flights of stairs, six times a day, is good for one's health.

In answer to the last question, the thermostats do not work, so that when you go outside, you will not notice the cold as much.

Mother T.

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After weeks of rest and indecision, the would be journalists returned to the now cold office to piece together a would-be paper. The editor called to wish us well from Toronto and as a result the feeling prevailed that something was definitely missing. For the record of people elsewhere it was 10 degrees F last night. We would like to extend our best wishes to all for the coming year, especially Bruce's wife who is 1200 miles away. We welcome you all to our beautiful new office with the ORANGE wall any time. Helping with all the drudgery tonight were: Frank "Butch" Cassidy, Big "Aud Klissacs", Ken "Fixer" Langille, Bruce "Juice or Scrooge" Smith Jr., Francis "Anarchist" Abbott, Tom "Kamp" McCaughey, and the rock of all ages, Brian "BC" MacInnis. We hope that the computer is soon working so that the administration will not relinquish its authority to anarchy. The lights of Halifax are going up all around us, the V.G., the Tupper Bldg., I, Killam Hospital. If someone doesn't soon come to help us, we will be there as medical cases. With the office getting colder and colder, because the heat regulator isn't regulating, we must stop this work and fade into oblivion.

P.S. Gh Harvey Thomgrit is alive and well in Toronto
P.P.S. Only Barb and Bruce know the real truth!

A TINKLING CYMBAL

By DENNIS BRAITHWAITE

Isn't religion a wonderful thing?
Rival gangs of Catholics are fighting with fists and sticks within the shadow of St. Peter's. Protestants and Catholics are killing each other in Belfast over who's to get the first ticket into Heaven's Kingdom.

In Nigeria and Vietnam the mutual hatred of sects is a contributing cause of the slaughter. And when the two nuclear powers square off, behind all their rationalizations about security, economic destiny, or the imperatives of imperialism, lies the crucial conflict between Christianity and the only important new religion to arise in the past 2,000 years, the secular creed of Communism.

All religions are dedicated to saving man's soul, even if they have to torture and kill him to do it.

All religions have found the exclusive road to salvation and will not shrink from coercion or lies to secure a triumph for their orthodoxy.

All abuse power and smother truth in the name of God, by Whom each claims to have been specially ordained as His agent and spokesman here on earth.

I am the sole interpreter of God's will, says the Pope.

No, I am, says the Archbishop of Canterbury.

No, we are, say the Protestants, the Jews, the Muslims, the Baptists, the Seventh Day Adventists, the Rosicrucians, the Christian Scientists, the Presbyterians and the Latter Day Saints.

All religionists insist that religion is the buttress of a moral order. And while conceding that in times gone by men were burned at the stake for heresies or just because the warmth of their belief had somehow cooled, they ask us to witness how in the modern world, despite war and bloodletting on an undreamed-of scale, domestic tranquility and righteousness are sheltered and nurtured by the church.

But even here the church is but as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. For the new morality that is questioning and converting all existing codes of behavior arose despite the church and is counter to most of its fundamental teachings. And though some clergymen are in hot pursuit of the new cool gospel of situation ethics, the institutional church stands unaffected and irrelevant.

Do we need religion? Did the powerful Protestant and Catholic tradition in Germany prevent the savagery of National Socialism? Has the church ever been able to check the drive to war and the slaughter or enslavement of peoples?

Aren't all the world's agonies the outcome of creeds and myths cherished by men and fought for by men?

Should we any longer listen to a church whose final affirmation is that God is dead? (TNS)

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