

Colonization discussed

By ZENORA MOHAMMED

A symposium marking the centennial of the Berlin Conference on the Partition of Africa was held here at Bethune College last Saturday.

The 1884 Berlin Conference was held in Berlin by various European powers, notably Germany, France, Great Britain, Belgium, Italy, and Spain, to separate Africa into colonies.

The opening speaker, Dr. Julius Ihonvbere of Ife University in Nigeria, stressed the aim of the symposium was "to review the goals of the Berlin Conference; to understand the internal problems of Africa and to resolve to take a definite stand."

In his talk, Professor Martin Klein, of the University of Toronto, said the Berlin Conference gave rise to two schools of thoughts: one "fascinated by the romanticism of a mass of exotic people," the other "offended by colonialism."

During his talk entitled "Some Reflections on the African Experience," Klein asked, "Why would Europeans want to go to Africa with all its deadly fevers, rains, unfertile soil?" In answer to his own question,

he said, "It was not for capital interest; it was more for the slow pace, the hierarchical position of having many servants at a very low, affordable price." Klein also said "colonial officials did not like local Africa."

Later in an interview, York History professor Paul Lovejoy said he agreed with Klein. "It is a frequent error that many people make with respect to profits," he said. Lovejoy added that substantial commercial profits were made only in South Africa, not in all of Africa.

Nakanyiki Musisi of the University of Toronto spoke on the experience of African women since the Berlin Conference. "They have been an economic asset to men. They provided food by working the lands and had offspring to keep the cycle of more labor and more food going," said Musisi.

Musisi added that "colonization has helped to release the African woman from the many pressures from their menfolk. But it has also contributed to their downfall. African women no longer have a role now that technology has given men an easier way to till the soil."

Other Campuses

By ADAM BRYANT

Footbrawl

Montreal police in riot gear moved into McGill University's stadium yesterday after a football game with Queen's University that featured brawling in the stands and a mock rape.

Some students taunted the police and a group of Queen's fans succeeded in tearing down a \$3,000 goalpost, but no arrests were made. Queen's won the game 59-30.

McGill athletic director Bob Dubeau blamed police for not protecting the goalpost, but police Doug Hurley said the 20 officers—equipped with helmets and nightsticks—were more intent on averting a full-fledged riot.

The game was marked by wild displays of drinking, swearing, nudity and brawling. At one point students committed a mock rape on a department store mannequin. During the game, three naked fans stood atop the goalposts.

—Toronto Star

No \$ale

On the campus of Yonsei University in Korea, commercial sales of any type are not allowed by the school's administrators. This policy, however, has not been effective in keeping out salesmen who wish to ply their trade.

Representatives from local publishing companies are the most frequent offenders. They claim they are suffering because of inflation and the small domestic book market, and are therefore forced to sell books at cut-rate prices just to maintain themselves. One salesman from the Marvel Book Distributing Company explained that he frequents the campus because students are more responsive than the general public.

Even though the students may save money the salesmen are generally not welcome. The students regard the book-pushers' practices as a nuisance.

Peddlers selling food on campus have also been criticized by students, who feel that their presence turns the atmosphere of the university into that of an amusement park.

—The Yonsei Annals
Yonsei University, Korea

Eyebags

The University of Western Ontario's paper, *The Gazette*, recently published an article entitled "University Etiquette." The article featured many practical and helpful hints on health, nutrition, socializing and schoolwork.

Particularly noteworthy was this item on health:

"Eye Puffiness. Along with not being able to sleep comes the problem of having bags under the eyes. To avoid a grill session from Mom on those weekends home, place a couple of used teabags (slightly moist) under the eyes. For heavier jobs when those bags look more like luggage, apply a little Preparation H to those Samsonites and they'll virtually disappear right before your eyes."

Send it here

University of Victoria professors have recently pioneered a method for combatting provincial funding cuts to their university's work-study programs. That method? They donate money themselves.

About 240 faculty members donated a total of \$46,700 that will be used to set up 10 new scholarships and bursaries, each worth \$500 annually for the next 10 years.

They also helped to save the university's financially battered work-study program by challenging the school's Board of Governors to match the money they raised and donate it to the work-study program. The challenge was met and the program is now \$50,000 healthier.

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