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Short and Sour

Earlier this week I overheard a couple of my friends engage in an earnest discussion of Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*.

Their mutual revulsion at such a state of affairs ever occurring caused me to utter, with a smile of no small satisfaction: "Thank Allah (or somebody), that there are still some persons around here who care."

Later that day I sat in on an extracurricular psychology lecture when I spied the two protagonists in the lecture room.

The professor began expounding with some exuberance about how he was conditioning his child and his cat using similar methodology.

His analogies drew howls of laughter from the class and much to my dismay and disbelief, my two above-mentioned friends were splitting their sides.

Something happened in the pit of my stomach. I felt as if it was all just another bad dream—as if I was witnessing that scene from *Brave New World* in which those disgusting little creatures were being conditioned joyfully regarding death.

I scanned the ludicrous array of gaping faces which surrounded me when suddenly I locked gazes with a pair of warm, tear-filled, female eyes which stared at me from across the room. I could see that her heart was breaking.

The sound of the laughter was smothered in the empathy existing between us. It seemed as though that watery vision was saying: "So much knowledge . . . so little wisdom."

Gendarme Shoots Drunk Student

TORONTO—A Ryerson Polytechnical student, David Peck, 21, was grazed by a police bullet during a car chase last week.

The policeman, Arthur Heath, tried to stop a car being driven erratically in downtown Toronto. It went out of control and stopped after mounting a curb.

When the policeman approached, the car roared away. Constable Heath fired and the bullet passed through the car body and grazed Peck's leg.

Police have charged Peter Cromwell Lapp, 25, Toronto, with criminal negligence. Peck, Lapp and three other students were in the car and told police they had attended a party celebrating another student's 21st birthday.

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Schaarschmidt

UA Lecturer Eminent Western Philologist

By Janis Kostash

German, English, Russian, French, Swedish, Danish, Bulgarian, Serbo-Croatian, Sorabian, are familiar languages to Gunther Schaarschmidt, Slavonic department lecturer at the U of A.

The 25-year old linguist, who also has a reading knowledge of Czechoslovakian and Polish, learned Russian in the East German schools at the age of ten.

In the humanities pattern at university, he studied Latin, Greek, and Sanskrit as a background for his interest in philology. After travelling in Europe he lectured in Russian

and English at the Academy of Home Trade in Leipzig.

LINGUISTICS IN LITERATURE

Taking 40 philology courses in six years justifies Mr. Schaarschmidt's position as a prominent philologist of the Western world. With this background his interest is in applying and analyzing the use of linguistics in literature, the two areas usually being split.

His study of stylistics has led him into comparative literature, a comparison of various streams and schools.

Mr. Schaarschmidt's interests include the development of Slavonic

languages—how some were modernized, and how some were Russified. He would like to make the West aware of the literature of Slavonic nations, especially the smaller ones. Most people have heard of the more famous Slavonic authors, such as Dostoevsky, but he would like to bring attention to the less prominent ones.

Spreading the study of Russian in the universities would be a positive step, he said. He notes also that English is a favored language in Germany because of its ties with the west.

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