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## JOE COLLEGE

One of the most depressing features of Canadian university life is the abject complacency of the average student.

Joe College has gone soft. He lacks any sense of urgency about his purpose at school, and is blissfully unaware of any need for competition in the classroom.

For far too many Canadians, college is merely a finishing school to prepare jellyfish for the niceties of corporate "togetherness". An ever increasing amount of time is devoted to learning nothing more than how to get along with one's everyday acquaintances.

In contrast, students in the communist countries have an immediate concern with education's most important ends: the acquiring of objective knowledge and the power to think. In a word, they know the value of their time.

Educational authorities in the communist bloc have done much to give the students their awareness of the importance of education. They do not hesitate to expel the shirker, or to reward the successful.

Here in the West, our politicians and scholars tell us that we are in the midst of a battle for men's minds. Yet many of our students are allowed to stumble along, ignorant of the present and indifferent about the future.

We cannot afford to allow this apathy to continue. The reason is quite obvious: Unless we awaken to history's most obvious and vital challenge, we will surely fall like any other hollow house of cards.

# Letters to the Editor

## Cradle to Casket

Sir: I have just come back from Dr. Wilson's last lecture, an illustrated talk on his tour of the Soviet Union and China. In spite of his sincere efforts to be critical and objective, the final and most significant impression Dr. Wilson conveyed to his audience was (in my opinion) an unfortunate one. As a now naturalized Canadian who has spent six full years in that same general environment, let me tell you why.

A person who forms his opinions about the East-West conflict and life under communism exclusively by reading Time, Life and Reader's Digest cannot expect to gain a real picture of the actual situation. But he who, as a well-known scientist or civil servant, visits government institutions, historical monuments and palaces, (even if he chooses his own route), but is never able to converse freely with people of various occupations, has seen only the other extreme of life under communism.

I do not doubt that the Chinese or Soviet citizens are now better off in some respects. But even without referring to the communes, few of us here realize what intricate machinery, what maze of cultural, political and social organizations are set up in that system, appealing to and utilizing every aspect of human character, strengths and weaknesses, and including the carefully planned influencing of public opinion abroad. All this is directed toward one aim to make people compliant to the wishes of an all-powerful state and the ambitions of a ruthless clique of party functionaries at its top.

The real thoughts of the people in the eastern countries are what matter, especially for the future and not as much the sight of their ancient palaces, well-kept parks, new universities and apartment houses. No guided tourist, unable to speak their language, will be able to bring home this additional and far more significant impression.

If we and some of our so far

## Please Sign Your Letters . . .

The Brunswickan welcomes letters from its readers, and has a policy of printing all those that accommodate the laws of timeliness, libel, good taste and literacy.

To be printed, a letter must contain the author's full signature, though his identity will be withheld from print on request.

Recently, we received a number of letters from people identified by only initials or pen names. These letters will not be printed, and neither will those which end in an indecipherable scrawl.

uncommitted neighbors in Asia and Africa will not seriously attempt to find out the truth about communism in all its complexities, it will not be long before a few more millions join those whose life is regulated from the cradle to the casket.

K. MORGENSTERN

## ON "INTERVALES"

Sir: I would like to submit the following thoughts on Intervales:

### LITTERATURA

The Wedge, a product of student art contained no narrative of Julie Hart. An early poet was Jonathan Odell: His education showed up well. Charles Roberts a graduate of UNB owed his knowledge to the varsity. A well known writer from up the hill, Bliss Carman and his poems are with us still.

Since '45 New Brunswick led: Its instrument, the Fiddlehead. With literary movement sustained, College profs fame have gained. The Wedge, I fear, was a flop. Its fate was followed by Hilltop. The fight the Intervales renewed, But its poems, the poets had not chewed. Our poets lost, we are forlorn, For Carman and Roberts, we mourn. Unless poets like these appear, The Intervales will not be here.

Michael E. Denny

## No Hormones?

Sir: There appeared in The Brunswickan of Feb. 10 an article purporting to be an Englishman's reflection on Canadian women. No man in full possession of his hormones—let alone an Englishman—could possibly have written such grovelling, spurious and sentimental drivel. We believe, Sir, that your paper has been the victim of a pathetic hoax, and that this article was written by a member of the other sex—presumably as a morale booster.

There is only one other possible solution: it came from the pen of an expatriot of that little island drifting in the Atlantic ocean and disowned by both Britain and North America. If this article reflects the true state of the male mind on that island, then we now realize why that country has had a declining birth rate during the last 1,500 years.

T. W. ARNOLD  
JOHN A. FINDLAY

## Campaign Story Contains Error

The Brunswickan wishes to apologize for any embarrassment caused by its mistaken report on the name of the campaign manager for Roy Davis, candidate for treasurer in this week's SRC election. Mr. Davis' campaign manager was Jack Redston, and not Don Redston as printed in Tuesday's edition.

## NOTED HARVARD

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remarks by President Mackay, the payment of the quit rent and selections by the choral society will precede the speaker, who will be introduced by UNB's alumni secretary, Jack Murray.

Although David McCord has written many scholarly works and delivered formal lectures at a large number of American universities, he is probably best known for his light verse and amusing stories.

## Future Was Said Avoidable

# Wilson Raps Rule of Political Ideas

By BRIGID TOOLE and DON REDSTONE

"In the world today you should try to live with people rather than with political ideals." Dr. John Tuzo Wilson claimed when interviewed during his recent visit to UNB to deliver the annual Bryan Priestman Memorial lectures.

"I feel that the introduction of politics has little to do with the discussion of scientific achievement. We have to recognize conditions as they exist, and limit our observations to an exchange of facts."

"In the past people have never been too worried about the possibility of elimination by warring nations, for a country usually sent out a few mercenary soldiers into

the field to do battle. Today, however, it seems highly probable that people may avoid future war because of the growing awareness of the possible consequences."

During the Priestman lectures, Dr. Wilson discussed the results of the International Geophysical Year. He emphasized the importance of the scheme which involved scientists from 66 nations and the spending of over two billion dollars to further scientific research. Stating that it was still too early to summarize all that will be gained from IGY, he pointed out that this was the first combined major effort of many powers for a common good, and the scheme set an encouraging example in a world of conflicts.

Dr. Wilson also gave an illustrated lecture on his recent trip to

Russia, Communist China and Formosa.

## Political Questions

When questioned on the matter of political conditions in the various nations participating in the IGY, he stated that he didn't discuss political situations with his colleagues, but limited his talk to scientific facts. "One does not go to the University of Virginia to discuss the matter of segregation and expect to achieve a positive conclusion."

However, Dr. Wilson did say that it is far more important for a Russian student to attend college than it is for his North American counterpart. This, no doubt, leads to a greater element of competition, a competition which is lacking in our free enterprise system. He stated that there seems to be a lack of realism concerning the quest of knowledge in North America, for the capitalist countries do not appear to have captured the sense of urgency, a spirit predominant in the totalitarian nations.

## Better Off

Turning to the present political system in Communist China, Dr. Wilson noted that any strong government in China would have benefited her by bringing peace to a war-torn land, and because of this the Chinese people have been better off during the last ten years than they were in the previous twenty.

Dr. Wilson also observed that scientists, artists, and musicians could travel freely among both world camps, and that this is a good thing, for it has permitted people of each country to get to know other ways of life.

A yawn is inversely proportional to the amount of sleep secured the night before.



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