

FEATURES

Most who stretch the truth,
Usually finds that it snaps back



Two Hall girls are shown coming up the garden path: we never knew any of them went down!

SHAKESPEARE AND THE BIBLE

It has oft been rumoured that the King James version of the Bible was written by William Shakespeare.

Now, The Varsity has irrefutable evidence — for in the 46th Psalm, the 46th word from the beginning is "shake" and the 46th word from the end is "spear", obviously a code for the name of the incomparable bard.

What's more, the Bible was written during the 46th year of Shakespeare's life. How does that grab you?

Practically Everything's Practical

How does the typical student react to the practical nature of the course in which he is registered? No matter what his course or his specialty; each student seems bent on proving the efficacy of his own field of endeavour in the conduct of practical living. Here are a few examples of how the mental process of a student is coloured by his specialized training.

The Philosopher.

"I have just read a book. Verily, a thrilling and exciting book — Plato's Republic. My whole outlook has been changed by the startling discoveries I have made. How impractical I was. Before, I was a slave to 'non-Universal truths'. I see now how deceptive is the world, and that all around me is an illusion. These students here waiting for the light to change; that light itself, and all the cars flashing past — they are all illusions. How senseless it is to wait for the light to change, and the cars to stop — they are all illusions. I will cross anyway".

Unfortunately, the driver of the car was also a philosopher who believed that the student crossing Hoskins was also an illusion. Shame, shame! it cost \$75 to fix the bumper. How impractical!

The Engineer:

"This surveying is really great. Boy, is it ever practical. (A little to the left, Joe. Yeah, that's OK..) Sure is. If me and Joe keep pretending to be measuring the campus, and work our way over to that girls' residence with these telescopes, we'll save a buck apiece by not going to the Lux. (That's it Joe. I'm centred on the window now.) Boy, oh boy. This engineering really is practical."

The Geologist:

"Big lab test to-morrow. I've got to keep practicing recognition of minerals. The prof says that we should look for

rocks, so I'll identify the stone in the concrete of the sidewalk. There's quartz. There's microcline. Here's hematite. SILVER!! around on all fours like this! There's more quartz. Here's silver. Here's hematite. SILVER!! Holy cow! A quarter, lying here, right on the street.

Boy, the prof was right. It is practical to study this way. Maybe there's more. I'll just keep crawling on my knees. Here's biotite. Here's leather. Leather? Oh, a policeman's shoe. Excuse me officer. No. No, I'm not drunk, I'm studying geology — honest. Geology I'm not... okay, okay, I'll come quietly".

The General Artsman:

Note: the mental processes

and the viewpoint of this type of student are, at best, very diversified. In some rare species, it is entirely absent, however, the anomalous absence of brains has been found in nearly every type of student hitherto stupid. The General Artsman will have to be the subject of further research.

Well, how does your mental outlook rate? Does it compare with your fellow students or are you like most of your fellow students, in the wrong course? Would you prefer to think differently? If so, run, don't walk to the nearest registrar, and change courses, today!

CANADIANS TO CUBA

HAMILTON (CUP) — Four McMaster University students, just returned from Cuba, say they were cold-shouldered by officialdom despite pre-trip assurances that they would be well treated.

David Hitchcock, editor of the Silhouette, suggested that the snubbing was typical of the bureaucratic inefficiency common throughout Cuba.

Mr. Hitchcock pointed out that many of the individual students they met were very kind and hospitable. "While reluctant to accept criticisms," he added, "they did give us an opportunity to learn about their attitude toward the revolution and the part they played in it".

Mr. Hitchcock's observations follow.

CUBA TODAY

by David Hitchcock

Editor, The Silhouette

It is difficult to evaluate the effects of the Cuban revolution without direct knowledge of the conditions in Cuba before it took place. The conditions which we saw would lead one to conclude that there has been a violent reaction to a previously severe situation. And if Cuba reacted in that manner, surely other Latin American countries must be leaning in the same direction.

The most evident facts about Cuba to a Canadian is the intensive propaganda carried out on behalf of the revolutionary programs and ideals and the breaking down of many areas of the economy as a result of the American economic blockade.

Newspapers, radios and television are all controlled by the government, and are used as vehicles for the transmission of government proclamations and praises of the revolution. International news is relegated to the inside pages and is generally chosen to illustrate the themes of imperialist domination and Communist liberation of the workers.

For example, Kennedy's visit to

Columbia and Venezuela, which took place during the weekend of our arrival, was covered only in so far as a mention of the arrest of a Venezuelan student for demonstrating against Kennedy. We heard nothing about the negotiations on Berlin or about the Kitona agreement made by Tshombe (though some news from the Congo was reported).

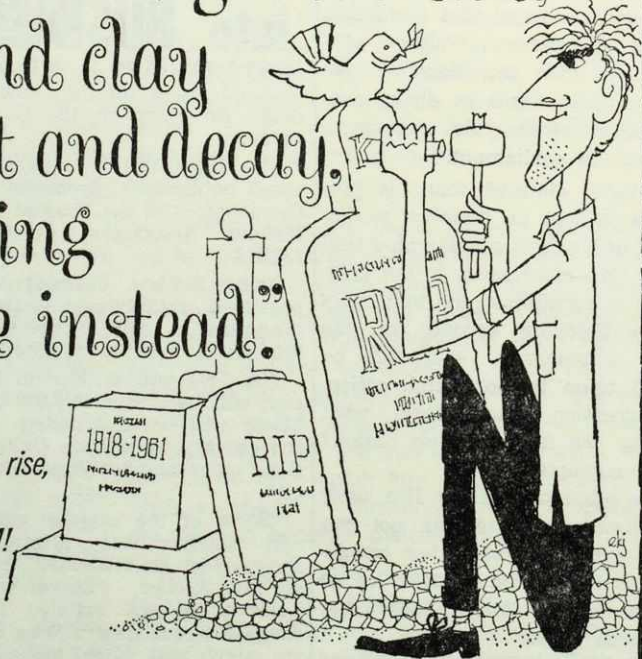
Coming from a country where all opinions can be expressed (though some are more difficult to publish than others) we were struck by the contrast and disillusioned of any claims that Castro's regime is democratic.

This is not to say that Castro does not have the support of the Cuban people. An estimate gathered from the people we spoke to in Havana and other places would indicate that 60 to 70 per cent of the Cuban population idolize Castro as their leader and deliverer from the evils of American economic domination.

There is considerably more easiness about the extent of Russian and Chinese influence in the country, but even there, there is no concerted opposition to existing policy.

Many of the people we talked to seemed to feel a sense of personal identification with what was going on. They spoke of Canadian cattle being used to build up our herds and make beef our principle export. Virtually everyone admitted that Castro had done many good things for the Cuban people, even a refuge we met in Miami who had been deprived of most of his land.

A student in Sculpture once said,
"I'm tired of working with lead,
And iron and clay
Seem to rust and decay,
So, I'm working
in marble instead."



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