Viewpoint What makes a radical?

By WINSTON GERELUK

It finally happened—I had to answer the question at a family reunion last weekend.

The topic of conversation had switched from a severe denunciation of the Vietnam war moratorium to an indictment of those radicals at Simon Fraser University.

Where do you stand on this issue, Winston?

Did you ever meet this Jon Bordo character?

Did you ever try marijuana?

Winston! (and I could see it coming) Are you one of those radicals by any chance?

I couldn't answer that question right away even though my position on radicals is quite clear.

Unlike a moderate, a radical is one who finds that he holds some principles that he cannot compromise with when asked to.

Just recently, for instance, many 'straight' students have been called radicals because of their adherence to a set of principles that up until now have seemed acceptable to most people—the principles of democracy.

Because of their loyalty to these principles, these students have found it impossible to 'co-operate' with a university set-up in which democracy does not exist, in which the large majority of participants are prevented from governing themselves in all the important matters.

Because of their 'naive' acceptance of the principles of democracy with which all of us have been socialized, these radicals refuse to agree with the right of a select few to govern—and this is why they have held out for such things as parity on university committees and other decision-making boards.

Then there are other radicals, like those who adamantly refuse to play ball with an economic system in which it is the rule that people use each other as economic pawns—or as stepping stones to prestige and power.

These students became radicals because they found it repugnant that the university, instead of questioning such a system, should affirm it in every way possible.

There are really very few radicals on our university campuses these days; just a few moderates who really try to get along with everyone else, a few heads who are really committed to pot, and a few professional scholars who treat all of the important issues academically (and from a safe distance).

But what could I tell my relatives about radicals? They try so hard to be 'average citizens' and couldn't care less about any of the above.

Am I a radical?

No! I was almost relieved to hear myself say.

No. I am not a radical. I'm just like you—I've lost the best parts of my soul long ago in the big compromise with the dollar sign.



Sid Stephen

STAFF THIS ISSUE—Even though we don't have a centre spread, the other kind did just as well for the night. Those who escaped the blood smears of the year book and spread their bods about the office were: Ina van New-smirk, Beth (shortly working) Nilsen, Jim Carter, Gereluk at his winsomest, Heather from over the boniee hills, Dutton, dutton, who's got the dutton, Cathy More-or-less, Randy Jankowski (who is floating on the top of the casserole), Hutch, who got the hatchet, Symphony Samoil, Resounding Richard Nimmons, Dale (jolly) Rogers, Dorothy (constantly), the Memory of the Morgue Berry Cartier, Elsie Ross, and your sparingly spread serpent, Harvey G.

And the debate goes on . . .

Prof. Brant's defense of the Department of Anthropology in regard to Prof. Hermansen's charge that it is Marxist-dominated was overly emotional and weakened by a long digression on the failure of capitalism in India. His attack on Dr. Hermansen is irrelevant to the real question. Prof. Brant says that Marxism

Prof. Brant says that Marxism can be an intellectually respectable position and does not necessarily imply approval of applied Marxism. If this is so, I see no more cause for disquiet than if I had heard that the psychology department were dominated by behaviorists or the Department of Religion by Christians. On the one hand, students are responsible individuals who will hopefully think beyond these orientations in their future intellectual lives. On the other hand, a department dominated by one approach is neglecting its responsibility to aid the student in developing a balanced and independent view.

Prof. Brant's letter would have been more reassuring to me if he had simply stated that there is some range of opinion in the Department of Anthropology and that it is not dominated by an ideology, political or otherwise.

Joann Freed Graduate student

Department of Classics

l've better ways to kill my time

Some of the involvement types in your newspaper create considerable background static and keep coming on with the same nasty whine: "Apathy cripples the academic community; apathy is the root of stagnation." Let me lay it on you like this:

Let me lay it on you like this: I have better ways to spend my time than getting into powerorganizational-promotional hassles. I would rather sit back in my tomblike study and prove theorems all day, and spend the rest of my time getting laid. Burroughs: "Once the control

Burroughs: "Once the control virus breaks through, what does it do? It duplicates itself." So the socalled pain-energy-political control syndrome can be characterized as a recursive nondecreasing sequence—control addict staggering into the Board Room with the needle still in his arm.

Control never breeds anything David J. Brown grad studies

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Control by who?

I feel it is only right that some party (other than the editorial staff of The Gateway) should try to mitigate the attack of Miriam McClellan on your front page story of Dr. Wyman's installation as our new president.

as our new president. To quote (her own words), "You have condemned him as a man with no free will—a man appointed the president of a university with no capacity for honest decision." Obviously it would be unfair to pass any value judgment on a president-elect at the time of his installation.

However, it must be remembered, and it would not be un-reasonable to suggest that the real policy-making and decis plementation machinery decision of the university lies, not in the hands of University Hall but in the bigbusiness and corporation interests who finance university expenditure, especially on capital account. Possibly this might explain the oft-repeated utterance that the university provides less of an education and more of a specific training-to provide future executive material for the institutions who inject funds into the campus. After all, no one is going to invest money without reasonably expecting something by way of a dividend! John Harrop arts 2

Professor Brant is very angry in his letter against me in The Gateway, Oct. 16, because I did not agree with an article by a colleague of his, Professor Frucht.

He is particularly angry because, in a lighter vein, I have associated Professor Frucht with a "Karl Marx Institute for Biased Anthropological Studies." Professor Brant thinks that this description may fit his department. That idea is all his. I do not see that I have mentioned his department anywhere in my letter.

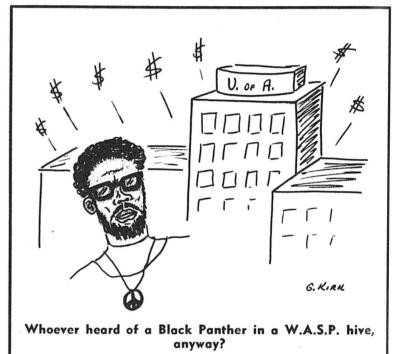
He goes on to make a very clarifying statement: He calls it 'smear' to mention Karl Marx or Marxism in connection with his department. Here he shows that he considers Marx and Marxism a bad thing to say. He must be against it. When he classifies Professor Frucht as a Marxist, he must be against him, too. Why, then, does he venture out on a thin limb to rescue him?

Coming to Professor Brant's main event, I can only say that my information about India was correct. I know that Professor Brant was in India, but that was a good many years ago. And, for instance, the book by Réné Dumont, which he quotes, is a study done in three districts of India in 1958 - April 1959—11 years ago (see Dumont p. 106). All this is antiquated, as far as the productivity of India is concerned. A lot of things have happened since, and it is conspicuous how fast they have happened. Regardless of social ailments, India is getting ready to feed her people. I'll condone Professor Brant his

I'll condone Professor Brant his remarks about my lack of scholarly attitude. I do not think that his letter is very scholarly, and I objected to Professor Frucht's letter, which was not very scholarly, either. Remarks in Professor Frucht's letter like "... the capitalistic system where profit is more important than people" is not scholarly writing, but cheap propaganda.

I think it is an asset to have a gadfly like Professor Frucht on campus. But Professor Brant might as well realize now that his protégé Professor Frucht cannot make as many provoking statements as he does, and do it so often, without drawing a spark now and then. G. Hermansen

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Tomlinson's SDU

People who look into darkness and claim they can see Red have got to be very sick, or scared, or

both. Mr. Tomlinson's address to the SDU (Casserole, Oct. 10) is as great a masterpiece in unreasoning as I've read in a long while. No useful purpose will be served in pointing out all the errors of what can laughingly be called his "analysis." Suffice it to say that his point-by-point disagreements are nothing more than pure reactions to thoughtful statements. But Goodness Me! How can a person so busy struggling to make a living be required to think, much less give a damn about his fellow man. Anyone can be a self-made man. Right, Mr. Tomlinson? All it takes is good hard work making lots of "high amperage d.c. generators" and stuff, and sending lots of people to university to be trained to become engineers and doctors. Then society will get rid of its nasty flaws. Right? (I need a doctor right about now!)

That is genuinely all you have said in your full-page article, sir. The rest are tired old clichés and propaganda.

If these are the only constructive suggestions that can be drawn from the soul-searching of a reasonable man (and I'm afraid he speaks for a lot of U students) in the face of the deep spiritual crisis that is taking place in North America today, then I'm the most "ignorant," most "noisy, silly (twerp)" on this campus. And I don't have a SDU membership card, or long hair even. (No sweat, Ron!)

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Well, it is. We can't help it if we ran out of page numbers. The great anthro-philo debate continues alongside the SDU-Tomlinson one. And one writer comes to The Gateway's defense while another lays into us. If we might make a suggestion to the great debaters, either they add some new grist to the mill or meet in the classical manner at dawn in the quad.

That old - maiden Aunt role known so well by so many on this campus, where you shriek as you gather your long, black skirts tightly about your knees everytime you see a mouse, is getting to be very sickening.

Darwin Jenson

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