

The Great Experimental Course Farce, or...

How to get screwed in the ear

The great "Liberal administration" of this university has again shown its true colours. By initiating an "experimental course program, the elitist bourgeoisie anti-democratic administration has subverted the true interests of the students and of the progressive faculty members. Lets do an analysis on the experimental course program as defined by the administration, see what it really says and decide what action can be taken to make it relevant.

"If formed on the initiative of the students, the students con-

cerned shall have faculty members to take part in these classes". Many people will argue that this statement seems eminently fair and I would agree if that was all there was to it. But examine the following, "Whether formed on the initiative of the students or on the initiative of the faculty members, the faculty members who wish to take part must obtain consent of their department". This is a blatant attempt of the administration - faculty clique - to keep the progressives in various departments in check, for they well

know that certain lecturers, teaching assistants and members higher in the "power pyramid" would if they could, initiate programs that fail to keep to the principle of this university - that is perpetuation of power in the middle class elite; remember Dr. James?

"A class shall be formed of at least one faculty member, and eight students". This statement raises two questions/(1) What happens if one or three or six or so students are particularly interested in one subject; will they be denied access

to this information because of arbitrary regulations. It appears so - is not "education" supposed to be a "learning experience"? How can you apply numerical symbol and say that this is the minimum for learning? (2) This little dictum fails to set a minimum number, and this is very bad because it is possible that in some experimental courses so many will join, that it may revert to the "lecture system" (the worst possible form of intellectual communication).

"Classes may be formed any time before the end of the second week of classes in the fall..." this is absolutely insane. It takes the students a little longer than that to become adjusted to the mess of the university to such a degree that they have clear enough heads to think about the possibility of forming an experimental class. It is certainly true that the bureaucrats, in their inefficiency, have not yet sorted out the mess of registration and over crowded classes in two weeks; and the faculty is not in any better shape. Let us be realistic, the date must be extended until at least the end of September to benefit all those who are interested.

Now comes the crunch. "One faculty member taking part in each experimental class shall be designated the rapporteur of the class. It shall be his responsibility, among other things, to obtain from the curriculum committee a ruling as to what requirements of distribution, concentration, and credit, the class may be accepted".

The professors in these courses do not have the final

say, but that doesn't matter because those who initiate this type of course will be opportunists, who are in general agreement with the policies of the administration. The people, who should have the final say, that is, the students, are denied it by bureaucratic regulations. I assume the administration has never heard of "Course Unions" or "Participatory Democracy".

The curriculum committee has the final say, and as we all know it must keep up the standards of this university and orient courses to serving the present anti-democratic, elite system. "A student may have five year experimental courses or some equivalent combination of these in half year classes, accepted as satisfying subjects to the curriculum committee". This is typical of the liberal façade of "freedom". The symbolic number is thought enough to keep the students from revolting, but this is false because it fails to satisfy intellectual needs. If a student wants to take fifteen experimental courses - that's his bag. The administration has no right to limit the number, design the curriculum, structure or determine the future of courses the students want. What can we do about this sham? (1) Organize course unions and demand control of all faculty-administration groups that affect us. (2) Integrate course unions into one course union per faculty in order to have a strong, united front to use against the bureaucrats. (3) Bug the Students Council, Student Senators, and Council (after all he has friends in the administration), to apply pressure on the other bureaucrats, to restructure all the courses so as to allow true education to take place. (4) REFUSE to participate in experimental classes and other courses that are irrelevant.

"This university belongs to the students-DIG IT".

We get letters...

To The Editor:

During the recent meeting of the Dalhousie Student Council, I was pleased to have been appointed Director of Dal Radio, but disturbed by an incident which took place during these proceedings. I was confronted by a graduate student whose question to me, was, based on, in his own words, "gossip".

The gossip itself is not worth mentioning, by virtue of the fact that it's just that: GOSSIP.

However, the fact that gossip was brought up by a graduate

student, TOTIS PITTAS, who is one of the leading participants in the recent Graduate Student Censure Movement, demands mentioning.

It was a totally irresponsible act, in my opinion, and it makes me wonder generally about the actual validity in any of the graduate students recent actions in council.

To the graduate students: I suggest that if you wish to play an active and constructive role in student government, cleanse yourself of this type of irresponsibility on the part of your

spokesmen.

To you, TOTIS PITTAS, I suggest you keep your gossip to yourself.

Gerry Dubinsky
Director, Dal Radio

NOTE: The rumors Mr. Pittas mentioned at the Council meeting centered around talk of the use of Dal Radio equipment for private purposes. One rumor goes - if money was paid for the use of the equipment, who got the money? Another rumor - if there was no money involved, who, if anybody, used the equipment?

Other side to grape-pickers' strike

To the Editor:

There appears in the September 25 issue an article entitled The Four Year Fast by Stephen Kimber. I wish to take issue with this entire piece.

The article starts with a few paragraphs of awfully sad lines that would bring tears to eyes of any bleeding-heart. Attempts are made to justify violence as 'non-violent protest has failed. Do those who scream 'boycott grapes' consider attacks on dozens of innocent, conscientious workers; and fire-bombings of stores which sell California Grapes to be 'non-violent protest'? If criminal hooliganism and destruction of human beings and property is considered 'non-violent' then, what is violence?

Jankowski laments that Mexican American grape-pickers are treated "like animals in working conditions", but does he in any way attempt to prove this? No - is the answer; he attempts to play on our sympa-

thies, without regard for the true facts.

Jankowski says the "boycott" has failed ('profits are down only ten percent') but how many small farmers and farm workers have had their livelihoods ruined by this giant propaganda hoax. There is not now, nor has there ever been a 'strike'. No more than 3% of the grape workers have left their jobs to join Chavez and his 'strike'. Chavez can not get the workers to join his slam 'union', even though he has tried enough stunts to shame a 'teamsters' organizer - everything from violence to hiring prostitutes. The only way he can get the workers to join his gang is by forcing the growers to sign 'all union shop' contracts, whereby only members of his 'union' will be allowed to work. Those who support the 'boycott' are only helping to force the workers to join a group that they have rejected.

The California Grape Picker is the highest paid grape-picker

in North-America, averaging \$9,000 per year per family. This is well above the national average and 50% more per year than is paid Canadian Grape Pickers in Southern Ontario.

Jankowski threatens us by saying that by buying grapes we will help bring about the violence which his crowd has planned. I feel quite certain that the Government of the State of California under Governor Ronald Reagan can fully handle any violence which the phony grape strikers may inflict. We should not be taken in by this phony 'strike'. Any one who would like to read the full document story on this fraud should write to the EDMUND BURKE SOCIETY, Box 544, Scarborough, Ontario.

I realize you will probably not print this but it might do yourself good, to know that there is another side which you have not acknowledged.

Also may I congratulate you on your wonderful lay-out job!

More Dal news less CUS

To the Editor,

Constantly last year many of the Dal enrolment complained of the poor quality of the Dal Gazette. Having read your latest offerings to date I would say history is about to repeat itself. Last year we grew sick of the deluge of CUS material that appeared in our paper. And so far the same old garbage is appearing in copious amounts in our

journal. Who wants to hear what's going on at some stupid congress in Ontario? I, and a great many others, want to hear what's happening at Dal, not in Upper Slobbovia. A great deal of what happens at our fair University never gets mention in the Gazette while we are bored with CUS goodies.

You consistently neglect the residences where a great deal goes on. It's true we have our

own paper Crumbs, yet I think the Dal student body would rather read about Dal than some of your foreign material. I am sure you have your heart set on putting out a good paper so why not look a little harder for Dal material instead of filling us full of such useless trash as CUS articles.

Peter Phillips
(Dal Movement for a Better Gazette)

Mass Line:

The Internationalists

"Definitions are irrelevant because if I defined things I would have to define everything in the world. Even so, someone from the administration would come and throw me out."

How does that grab you? Does it make any sense? It doesn't make any sense to anybody but an irrational anti-intellectual and anti-Marxist fool.

The Internationalists are not a leftist anti-imperialist group, but in reality a front group for the fascist CIA to discredit the true Marxist anti-imperialist groups such as SDS, PL, and NDY.

"Would you define an intellectual?" one person asked these fools. The blonde-headed fool answered, "Definitions are irrelevant." This fool gave a quotation from Mao; it was pointed out to be a quotation from Marx and our blonde fool blew up and called the questioner an imperialist!

"True anti-imperialist philosophy rises from the workers, not from the intellectuals. This is complete shit; Marx, the leader of the revolution was an intellectual. These fools know absolutely nothing about revolution or Marx. They use jargon to cover their own ignorance and promote fascist alnarchy. Their method is very interesting. They try to discredit the Left by putting out shit that

turns people off and thus discredits Marx and the True Revolution.

The group is very elitist as seen by the blonde fool, who is dictator of the whole organization (numbering three members). As people listen to the crap, the number of "members", defined by them as people who have attended at least one meeting, has rapidly decreased from their "high of eleven."

"The revolution is coming tomorrow. That is why I feel good in the mornings when I get up", as Glick said. But any dedicated revolutionary knows, it takes work and organization to pull it off and these fools don't know a damn thing about either. They claim support in the black ghettos. That's more shit. They have been chased off the streets when selling their fascist rag "Mass Lie", I mean "Mass Line". If you want to go to a freak show, be sure to attend their next meeting, Friday October 3rd in the SUB. You will leave amazed to see what Nazi fools are really like.

"Fascists eat shit."
"Down with the DSM, (pro-imperialist.)"

"Long live Marxist Leninism (anti-fascist anarchist.)"