



What in the Heck is ABA ?

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Varsity Editor under fire

By ZACK JACOBSON

TORONTO—An editorial appearing in the University of Toronto "Varsity" on November 11 has sparked a storm of protest in which a governor of the University has promised to do all in his power to get the Editor, Ken Drushka, fired.

ATTACKS LEADERS, INSTITUTIONS

The editorial has been widely quoted, on the CBC Radio network and in the Toronto "Globe and Mail," among others. David Lewis Stein, an assistant editor of Macleans magazine, wrote a letter to the Varsity to the effect that the editorial had been "thoughtful, lucid, and forcefully written," and commenting that there was every good reason to be proud of it.

The Editorial concerned itself with Remembrance Day, and the Institutions it venerates implicitly over and above the soldiers killed in war.

In part, the Editorial said:

"We hold nothing against (the dead), but we cannot honour them as we are asked.

"All we can do is feel a detached sorrow because they had to waste their lives in such a senseless manner. We feel an even deeper sympathy for the mothers, wives, and children of these men. And we feel nothing but disgust for the institutions and leaders which created a need for this annual ceremony.

"The majority of men who went to war did not understand the essential meaning of what they were doing, any more than most men do today.

"They had to rely on the politician, the religious leaders, and the so-called military experts to guide them. This was not unusual; the same one exists on both sides of any war.

"The politicians sat safely behind the lines, and basing their decisions on what they considered to be ideological truths, sent men out to die.

"Religious leaders, convinced of the truth of Christianity, blessed troops as they went out to kill other men. Ministers of all denominations led their congregations in singing Onward Christian Soldiers, and consoled bereaved families with platitudes about the glory of dying for one's God and country.

"The military leaders stressed the need to take a strong stand against the dirty Hun; and taught ordinary men to become efficient machines of destruction and death.

"So, the common men, relying on what they were told, marched off to kill, destroy, and perish. And now we are asked to honour the ones that died."

"Some people will defend actions of the Second World War because of the need to stop Hitler and to make a free and democratic world. True, Hitler had to be stopped, but by what methods?"

"In stopping the Nazis, the allies perpetrated atrocities on a par with their opponents. The fire storming of German cities and the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki must rank among the worst crimes committed by man.

We attach no particular blame to the man who actually pulled the trigger, rammmed the bayonet through another man's skull, or released the Bomb. They did these things because they had somehow been convinced that what they were doing was right.

"The death toll proves their error.

"The institutions and persons we do hold partially responsible are those which were in position to shape the opinions and feelings of the common man, and turn him into a beast designed only to kill.

"They were, and still are, respected members of our society. Today, across the country, many of them will be leading participants in Remembrance day ceremonies.

"To us it seems grotesque that the institutions, and even some of the individuals, which deceived men and drove them into being killed should take part in commemorating their death."

COUNCIL BACKS EDITOR

The editorial was the subject of a letter to the U. of T. Student Council from Senator Joseph Sullivan, who said that he would make every possible effort, as a member of the University's Board of Governors, to have Drushka removed from his position.

The University College Literary and Athletic Society (of the U. of T.) then passed a counter motion with reference to the Senator's letter "deploring the apparent necessity of political appointments to the University's Board of Governors" and expressing its displeasure at "any attempts by such persons to restrict basic academic freedoms by the use of innuendo and misstatement and/or by the threat of political or other influence." A similar motion before the Student Council was defeated.

However, Council later defeated a motion apologizing to those offended by the editorial and dissociating the Student Council from it. In doing so, the council upheld the editor, and implied it would not fire voluntarily. The latest information from Sid Black, CUP President, is that Drushka was still the editor of the Varsity as of Sunday the 24th.

VARIED LETTERS

There was much reader comment and criticism in the Nov. 15 issue of the Varsity, some of it very good both for and against, some of it very poor.

From the very good: "... I slipped the poppy into my pocket. I said to my neighbor, 'Now they are absolved; they are ready to try it again, but this time it will be different.' He seemed puzzled, so I walked away."

From the very poor: "How dare you, with a name like Drushka say we should have no Remembrance Day? My name before my marriage was McIntyre, and my mother's was Kilgour. And how proud I am of those good old British names, YOU RAT!"

Dr. Scammell Luther Appointed Councillor 'Nailed'

To help students who have problems relating to both their scholastic and social life, Dalhousie has initiated a Univeristy Counselling Service. Beginning last Monday, at 2:30 p.m., this service under Dr. H. L. Scammell, former registrar of Dalhousie, will be available to all students.

It is not intended that this service should replace any existing facilities in the University. Rather, Dr. Scammell will assist complementary to other services. Dr. Scammell's position is to help resolve matters which bear directly upon the individual's ambitions in life and efforts to achieve these ambitions. He will guide and advise; he promises a patient hearing understanding and experienced advice.

All interviews will be strictly confidential. Until after Christmas vacation, interviews will not be given on an appointment basis. If a student requires a second interview, he will then be assigned a date.

The Office —Room 140, Arts and Science Annex - Second Floor.

The Hours — 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WATERLOO (CUP) — Kitchener and Waterloo police have received numerous complaints over a University of Waterloo parade float depicting Martin Luther's 95 Thesis being driven back into him with a large spike.

Art students, sponsors of the float, said that it was meant as a dig at students of Waterloo Lutheran University. The float was included in a joint homecoming parade held by the two universities.

The police have laid no charges to date.

"FULCRUM" CHARGES NEGLIGENCE

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Fulcrum, of U. of Ottawa, has charged the university's administration with negligence in the death of Edward A. Creed on Oct. 29.

Mr. Creed, a 24 year old exchange student, stumbled over a railing inside a building during a power failure, and fell fourteen feet.

The Fulcrum's editorial stated that many had remarked that the railing was too low, but nobody had ever done anything about it. Furthermore, they stated that no provision for an emergency lighting system had ever been made, not even to the extent of posting someone at the danger spot with a flashlight during the blackout.

SODALES REPORTS (ON) ACTIVITIES

Dalhousie students have asked what is being done with their \$800.00 voted by students' council to the campus debating society. Sodales president, Porter Scobey, has reported happenings to date that include becoming a fully paid member of the Canadian University Debating Association, card if successful in Maritime intercollegiate competitions, thus qualifying for the national finals.

Earlier this term two delegates were sent to the M.I.D.L. organizational conference at Memorial University to represent Dal in completing an intercollegiate debating schedule; arrangements were there made to compete against Kings and St. Marys (at home) against St. Dunstons College (away) and finally it is hoped against non-Maritime universities at the MacGill winter carnival.

Further arrangements have been made for debates, beginning before Christmas for the inter-residence trophy (presented last year by President Hicks, and won by Alexandra Hall) and after Christmas, a newly initiated inter-faculty competition, with debates at 11:45 every Thursday, in the Arts Annex Common Room.



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