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Centre needs your support . . .

Since the plans for the UNB War Memorial in the form of a student centre are again being considered, it may be that some of the present student body will be able to make use of it.

The proposed centre would perhaps be a step towards the present situation where our students are synonymous with "disinterest" and "apathy". It would be a common meeting ground for students, organizations, and officers now scattered over the campus and city. It would provide the cafeteria that has long been needed.

With a view to these advantages, all students should do their part to see that the interest now being shown does not wane. We will be asked to help plan the centre, and graduates probably will be asked to help support it. It is not unreasonable to expect the co-operation of the student body in a project which will benefit each member of it. Let's make sure that the Alumni and Alumnae receive our support.



By Harold Buchwald

ad lib

MAN OF THE YEAR

TIME, the weekly newsmagazine, has selected Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh, Premier of Iran, as the single individual in 1951, who more than any other, influenced the events of the past twelve months. The choice was we would humbly submit, a correct one. But to our way of thinking there was another person who, by his actions and the fact that he was able to get away with them, should be heralded as symbolizing a decided trend of thinking in a much more personal sphere than the realm of world politics.

We have in mind Mr. Wilbanks Smith, defensive tackle of the Oklahoma A. and M. football team. Mr. Smith, certainly, is symbolic of what seems to have become accepted practice in athletics and other endeavors: rule infractions are allright if you can get away with them.

Perhaps you have never heard of Wilbanks Smith. We defend his relative obscurity by repeating once again that he is a symbol of a major 1951 trend—a symbol only—and that is why he receives our nomination. You see, Wilbanks Smith is the man who broke Drake University halfback Johnny Bright's jaw by three calculated, deliberate attacks of sheer assault and battery with intent to do bodily harm, on the gridiron last fall.

A series of high speed photographs, given widespread circulation by the press of the United States and this country, so graphically reveal Smith's misdemeanor as to leave little doubt as to his real purpose on the field, when he should have been playing football. The pictures show the play going off in the opposite direction, with Drake completely removed and standing off to one side. Instead of trying to catch the ball carrier, as a defender should, Smith attacked Bright, smashing his fist into Bright's face. Smith did this twice more during the early stages of the game, before Bright was carried off the field to have his jaw wired for six weeks.

The Drake athletic board called for Smith's expulsion, but the league officials did nothing, claiming they had no authority. Smith's university, the body who in the first instance should have taken action, also refrained from doing anything. This was virtually a condonation of his type of playing.

Wilbanks Smith, therefore, represents with success that trend of thinking which suggests that it is allright to break rules as long as you can get away with it. He (or his coach) has proven that you can get away with it. In a particularly bitter football season, which saw so many aces sidelined by ganging attacks, Smith was found publicly guilty and yet was exonerated, an inspiration to those who will come after him.

Peter Karpuk, of the Dominion champion Ottawa Roughriders, who jumped from the bench to tackle Toronto Argonaut's Ulysses Curtis when the latter was in the clear and on his way to a touchdown, is in the same league with Smith. Karpuk, however, falls short of Smith's mark, because the public rose in indignation at his flouting of the rules and the league introduced measures to cope with a similar infraction, should it ever occur again.

About 811

The old grey house was so empty for three weeks that for lack of noise the pipes froze and burst to liven things up a bit. But the 811ers are back now with a shiny set of resolutions that have hardly been used at all. More studying and less visiting from room to room on an evening is the motto. We wonder. . .

Trails of heddy perfume floated down the hall the first Sunday night we were back. Apparently a single bottle of the concentrated cologne upset in a bureau drawer and penetrated even the pillows and mattress. The effect even reached another room.

Now that we use nickles exclusively in the phone, reports indicate that the line isn't busy half as much. All the more reason why more incoming calls will enable us to break the resolutions more easily.

Many 811ers heard rumors that one distinguished so-ed rated a star sapphire from someone who is much more eligible than old St. Nick. Maybe one in the midst of us is due for a big surprise? . . .

The 811ers who attend a lively sleigh-ride (complete with aid to more than one parked motorist) think the idea is contagious, and may follow on with one of their own. As long as you aren't the one stuck in a snow-drift, it's fun trying to push someone or someone's boyfriend in!

Are some new faces due for the Sunday-night-sitting - sessions? Only time and co-ed week will tell. But the folk on the inside can tell you that there are less exciting places to hang your hat.

In the basketball world we have the numerous bribe scandals which came to light early last year. In these cases outstanding college hoop stars sold their talents and their integrity for cold cash. The type of thing which came to the fore in Wilbanks Smith's actions, was prevalent much earlier to lead these young men from the paths of honesty and good sportsmanship. But they did not get away with it.

At West Point last summer ninety cadets were expelled for violating that institution's highly reputed honor code, bringing to light in the most shocking terms a situation which has existed there for many years. And the headlines of the past twelve to eighteen months ran rampant with report after report on dope consumption among high school students below the border.

But the young people were not alone in their iniquities, which Wilbanks Smith exemplifies. They had but to look at the highest offices in the administration of their country's business to find examples of "it's okay to violate the rules if you can get away with it." As Congressional committees investigated more and more influence-peddling, more and more corruption in high circles was unearthed. With the same lack of conscience trusted officials right across the country were betraying their sacred trusts.

Wilbanks Smith did get away with it. To those people who think the same way as he and the other rule infringers here mentioned, he must certainly rank as their Man of the Year.

CUP—Manitoban

WE'VE NOTICED . . .

. . . the Arts Building rocking on its base several nights a week. Our fears of earth tremors and the like were dispelled when we learned it was only the chorus line practicing for the Red'n Black.

. . . the abundant supply of snow is providing new entertainment—skiing, sleigh rides, and pushing your girl friend in snow banks.

. . . The Brunswickan's CUP editor going around murmuring "party".

. . . one of the residence fellows looking mighty lonely since the number of school teachers in the province has been increased by one.

. . . most of this year's crop of New Year's Resolutions have gone the way of all good resolutions.

. . . a great deal of celebrating because of the momentous occasion "It's Friday night!" Why the rush? There's one every week.

. . . appraising glances from the co-eds, now that their week is coming up.

. . . a reshuffle of campus romances.

. . . the decided popularity of Nova Scotia apples.

Saturday mornings must definitely be ruled out for visits or otherwise. What about the poor fellow who just came to collect a column and met a mop of newly washed hair completely turbaned in a bath towel. That's no way to win friends and influence boys to call more often!

JIM CURRIE

THE INQUIRING REPORTER
Would you like to see Christmas exams brought back on the basis of 25% for Christmas and 75% for May?

Al Hugill. . . fourth year forester
I am not in favor of Christmas exams because the first term is too short to base an exam upon. A much better method is the semester system, where exams are given half-way through the year on the work of the first half and May exams are based on the second half only.

Barry Risteen. . . junior electrical
Yes, by having two sets of exams the student will be less inclined to leave things to the last few weeks of the year. He will do a lot more studying in the first term because of the incentive of examinations in the near future.

Bob Merritt. . . senior science
Well they never really left. They came back disguised as tests with less time given to prepare for them.

Gordon Montgomery. . . freshman forester.

Yes, it would give a student a better idea of how he is doing in a course than the present test system does. This would be of particular value to freshmen.

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The last car had the second lap in distance race as the occurred. Most of were unaware of which the driver of was experiencing but were able to see through glasses that usual was occurring. Although he had lead, the driver spasmodically gunning causing it to spurts. Then suddenly started to coast rapidly.

Black smoke puffed and long, bright out from the exhaust veered crazily from as if the driver were the track. The second steady pace and rolled outside of the to have plenty of the lead vehicle. Just even, the blazing of the track and crashed against the passing ed over. Sharp exploded. They crashed and rolled against completely clear of the onrushing cars which ed closely. By the little group of cars wing the scene of the momentum of the cles had left them rolling down the ra the track. They ca into the midst of the cars. The speed caused several of t shoot straight up an they were floating mid-air. As soon as the ground, they burst. Billowing smoke f The unpleasant odor paint and hot steel the scent of burning.

The track was covered. Wreckage was several hundred yards course. Only a driving at slow speed been able to pick h the flaming wreck. The circling racers petition neared the they became aware dent. The first three headlong into the The next car crashed guardrail in an attempt safety. Just as he the rail, he speeded but he drove straight concrete block which the stands. The car tents splintered.

At first, the spectators were stunned. A horrible the only indication zation of the initial quickly as the cars cessively entangled, out. After the derelict smelling smoke had area and it was no view the wreckage tors fled from the s crashed or rolled guard rails, spectators piled and pinned wrecks.

The first crash reached the scene second major collision but one of the cars plunged into the wrecked the ambulance.

Y HERBY

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