

Letter From Page Four

Earlier this week the University of New Brunswick set a new Canadian record (possibly even a world record) by pushing a hospital bed slightly more than one hundred miles. What are we waiting for, a new Number 2 highway? We have, at this University, the cream of Canada's youth, but we have yet to prove it. The time has come for action. Artsmen! Engineers! Forget your petty bickering! Unite!

What I suggest is that we, the students of the University of Alberta in Edmonton, should challenge the students of the Calgary campus to a bed-pushing race between campuses. In that way the distance record will come to Alberta where it rightfully belongs, and, also, our campus will have established a speed record.

The time has come to show the nation that we are not apathetic (a word used all too frequently in reference to Alberta). The time has come to prove that we are best.

P. F. Jardine
Arts 1

Not Us

To The Editor:

To clarify any wild ideas as to who caused the excitement at the Engineers' Ball, it was Artsmen.

Artsmen does not include Commerce men, by any stretch of the imagination. We Commerce men know when and where to have our fun, but we also respect the formal functions of others.

An Avid Commerce Man.

FINKS

Only On Those Days

To The Editor:

Your Fink Column is most disgusting. You would think University students would be of sufficient intelligence to be above petty—or as it often turns out, malicious—name calling. Have you ever considered nominating yourself? Not very likely.

Nauseated

Royalist

To The Editor:

In the last edition of your paper some spineless individual took it upon himself to nominate His Royal Highness Prince Philip as "Fink of the Week". I say spineless because this individual did not possess the courage to sign his name.

Possibly this anonymity is ignorant of the fact that the ceremonial tiger hunt—for it was ceremonial—is one of the highest honors the raj can bestow, and that the hunt was carried out in a manner which is not only traditional, but customary.

A couple of the other of our invertebrates remarks should not go unanswered. Prince Philip has never claimed to be a master sportsman, and he is far from being a phony.

The "traditional chickenishness" description of the Prince's manner is obviously without foundation. Although our libellous correspondent may not be as finkish as the Thetas, I think he should be listed.

Yours truly
Chris Chislow

Pres Makes Good

Dear John and Chris,
Alex McCalla, president of the Students' Union is our nomination for Fink of the Week.

We nominate him for many reasons but mainly because he has been the mastermind of many finkish deeds done at the University of Alberta this year. His fink-like qualities are as follows.

He is efficient, but to perform finkish deeds a certain amount of efficiency is required. He is well-read but this is not an adverse factor, as finks must be generally acquainted with most situations in order to turn them into finkish fiascos. He is a good speaker but this too, is good, for it facilitates oral finishness. He is intelligent, which in itself is not a factor, but when this intelligence is utilized for performing finkish functions, it is put to good use.

We feel these are adequate reasons to nominate Alex McCalla as our choice for Fink of the Week. To nominate someone else would be "unfinkable".

Sincerely,
Friends.

Thanks

To The Editor:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Dudley and Co., and all the others who supported my numerous nominations for Fink of the Week. I am delighted to have this honor bestowed on me, especially when I was the first one on campus to receive it. I have only one complaint—I truly believe that I deserved the first honor much more than Mr. Henry Luce.

Sincerely,
William S. (Peter) Chapman.
This letter was not written by Mr. Chapman, but by an admirer who felt that even if Mr. Chapman hadn't expressed his appreciation, he ought to.

MISC

Dog Daze

An Open Letter to Professors W. J. Eccles and R. H. McNeal:
Gentlemen:

The article in "The Gateway" of January 20 entitled "History Tests Indicate 'Social' Students Not Prepared for University Courses,"

which emanated from your testing of 461 beginning University students on common historical knowledge expected of matriculated Grade XII students, was indeed a commendable enterprise.

Would you gentlemen "push" the infamous results of said testing onto the Department of Education? It might have some effect on future policy. For example, the present Social Studies 20 course is under revision and from what I understand of that which I have long feared, there can only be a worsening of your complaints.

We all know that the old-fashioned system of simply memorizing a prescribed body of "facts" is an extreme to be avoided. On the other hand, carefully chosen facts can be most usefully thought-out. But no facts at all, such as the failure to differentiate between Marx and Luther or the St. Lawrence and North Saskatchewan Rivers is tragic, to say the least.

An even greater tragedy, however, is that of academically trained teachers being circumvented by "social psychologists" backed, of course, by the Department of Education, whose possibly good intentions are unfortunately spoiling otherwise good teachers, and even more students.

A recent annual report of the High School Inspectors of the Department of Education stated that on the whole high school social studies were being reasonably and competently handled. Admittedly, the inspectors usually use a positive, rather than negative, attitude when ever criticizing any aspect of education. However, the following statement of theirs is nearly enough to give the fits even to a moron. They admitted, for example, that while accomplishment of departmental objectives was on the whole satisfactory (a false and hypocritically pious statement to make, even if it is positive), there were two types of teachers not upholding the finest traditions of the force. At the one extreme was the almost completely inexperienced and untrained teacher; naturally, not much could be done here. At the other extreme was the old-fashioned, B.A. type of teacher

who was still imbued with the reactionary methods of pre-modern times! Ironically, then, the traditionally trained liberal arts teacher was just as hopeless as the unsophisticated social psychiatrists spawned by Marxist and Co. advocates of "modernism".

Please, gentlemen, go cater those who would dare to undermine the accumulated wisdom of the centuries. (Note the use of the term "wisdom.") Leave the schools to their proper function—that of instructing the youth in the wisdom of their elders—and leave all the rest to the various, recreational and guidance departments of civic governments.

My I make a suggestion worthy of Marx and Co? All those students who think that Marx was a leader of the Reformation, or those who think that possibly Khrushchev is a second Michelangelo, should be taken out and "shot". Surely, high school instruction can not be that bad! Is it possible the Department of Education is scaling marks too much in order to cover-up shoddiness on its part?

"Reluctant Pavlovian"

Left vs Right

To The Editor:

My congratulations to The Gateway for the admirable job done in its editorial on Jan. 27. Herr Goebbels would be extremely proud. Journalism has come a long way when slander is substituted for editorial policy. You are, apparently, unable to answer my arguments so you resort to falsehood and distortion.

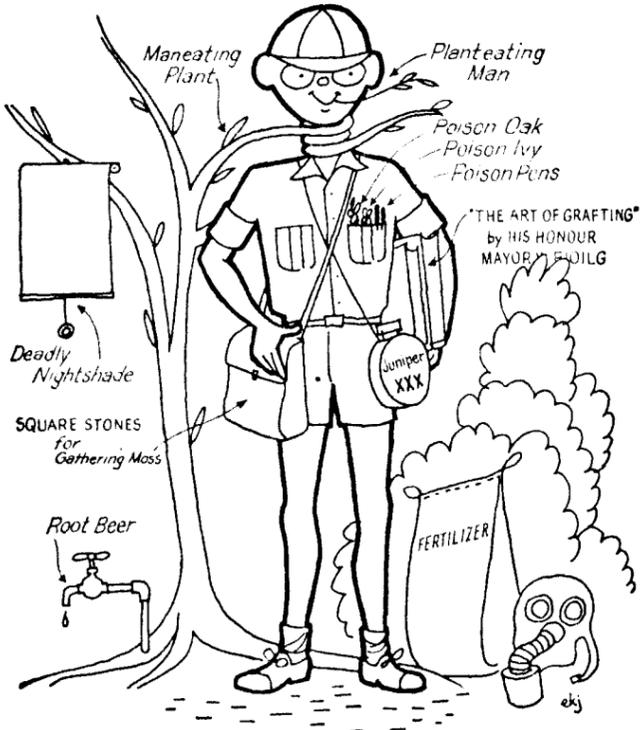
You resort to slander when you suggest that I would "like to see Canada subjugated by Russia". This statement is in precise contradiction to the truth. I have always opposed the subjugation of my country by any nation.

You say that I "like what I see" in Russia. Indeed, I think we can learn much from every country in the world. But my concern is with Canada and the solution of problems facing this country.

You say that I would like to see the Russian method of doing things established here. Are you a complete fool? Each country must develop its own means of solving its problems in accord with its own conditions.

You imply that I would like to undermine our democratic processes. But I have always fought and always will fight for the extension of the democratic rights of all people (including the right to freedom from slander by irresponsible pups dis-

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