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## Honor System

Are university students capable of honorable behavior?

An "honor system" of student conduct, trusting students to conduct themselves in a mature way without a morass of rules and regulations, has been in operation for several years at Ottawa's Carleton University.

The philosophy behind this system is that if students have nothing to rebel against, have no rules to break, they will discipline themselves.

If a student catches another student doing something which bothers him—for example, if the latter hits him on the head with a beer bottle during a football game—he asks him to stop. Failing that, the offender is reported to the Honor Board set up to deal with such matters.

If the offence is committed with "malicious intent," states a students' union manual on the system, "those who observed the breach should tell him to report himself within 48 hours."

"You've got 48 hours to report yourself!" has become a comical phrase at Carleton.

Apart from regulations governing drinking on campus, and certain re-

gulations governing conduct in the student residences, Carleton has no rules governing student conduct.

The system is strange, and the strangest thing about it is that it works.

It's no fun breaking rules if there are no rules. Student conduct at Carleton, a liberal university, is exceptional.

It would take 1,000 people to properly supervise the conduct of 2,000 students if they were determined to oppose the spectre of authority. The police force at Carleton is the student conscience.

This conscience stresses good sense but not license, and prevents unnecessary hard feeling between the students and the administration.

There is no reason why this system cannot work at the University of Alberta, if the students want it.

But in order to make such a system work, students must believe that any person who can enter upon a university education can also be expected to act with good judgement and good sense.

Surely responsible behavior in an association of adults is not too much to expect of university students.

## About Parkinson's Visit

C. Northcote Parkinson has come and gone.

The Friends of the University are to be commended for bringing him here. He is a world-famous personality, and his presence in Edmonton will do no harm to the university's students, professors, and reputation.

Authoritative sources say the good professor was paid several hundred dollars per lecture. We would respectfully suggest that the Friends did not get their money's worth.

Dr. Parkinson was clever, he was humorous.

But his presentation was somewhat disappointing. His first lecture was brief, even cursory; it told us

little more than we would expect to garner from a dust-jacket.

Yet it could be that Dr. Parkinson was catering mainly to the non-academic members of the audience. If so, this is perhaps defeating the purpose of the Henry Marshall Tory lectures.

The Tory lectures are excellent in that they feature outstanding public figures. In past years we have had such men as Ezra Taft Benson, James M. Minnie, and Sir Grantley Adams.

Dr. Parkinson, it is true, was erudite in some of his remarks. But he gave the impression of superficiality. If it is true that he got hundreds of dollars for his efforts, then we must conclude that the Friends of the University had a right to more preparation and enthusiasm on his part.



## Looking Back through The Gateway

Looking Back through The Gateway is another innovation for the paper. It is, by nature, an editorial feature.

This feature will include what we think are interesting notes from Gateways of the past. Some items will be humorous, others serious, and still others sad. At times, they may inspire feelings of nostalgia. It is our hope that all items will be entertaining.

The first selection appears below.

The Editor

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October, 1911

"The Gateway is entering upon its second year of existence. Editor Ottewell piloted it through the initial stages last year. With careful hand it was guarded against the danger of running amok in the face of the difficulties of its inception. Now it is in an established institution. Everyone agrees that the Gateway has come to stay . . . we introduce volume two of the Gateway with the appeal to our students to remember that a college paper is not born but made . . ."

October 2, 1920

"PRESIDENT TORY GREET'S TRI-WEEKLY GATEWAY.

"With pleasure we welcome the Gateway in its new and expanded form . . . Beginning as a monthly in the days of small things, it soon became a weekly and now as a joint monthly and tri-weekly we desire to see it successfully maintain a large place in the life of the university."

October 8, 1937

"What Varsity students won't do to get back to their Alma Mater! E. E. 'Ted' Bishop, woman hater sublime, and leading light of the University campus, is even said to have appeared in the town of Jasper per-

spiring and pantless after an overland trip from Lake Louise.

" . . . The return journey proved rather warm . . . Bishop elected to take off his trousers and tie them to his pack. Reaching the outposts of civilization . . . Bishop was alarmed to find his trousers no longer snugly tied to his blanket roll.

" . . . they will always remember the episode of Bishop's pants."

November 7, 1947  
(Antigonish—CUP)

"Students of St. Xavier University have adopted long hair styles along with the new long skirts as a result of a boycott of barbers in the neighboring town of Antigonish. The boycott was affirmed . . . after the barbers announced a raise in prices to sixty cents for a haircut.

"After all, lumberjacks often go a whole winter."

October 14, 1960

"FLOPPEROOEE.  
"Approximately \$7,500 was lost on the Stan Kenton concerts last Thursday and Friday evenings, Students' Council learned Tuesday.

"The efforts of many months' negotiations and an extensive advertising campaign for naught as pitifully small crowds turned up to support the main attraction of Homecoming Weekend."