

B.B. King

by Pat Kutney

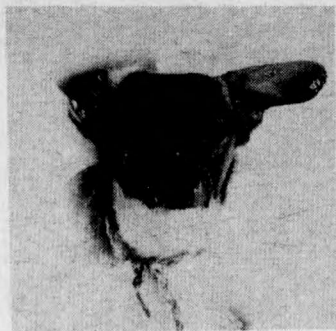
B. B. King, the single blues performer who has most influenced many leaders of the new wave of pop music — among them Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Mike Bloomfield, and Jeff Beck — will appear at Massey Hall Friday, February 14.

B. B. King is considered to be the undisputed king of the blues. He has probably sold more records, both albums and singles, than any other blues performer. He is a man who only sings what he has experienced himself, and it is that quality in his music that makes it real for his audience.

Also starring on the bill will be David Rea, fast-rising Toronto guitarist, songwriter, and singer. Rea began as accompanist for Ian and Sylvia, but started a solo career with an appearance at the 1968 Mariposa Folk Festival that won him standing ovations.

Snoopy's Corner on FREEDOM ... DIG IT!

Joel Shuster, first year McLaughlin student, plans to write mainly on academic matters under the title 'Snoopy's Corner'. He is particularly interested in Dr. David Bakan's new model for a university that has received recent publicity. This week he includes a report by Dr. Jean Rickwood on new developments in abolishing formal exams.



by Dr. Jean Rickwood

One student's petition to be graded on independent work instead of on exams has paid off for some 50 students. They — all members of Dr. Jean Rickwood's tutorials in either Soc Sci 178 or Psy 201A — (a) will not have to take the final exam in these courses or (b) may write their own individual exam and (c) will not have earlier test marks count unless it is to their advantage.

Instead — since grades are still required — they will be assigned in a way that gives the student maximum control. All

This un-Snoopy-like dog belongs to Joel Shuster (author of this column) so we thought it only fitting to run it. After all it's not everyday that an ordinary old dog can get his picture in the paper.

that is now required is study or thought on whatever matters are most meaningful to him in the course. How he reports on this (in Soc Sci 178) is also in his hands — whether by oral or written report, in tutorials or in private discussion with the teacher.

Students who want to demonstrate their mastery of course material by taking the regular

final exam can still do so. The idea is to give the students as much freedom as possible, but not to force anything new on them.

The probable reasons for the decision to exclude or discount exams in my Soc Sci 178 and Psy 201A tutorials may be obvious to those interested in the general ferment in educational theory. However, I would like to emphasize two considerations that particularly shape my attitudes in this matter.

(1) Either learning is personally meaningful or it isn't learning at all. Exams considered as a means of grading (rather than as

means to personal goals) operate against intellectual and cultural development. What is learned for exams is not really learned. What is learned by exams is that the value of study is external (and therefore a fraud).

(2) The anti-intellectual bias of universities which results when or to the extent that they are exam — and grade-oriented can best be overcome by allowing students to study according to their interests, at whatever level those interests start. Only thus is enjoyment injected into the educational process — an essential condition for genuine advancement of learning.

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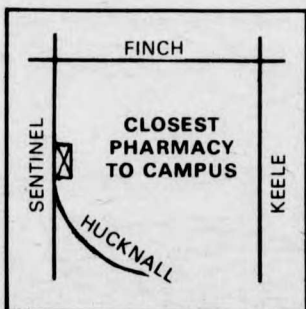
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