

Student Strikes?

OTTAWA — A University of Toronto professor says there could be student strikes in Canadian universities, unless something is done about the current overcrowding on the country's campuses.

Sheer press of numbers, says Professor John T. McLeod in the current issue of Saturday Night magazine, is leading students to complain that "our massive organizations of higher learning have disappointed them, cheated them, even ignored them."

"Numbers for instance dominate the whole process of autumn registration, and the youngster wonders whether he is in a place of learning, or a nightmare out of Kafka."

It isn't long, says Professor McLeod, before the freshman has begun to appreciate the meaning of the fashionable term: "alienation, the feeling of helplessness in the mesh of the unfeeling organization, of isolation from human contact."

"It will be only a short time before he can recite his beefs; the quality of lectures is often unimpressive, the professor is unavailable for consultation, library resources are inadequate, essays come back marked with only the most brief and unhelpful comments."

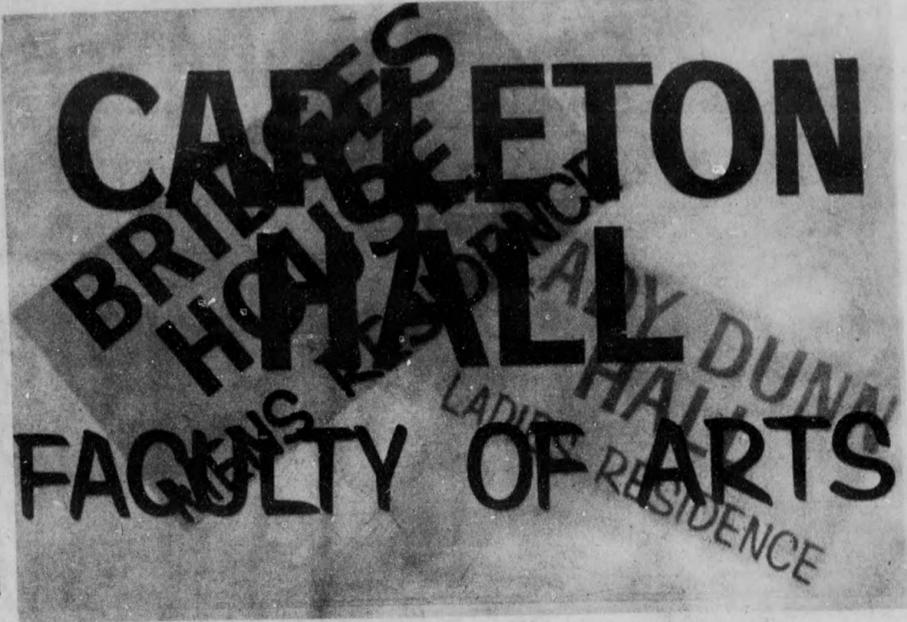
Because the political decision has been taken to continue democratizing higher education, allowing in any who can qualify, the overcrowding situation will get worse rather than better, and could become desperate in many of our major universities, the Toronto professor contends.

It's not the teacher's fault, he says, pointing out that university professors simply do not have the time or the resources to handle the growing numbers of students.

"The essential point is not that the professor needs help; he does, but he's used to adversity. The point is that the shameful lack of time, money and physical equipment available in Canadian universities causes productive research to lag, causes the quality of education to be debased, and — here's the real rub — causes the students to suffer."

There is not much the frustrated student can do except drop out, or succumb to the feeling of helplessness, or protest."

It should surprise no one, Professor McLeod says, if students do become increasingly clamorous in their demands for a better deal.



Don Cameron photo

Would you believe the University of Babel . . . ? Apparently dissatisfied with the authentic Larsonsque Georgian signs on university buildings the Department of Buildings and Grounds was last week observed to be installing their own versions in strategic locations about the campus. To add inconsistency to the redundancy, the denizens of LDH are styled "Ladies" while the inmates of the men's residences do not enjoy the equivalent status of gentlemen. What is sauce for the goose is apparently no longer sauce for the gander.

CUS Arranges Expo Accommodations

OTTAWA (CUP) — Expo '67 accommodation is at a premium, and with this in mind, the Canadian Union of Students is taking steps to alleviate the problem.

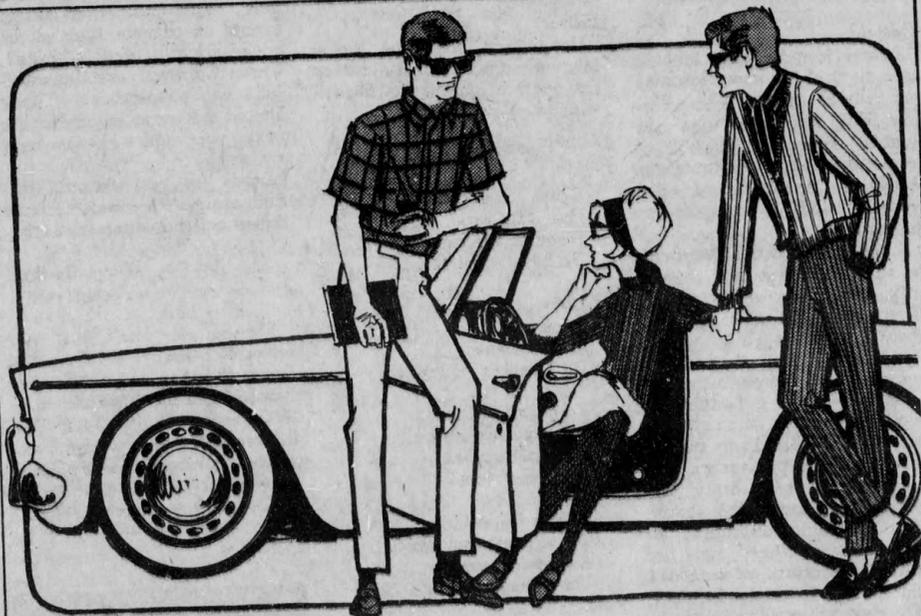
This week CUS officials signed a contract with College Francaise in Montreal to provide inexpensive Expo accommodation for students.

The 600-bed college is centrally located, only a block away from the new subway which will go directly to the Expo site.

Young persons between the ages of 15 and 30 are eligible to sign up for four nights accommodation in Montreal. Four

different plans, ranging from \$18 to \$78.50 are available.

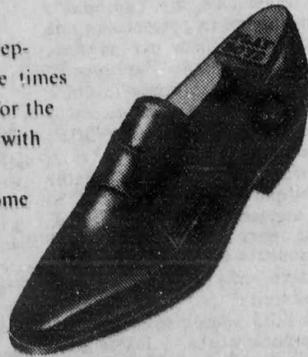
The cheapest plan includes accommodation and breakfast. The others provide for Expo passes, tours and a meal in a French Canadian restaurant. The \$78 baby includes four nights in New York City.



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