

Schools: Grim, Joyless

NEW YORK (CUP) — A U.S. educational researcher says American schools and colleges are "the most grim, joyless places on the face of the earth."

Charles Silberman, Fortune magazine editor who has been working on a Carnegie Corporation study of U.S. education, says 2½ years of research have shown him that public schools, for example, are "destructive of human beings."

"They are needlessly authoritarian and repressive — not because teachers and principals are stupid or venal, but because nobody ever asks why: why the rules, or why the curriculum?"

"What's wrong has much less to do with technique or substance than with the mindlessness of the whole enterprise. Nobody's encouraged to think about the purpose of his work, why he's doing what he does."

"No one is liberally educated unless he's forced to think about the nature of education. In large part

this is what our student rebels are complaining about: This God-awful word 'relevance.' The university has separated mind from feeling and mind from action."

Silberman, 43-year-old author of the best-selling *Crisis in Black and White*, broadened his study to examine the role of other "teachers" such as press and TV journalists, clergymen and museum directors.

"If our concern is with education," he said, "we cannot restrict our attention to the schools, for education is not synonymous with schooling, and teachers are not the only educators."

Results of Silberman's survey are to be published in book form this fall. The study was originally prompted by university presidents calling the Carnegie Corporation for advice on handling their schools of education.

INTRO DAL.

By KATHARINE BOWLBY

What are all those mysterious mumblings we hear coming from Room 324 in the S.U.B.? For beginners, the Central Committee is getting the cannon from the Yacht Squadron for the opening of IntroDal '69. Dalhousie students will be doing a little of everything on March 7th and 8th.

For two days during March Break, Dalhousie stages exhibits, contests, and special events during its Open House, to show the public — from prospective student to senior citizen — just what university life is like. Since projects are sponsored by individual clubs and facilities, it is also an opportunity to introduce the German Club to the Physics Club, or the Forest Building to the Haliburton Society. It's a chance to show Dal students what goes on outside the area of their chosen interests.

The Central Committee for IntroDal is responsible for publicity and co-ordination of exhibits. They will need help soon, but right now is your opportunity to help your favourite club or faculty make a good impression, and maybe even outdo the rest! IntroDal is a student-run operation, but faculty are acting as advisors, and are happy to help. If you don't know who is running IntroDal in your faculty or club, check with Room 324 S.U.B., or phone 424-2548.

For camera bugs, there will be a photography contest, so start snapping your cameras around now! There will be more about events and displays in the next issue.

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