

THE EAST, STUDENT ACTIVISM, THE NDP and ONE DISGRUNTLED MAN

SACKVILLE (CUP)--"The university is where, if you're ever going to be a political or social radical of some sort, you should be. There's nothing more distressing than seeing young reactionary thinkers in the university. God knows what they'll be like at 45 or 50.

I can see a change in my own thinking since I was in university. I was a member not only of the NDP but also of the Canadian Universities Committee for Nuclear Disarmament (CUCND) which was later supplanted by SUPA and which has now been taken over by a group of neo-Trotskyites.

I've been rather discouraged by the lack of radical political thinking at Mount Allison in particular, but this is a function of the political thinking of the maritime provinces in general.

The maritime student seems to be conservative, cautious, because that's the climate in his family, he comes from a conservative and puritan background. The school system and the university should break this circle of reaction with better qualified teachers, teachers who are more aware. Labor unions have done this for years, but not in the maritimes, for labor unions are not strong here.

People in the maritimes never say "Why are you a conservative or a liberal?" Maybe they're afraid of the answer because the answer probably is "Because my dad was". They always look at you as if you have to explain away your commitment to New Democratic principles, which is fine for me because it's a hell of a good opener for me to give them an earful and a batch of campaign literature.

Professors aren't going to-- and shouldn't--promulgate their own political views, and most won't. The students must do this. Surely students look at the community around them and if they see something wrong they must ask themselves why it is wrong, what can be done to change it. Then you read things: Canadian Forum, which used to be a socialist guidebook and is now a liberal magazine; Ramparts, New Republic.

So how do you incite this sort of political activity? This article might incite somebody to think about it; the Argosy, if the people are of that persuasion, or the student council, could become an activist group.

The kind of leadership they offer, whether it's far left or far right, or nothing, is up to the campus, but I can't believe there aren't two or three people

EDITOR'S NOTE: John Judson, executive assistant to the president of Mount Allison University, was recently elected president of the New Brunswick NDP.

Judson 24, has a political science and economics degree from Queen's University, and has been with the NDP since its formation in 1961.

In the following article he gives his views on campus radicalism, student activism, and the New Democratic Party fortunes in New Brunswick.

on this campus who share these kinds of concerns. That's all it takes. The student council is not necessarily the only avenue of political activity--political or social action clubs are some other possibilities.

I don't mean to criticize Mount Allison and maritime attitudes. It's difficult for an outsider to look critically at another society

without seeming to be hypercritical. I think Mount Allison students are more culturally aware than most undergraduates. This is because this university activity cultivates an awareness of culture.

But they are not politically and socially aware in terms of society as a whole as are students in other places. Students from

Montreal and Toronto have no excuse for being unsophisticated politically and socially; They've got good examples to follow, but they haven't got the Van Hornes. But if I were a native New Brunswicker I'd probably be as disinterested in politics as anybody else. God knows you wouldn't want to be in politics if it's the kind some of the liberal and conservative politicians here have demonstrated.

It's respectable in Ontario and in the west to be a New Democrat. It's not just a lack of respectability but acceptability in New Brunswick, which is really rather a paradox, because New Brunswick and other underdeveloped provinces like New Brunswick are the places where policies of a New Democratic government are most valuable and most constructive.

The N.B. NDP is underground because it's in infancy stages except to those areas where it has a long CCF tradition. The first thing we've got to do is demonstrate the sterility of policy thinking which has beset the two older parties to meet New Brunswick's needs. And I think this will happen. I think the weaknesses of the Conservatives are evident in their leader in New Brunswick.

The Liberals are a little harder to talk about because their program is an extremely progressive one and could be potentially the most exciting thing to happen in maritime politics in a hundred years.

The real question for Liberal success, is in the tradition of corruption in New Brunswick politics--patronage, graft, this kind of thing.

You can't be social reformers and give contracts to your friends at the same time. The weakness will show in the Civil Service. You can see the Equal Opportunity Program the ideas of the Liberals, but they can't administer the program. No matter how politically selfish I could feel, I don't want the Liberals to fail. But I'm becoming more and more convinced that they can't handle their program of real social reform.

The Equal Opportunity Program is an exciting one. It demands a stronger civil service both in terms of experience, intellectual power and it demands a fair government. You cannot institute social reform without being reformed yourself. God knows the political parties in N.B. need the reforming. Thus I can be a supporter of the policy in principle and an opponent of the party in power.

Part of the image of the NDP that we have to change is its unacceptability in New Brunswick. It is something strange to people, rather than something as common as Mother and Dad, which is what the old parties are like. What you do first of all is demonstrate that the party appeals to respectable people. I would hope our community will take a second look at the NDP just because of some of the people who belong.

What we must demonstrate is that we have good people who are interested in their communities not in any partisan way, but in a non-partisan way, even though they are working through one political party.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Where the Money Is

by D. E. Allison

Hopefully November 26, 1967 will be the day York University will announce the awarding of bursaries.

Dennis Carson, Director of Student Awards, says that the applications for bursaries go before the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries on October 25, and the awards will be announced 10 days later.

There are three types of bursaries offered to students at York this year: donated bursaries, listed in the Calendar; Ontario Student Awards, for which one can apply if he proves need; and the bursaries set up by the Atkinson Charitable Foundation to assist undergraduate students.

At the same time the bursaries are announced, the General Education Medal Winners for the 1966-67 year should be announced.

This year, although unpublished, there are 67 additional scholarships worth \$150 each. This philanthropic gesture is due to one John Sokol, a small businessman in the Aluminum products industry. Mr. Sokol,

aware of the acute need of funds for scholastic endeavour at York, solicited the suppliers of York University and set up the "York University Suppliers Scholarship Fund".

These scholarships are offered to in-course students with an "A" average. They are in addition to the three hundred entrance scholarships for \$150 offered by the University.

This year, for the first time, General Motors is offering a new scholarship for \$1000, renewable for three or four years. One of the 10 Governors' Scholarships for \$1500 this year will be named the "Alexander Wittenberg Scholarship" in memory of Professor Wittenberg who was associated with the Mathematics Department.

York, until last year, offered \$500 to students entering York with first class standings in grade 13. Last year this practice was discontinued because, according to Mr. Carson, the provincial government objected to the University diverting money from the Ontario Government grant into these scholarships. Mr. Carson says the University is unable to raise enough money to finance this program, but insists that York is attempting to find funds to re-institute this program. Ideally, he believes, it should be continued.

There are very few students at York, in undergraduate or graduate studies, from other countries.

G.F. Howarth, the Registrar, feels this is due to the fact that York does not yet have a worldwide reputation. There is no solicitation of foreign students by the University itself, although different departments do attempt to obtain students from other countries.

Most of the solicitation is done by the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa. They receive enquiries from students and pass them along to York. York then sends out calendars to these students. The costs of these students studying at York is not paid by the University but by the Department of External Affairs and/or by the student's native country. Mr. Howarth says the program at the present time is unsatisfactory. He would like the University to directly solicit students with the lure of scholarships.

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