

Engineers were difficult in 1968 too

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Our rebellious friends from fifteen years ago were reported, through the Bruns of February 1, 1968, as being up to their old tricks. In the ten page paper, whose headline announced the opening of the Winter Carnival (How appropriate - a Winter Carnival in winter!) held within its microfilmed pages a few articles of interest to we cynical spinsters of the eighties.

On the front page there was an article depicting a battle between SRC members over a motion on Vietnam. The motion supported the Canadian government's plea to end the bombing of North Vietnam and asked for a peace convention in the near future. Two members, however, John McKean and Doug Robertson, blocked the motion by refusing to vote. Under SRC rules at least half of the members must be present and voting in order for a motion to pass. With their refusal to vote the SRC had less than half its voting members present so they were unable to pass the motion. Had they voted the motion would have been carried. McKean thought himself a "hawk" and felt he represented 99% of the engineers in supporting the Americans in Vietnam. Robertson thought that, "The SRC isn't qualified to speak intelligently on such matters as the bombing. I have confidence in the American and South Vietnamese governments to determine positions on the bombing." So, the two engineers, by way of regulations, prevented the motion. I trust they were happy; I guess they had no choice though, if the war end-

ed they may have been out of jobs.

A similar, but more explosive, confrontation over Vietnam was at U of T. Three hundred demonstrators were marching in front of the Galbraith Building protesting the recruitment of companies involved in and profiting by the war in Vietnam. This peaceful group of philanthropists was confronted by a militant one thousand strong army of engineers who began to fire small white fluffy projectiles called snowballs at the humanitarians. The engineers, whose employment was being morally protested, felt threatened. The initial, violent, snowball throwing confrontation lasted fifteen minutes, at which time the engineers' animalistic temperament cooled and they began to poise themselves. After an hour the entire protest broke up in the face of what must have been one big huge policeman who arrived on the scene.

Another article, which was causing quite a curfluffle, was written by Mr. Farber, a university Professor at a College in Los Angeles, headlined "The Student as Nigger". It described the relationship between students and professors, with the use of unmentionable language, as being similar to that of the slave and master. The education system, he argued, from kindergarten to graduate school was designed to program students into unquestioning robots; a process which left them with a hidden hostility to the teacher figure. The professors, according to Farber, were timid weak people who found satisfaction in

the power they wielded over students. The article, which had been published in numerous student newspapers, described the sick sadistic unreal relationship and the Freudian sexual connotations therein between

students and faculty. The article may have been relevant fifteen years ago, but today the rapport between students and faculty, at least at UNB, has no connections with Farber's abusively descriptive article.

Farber's article, however, had been printed in the Windsor University student paper,

the Lance, and had caused the gutless administration's testicles to shrivel and turn a ghastly black. The committee on Student Conduct, Activities, and Discipline (SCAD) met to decide their response to the article. On the grounds that the article used vulgar words liberally, SCAD demanded the resignations of John Lalor and Marian Johnstone, the editors, under the threat of expulsion.

Many faculty members cancelled classes and protested with students over this issue of coercive censorship, but the administration still forced the

editors to resign. Coersion in censorship is difficult to prove but, in the case of the Lance, there was no doubt.

Finally, on a less sombre note, President Mackay charged the SRC \$175 for damages done to a bust of Lord Beaverbrook and a renaissance statue which were stolen from the Beaverbrook Art Gallery during Forestry Week. Council President Beach refused to pay the charges because the student body was not responsible. The bust and statue, however, were found in the basement of one of the university's mens residences.

Socrates and the law of the land

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The Hemlock Club met Tuesday to view the film "The Trial of Socrates." The film was an historical dramatization of the proceedings in the Athenian court which convicted the philosopher Socrates on trumped up charges of corrupting the youth. The penalty for Socrates' guilty verdict was death through the drinking of

hemlock - hence the name of the club.

Students and faculty at the gathering were invited to partake in the ritual drinking of hemlock. Fortunately, the dixie-cup dosages did not prove fatal.

Following the film, the club members from various faculties, discussed the question: "Should one obey laws which one feels are unjust?"

Socrates died on a matter of principle, submitting to an unjust conviction, thereby obeying the laws of the land.

The next meeting of the Hemlock Club will be held in mid-February. The philosophy department wishes all interested students and faculty members to attend and express their views on the morality of capital punishment.

JACK M'CLOSKY'S CANADIAN WILDLIFE



I'M JACK M'CLOSKY, NATURALIST. THAT DON'T MEAN THAT I GO TO CALIFORNIA BEACHES AND TAKE MY CLOTHES OFF! NOSIREE! I TRAVEL ALL OVER THE COUNTRY STUDYIN' AND TAKIN' PICTURES OF CANADIAN WILDLIFE, AND I'D LIKE TO PASS SOME OF MY KNOWLEDGE ON TO YOU!



"BEAVER" IS SYNONYMOUS WITH "CANADA" AMONG OTHER THINGS. BEAVERS ARE FAMOUS FOR HARD WORK. FROM SUNUP TO SUNDOWN, THEY CUT TREES, BUILD DAMS, AND CONSTRUCT LODGES. HOWEVER, WHOEVER DESIGNED THE NICKEL DECIDED TO SHOW A BEAVER RESTIN' ON A LOG, WHICH TARNISHES THE BEAVER'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NATURE'S HARDEST LABOURERS, THE BEAVERS AIN'T UNIONIZED; MAYBE THE BEARS IN THE FOREST WON'T LET 'EM (THERE'S A MESSAGE IN THERE SOMEWHERE) PHOTO: A BEAVER TAKIN' A RARE LUNCH BREAK

Muslim Students Association
of UNB Presents

"Prophet Mohammed in
the Bible"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jamal Badawi
Professor of Bus. Admin.
Saint Mary's University

Date: Sunday February 6, 1983
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Place: Dineen Auditorium Head
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Everyone is welcome

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