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Education expert calls Canadians leftover bits

By **ROB BARLOW**

Edgar Friedenberg thinks Canada is a "residual state." We're made up of "residual fragments, leftover from other people's decisions."

Whereas the States "likes to think of itself as having been founded by an act of divine will," he points out that there really hasn't been any "quest for a charismatic sense in the formation of this country."

Born in Louisiana, Friedenberg came to Canada a couple of years ago to teach sociology in Dalhousie's department of education and intends to become a Canadian citizen. Friedenberg is the author of the *The Vanishing Adolescent* and *The Coming of Age in America*. He was speaking last week in the first of a series of three lectures called *Canadian Perspectives*, sponsored by Vanier College Council.

Among his other reflections, he said he felt there was "something phony about the cultural conflict between Quebec and anglophone Canada. The struggle's gone on for so long, in so many places, since 1066, that the one can't get along without the other."

But he added that the question of separation is a "bona fide economic issue, in the way Quebec has been and is being exploited."

He said he liked "the ease with which separation is talked about in this country. Levesque is a perfectly lawful figure in Canadian life." This is the antithesis of the Civil War, one of the bloodiest in history, he commented.

Friedenberg said he also noticed that the working class people in Canada are by in large favourable to the States: "Anti-American feeling is more nearly centered in the universities, but there's an economic basis for more of it than there is."

His one complaint is that "the respect for authority in this country has gotten completely out of hand," suggesting that "decency is a sign of under-development."

He said that what's missing in Canadian art is a lack of tragedy:

"Canadians have never felt self-betrayed in an American or Faustian sense."

Levesque speaks tonight, 8:30 p.m. in Vanier college junior

common room. On Feb. 15, Mordecai Richler will talk about the Canadian novel, "a consideration of complexes, inferior and otherwise." No admission charged.



Canada is a "residual state", made up of leftover decisions is the view put forth by Edgar Friedenberg in the first of three lectures entitled *Canadian Perspectives*.

York Briefs

Daycare needs students

The campus daycare committee needs two student representatives to help plan the future of the York daycare centre. The committee is studying the present operation and the future needs for daycare on campus, and will present its report and recommendations to the University at the end of the term. The next committee meeting is Tuesday. Anyone interested should see Dave Clements in the CYSF Office, N111 Ross, 667-2515.

Sexuality film to be shown

A film by Dr. Donna Chernik, *Sexuality and Communication*, will be shown as the second program in a free public lecture series on women. The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium of the faculty of education (formerly OCE) at the southeast corner of Bloor and Spadina. A discussion group will follow. Future Tuesday night program topics include radical lesbianism, male sexuality, and the single parent.

VD reaches new peak

"Syphilis has increased over 100 per cent in the past year and has reached epidemic proportions" according to Donna Reed chief serologist at the Ontario department of health. Speaking Tuesday at York in a forum on venereal disease she indicated that the 19 to 24 age bracket composes over half of this increase. If you suspect you might have VD treatment is available on campus at the health services in Vanier residence or phone 667-2576.

Bicultural capitalists meet

Graduate business students from Ontario and Quebec will meet at York Feb. 16 and 17 to discuss opportunities for exploiting the French-Canadian market. The conference, entitled "Business administration in a bicultural society," is sponsored by the York Graduate Business Council. Gardner T. Robertson of the Bank of Montreal, an expert on the subject of economic exploitation, will open the conference at 2 p.m. on Feb. 16. The conference will conclude on Saturday with a speech by Jacques Parizeau, Parti Quebecois economist and aspiring member of Quebec's ruling elite.

A tree grows in Downsview

The "re-forestation" of the York campus is the long-term goal of the official York arboretum committee. Student representatives are needed for this committee, which meets every month. Persons interested should contact Dave Clements at the CYSF office, N111 Ross, 667-2525.

Chinese New Year lunch

A special Chinese New Year lunch will be served on Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 pm in Ross 105N. Chinese food will be available at reasonable prices.

Life found in outer space scientist says

COCO BEACH — NASA scientists released information today they may have discovered intelligent life in outer space.

The most recent pictures sent back to earth by Observer 17, the unmanned U.S. space probe on Mars shows definite signs of radiation patterns that the scientists claim could only have been made by ordered movements.

"The evidence indicates that it is, of course, life of very low intelligence" said NASA spokesman Herb Finkelstein.

"The pictures we received showed patterns of radiation fields in marked designs, the kind you get from a primitive generator plant," Finkelstein added.

Scientists around the world are anxiously awaiting further data from the NASA observatories. The noted Russian space expert Vladimir Yakashev is one of the few who have confirmed the findings.

"On my last sighting I picked up something on my atomic telescope that when magnified 10,000 times gave a weird reading," said Yakashev.

When pressed for details he released the message he picked up from outer space as: Excalibur wants people with ideas, energy and an interest in helping to make the paper happen. Sports, culture, news, features, photography — the opportunities are endless. No experience necessary — just come to the staff meeting at 1 p.m. today in Central Square.