

Knights of old



"Scram! I don't need any help from a male-chauvinist pig!"

(ZNS-CUP)—The U.S. Boy Scout handbook has gone back to plugging such old-fashioned virtues as chivalry, preparedness and the ability to cope in the woods.

The newest edition of the handbook is filled with Norman Rockwell illustrations, and carries such admonishments as "the knights of old were pledged to protect women. The scout of today treats them with the same high regard."

The last edition, published in 1972, was designed to relate to city youth, with pictures of scouts in such urban settings as basketball courts and skyscrapers.

However, the manual's 78-year-old author, William Hillcourt, says "Boys lose the romance of scouting hanging out in cities—they've got to get out in the country."

In the last six years, total U.S. scouting membership—including boys cubs, explorers and leaders—dropped about 2 million to 4.5 million.

Leary banned from Canada

WINNIPEG (CUP)—The Canadian immigration department has prevented former acid guru Timothy Leary from taking a trip to Canada.

Leary had been scheduled to give talks at the University of Winnipeg and Red River Community College in Winnipeg. But the federal immigration department has decided to bar entrance for Leary "because of his record, various prison sentences having been imposed for possession of marijuana, transporting marijuana without paying tax,

and escape without force from legal custody."

In the mid-60s, when Leary was a philosophy professor at Harvard, he championed the recreational use of LSD and the phrase "tune in, turn on, and drop out".

Leary was supposed to speak on the topic "From Inner Space and Outer Space —The Creation of the Future".

Leary was allowed into Canada two years ago at the discretion of the Minister of Immigration.

In referring to Leary's previous Canadian visit an immigration department official said, "Sometimes people who are not admissable do get into the country and then a closer check is taken."

Representatives from both student associations expressed their disappointment with the government decision and felt that many students would be upset Leary had not been allowed into the country.

Cup briefs

Tuition up in the west

OTTAWA (CUP)—Tuition will probably go up next year on two prairie universities, according to student union executives at the Universities of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

"It looks like there will be a 10-15 per cent increase in tuition and that would probably force a decline in enrolment," Steve Ashton, president of the U of M students union said February 7.

University of Saskatchewan students will face a seven to nine per cent increase next year, the fourth increase in as many years, said Cindy Devine, students union vice-president. Fees have already jumped 30 per cent in the last three years, she said, with no corresponding increase in services.

Second-language education in danger

OTTAWA (CUP)—Funding for second-language education will be slashed by nearly a third next year, the federal government announced February 19.

In the federal spending estimates presented to Parliament, the funding for French-language schooling, translation, and other bilingualism programs has been reduced from \$455.4 million this year to \$349.3 million in the fiscal year ending March, 1980.

However, funding for two programs most directly affecting post-secondary students—scholarships and summer language training programs—has been increased by \$2.9 million to \$8.9 million.

Engineers progressive

WINNIPEG (CUP)—The Engineering Students Society at the University of Manitoba is considering taking the university to court for failing to provide them with a proper education.

Gary Funio, a spokesperson for the society, told a meeting of 700 engineering students that they might be launching a suit within a month. The grounds for the suit would be that engineering students pay a higher percentage of the faculty's budget but the administration has been consistently underfunding the engineering department since 1971.

In recent years, the Canadian Accreditation Board has refused to grant the U of M engineering department the usual five year accreditation and has cited underfunding as one of the department's major problems, dean of engineering Martin Wedepohl said. He has called for an investigation into the budgetary procedures at the U of M.

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