

Comment

# Bees in a bonnet

by Ron Norman

After listening to Dr. Hayes's lecture on Friday night, I feel quite qualified to write a sociobiological history of the world. It will not take long. If I go wrong anywhere I hope some initiated sociobiologist will give me the correct version.

In the beginning men were found in little bands of about twenty people, all related to one another by blood, except for the wives who were perhaps captured. Their lives were spent in the service of two instincts: self-preservation and helping members of the family (altruism). They did not care what the neighbours thought or did. They would not have cared for anything you might say about "nasty, brutish and short."

Along came a priest. He told them in an insinuating sort of way that unless they co-operated with their neighbours and served the king which he had just made up, God would send them all to Hell.

The priest was serving an instinct of his own called self-interest or getting ahead

in the world. This instinct is so strong that it will invent a world in which getting ahead is possible. All that is needed is intelligence or smarts—the ability to do the right thing. At that period the right thing was to found civil society, and the priest, being a smart man, did the right thing—for himself.

From then on, priestcraft never looked back. Soon mobs of people had been converted into gadabouts and busibodies. Monstrous mirages appeared in the earth—states, cities, churches, guilds, and strangest of all, perversions called "friendship" and "goodwill". Instinct was at a discount.

But relief was in sight for the straight family man. Scientific truth was born, the enemy of all priests and the friend of domesticity. Religion, of course, has fought back. The most recent sect of priests is the Marxists, who claim that people have "common interests". This is merely a confusion of two genuine instincts—self-interest and family altruism. In fact, the only real relation you can have

with people outside your family is to use them for your own private ends.

Victory is now in sight for Nature; it is coming from two directions. First, the sociobiologists have discovered man's real nature by studying the social insects. Second, the modern corporation has provided an environment in which man can be his clannish self without losing hold of technology. In a corporation, men can treat each other with exemplary inhumanity all day long and then go home and be altruistic to their families.

You won't find a sociobiologist to put it in such an orderly fashion—Dr. Hayes certainly didn't—but that is what it's all about, the name of the game, the nitty-gritty. It is a theory the ordinary guy can swallow. Ask any used car salesman.



## Open hours

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installing new bathrooms for the 'influx' of men will be very costly. Proponents argue that present male visitors use either the women's washrooms with a 'guard' at the door or the male washroom on the first floor. They add that the 'influx' of men between the hours of three a.m. and noon on weekends should create few traffic congestions in the halls. A carpenter was sent to the Hall to consider what 'structural changes' the men's visits will entail. "We are not asking for co-ed residences; we simply want to do away with the sign-in book on weekends", McLean said. The women appear to be in the same predicament as the 'residence refund' campaign; will the administration make a decision before next year?

# Health fund mourned

OTTAWA (CUP)—The federal government didn't realise Canada's lack of health facilities when it ended a fund for health training 2 years early, according to a representative of Canadians for Health Research, Leonard Greenberg.

The fund, which was set up in 1966 to foster medical training programs, was to end in 1980. But Health Minister Monique Begin got a bill passed through the House of Commons in February which stopped all applications after November of last year.

Although projects approved before that date will still be funded until December, 1980, no new projects will be accepted, according to Dr. J.A. Dupont, head of the administrative team handling the fund.

This leaves \$68.3 million of the \$500 million fund unspent, he said.

Dupont said four provinces—Quebec, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, and B.C.—had not yet applied for the full funds they were entitled to under the program because they had expected another two years of funding. As well, a special section for projects of "national priority" had \$42 mil-

lion left because of its more stringent criteria.

According to Begin, the fund was ended because its objectives had been met. There are almost three times more active physicians in Canada now than in 1966, she said. But provincial governments, members of the medical community, and opposition members disagreed.

They accused the federal government of "cheating" and "short-changing" them of the remaining \$68.3 million, and predicted it could cost the provinces as many as ten teaching hospitals and a number of research laboratories.

"Combined with cutbacks in the Medical Research Council budget, the elimination of the fund will have a devastating effect on Canada's medical community," said Conservative health critic Paul Yewchuck. "The most serious effects will be the retardation of health-training services in the have-not provinces."

And Greenberg pointed out the fund was still needed.

"Obviously, facilities are not adequate in many regions of the country and facilities we do have are deteriorating," he said.

# NUS presents report

OTTAWA (CUP)—The National Union of Students has begun meetings with major national organizations and federal political parties, to coincide with the release Mar. 15 of their report on the state of post-secondary education in Canada.

The report, Education: A system in chaos, outlines the history of post-secondary education funding in the country and details the problems universities and colleges now face because of a lack of long-range planning on the part of the federal government, according to NUS.

"What we're doing is presenting a very reasoned argument as to why post-secondary education funding should not be cut back or de-prioritized,"

NUS executive secretary Pat Gibson said Mar. 14. "The important thing at this point is that the student position has been consolidated and presented to governments and other groups concerned with post-secondary education and to community groups."

Gibson said the NUS executive has already discussed the report with the Association of Canadian Community Colleges and will meet with the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the Canadian Labour Congress, the Canadian Bureau for International Education, the Progressive Conservative party caucus and a committee of the NDP party caucus in the next week.

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