

Prof. Agrees: Freedom Good - But What Is It?

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Agreeing that freedom is good but not agreeing on what it is, is a confused attitude commonly held today.

T. C. Pocklington, assistant professor of political science, discussed some common misconceptions about freedom at the SCM house Thursday.

Attempts to define freedom have led to confusion and complexity, not enlightenment. In discussing an external freedom, rather than freedom of will, Mr. Pocklington raised the question of what is freedom? Who has it? How much do they have?

"Freedom means different things to different people at different times," he said. If there isn't a common understanding of the basic term, how can the larger concepts of "free world" and "enslaved world" be logically discussed?

DEFINITION IS SLOPPY

If freedom means economic independence, one citizen from another, then obviously the citizens of the

Communist countries are freer than we of the West. Thus, he commented, a descriptive discussion of freedom becomes sloppy and mere propaganda.

Putting freedom in a social and political context, Mr. Pocklington noted that the modern goal of most social organizations is to allow people freedom to develop their potentialities.

"This presupposes historical progress," he commented. In this way, Marxists are consistent—they do believe that history progresses to a good end. However, he noted, it is impossible for others to accept the idea of inevitable progress, especially for Christians. Is the development of personality, therefore, the highest good?

Noting that the basic problem is still a definition of freedom, Mr. Pocklington said this definition should develop through a close analysis instead of broad generalizations.

He was optimistic that scholars might some day agree on an understanding of the term, although a universal agreement would be difficult.

Survey Shows Bookstore Prices Higher-UWO

LONDON (CUP)—It's not worthwhile to buy books in the University of Western Ontario bookstore. They can be purchased more cheaply and faster in downtown London.

A recent Gazette survey of local bookstores has turned up some interesting facts which all book-buyers should heed. One local bookstore saleslady said: "The UWO Bookstore obtains a 10 to 40 per cent discount on all books from Toronto brokers, which it doesn't pass on to the students."

Another added: "A bookstore could exist on a purely non-profit basis by cutting down considerably the 10-40 per cent profit on books and still not operate in the red. We have had numerous comments in the past from students who said that the prices were cheaper here than at the university store."

The Gazette ran several samples of book prices and in all cases given, the local bookstore prices were lower than the university bookstore's.

UWO bookstore officials said that they must make a profit to pay ex-

penses and to order an inventory of books for the next term. Profits, which are distributed by a joint administration-student committee, were used to build Western's skating rink and to bring special lecturers to UWO, such as Margaret Mead and W. H. Auden.

Dr. G. E. Hall, university president said last week that part of the profits go towards alleviating the yearly loss sustained by the cafeteria. (Last year the cafeteria lost \$5,625 due to student thefts of cutlery, chinaware and such.)

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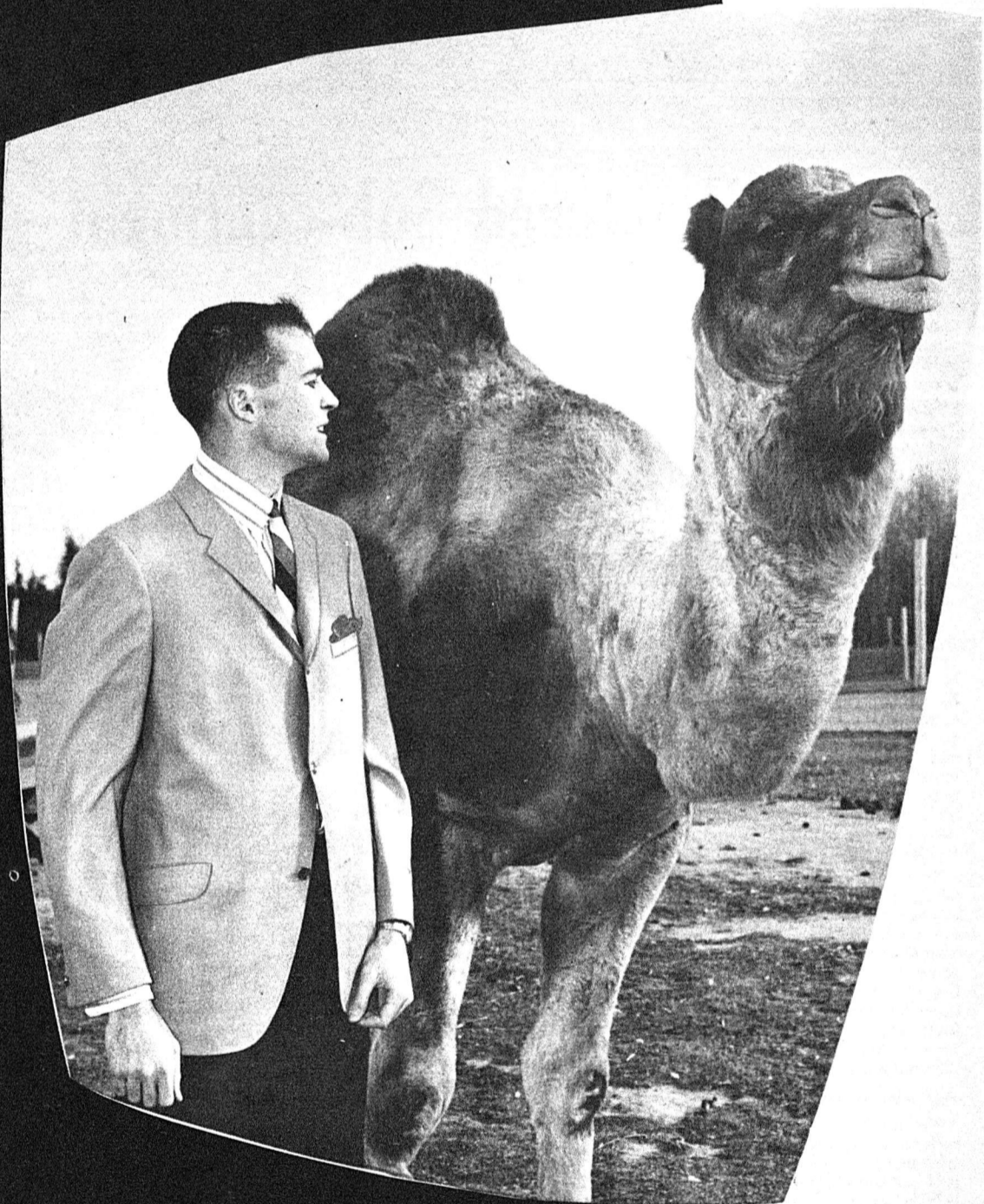
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