

# First step to free education

## Free tuition for 1,400 freshmen at Memorial this autumn

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There were 1,450 freshmen queued outside the Olympic gymnasium at Memorial University, St. John's Tuesday morning when registration began for the autumn semester.

However, unlike freshmen classes of '65 enrolling at Canada's other 41 campuses this week the Memorial freshmen paid no tuition.

And according to Premier Joey Smallwood, whose Liberal government is financing the plan, no other North American university can boast such benefits for its students.

Besides, the Newfoundland Government has publicly promised free tuition for second year students come next September, and intimated, all 4,500 students on the campus in four years will pay no fees.

When the first year free tuition was announced last February, there was no partying in the legislative chambers at Halifax, Charlottetown or Fredericton.

Many of the Maritime university president's expressed re-

servations over the scheme.

At the University of King's College, President Dr. Harry D. Smith did not agree with the Newfoundland government financing first year education.

Said Dr. Smith: First year is the screening year. The other years are more important. It would be nice to have university education free through to graduation but that won't be for another 100 years."

But in Newfoundland, the Smallwood government had apparently decided not to wait quite that long.

At the founding convention of Memorial University's Alumni Association in August, Premier Smallwood remarked he would be "greatly surprised" if all years at the campus "were not free within two or three years after the coming year."

He was more specific two weeks ago and informed the Province, Memorial sophomores would likely benefit from government-paid tuition next autumn.

Assuming each student pays an average \$385 in first year, the Newfoundland government would be footing a \$555,000-bill for tuition

this week.

Not so, says Rex Murphy, Arts-Pre-Law IV at Memorial. He told the Canadian Union of Students at Lennoxville, Que. that Premier Smallwood's free tuition cry was "at best a half truth and at worst, a fraudulent, political move."

Congress delegates, he gathered, understood Memorial students were benefiting from government-paid textbooks, accommodation expenses, transportation and education.

The provincial government, said Mr. Murphy, was paying for tuition only. And at that, he added, not all Memorial students were in fact, benefiting from the move.

He contended at the Congress that more than 700 of the students who are entering Memorial today can get \$600 teaching grants from the provincial government. Medical students can take advantage of a government plan that finances their entire education from first year to graduation with an M.D.

Their education completed, the teachers and doctors must spend several years working back in Newfoundland. Besides, scholarship winners will not have their tuition paid

for them by the Newfoundland government, the Memorial student pointed out.

In reality, about 700 students are getting tuition-free education, Mr. Murphy concluded.

But he was quick to add that the other years at Memorial are paying an additional \$50 in fees for the third, straight year, offsetting the expense of free tuition for these 700 freshmen.

Back in St. John's, the pro-Liberal radio station C.J.O.N. inaccurately quoted Murphy as terming the tuition scheme "a fraud" and Premier Smallwood retorted he heard the report with "shocked disbelief" and requested an apology. It was then he proposed free tuition for sophomores at the Newfoundland campus, and said his government had already decided to go to the provincial legislature presently to provide free tuition in all years (by 1969).

In Lennoxville the Congress welcomed Premier Smallwood's announcements and dashed off a congratulatory telegram to him. The delegates expressed hope the tuition-policy in Newfoundland would be repeated in the rest of the country.

# Jane Fonda turns Cat Ballou in western satire

Give that cute little freshette a break—take her to the movies. But not any movie, run forthwith and see the funniest picture in town — Cat Ballou now playing at the Hyland.

Cat Ballou, for those of you on the outside, is a Western, with real live gunfighters, beautiful young girls, (the innocent face of Jane Fonda is by itself ample entertainment to splurge) and a fantastically cliché ridden plot.

But Ballou is no ordinary Western. Though all the ingredients are present something is drastically wrong. It's funny. Whoever wrote the script did a brilliant job of satire, one which should forever ensure that future serious Westerns will evermore be greet-

ed with the gales of laughter they so richly deserve.

The plot is simple and typical. Katharine Ballou a ravishing young creature returns home from Normal School to find her father threatened with his life because he will not leave his ranch which is desired by a grasping British capitalist. Her many assets gain the assistance of two well meaning, but ineffectual young men who, luckily, are augmented by a Rick Nelson type Apache and a hired gunfighter. Unfortunately the gunfighter is old and constantly drunk (though he was "really great" in his prime) with the unfortunate result that her father is shot by another hired gunfighter (bad type gunfighter) rather early in the movie (at least for an Oscar).

Then by some mysterious sleight of hand, known only to masters of the financial world, our heroine is tossed out in the cruel world in company with her somewhat motley crew.

From here the movie gathers steam. They execute a daring train robbery, escape hundreds of pursuing posses, and finally Cat in person, shoots (by accident of course) the, by now, lecherous British capitalist. So endeth the empire.

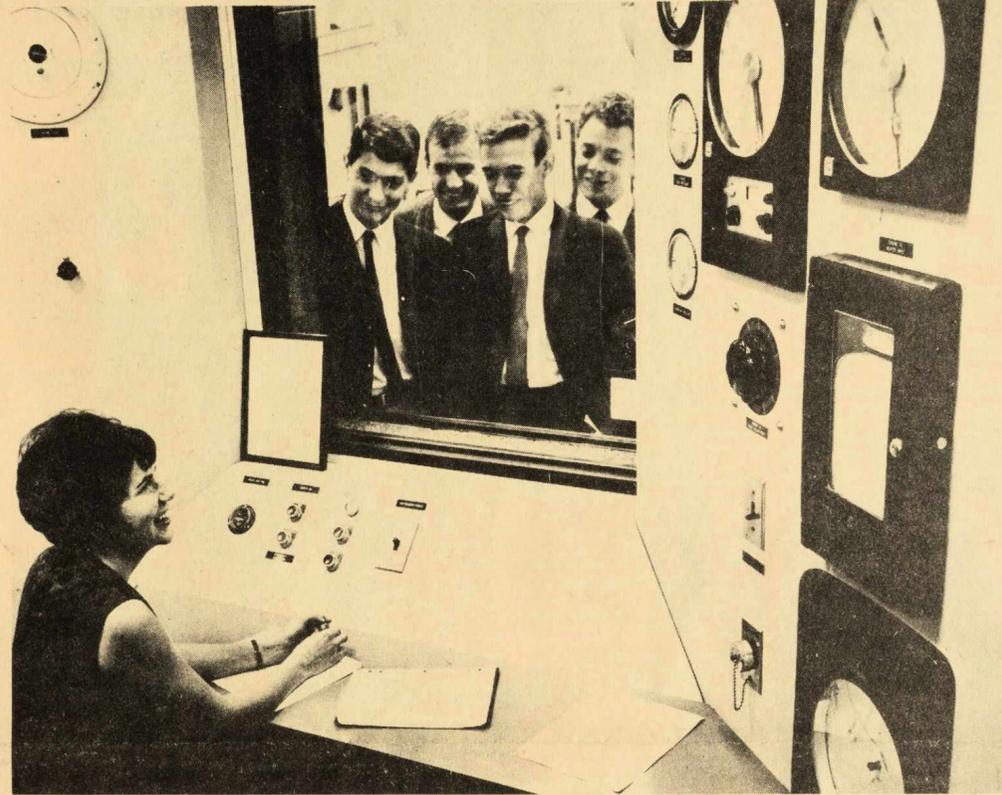
She is sentenced to hang and we are now back to where we started for the movie itself starts with a very pleasant ballad by the late Nat King Cole all about the sad story just described.

Lee Marvin was perfect as the drunken old gunfighter this reviewer particularly enjoying his comment on returning from killing the bad old gunfighter (who turns out to be, surprise, surprise, — his brother) "boy it was swell, real swell".

Hollywood should poke fun at itself more often.

OTTAWA: Canada's population rose to 19,604,000 at July 1, an increase of 333,000 from the mid-year figure for 1964, the bureau of statistics reports.

The figures are based on recorded births, deaths, and arrivals of immigrants, and estimates of emigration, since the census conducted in 1961.



**TOUR CENTRE.** Exchange students from European countries visit engine test cell at \$100-million Sheridan Park Research Centre, 17 miles west of Toronto. The students (l-r) Jean-Marc Laquiere, Lille; Michel Dubois, Saumur; Gabriel Chaise, Lyon, and Arnaud de Morcourt, Paris are among 20 students from nine countries visiting the centre as members of the International Organization of Business and Economic Students (AIESEC). Conducting tour is Carolyn McMaster, University of Toronto, Secretary of the AIESEC Committee in Toronto.

# In Britain, it's towels and instant tea...

Pity the poor efficiency expert in Britain. So says Mark Harrison writing from London for the Toronto Daily Star, last week.

Every time he comes up with a new idea, he gets dragged back, kicking and screaming, into the nineteenth century by the dogged resistance of the British working man.

Two minor incidents in Britain this week illustrate the point. The first is the sad story of the school headmaster who got fed up with the dirty, soggy towels that hang in most of the nation's public washrooms.

**NOSE BLOWERS**  
He decided to strike a blow for hygiene by putting paper towels into the washrooms at his school. But since he had just traded in the school's coal furnace for an oil burner, he had no place to burn the used towels. So he put them in the garbage.

The garbage men's union protested. "It's a question of hygiene," a union official explained. "The pupils use them things for blowing their noses on. Our men don't like handling them."

The union complained to the town council. A council official visited the school, explained how

hard it was to get garbage men these days, and suggested the towels be stuffed in paper bags for disposal.

The headmaster agreed. But the women who clean the four storey school complained that they had enough to carry without lugging paper bags up and down stairs. So they complained to their union.

The harassed headmaster then asked the local school board if he could use his petty cash fund to buy an incinerator in which to burn the used paper towels. Certainly not, replied the board. It would violate the bylaw

banning air pollution. The board suggested the towels be buried in the compost pile in the school garden.

The gardening teacher didn't like that idea. After all, he pointed out, the wind might blow the towels all over the place. And besides, who was going to handle them? He would quit before he would touch them.

**PILE GROWS**  
The teacher is still at the school. And the pile of paper towels is getting bigger every day. The other incident occurred at a tile factory southeast of London when management decided to get rid of the jumble of cups and saucers and milk and cream that was carted through the plant each day to sell tea to the workers.

# Tuition fees to be major issue in "year of action"

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) — Patrick Kenniff, 22, incoming president of the Canadian Union of Students, told delegates to the 29th congress of CUS that universities are ignoring the obvious result of their actions in choosing to raise fees to meet their revenue needs.

In his opening address on August 29, to delegates from 45 Canadian universities meeting at Bishop's University, Mr. Kenniff urged student leaders to fight inequality of access to higher education.

Calling the coming year a decisive one, he said: "The Bladen commission on the financing of higher education is scheduled to report within the next two months and there is little reason to believe that this report will attempt to democratize accessibility to higher education."

"Drastic action may be required, and we must be prepared to meet this challenge."

Turning to the growing expertise of CUS in education, Mr. Kenniff called the Canada Student Means Survey, begun last fall, "a study which will benefit both the students of this generation, and the students and decision makers of the future."

The results of the survey, to be released in several months, will provide an extensive analysis of the student's financial means and problems.

Asking students to overlook organizational differences, Mr.

**HEES —**

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els is getting bigger every day. Mr. Hees said: "U.S. intervention in the Dominican Republic is completely unjustified."

He claimed that the United States government seems to be able to rationalize that "they are always the good guys and the opposition are always the bad guys."

However, on Vietnam he commented: "I don't think the Vietnamese people give a hoot who they live under as long as they get a little more rice. If the U.S. pulls out of Vietnam now the Asian countries might decide to sign up with Communism now."

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