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SAP Panel Raps Wolfenden Report

By BARB PEPPERDENE

At the latest meeting of the Sociology, Anthropology and Psychology Society a (sometimes heated) discussion on the Wolfenden Report took place.

For those of you who have never heard of it, the Wolfenden Report was a document tabled in the English Parliament. It recommended that homosexuality involving neither violence or coercion be made legal and that the laws and penalties levied in cases of prostitution be harsher.

Three Panelists

The panel discussing the report consisted of three students: Charles Hallett, Barbara Douglas and Lawson Stockford. Prof. K. H. Brookshire of the Psychology Department was moderator.

The proceedings were patterned after TV's, **Fighting Words** with the exception that members of the audience were invited to comment or question the panel at any time during the discussion. Several persons took advantage of the opportunity.

There was a general feeling among the panelists that homosexuals, while not deserving our sympathy, are in need of therapeutic help. None was in favour of legalizing homosexuality in answer to the problem, since they felt that homosexuals were abnormal and harmful in society.

More Lenient

The panel appeared more lenient toward prostitution. They felt that, even with stricter laws, the practice would not be wiped out. One panelist felt that prostitution should be legalized, but only on an organized basis. Another felt that, while ideally prostitution should be abolished, realistically it plays a role in the structure of western society which is not filled in any other way.

All the panelists felt that if stricter laws were passed with regard to prostitution, the practice would only go into hiding. It would not be eliminated or even lessened. Thus the final state would be no better than the existing state, and might even be worse.

Did Not Succeed

While the panelists attempted to avoid moral and ethical implications of the topic, they did not fully succeed. Morals and ethics crept into the discussion frequently, but even so there were many good comments regarding the feasibility of the Wolfenden recommendations.

The conclusion of the panel appeared to be that the recommendations of the report were not the solution to the problems of homosexuality and prostitution and should not be adopted.

By DAVE CROWTHER

Beware of Monsters With Twin Speakers

Two weeks ago I was a normal man living a happy, healthy life. That was before I was introduced to Stereophonic sound. At that time I was given a demonstration of a stereo-record player by one of the local record shops. I couldn't believe my ears—it was impossible, it couldn't be done.

Convinced, I bought one.

Setting It Up

On arriving home, I hastened to set up the stereo equipment. I carefully read each direction:

- (1) Put speakers 8 to 10 feet apart—done.
- (2) Turn tone dial approximately one-quarter of its possible distance—done.
- (3) Turn volume knobs one-half of their possible distance—done.
- (4) Plug in—done.
- (5) Set Stereo record on shaft—done.
- (6) Turn set on—done.
- (7) By geometry (if you are an Artisan and can't do it yourself, get an engineering friend) determine the apex of the triangle formed by drawing a 45 degree angle from each speaker—done.
- (8) Mark—done.
- (9) Drop record on turntable—done.

Now, according to the directions, I was ready to enjoy the new world of "Living Sterec".

I sat in my prescribed spot and waited until the wonderful sounds would reach my ear. There was a loud thud in the air

as the needle hit the outer edge of the record. This was followed by a dull roar which grew in intensity until the music was heard. There I sat in joyful ecstasy.

Over and Over

I played the record over and over that night and would have continued to do so at daybreak when I was forcibly put to bed. The next day I bought more records and more the day after. Each night I sat up and played records. It got worse and worse and worse. I began to skip lectures more frequently. This was followed by an isolation from my friends and family. I found that I could no longer speak to people unless I first placed myself in the prescribed angular position. Unless at the happy medium of the group, I could no longer hear them. I had to have two phones put in my room so that I could hear them when they rang, and they too had to be the proper distance apart.

These are only a few of the less terrible things which happened to me. Last week I lost my hearing. Two days ago I went out of my mind and that is why I'm writing to you today from our provincial eleemosinary institution.

Before I leave you, I would like to give you a warning that I hope that you all heed. Beware of the Stereo monster or you too will find yourselves members of the Lancaster Clique.

Negative Attitude Won't Save Canada

One of the most important developments in Canada these days is mounting popular opposition to what are considered to be the illegitimate influences exerted on this country by the United States.

Canadians are once more acutely aware of the danger of being too submissive to our southern neighbor. Many maintain that we may well lose our economic and military integrity, and some go so far as to claim that even our political autonomy is in jeopardy.

It was upon such fears that our politicians first forged Canada as a separate entity in spite of the overwhelming evidence that they were perpetrating an economic absurdity.

We can also thank the politicians for our renewed interest in the problem of survival, for they never miss an opportunity to stress the hazards of depending on the United States. We could hardly expect them to do otherwise, for turning the United States into a whipping boy has never cost anyone a vote.

Unfortunately, despite our fervor, the chances are slim that we shall ever achieve any great degree of independence.

The permanent survival of any country depends on its inner strength. In other words, it is fundamentally the product of distinct national culture.

Canada does not have one. And what's far worse, there is little chance of developing one as long as we remain in our present frame of mind, for little lasting and valuable can be built on no more substantial base than a persecution complex.

We are too defensive. We cry about "freedom from". But we seldom say anything about "freedom of".

A good indicator of this sadly negative attitude was the Founders' Day panel discussion about the influence of the United States on Canadian life. The Canadian participants eloquently pointed out the dangers of our overexposure to the United States culture, but they seemed unable to define what it is that needs protection from these influences.

If we are to flourish as an individual nation, we must have something positive and distinct within our own country. Only this can give us the self-confidence necessary for survival.

We can never expect to maintain our independence unless we know "why" we want it.

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