

# Math Training Lags

By Patricia Hughes

Canada is suffering from a shortage of mathematicians.

This opinion was voiced by Dr. Paul Erdős, a Hungarian specialist in advanced mathematics currently lecturing here.

Dr. Erdős is noted for his work on the Number Theory and during his career has lectured at universities throughout the world.

### PERSONNEL LACK

According to Dr. Erdős, our lack of qualified personnel is part of a world-wide trend, which in Canada is especially acute. In the math department at UAC there are no Canadian professors at all.

Still, certain improvements are evident. Since Dr. Erdős' last visit, in April, 1958, progress has been made. "The physical settings have improved, and the department of mathematics library compares favorably with any, especially where periodicals are concerned," he said.

### HUNGARIAN MATH MASTER

Dr. Erdős, a member of the Hungarian Academy, was born in Budapest in 1913. His interest in mathematics dates back to his boyhood in Hungary where both his parents were mathematicians. He speaks five languages, including English, which his father taught him, after acquiring it himself in a Siberian prison camp.

Dr. Erdős' family resides in Hungary, but he travels a great deal, having worked at almost 300 universities throughout the world. He is reputed to be the foremost authority on the Number Theory today.

When asked his opinion of Canada as a whole, he said it is a "large, interesting country." He is particularly fond of Vancouver and after his 1958 visit he wrote an article on Canada which was published in Hungary.

His current stay will last for six weeks.



DR. PAUL ERDOS  
... visiting mathematician

# Dr. Frye Says To Maladjust Education Aim

KINGSTON (CUP) — The whole aim of education is not to adjust individuals to society, but to make them "as maladjusted as possible," according to Dr. Northrop Frye.

And yet, because of the North American tendency to "shallow Utopianism" and "maudlin togetherness," there are theories of education "stupid enough and degraded enough" to advocate the former.

Dr. Frye, principal of Victoria College in Toronto and noted literary critic and scholar, was speaking to students of Queen's University last Friday.

### OLD IDEALS CHANGED

He noted that the university is committed to tradition by its very nature. But the modern university has usually repudiated those ideas that can be detected in the great medieval universities. One of these is that the university is primarily a function of the Church.

He said that Queen's has been affected by the renaissance secular conception of education and the nineteenth-century scientific revolution and that her religious background is non-conformist.

"For the most part, the essence of the university today is a cult of mutual unintelligibility," said Dr. Frye in describing the breakdown of the second medieval ideal, that of the universality of knowledge.

Though the Queen's motto, Sapientia et Doctrina Stabilitas, implies universality, the inter-relatedness of knowledge is not very evident today. Each discipline erects barricades against the rest.

# Shoes Replace Smelly Socks At Ed Dances

By Larry Krywaniuk  
Education Reporter

Smelly socks are gone—shoes are here to stay.

The controversial Ed Gym floor is being resurfaced, according to Education Dean H. T. Coutts. This will make it suitable for shoe dances.

Work on the floor began on Saturday and is scheduled to be completed this week. The dressing which involves some plastic derivative, will be guaranteed by the company for two, perhaps three years.

According to the phys ed department, there is no floor that is ideally suited for physical and social purposes, but they are "extremely anxious to cooperate."

"Everything possible is being done to make it suitable for the students—We'll do this and put another dressing on every three weeks if we have to," says Dean Coutts.

He said that he was promised a floor on which there could be shoe dances, and it appears that the promise is being fulfilled.

"It's about time something was done," says Gene Lupul, Ed Undergraduate Society president. The EUS sponsors several dances every year, and Lupul hopes that this will help to make them enjoyable.

# 'SNICK' Organizes At Western University

LONDON (CUP)—The first Canadian chapter of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which is a militant civil rights organization in the United States was formed this week on the University of Western Ontario campus.

The group is prominent in the "black belt" area in the deep South participating in sit-ins, freedom bus rides, and leading Negroes in their crusades for voting rights.

Tom Wakayama, 22 year old UWO

honors student in English and philosophy, has dropped his studies to join SNCC. For the last month he has been working in the SNCC (pronounced 'snick') headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. He was in Birmingham, Ala., on the day the church bombing killed four young Negro girls.

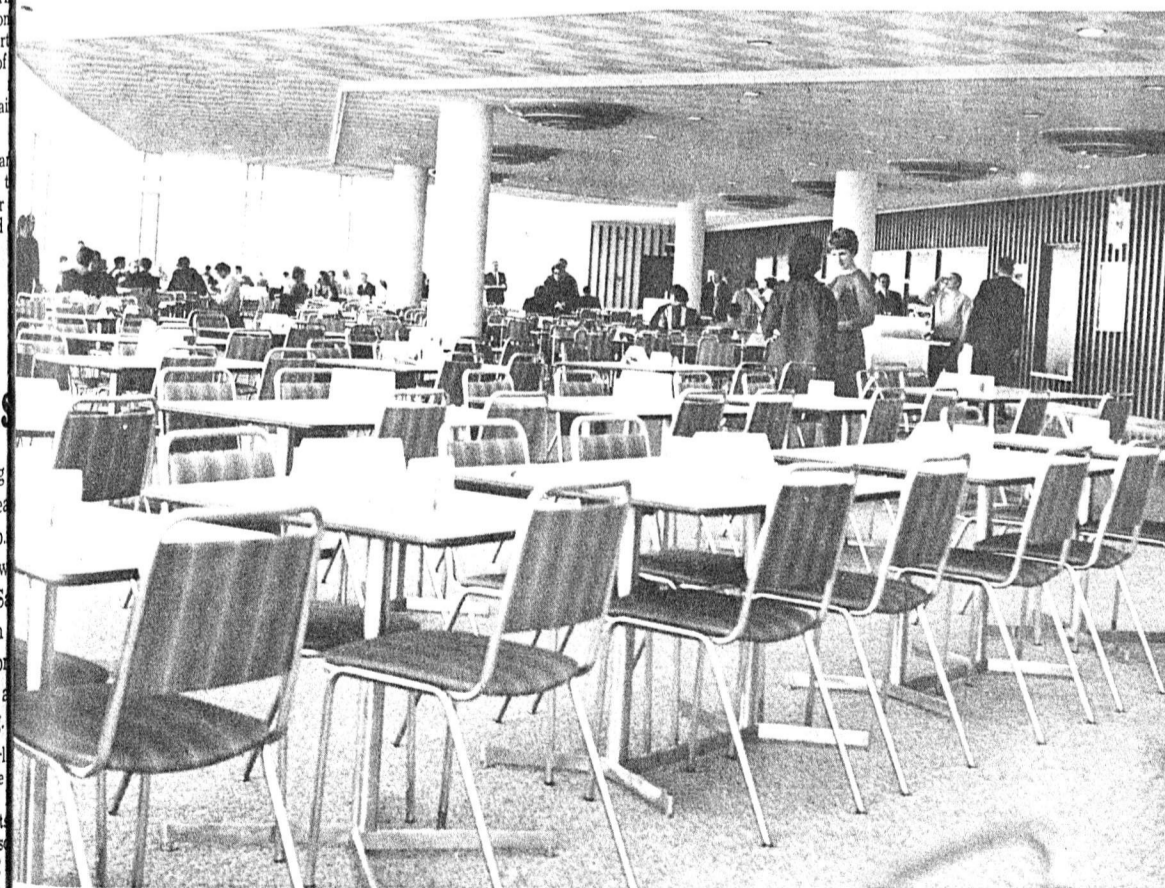
Asked about his plans he said that he first hoped to tell Western students what it was like down in the South and then approach students for funds to support southern students "in their struggle."

"What I would eventually like to see is an active protest group here," he continued. "While I was in

Atlanta I had heard or read of protest groups springing up in many universities the world over; none of these was on a Canadian campus. I think it would be very helpful for both Snick and Western if such a thing could develop here."

Three Western professors signed the first Canadian chapter's declaration that they protest the system of segregation and tyranny in the South and further protest the instances of violence and police brutality perpetrated "on those who are seeking their freedom."

In August, 1961, Snick launched their first voters-registration project in three Mississippi counties.



ANTISEPTICALLY YOURS—Separate tables are the theme of Lister Inn, as it has been affectionately sobriqueted by the dining set. Only four columns in the picture; the fifth column is seated at the ninth table from the left.

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