

# Before I Came to University I Wish I'd Known

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- that it didn't matter how late I scheduled my first class, I'd still sleep through it.
- that I would change so much and barely realize it.
- that you can love a lot of different people in a lot of different ways.
- that university kids throw paper airplanes too.
- that if you wear a shirt everyone asks you why you're so dressed up.
- that every clock on campus shows a different time.
- that you were smart in high school, so what!
- that I'd go to a party the night before a final.
- that Chem labs require more time than all my other 18 credits combined.
- that change is a very positive experience and shouldn't be avoided.
- that you know everything and fail a test.

- that I could get used to almost anything, I found out about my roommate.
- that home would be a great place to visit.
- that most of my education would be obtained outside my classes.
- that friendship is more than just getting stoned together.
- what I was getting into.
- that I would become one of those people my parents warned me about.
- that free food served at 10:00 is gone by 9:59.
- that Sunday is a figment of the world's imagination.
- that psychology is really biology, that biology is really chemistry, that chemistry is really physics, that physics is really math, that math is really...
- that it is a good idea to go places alone and not always rely on a group for support.
- that friendships are what makes this place worthwhile.

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## Basic Freedoms, rights not upheld

by Heather Myers

Free speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of property, and the right to security of the person—all proclaimed in the Canadian Bill of Rights—are not consistently upheld either by legislation or practice, said Alan Borovoy in his address to the first annual meeting of the revived Nova Scotia Civil Liberties Association (NSCLA).

A lawyer and former teacher at Dalhousie's Law School, Borovoy was introduced by NSCLA President Walter Thompson as a figure at the "cornerstone of civil liberties in Canada."

The most serious threat to our civil liberties at present is the undermining of respect for the rule of law displayed by continuing government inaction about RCMP wrongdoing, Borovoy said. He contrasted this with the quick arrest of postal workers last year when they disobeyed a back to work order issued after parliament passed a law making their strike illegal. The fact that Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) President Dennis McDermott upheld the law at

that time by refusing to support an illegal strike makes the absence of disciplinary measures taken against RCMP officers shamefully conspicuous, Borovoy added.

He asserted the media have "grossly overstated" public support of RCMP wrongdoing as the many signatures on a Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) petition advertised in downtown Toronto by the sign "If you think the RCMP should obey the law, sign here", indicate.

A shocking case of violation of the right to security of the person took place in Fort Eyre, Ontario, in May 1974, Borovoy said, when police raided a lounge and searched nearly all of the 100 patrons they found there. Under the authority of the Narcotics Control Act, suspicion of illicit drugs on the premises was sufficient grounds for police to order 35 women into the washroom where they had to submit to vaginal and rectal examinations. There is no need for police to be given so much power, Borovoy said.

Freedom of speech is curtailed by Canadian laws that

state public criticism of court proceedings must be "devoid of invective", and that have recently sent people to jail for "defamatory libel," Borovoy stated.

Effective reduction of freedom of assembly to "freedom of soliloquy" occurs when city authorities route demonstrations in Toronto from bustling Yonge St. on Friday afternoon to deserted Bay St. and University Ave. on Saturday morning, Borovoy said. But more exclusive is the Toronto by-law that states only those organizations that have done so for ten years prior to 1964 can obtain permit to march down a normally busy street. The exception allowed, Borovoy said, is for events deemed of federal, provincial, or municipal importance. Defending the application of anti-Vietnam war demonstrators for a license, Borovoy discovered a precedent in the granting of a permit to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and modestly proposed in court that perhaps the situation in Vietnam was of equal importance.

The absence of a law requiring the Canadian government to record the privacy costs and law enforcement benefits of electronic bugging as the Freedom of Information Act does in the United States, affords us little protection of the right to freedom of property, Borovoy said.

Though he could not comment on the contents of the recently introduced Freedom of Information Bill in Parliament, Borovoy said it was a milestone in Canadian civil liberties for its recognition of the principle that governmental power should be subject to judicial review and reversal.



## Comment

## Marriage and Today's Students

by Father Joe Hattie, Roman Catholic Chaplain

If you were a chaplain at Dalhousie and a couple walked into your office to tell you that they wanted to get married, how would you respond? What would you suggest to them? (Drop in and tell me some time).

What would you do, for example, with this couple—"Father, we want to get mar-

ried, we love each other. But what happens if, in a few years, we lose the feelings we have for each other? We are afraid."

Another couple comes in and says, "We want to get married but are we old enough? Is it possible to make a personal commitment?"

"We want to get married but are we right for each other?"

"We want to get married but we have different beliefs."

The above are some real examples from my experience as a chaplain. On first glance they may appear somewhat perplexing. I find them encouraging questions, because they indicate the couple have been thinking about their relationship beyond the wedding day. That they want to prepare for more than just the day of the wedding. That they want to prepare for the rest of their life as a couple; and in that desire there is much wisdom.

It is the kind of wisdom that I would encourage. The wisdom that recognizes the importance of preparing for one's future as a married couple.

Experience has shown that the basis of sound premarriage preparation are the questions that a couple can ask and work on. Ex. Are we both heading in the same direction? Are we both seeking the same reality? The questions asked will come out of the awareness one has of the reality of marriage.

The reality is that two human beings, male and female, are asking each other to combine their individual destinies, to blend their individual histories into a common history; to begin to create and share a common destiny. It is a very important question that the two people ask each other. "Will you become one with me so that we can move

into the future as a married couple, a new reality? Will you walk with me as we take our place in the ongoing work of civilizing the world?"

If I am going to ask another person to join me in this great adventure, to create a new destiny, then I think that I owe it not only to myself but especially to my future partner to do all that I can to ensure that it will be possible for us to blend our individual lives so as to be able to create a new destiny as a couple. If I think enough of that person I will want to assure our future by investing my time and energy in a conscious effort to prepare for this great privilege.

I say a conscious effort because each person who decides to marry already has a long history of unconscious preparation. It is a preparation that comes from the environ-

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