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Sick sex

Playboy magazine sells sick sex. It dwells in a never-never world of flawless female forms. It preaches the functional superiority of male over female and wallows in adoration of materialism and eroticism.

It is not that Playboy is obscene. The human female nude is indeed a very beautiful thing. Throughout history the undraped figure has inspired artists and it is doubtful that will ever change.

Playboy is to be condemned because it peddles sexual fantasy. By liberal use of the air brush and other art techniques Playboy magazine removes all the blemishes from its girls. Worse than that it removes the imperfections which make the subjects real.

Have you ever noticed that Playboy girls never have any hair on their bodies?

A quest on the Jack Paar show a few years ago hit the nail on the head when he said: "We are raising a generation of college males that are going to get the shock of their lives when they undress their first woman and find out she does not have a staple in her belly button."

A recent parody of Playboy by a group of Harvard University students also got the idea

across. It showed a rich young man sitting on his motorized revolving bed surrounded by a group of real live young belles. However, he is reading his Playboy and saying - "Don't bug me." Women in Playboy are brainless concubines whose only purpose is to reduce the level of the male sex drive. 'Children' and 'family' are dirty words in the skin book trade.

Playboy propagates a world in which women never demand security, love and equality. It sets standards based on Jaguars, yachts and the size of your bar or indoor swimming pool.

In the end, however, we must recognize it is not Playboy alone that is sick, but the society which demands it.

It is strange that we accept Playboy but immediately condemned Eros, another magazine which portrayed natural human sexuality. Eros' women were not plastic blobs of pink and cream flesh. But then Eros did commit the unforgivable sin of showing a negro male nude with a white female nude.

One wonders if Hugh Hefner's women ever sweat or go to the bathroom.

Three cheers for Swift!

Little men play at power politics

Well, we have proven isolation works. Now what?

King's and Dalhousie students councils cut the links between the two schools last year. Since that time Dalhousie student leaders have taken great satisfaction from the efficiency of their plan to segregate the two student bodies.

King's students now carry the leper's pink card. They are shunned and avoided at all Dalhousie activities while the favoured sons, holding their yellow cards on high, are admitted free.

The Dalhousie plan is to force the King's students back into line by denying them a chance to join in Dal activities. The joke is that it won't work. King's has as many if not more activities and they don't have to advertise for months to find members.

Sure there are few souls from down the hill that have bought Dal activity cards. But the number is small and one can expect that there are going to be few individuals that like watching Dal varsity athletics.

However, the joy in heaven at the repentance of a sinner could scarcely be greater than in the Dalhousie student council office when a Kingsman turns in his yellow card.

The King's council is also guilty. They appear content to sit and wait. The question is what are they waiting for?

Every year as Dalhousie continues to grow King's becomes a less and less significant minority.

King's students may have little to gain now by renewing ties with Dal but that will change.

When the new Dalhousie student union building opens in about two years, then Kingsmen will be outsiders in a very real sense. In addition there will be the new art centre and Dal facilities in the planning stage that King's can never hope to provide for its students.

Of course this is what the Dal council is counting on. But the whole business could take years and what ever emerged could not be called a victory.

What is needed are student leaders that can bury their petty rivalries and work out a solution based on co-operation rather than conflict.

It appears the present regimes at both colleges are more interested in proving their relative strengths than providing for the immediate welfare of the students.

Take a ...

Fall Festival sounds like a lot of fun this year. The program is imaginative and one in which everyone can become involved.

The parade, dance, bonfire, and go-cart races could be roaring success if the majority of the student body joins in.

Before the program takes place the Gazette suggests that if the students do not participate that Fall Festival be dropped.

Lock the door

Beware - thieves are at work. Thousands of students have crowded back into Halifax this term to begin the autumn semester at colleges and universities in the city.

They brought with them the fruits of a summer's employment; spending money, refurbished wardrobes and athletic gear. A number of them arrived with stereo and tape recording equipment, book and record collections, as well as automobiles.

Even before lectures began, however, two male students suddenly found themselves in an unenviable position.

Sometime during Friday evening Sept. 16, some person or persons apparently stole clothing and other personal effects valued at \$400 from the students' dormitory room. The next morning, the Halifax Police Department began an investigation into the incident.

Every year, textbooks, billfolds, clothing, and even automobiles belonging to stu-

dents, disappear. Too frequently, these personal effects are never recovered. How often have you left your residence on campus or in the city or gone to bed without bothering to secure the door, or parked your car, unlocked? Do you close your campus locker and ensure that handbags, raincoats and books are not carelessly left behind in a classroom, the cafeteria, a washroom or at a football game? How do you carry bankbooks, credit cards and identification?

Consider for a moment your predicament if confronted today with the disappearance of your entire wardrobe or recently-purchased textbooks.

No doubt carelessness is not the only factor encouraging thievery on campus. By exercising greater caution when storing and carrying personal effects however, there is less likelihood of what happened in a men's dormitory earlier this month.

Regrettable it may be, but students must beware - thieves are at work.

Russians are coming: a capital visit

In Perspective

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Sometimes the inscrutable Russian mind is a little more revealing than it would like to think.

Or so I discovered this week when four young Soviet students landed here for a zoom tour of the historic city's highlights.

Overcoming their initial shyness and the language barrier during a crammed cab ride to Carleton University, they disclosed just why Moscow State University's student council saw fit to send them to represent its 35,000 students.

To begin with, these students possess qualities which will prove valuable on their Canadian tour.

For example:

Stanislav Alechine -- dark, quiet, with shrewd blue eyes -- is president of MSU's student council and an obvious delegate. A mathematics student, "Slave," said little during our tour, but

was quick to smile when a humorous comment in English or French was translated into Russian for him.

Curly-headed Viatcheslav Chestakovski appears a little older than his three compatriots. A science student also, he is studying chemistry at MSU in addition to working as a member of the Presidium of the students' council of the USSR.

Short, dark Valeri Chestokov has no impressive title attached to his name. But as a student of French language and literature, he will prove invaluable on the University of Montreal-sponsored tour of Quebec later this month. Valeri was also very helpful in Paris -- as the only French-speaking delegate.

The last of the four is Boris Yarochevsky -- the only true Muscovite in the group. A former journalism student at MSU, he is presently studying the

French-Canadian press at McGill University in preparation for his masters' degree.

The linguist of the group, this unassuming, clean-cut young man speaks both English and French fluently -- in addition to his native Russian.

These rather distinguished visitors strolled virtually unnoticed through Carleton's tunnels and hallways. Each could easily have passed for ordinary, old "Joe College" wandering aimlessly in the golden haze of Indian Summer.

But the four Russians have a definite purpose in mind, and that is to cram as much of Ontario and Quebec into their 21-day visit as possible. The tour, sponsored jointly by the University of Montreal and McGill University, will enable them to observe a segment of English and French-Canadian life.

And they are always obser-

ving -- never caught unaware -- and always quick to appreciate a joke.

Strolling through Carleton's vast network of tunnels, we chanced upon a row of narrow, grey lockers. "For the big student fountain pens, eh?" one of them quipped.

Students first, they are still basically Russians, and did not seem overly impressed with Carleton or with Canada. For instance, while they recognized that both Russian and Canadian students are concerned with campus -- and international affairs to a certain extent -- they felt the Soviet student activist movement involves far more students than does its Canadian counterpart.

Students turn out by the thousands to hear a popular Russian poet speak, they said, where in Canada does a Canadian poet receive such a reception?

"Russian students are more active more interested in politics and in social reform than are Canadian students," said Boris Yarochevsky. "Here there is a sense of uneasiness among student union leaders."

An observer at the 30th Canadian Students Congress at Dalhousie last month, Boris seemed to know what he was talking about when he said: "We have different aspects of the same problems in Russia, but the students are more active. Today we are pressing for curriculum changes in accordance with the new national economic program. Students should learn the basis of the new economy thoroughly."

"They realize they must change the curriculum according to the new tasks ahead," Yarochevsky, a "journalist by trade," also commented on one of the great differences he has observed between the Canadian and Russian press.

"The press is not an amusement, nor is it to be used as entertainment. It is a weapon in ideology. It should be used to promote a sense of citizenship and to explain and comment on the most prominent problems of society."

"Advertising!" He shrugged his shoulders as best he could in the crowded cab. The expression on his face approached that of horror. "Advertising is senseless. People do not want to search through hundreds of pages to find what they are interested in reading."

Russian newspapers are smaller and contain no advertising, making it easier for the reader to find exactly what he is looking for. Advertising is displayed in booklets published expressly for that purpose, he said.

As far as Boris is concerned, the Russian student press is just as free as its Canadian counterpart. At times, though, he seemed evasive.

"If I were to tell you we have a free press, you would not believe me anyway."

Russian student journalists are inclined to use their freedom of the press more seriously than do Canadian students, he said. As the cab lurched to a stop in front of the Parliament buildings, he explained that Russian journalists are less inclined than Canadians to abuse their press privileges.

Newspaper shop talk was soon forgotten, however, when the tour departed from student government and its problems to government at the federal level. This time the Russians asked most of the questions while New Democratic Party Tommy Douglas attempted to answer them.

"The major problem of youth and students in Canada, eh? Well, I'd say it is adjusting to various political problems and to the process of secularization and urbanization that is going on," replied the diminutive leader to one Russian student.

"There is a new kind of freedom from old social and economic aspects which is manifested in new personal and family relationships, in music, art, and literature. There has been a break with old mores, traditions and myths, and in growing urban centres you find these different concepts in morals, human relationships and racial groups."

"Are students here active enough in solving the country's social problems?" Chestakovski queried in Russian.

Boris translated and Mr. Douglas replied: "I'd like to see them more active. Students of today are more active than their parents, than students of 20 years ago. Then they were more interested in 'making a fast buck.' Now, they seem to be more concerned with social conditions here and in other countries."

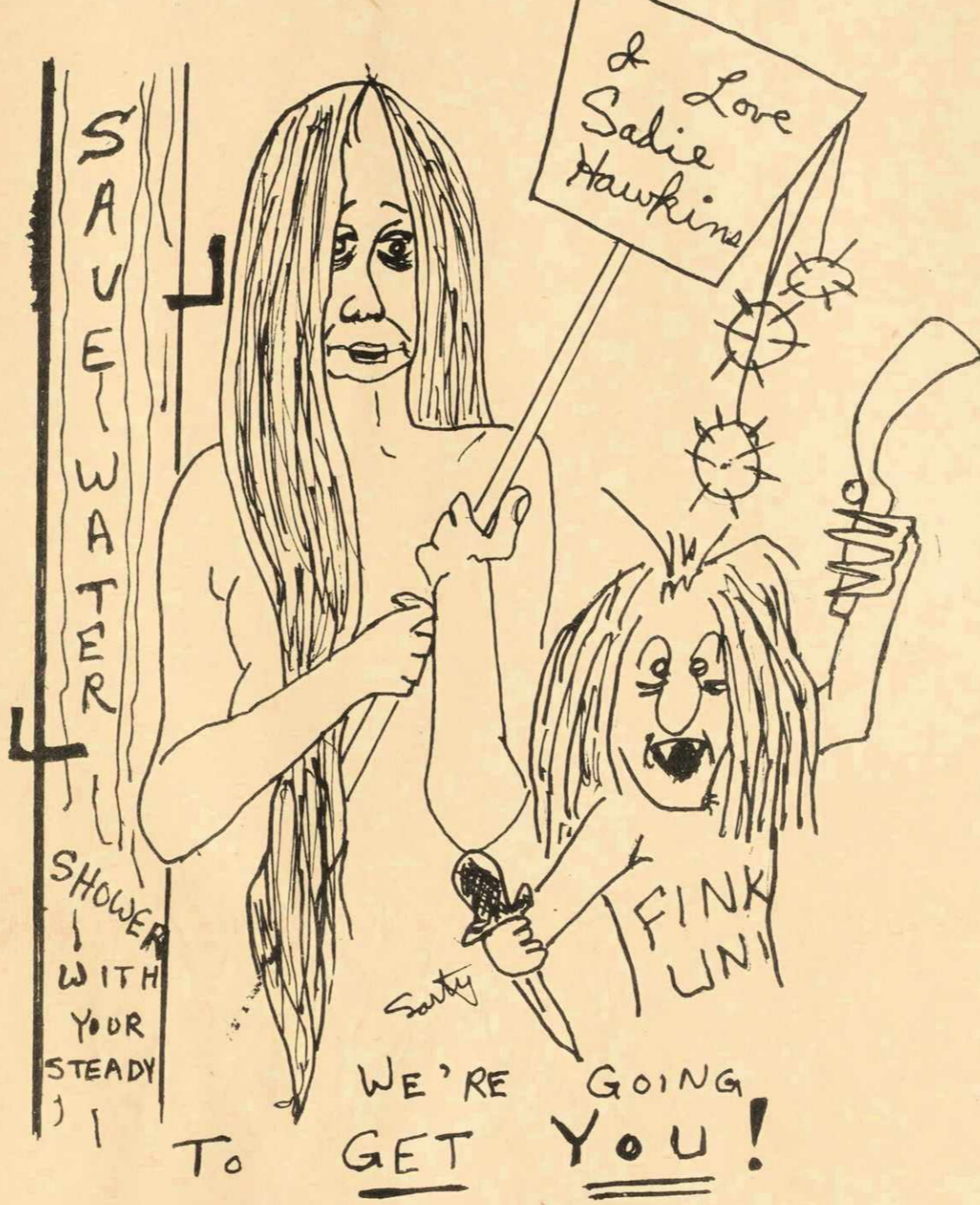
Mr. Douglas appeared quite enthusiastic about further student exchanges with Russia. At present his party is considering a New Democratic Youth tour of the Soviet Union.

The next government official on the agenda was Liberal MP Jean - Eudes Dube. The entire conversation was conducted in French with Valeri translating.

Later Boris said, "Mr. Douglas is a very kind man, but I like the other one (Dube) better."

"Why?"

"Because he's younger." Perhaps this is the keyword in modern Russia -- youth. Age is respected but the vast, sprawling country's future lies in its youth -- a youth that appears well prepared to handle anything the world may throw at them.



Lawmen exchange fighting words

British debaters begin Canada-wide tour

--Continued from Page 1-- recalled a conversation reputedly overheard during a dance in the Dalhousie gymnasium:

Boy to girlfriend: "Will you sleep with me tonight, darling?" Girl: "I'm sorry, dear, I can't because I'm on my menstrual cycle."

Boy: "Oh, that's okay, I'll follow you on my Honda."

Veno contended that, in fact, there is no distinction between public and private morals. It is a contradiction of terms, he argued, to say there is an area of public morals where the public law should not tread.

He said society does not have to wait until "people carry on, before moving to regulate their activities." The purpose of the law is to further public morals and sometimes we must impinge

Dal drama

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Montreal to buy the stockings she wears in the show as the pupil, and Elinor Pushie, who must get the biggest kick out of the show's ideas because she's a teacher herself.

Producer of the show is Doug French for whom French Village is named.

If you want to be first to see "The Lesson", splurge and go Saturday, Oct. 22, to Prince Arthur Jr. High School in Dartmouth. Also included on the lengthy afternoon and evening program will be a Theatre Arts Guild production of "The Dwarves", a weird Pinter play starring Walter Borden, who played Pooh-Bah in our "Mikado" last year.

But you can also see "The Lesson" next week right on campus. It will be staged Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings (Oct. 25-27) in room 234 of the A&A building, starting at 8. (Watch bulletin boards for details.) It's a short play, funny and exciting, so if you can't make it to Dartmouth, do come see it on campus.

"The Lesson" is sponsored by DGDS, in Dartmouth, Drama Workshop on campus.

on private morals to achieve this result.

The law does not state what a person should do, said Veno, but defines what a person cannot do: a minimum standard - and not a maximum one, and certain private acts therefore cannot be excused.

He repeated that a distinction could not be upheld, in fact, between private and public morals, referring particularly to the case for homosexual activities in private, that was argued by the British team.

He wondered: Could the law condone as many as four or five persons committing homosexual acts, but prosecute such activities where more than five persons were involved? Where do you draw the line?

He said, the law does not have to wait until a quarter of the population commits homosexual acts or drinks excessively in private before legislating laws to restrict these practices.

Joe Ghiz, active in campus politics at Dalhousie, and the outstanding performer in the debate, was as voluble as Perry F. Rockwood on a Sunday morning through effective and entertaining.

He repeated Veno's contention for the negative that public versus private morals represented a distinction without a difference.

"The assistance of the public law is important to guide individuals...the basis of the public law being moral in nature," said Ghiz, "and the law will come in to interfere where it affects the common good and public order."

Apparently, the public law has involved itself significant in the "so-called area of private morals and persons private lives," he said.



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He contended that even if various forms of sexual activity were carried on in strict privacy, the result is bound to decay the moral standards of the public. He instanced 18th century France and the widespread private indulgence in the pleasures of the flesh which helped to plunge that country into a bloody civil war.

After both sides had presented brief rebuttals, debate chairman Paul Nieldermayer, Law III called for a decision, determined by the audience's applause. A draw was declared.

Later Tuesday, the British team debated the topic, "That party politics is for men without principle", against a St. Mary's duet.

Tuesday night, University of King's College students Wayne Hankey, president of King's Student Union and Kim Cameron defended the resolution "That religion is the opiate of the people" against the two Scotsmen.

The visiting team won both debates.

The Britishers left Halifax today to continue their tour of the Atlantic Provinces at Acadia and the University of New Brunswick. Before coming to Halifax, they spent two days at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Plans complete

Fall weekend events were revealed to Council members at Monday evening's student council meeting.

In a report Fall Festival co-chairman, Dave Osherow said that a new spirit has inspired the planning. This year's festival will take place on Oct. 28-30 and will be one of spontaneous people participation.

The classic events include a Friday night pep rally and bonfire in preparation for Saturday's home football game and dance. Osherow described the two major

events. One will be a parade including floats to be provided by each society and marching bands. The idea of the floats said Osherow is not so much decorative as populous, with people engaged in some interesting activity.

The other major event is the "Happening" which will take place on Saturday evening in the gym. Even though Halifax may call us "stupid college kids" said president John Young, "it's nice being a stupid college kid once in a while."

Marine

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of marine life, said Mr. MacEachen.

The overall complex, in which the Nova Scotia government as well as federal departments and agencies will be involved, will include aquaria, laboratories,

botanical greenhouses and other related facilities for marine study and research.

In recent years the university has developed an intensive research program in oceanography, biology and the aquacultural sciences with particular emphasis on their relationship to the needs of the Atlantic region.

Room 133

