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## tourists and liquor

The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council was recently urged to support more liberal liquor laws as a means of encouraging the tourist trade. APEC decided to take no stand—many disagree with that decision, and our purpose is to plead for reconsideration for, with all due respect to those who convinced APEC to the contrary, it is submitted that a stand should have been taken and it should have been taken in favour of intelligent, liberalized liquor laws.

Examination of several propositions will indicate where APEC's duty lies: (1) APEC is committed to improving the economy of the Atlantic provinces; (2) tourism is one of the chief industries of the Atlantic provinces; (3) thus APEC is impliedly committed to do all that is within its power to assist the tourist industry; (4) tourism is highly competitive, and, if this area is to compete effectively, it must have an opportunity to compete on an even basis; (5) restrictive liquor laws put our tourist industry at a disadvantage compared to other parts of Canada, notably Quebec and Ontario; (6) APEC, therefore, should assist in removing such a material disadvantage.

It was argued that liquor is "a matter of conscience." Although newspaper reports did not explain this phrase, it is taken to mean that liquor, primarily a matter of morals, is a problem that should be solved by each individual in his own way. This really argues for more liberal laws, for only if the individual is given more scope in which to express his free will is liquor truly a matter of conscience.

Another argument is that liquor seduces the family unit. But, recognition that the family unit is fundamental and is another reason why the laws should be changed. Present laws say that it is wrong to drink at a downtown hotel but quite correct to do so at home; it is illegal to buy and drink one ounce of liquor in a tavern, but is quite legal to buy 36 ounces and drink them in full view of wife and children. Surely it is obvious which alternative has the most devastating effect on the family unit. Of course, the second alternative would not disappear with liberalized laws, but it is just as obvious that such laws would not create the havoc that some say.

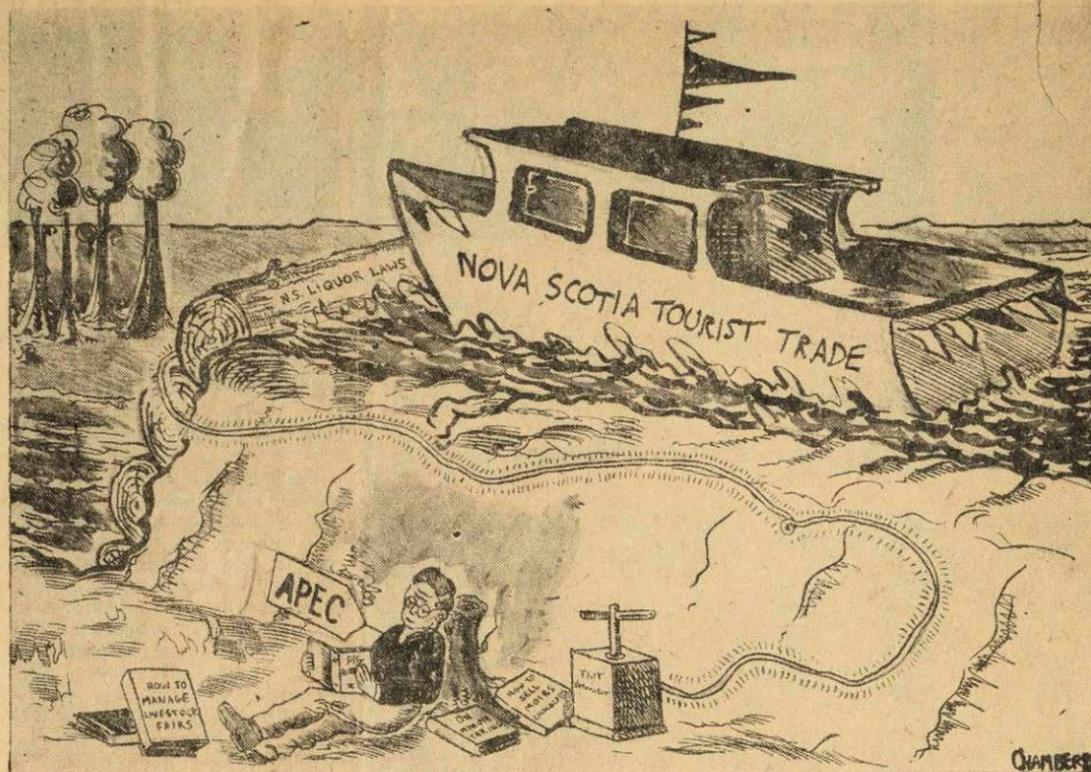
The arguments at the APEC meeting implied that the vast majority of the population is against such a change. This of course, is opinion, and it is the opinion of this editorialist that the majority would approve a more liberal approach were they assured that freer sale of liquor would be accompanied by sane restrictions, carefully enforced.

We are told that APEC is composed of a group of intelligent men dedicated to the idea that the economy of the Atlantic provinces could be improved if the problems facing it were met in dynamic fashion. But, with this decision, APEC has indicated that it might not be as dynamic as was thought.

APEC must eventually face the problem squarely, admit that a sane approach to liquor is not immoral, and take the common sense path to a result which might well prove a greater value than the sum of a the Royal Commissions that have peeped into our economy.

—CONTRIBUTED.

## breaking the log jam



## letters to the editor

### snake dance

Dear Sir:

I don't dare let my name be published. You'll see in a minute why.

I took part in the "snake dance" pep rally on Coburg Road last Friday. I was there, and I say that we deserved all we got. The police did what they should have done.

Not a riot? Not blocking traffic? I saw the wires of at least four trolleys pulled down, leaving the trolleys with all their passengers, plus the cars behind them, stalled. We straggled across the whole road, completely blocking it at times. The police had to stop us, and—use your heads! The only way to stop us at all was by force. The sirens and swooping cars and 'cycles swept us off the street. While we stayed on the sidewalk, they let us run and yell. But some of us returned to the street. The only way to stop it was to arrest some. All right, maybe the ones arrested were no worse than the rest; but they took their chance. The police probably chose a few at random. It worked, didn't it? We headed back, on the sidewalk, quieter than we came.

Why was I there? To observe mob psychology.

Sociology Student.

### propriety

Dear Sir:

I would like to question the reasonableness and propriety of Dal's chief Cheerleader during half-time of the Dalhousie-St. Francis Xavier game on October 26, when, to the best of my knowledge, he informed the Royal Canadian Artillery band in attendance at the game that during half-time the Dal fans were going to parade across the field, and lynch and burn a St. F.X. dummy and that the proposed band concert during half-time could not be held.

I am in favor of a reasonable expression of college spirit at football games, etc., but I, and a few other fans in my vicinity at the game were of the opinion that Mr. Moon overstepped the bounds of propriety in allowing the aforementioned parading of the fans.

Aside from the fact that many of the fans would have preferred to hear the traditional half-time band concert I believe that Mr. Moon failed to fully consider the fact that the bandsmen in question were military personnel who had their weekend broken up by being put on duty on Saturday afternoon, which duty necessitated them par-

ading in full dress uniforms and then sitting in the cold for a full two hours only to be informed that their whole purpose, i.e., a band concert, was defeated because a group of students wanted to have their own little display.

I doubt very much that Dalhousie students are too highly appreciated, considering their lack of gratitude, by the Royal Canadian Artillery of Halifax.

I admit that in writing this letter I have made a few assumptions and that there may possibly be a good explanation for the depreciated actions. If there is such an explanation perhaps it could be relayed to me, either personally, or by means of the Dalhousie Gazette.

Dave Stewart,  
Law II.

### student's friend

"We have lost not only a fine teacher, but even more, we have lost a good friend."

"How would you like someone to write a book of helpful hints to C.A. students writing their final examinations? . . . Okay, I'll do it!" Prof. Berman didn't know it then but he never would get the chance to fulfill his promise to this accounting class and the many other students seeking their Chartered Accountant's degree. As in his numerous offers of aid to the students he loved so well, only this one eventuality could possibly terminate his intentions. "If you guys don't win that soccer game Friday, don't bother showing up for class Monday," and other jocular remarks exemplified his intense interest in students' sports; or "Sure, we'll be glad to chaperone the dance for you," illustrated his unceasing willingness to be of assistance. Students having trouble with their grades found that he not only had a sympathetic ear but also was ready with some very sound advice. His friendly Socratic method of teaching won the complete attention of his students and assured the success of many in the field of Accounting. Today, in Halifax, and in other parts of Canada and United States, there are, no doubt, many young men "reaping harvest" from his training, who are astounded by his death and, along with his wife and relatives, lament his departure.

The Commerce Department may be able to fill the gap, but Professor Wilfred Berman cannot be replaced.

Commerce Student.

### through the

## keyhole

by Pat McDonald

I see by the Varsity that game drinking has been banned at the University of Western Ontario but chances of stopping the drinking were quite slim. To quote the Provincial Police: "It would take a plainclothesman in every second seat to cope with the drinking."

Ed.—Mother to Son: "Of course your father wouldn't commit murder! Why do you ask?"

Son to Mother: "I just heard him down in the cellar saying: let's kill the other two."

The Silhouette has a vivid running account of a recent party raid made on the girl's dormitory by male students. However the opposite sex weren't very co-operative.

Ed.—Radio Announcer: "One good thing about me is that I always delve into my products before I speak about them. This morning I'm going to talk about bloomers."

I see from the Ontarian that a sick monkey suddenly regained its vigor and escaped as it was being taken to the Vet Building. The girls were warned not to be alarmed if a furry animal slips its hand into theirs and asks for a coffee date.

Ed.—Speaking of renewed vigor I know a fellow who always took cod liver pills. He lived to be 102 years old and, when he died, they had to beat the liver to death with a stick.

The Xaverian—Girl to Boy: "You crept into my heart, Johnny. You crept into my soul, Johnny. You're the biggest creep I ever met, Johnny."

The Manitoban—I gave my girl friend a bikini for Christmas and you should have seen her beam.

The Argosy—Letter to the Welfare Bureau: Dear Sir or Mrs.: I wonder if you could tell me if my husband is dead, as the man I am living with now won't eat or do anything until he is certain.

In closing, may I leave you with this thought: there is only one you! Never again will your talents, your personality and your abilities appear upon his earth.

GOOD, NIGHT, PRINCESS.