

Educators worried Student suicides are increasing

FREDERICTON — Pressures of modern education have led to an appalling increase in the number of student suicides, the head of the educational administration department of the University of British Columbia says.

Dr. L.W. Downey has warned the Canadian Education Association that efforts to achieve excellence tend to confuse quality with "hardness." He cited the upswing in suicides as a result of emotional stresses caused by greater education demands.

OVERLY CONCERNED
He said during a panel discussion on "new directions in schools for tomorrow" at the CEA's three day convention here.

"We have become overly concerned with the mastery of specific and often unrelated subject matter—at the expense of our avowed intention of fostering creative and critical thought and of developing to the fullest the unique potentialities of individuals."

Dr. Downey said in an interview later he based his statement on increasing pupil suicides on a confidential study and subsequent statistics undertaken while he was head of the secondary education department at the University of Alberta. The figures applied to the province of Alberta and were limited to the high school level.

However, he declined to disclose any figures or by whom and when the survey was made. He said the public is unaware of the situation because the facts are kept confidential.

Dr. Downey told delegates that in the school of tomorrow the trend will likely move toward a system of educational inquiry rather than emphasis on achievement, and "the natural inclination of the human to inquire, to know and order his world will be the starting point."

The future system will reward a student for his ability to inquire into problems rather than for his capacity for memorizing solutions, he said.

Dr. J.R.H. Morgan, director of the Ontario Curriculum Institute at Toronto, and Dr. A. R. MacKinnon, dean of education at Vancouver's Simon Fraser University, were the other panel speakers.

Dr. Morgan said builders of future curricula must be prepared to accept and encourage divergent thinking and behavior. Some people view human nature as a "dynamic thing that learns by doing..." and the process is developed by interaction with other individuals through a variety of experiences.

Speaking on team-teaching approaches to learning, Dr. MacKinnon said classroom experiments during the last decade proved the self-contained classroom is not the most efficient procedure of bringing about learning.

In team teaching, both teachers and pupils can learn most effectively from each other.

Nova Scotia Negro Does not face up to discrimination



Negroes in Nova Scotia are afraid to face the fact that they are discriminated against, a Negro civil rights worker has said.

Rocky Jones, who left a government job in Toronto last spring to work with Negroes in his native Nova Scotia, said that although they do not lack civil rights they are segregated and discriminated against.

He described a ratepayers meeting at which Negroes said they would be segregated by a proposed electoral riding redistribution, but balked at calling the situation segregation when the time came to vote on a motion of protest.

Mr. Jones expressed disillusionment with the sit-in in front of the U.S. Consulate last March. "It wasn't real..." he said, "All those nice rich white kids, sitting there saying 'Look what they're doing in the South' and then they returned to their nice, cosy homes in Forest Hill. They don't really know what it's like at all."

TREASURE VAN IS COMING

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ie University Concert Series, sponsored by the Student's Council and the University, looms largest in the coming months. Works in Jazz styles of Twentieth century composers will be heard Oct. 3 and music for piano and Winds from the Halifax Symphony Orchestra on Oct. 10. From Paris comes music of the 18th century French and German Courts (Oct. 17) and on Nov. 14th the music of guitarist Narciso Yepes. Back again after a standing ovation last year is Claude Frank, pianist (Nov. 21), on November 28, David Wilson of the Music Department will conduct the Dal chorale.

All the above performances take place in the King's gymnasium and are free of charge.

To conclude we should mention that the Dal Film Society is showing Wild Strawberries by Bergman (Oct. 27, 28) the Great Train Robbery and several other films. These will be held per week in Room 117 at the Dunn Building on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. Meanwhile have you heard of the Italian folk-singer from Montreal playing until next Saturday at the Peppermint Lounge. Friend of the very famous French Canadian singer and writer, Felix LeClerc, she is worth investigating.

The above together with the

mission to College and University was approved in principle last week by the 10 provincial ministers of education. Committees from provincial education departments and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada are finalizing a draft constitution for the body. It is expected to be completed in time for a founding conference in January. Exams could be ready for high-school students by the spring of 1967 to determine university admission for the following year.

Education ministers want college entrance board

FREDERICTON (CUP) — A college entrance board is being formed for Canada.

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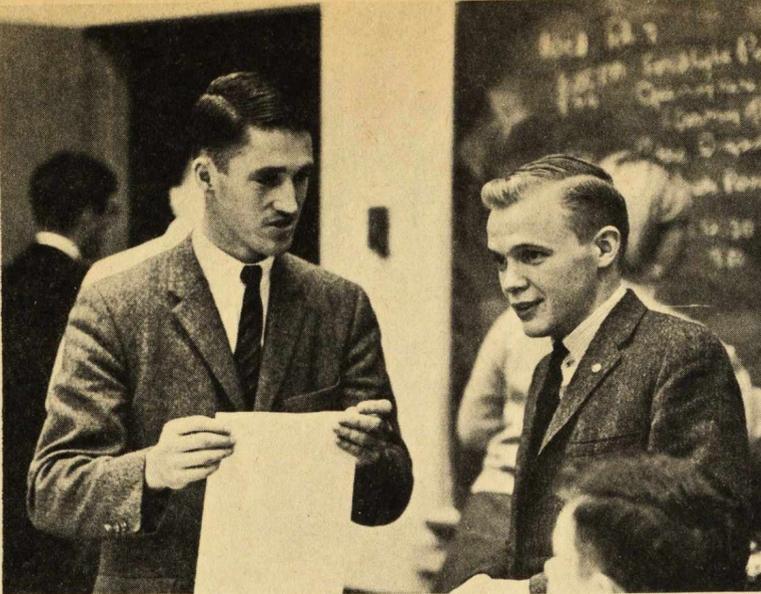
WHERE ARE OUR LEADERS?

The election is in full swing in Halifax. Last week John Diefenbaker, well-known Canadian politician started at the Tory rally in honour of Bob McClelland and the other candidate.

This week Tommy Douglas, intrepid leader of the New Democratic Party will entertain at St. Pat's. He will be here Monday, Oct. 4th. Hecklers and students are welcome according to informed party sources.

Meanwhile Lester Pearson is in Ottawa where he has been since the beginning of the campaign, except for a brief sortie into Newfoundland Thursday night where he attended a banquet in his honour, tendered by the Government of Newfoundland.

"No individual teacher can be expected to possess all the talents or the physical, mental and emotional resources which are required for bringing about successful learning in our modern society."



Dal Editor scans Council meeting with jaundiced eye. Terry Morley discusses libel laws with Law rep. Frank O'Dea.

Toronto —

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Whatever the answers, Canada is being rocketed onto an academic and political stage she has not occupied before.

Fall Festival, The Treasure Van (Oct. 25-29) and all other University events should give you enough to do, and if not well you might try a bit of studying.

FULL TIME ORCHESTRA FOR DAL

Dalhousie University's department of music this year is organizing a full-size orchestra, which is being offered as a non-credit evening school class.

The orchestra will be conducted by Professor David Wilson, head of the music department, and James Hansen, first bassoonist of the Halifax Symphony Orchestra. Rehearsals are scheduled for 7:30, Wednesday, Sept. 29, in room 44, Arts and Administration Building. The orchestra is open to students, staff and members of the public with moderate or advanced instrumental technique. Applicants should be prepared to play a short piece of their own choice at the auditions (to be held in private) to determine admission and seating arrangements.

At Laval University Psychology students strike

QUEBEC (CUP) — Seventy-two psychology students at Laval University went on strike last week demanding that a separate school of psychology be formed at the university.

The psychology department is currently part of the faculty of education.

In a statement issued by the students, they demand that the department be given autonomy, and claim that they have the support of their professors in their fight with the university administration.

The students are using their time for "study sessions" to keep up with their courses. Their colleagues in other departments of the faculty of education have declared that they will not be "strike-breakers" with respect to classes taken in common.

They also demand that the department head be a registered psychologist with progressive views.

Paul L'Archeveque interim

department director called the question a complex one.

He said the students' demands would necessitate a complete re-organization of the faculty of education.

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West Indian party tonight

The executive of the West Indian Association invites Dalhousie students to join in the group's "festivities."

The association is holding its first party at the Peppermint Lounge, Barrington St., Friday, October 1 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is \$1.

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