

Canadian University Press DATELINE

Teach-in ban lifted

HALIFAX—Dr. H. D. Smith, president of King's College has lifted the ban on teach-ins at his campus provided they are "well motivated, impartial, and academic in the best sense of the word."

The ban was placed on teach-ins following a session on higher education at which university officials were hissed several times when they expressed disagreement with the idea of free education.

His ban, proclaimed Oct. 21 and lifted Nov. 3, had resulted in criticism from students, faculty, and the Halifax newspaper.

In a mimeographed pamphlet distributed Nov. 1, King's students' council objected strongly to Smith's move.

John Cleveland, president of the King's council stated that the council is not engaged in a vendetta against Dr. Smith. He went on to say that lifting the ban "was not enough" and "Dr. Smith must apologize to those he has offended."

"I am not being nailed to the tree by all members of the students' council," Dr. Smith said. "I happen to know that he (Cleveland) does not speak for the entire council."

Campus Estrien editor resigns

SHERBROOKE—The editor of the student newspaper at the Université de Sherbrooke resigned Nov. 2 after a dispute with the students' council.

His resignation was accepted by a vote of 3-10 with 13 abstentions.

Hercule Gaboury, editor of the Campus Estrien, had planned to issue an expanded edition of the newspaper in support of a strike by employees of La Tribune, the largest French-language daily in the Eastern Townships.

Paul Desruisseaux, publisher of La Tribune, also owns both radio stations in Sherbrooke and its TV station. He is president of the Board of Trustees of the Université de Sherbrooke, and was formerly Dean of Commerce, as well as being a director of numerous corporations including the Royal Bank of Canada.

The council Oct. 29 refused to allow publication of an extra 3,000 copies of Campus Estrien for city-wide distribution to explain the strikers' position.

UBC students will pay fees

VANCOUVER—In a light turnout Nov. 10, University of British Columbia students voted down a plan to withhold their second term fees.

Sixty-one per cent of the 3,000 students voting were opposed to the plan, advocated by an ad hoc petition group as a means of fighting this year's \$50 fee raise.

Peter Braund, a vice president of the council said Nov. 3 that the council opposed the plan because "we don't feel it is the best way to get into a collective bargaining position."

"The administration can retaliate swiftly," said Braund. "Cancellation of a student's registration can be done easily."

Council on higher learning

WINNIPEG—Manitoba's minister of education has said he will "have to think about" a student representative on the province's newly formed Council on Higher Learning.

Dr. George Johnston said the council has already been formed and refused to comment further.

University of Manitoba Students' Union President Winston Dookeran said that students need a representative on the council to maintain communications between students and the council.

Mr. Dookeran said students were not at present asking for a full voting member on the council, but would consider doing so should it become a policy making body.

Newfoundland subsidized

VANCOUVER—British Columbia's Education Minister Les Peterson has charged that Newfoundland can afford to eliminate tuition fees because it is being subsidized by the rest of Canada.

When Mr. Peterson was asked why B.C. could not afford to do away with tuition fees when Newfoundland can, he replied: "One of the reasons the province of Newfoundland can do that is because they're getting subsidies from every other province in Canada, and especially British Columbia."

"I don't want to detract from what the province of Newfoundland is doing in this respect, because they require some assistance at this stage in order to get any proportion at all of their students into university," he continued.

Kenniff on ISC

OTTAWA—Patrick Kenniff, president of the Canadian Union of Students, has been appointed to a position with the International Student Conference.

He was named Nov. 6 to the Research and Information Commission of the ISC, which presents reports to the ISC on various trouble spots around the world.

The last CUS congress mandated the executive to investigate the ISC's viability and reconsider the role of CUS as a member of the ISC.

Kenniff denied that there was any conflict of interests involved in his new post, pointing out that the CUS congress decided to maintain full co-operation with ISC while reconsidering its participation in the international body.



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LEST WE FORGET—Enroute to the memorial service in Cen Hall an airforce band and a composite unit of U of A's military personnel wear looks befitting the occasion, which was Nov. 11, Remembrance Day.

The easy way out - 2

Benzedrine family addictive

In this, the second of a three-part series, Doug Walker, The Gateway associate editor, explores the effects of stimulants used by students to prepare for exams.

By DOUG WALKER

The narcotic stimulants or pep pills used by students to cram for exams are addictive drugs.

Ridlin, dexadrine, dexamol, all members of the benzedrine family, were developed primarily as appetite suppressants to assist people in weight control.

As side effects, the drugs produce a feeling of well-being, energy, and sleeplessness, enabling people to stay awake, and consequently to study for long periods of time.

The drugs, however, are habit forming. They can cause physiological addiction similar to that of sleeping pills. In addition, there are definite withdrawal symptoms when their use is discontinued.

The effects of these drugs are cumulative. That is, as a tolerance to them develops, larger and larger doses must be taken to produce the same effect.

These drugs are legally obtainable under prescription, and this makes them harder to control, according to Professor A. A. Ryan, university provost.

EFFECT OF MARIJUANA

The effects of marijuana have been well-documented. Generally, according to its users, it produces an extra awareness, a feeling of well-being, a depth of perception not obtainable in any other manner.

While marijuana is not considered physiologically addictive, it can become a psychological crutch, and can be considered addictive in this sense. Another danger is that it could inspire its users to try something with a bigger "kick."

The use of marijuana, however, is infrequent, and its distribution is poorly organized, so it does not constitute a large problem to the university, said Professor Ryan.

(Next week the writer concludes the examination with a study of specific cases at U of A.)

No help for the new SUB unless requested

The provincial government will not interfere with the new SUB project unless it is asked to, according to the minister of public works.

"The students hired a private architect to draw up plans for the new building," said Hon. F. J. Colborne, a member of the U of A Capital Development Committee.

"We had nothing to do with it, but the high cost is a serious problem which needs special attention," he said in an interview last week.

"We're willing to look over the plans and give the benefit of our advice if the students want it," he said, "but until they ask for advice, we can't say anything."

University educations more common in China

By LORRAINE ALLISON

University education is becoming more universal in mainland China says a U of A professor who revisited China this summer after a 30-year absence.

"In the past the son of a peasant could never hope for an advanced education—now some peasant communes boast of having 100 students attending university," says Dr. Bruce Collier, a U of A pathology professor.

Dr. Collier, whose trip was sponsored by the Canadian Universities Foundation as a first step in a proposed academic exchange with China, says Chinese education is political and designed to indoctrinate students in the party line.

Dr. Collier and his wife found there are no tuition fees in China. The students all live together in dormitories and are supposed to pay board. Grants are available for those who cannot afford it.

"Every university student is expected to spend one month a year in manual labor," said Dr. Collier.

Fall convocation set for Saturday

Fall convocation ceremonies for undergraduate and graduate degrees will be held Saturday, at 2:15 p.m. in the Jubilee Auditorium.

Of 799 students convoking, 43 will receive Ph.D.s and 163 will receive their master's degrees.

Juliette Sutton, Alberta woman of the year, will receive the first Ph.D. in English ever awarded by U of A.

The university's first Ph.D.s in economics and philosophy will be awarded to John Strick and Stanley Paluch.

The convocation address will be delivered by Walter B. Herbert of the Canada Foundation.

Collier. "It is associated with their education where possible.

"Politically it is very important to keep the educated in touch with the people. In the past, the Chinese intellectual was divorced from the life of the people, he says.

"I told them that I worked for the railroad while I was going to university and it was quite common for students here to spend their summers on jobs such as construction work. They were very surprised because they felt this idea was unique," he says.

STUDENT MARRIAGES

Student marriages in China are almost unheard of. It is actively discouraged by the government. Men usually don't marry until they are about 25.

"There is a strong political atmosphere of course. One rather horrifying example we saw while visiting a class which was reviewing organic chemistry," said Dr. Collier.

"The students were shown pictures of President Johnson and Chiang Kai Shek. The right answer was to stick a bayonet through their foreheads."

In spite of all the anti-Americanism, the Colliers found people were very friendly towards Canadians.

"The people speak in Marxist Cliches," he said. "Credit for everything goes to the party."

"They seem a happy, relaxed people who all talk the party line. Of course it is impossible to know what they are thinking."

Dr. Collier says this tight atmosphere is just a passing phase.

"Some relaxation is inevitable when the effect of indoctrination wears off. We can see this in eastern Europe today. I think people become immune to propaganda."

"There has been great material progress in the last 30 years. This is particularly striking in public health and sanitation," he said.