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Peter Warrian: An analysis

"Peter Warrian only looks like he has a football for a head but . . ."

I've been sitting in Ottawa now for the past month reading this kind of trivia about the young lad who, as president of Canadian Union of Students, has made his mark in the world not because he yells revolution, not because he rapes and pillages, and not because he wears hush puppies.

Peter Warrian has become as common a household word as Auschwitz not for what he said but for what Canada thought he said.

That boy Warrian, who has had more invitations to get out of Canada than Charles De Gaulle, gets heat rash, and suffers nervous spasms every time he drives by the Eddy Match company. And if confronted with a burning building he would, no doubt, give birth or drop dead.

How anyone could change his image from a slightly over-weight ex-seminary student to a fire breathing reincarnation of Che Guevara, sans facila foliage, was at first beyond me.

But it happened.

The reason of course was that the media, because of social pressure were forced to overlook the essence of Warrian's speech.

I can honestly say the message I heard in Guelph as it spilled from fair Peter's parched lips was the most scintillating rejection of Catholic doctrine ever delivered in this country if not in this century.

Warrian's "State of the Union" address, if approached with the correct analysis, has both profound religious and sexual overtones.

Warrian's sexual and religious repression stems from his long years as a seminary student. Apparently he rejected that world for the less tedious hang-ups of a layman but that hasn't panned out.

I put it to you that Peter, out of frustration, has turned his perverse oratory talents to the task of making the Canadian Union of Students a vanguard movement to break the death grip of the Catholic church on Canadian government and drive the church out of Canada and back to Quebec where it belongs.

His plea to the fatcats of student govern-

ment began: "brother and sisters" -- a remnant of his days with the church.

Once they get a hold of your mind they're hard to shake off and I can only sympathize with Peter.

He continues: ". . . this is your thing, let it all hang out." Time to pause for a bit of close reading.

It would appear that Peter Warrian, the Sancho Panza of the Canadian student movement, has asked his followers to reject their life of dedication to a spiritual cause, as he once did, and revel in carnal delights.

The women's manifesto at six o'clock in the ayem on the final day of the conference calling for the liberation of washrooms was a first step along the road to the Warrian State.

Warrian's reference in his speech to burning, so often mis-quoted, is a further rejection of Catholic dogma. The analogy of building as body and body as temple of God is common to Christian metaphysics.

He is not asking us to destroy something made of bricks and tax dollars. He is challenging a basic doctrine of the Church founded on the statement of Saint Augustine: "It is better to marry than to burn."

It is this statement that led the Wife of Bath to a life of questionable restraint and the Catholic church to its present stand on birth control.

Peter Warrian is not to be ridiculed for his stand. He is a product of this society, a society dominated by religious bigotry.

But it is to be seen whether he can erase the footsteps of the last great Peter, founder of the Catholic church.

That man can be remembered for exacting funds from his followers, despite the instructions of Christ, and putting those who would not pay to death.

Our Peter has based his movement on more solid ground than a fistful of platitudes and a rock. You can't knock sex.

And so we see Peter in a new light, not as a thrill seeking jock, but as a man who has come to the realization that marriage and burning are both hell if you can't mess around a bit on the side.

Saskatchewan students march on legislature

REGINA (CUP) — Over 1,500 chanting University of Saskatchewan students marched here Wednesday (Oct. 2) to protest problems in student loans. They wanted answers from Prime Minister Trudeau (here to unveil a statue of Louis Riel) and provincial premier Ross Thatcher.

All they got in reply was rhetoric from Trudeau and a conspicuous absence from (close-down-the-university - at-first-sign-of-demonstration) Thatcher.

Some students had seen the demonstration as a chance to force Thatcher to make good on his summer promise to close Saskatchewan's universities at the first sign of activism.

The students, the largest student demonstration ever held in this prairie province, were mainly from the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan but over a hundred Saskatoon demonstrators travelled to join the march.

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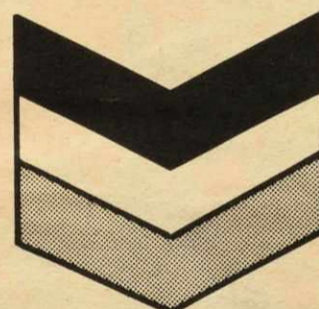
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