

CAMPUS COMMENTS

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Under the talented direction of brilliant newcomer, Tom Davis, the SRC production of Orientation Week '70 has finished up its scheduled eleven days of bookings here and faded out in the true show-business tradition of such other great shows as: Corwin, Festival, and the Howdy-Doody Christmas Special.

Featuring a star-studded cast of more than one thousand fun-loving freshmen, whose amazingly realistic portrayal of the proverbial "lamb to the slaughter..." has won them acclaim in both theatrical and academic circles, the \$6000 production had all the necessary ingredients which go to make up a hit show; sensationalism (campus tours), adventure (scavenger hunts), comedy (the return of the beanie), and melodrama (a sentimental introduction to school spirit... "Rickety-Rackety-See... hic! ... etc.).

In addition to the brilliant performance on the part of a multitude of freshmen, the great spectacle co-starred a host of convincingly sadistic Frosh Squad members - under the amazingly skilful stage direction of multi-talented Tom Davis.

Davis himself, a director, introduced many of the elements which resulted in the show attaining such a marked degree of success. Basking in the light of his recent accomplishments, he seems to be a likely candidate for next year's revised production of the same show.

With yet another year to go in his studies here at UNB, the ambitious, young Davis would surely be a fool if he resisted the temptation to outdo himself in his chosen field of endeavor.

Discussing his brief career with a member of the local press, he pointed out the value of such a program in educating freshmen, and expressed his conviction that it was, indeed, a good and necessary aspect of university life. "Obviously I do, or else I wouldn't be in it... unless of course, I was in it for the money... and you can't tell me there's much money in that!..."

On the return of the beanie: "...A good thing!... We had upperclassmen come back this year, second year students, ... come back and say, 'Have you got any beanies left? ... We'd like to buy one ... Don't ask me why ...' (I wouldn't think of it!) ... 'It's emotional, that's all I can say.'"

Unfortunately, Mr. Davis, this year's freshmen disagree with you:

On Orientation Week as an aid to new students... "In some respects it is... but generally its just a chance for the upperclassmen to hang down on the freshmen... They say, 'Al-right, frosh! etc. and the probable answer, of course is, ah... fuck off...'"

I'd prefer my Orientation Week to somewhat less than half that length..."

On their participation in activities that week... "A-

bout 50, 30, 80 per cent", "Oh, I'd say around 30 per cent..."

What about the beanie? "That's the damndest, stupidest, foolish idea I've ever seen in my life" "Childish!"

"It's like an identivication tag... Hey! There's a frosh; let's give him a hassle...!"

And on the positive side: "Man, that thing got me a ride home this weekend... I didn't even have to stick out my thumb!"

And so it goes... But then, even great men, like Christopher Columbus, had critics shouting, "Fool!"... Of course, he didn't exactly discover India either, did he...?

IND. ASS.

The India Association will be celebrating the 101st anniversary of the birthday of Mahatma Ghandi tonight in the auditorium of Head Hall, at 7:30 p.m. University president Dr. James Dineen will be guest speaker and a film on the life of Ghandi will be shown. All are welcome to attend.

Office holders for the 1970-71 academic year in the India Association are: President, Vijay Mohan Bhatnager; Vice-President, Tapan K. Sarker; Secretary, K. Giridharagopal; Treasurer, Sudhir Pande; and Social Secretary, S. Vijayan.

Support the Arab Revolution

Last Friday the fighting came to a halt in Amman and Yussir Arafat, the head of Al Fatah, signed a cease-fire agreement with King Hussein. More than 20,000 people had been killed in nine days of fighting that resulted in a definite setback for the Palestinian liberation movement.

However, the setback was not complete. While the guerillas were forced to withdraw from Amman, they retain control of Jordan's second-largest city Irdun.

Since the six-day war of 1967, the Palestinian guerilla movement has taken on an unprecedented complexity. There are now 12 different guerilla groups, of which the largest is Al Fatah.

Al Fatah occupies a middle position in the Palestinian political spectrum with a policy of non-intervention in the affairs of the Arab states. It sees the Zionist state of Israel as the main enemy and intends to establish in its place a Palestinian state, with or without the military help of Nasser and Hussein.

Further to the left the Democratic Popular Front for the liberation of Palestine (not to be confused with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine which initiated the hijackings is working for the establishment of a united socialist Arab republic throughout the entire near East, in which the Hebrew nation would receive all the democratic rights of minorities along with the Armenians and Kurds.

In order to do this it is not only necessary to overthrow the reactionary Zionist state of Israel but also the feudal or military dictatorships in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Saudia Arabia and Egypt. An effort by the DPFLP to set up joint Jordanian-Palestinian councils in the towns and villages of Jordan as embryonic organs of self-government under the Hussein regime met with an enthusiastic response from the local population.

In retaliation, the Jordanian army attacked several of the refugee camps in June of this year, starting a week of bloody fighting.

The fighting of the last two weeks has clearly shown that the issue at stake is not some sort of a race war between Arabs and Jews but a revolutionary struggle of oppressed Palestinians and Israelis against all the reactionary U.S. or Soviet controlled regimes in the area, some of which are Arab, and one of which is Zionist.

The only hope for peace lies in the elimination of American imperialist and Soviet control in the area by the revolutionary overthrow of all the reactionary regimes. This will lead to the building of a united socialist republic where the complete democratic rights of minorities will be guaranteed to all.

VIEWPOINT

How do you like your place of residence?



MELVIN WHALEN

"Oh yeah, I like it.  
"It has no single rooms I haven't seen any single rooms in Jones House. I tried to get a single room."



RICHARD PRIMEAU

"Oh yeah, no problem."



DAVE RIDEOUT

"Yes, it's very reasonable."  
Mechanical Engineering 5



KENNY O'CONNOR

"Very inadequate for sure."  
"It's the rules and regulations that are bad."  
Paying too much money for facilities."



KEVIN FARREN

"For the amount of money I pay, the services aren't all that great."



BERNARD LEBLANC  
"Quand a moi, la Co-op est trop clinic, les murs sont en papier."



PAT PAGET

"Facilities are good, but the people should have a greater sense of responsibility."  
"People are abusing their freedoms."