

Honorable Gordon And Senator Joe

The Honorable Gordon Taylor is a cabinet minister of many words. Unfortunately, the words are seldom appropriate or well-considered.

Speaking in the debate in reply to the Speech from the Throne in the current session of the Alberta Legislature, Mr. Taylor delivered free-wheeling and colorful attacks against two political parties to which he is opposed. He said the Progressive Conservative government of Canada is "joining with the Communists" when it considers legislation to curb the influence of American capital in Canada's economy. And he said the New Party, being built upon the framework of the CCF and Canadian labor unions, is becoming a haven for "Communists."

This is strong language to come from a responsible minister of government in a land locked in international conflict with Com-

munist. It implies that the Progressive Conservative party and the New Party are consciously co-operating with agents of Communism; such implications are demonstrably false.

Two opposite opportunities face any person prominent in public affairs. One opportunity is to use a position responsibly, in the interest of all members of the public. The second is to become a demagogue, to harness power and position to the narrow interest of party or self.

The most recent and frightening demagogue in the history of North America was the late United States' Senator Joe McCarthy. If not significant, it is at least interesting to note that Senator McCarthy rose to demagoguery by implying his opponents were "Communists".

It is to be hoped that the Honourable Gordon Taylor will in future restrict himself to a role and a voice more becoming his position as a responsible minister of the Crown.

Wynken, Blynken And Nod, PhD's

EDITOR'S NOTE—This editorial was written by Charles Wheeler, Assistant Professor of English at Ohio State University.

Wynken, Blynken and Nod are the names we shall give to the three professors on this campus whose portraits we briefly sketch here. The men are fictitious, but not imaginary.

By a long-standing tacit agreement, every student who enrolls in one of Professor Wynken's courses is spotted a 'C' to begin with, and only in cases of flagrant absence or failure to turn in assigned written work is there any danger of a lower grade. 'A's' and 'B's' are common.

Professor Wynken is not a fool; he knows that his students, by and large, are nothing to get excited about, but he is a kindly man who believes in live-and-let-live. He is also a great sports fan and is unsparing in his criticism of sloppy playing on the football field. Luckily for his peace of mind, our athletic department enforces the highest standards of performance.

Professor Blynken is not the drooling petty sadist portrayed in 'Little Man on Campus', but he manages to harass his students quite effectively by simply being obtuse to their feelings. He never stops to make sure that his assignments have been understood after he gives them. When he lectures, he goes so rapidly that note-takers are left hopelessly behind, and when he holds a class discussion it usually turns out to be a tete-a-tete between himself and some favored student.

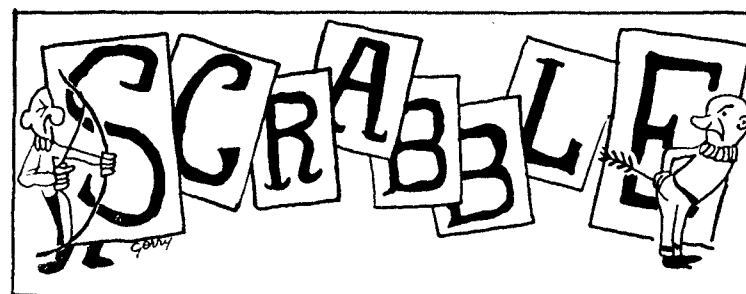
He adheres to his office hours so literally that he is almost inaccessible. Though he insists that papers be turned in on time, he never returns them when he promises. He habitually comes to class late and then holds it with his glittering eye until thirty seconds before the final bell for the next hour. He is a very prominent man in his field.

The Unique Journal

All claims to the contrary, the Edmonton Journal ran another pointless editorial Feb. 28, entitled "Breaking Down The Technical Barriers".

They "point" out that the University is in a "unique" position to make "modern scholarship in all fields" more intelligible to the non-specialist.

May we "point" out that a mass media is necessary to get the "point" across to the non-specialist, and in this respect the Edmonton Journal is in an even more "unique" position than the University.



Once again I sit down with Roget's Thesaurus, the Oxford Dictionary, and Bartlett's Familiar Quotations to turn out another completely original column. The objects of this week's ridicule are all those wretches who are even now sitting back in self-righteous indignation and taking the campus Bed Pushers to task for their historic accomplishment of pushing a hospital bed from Calgary to Edmonton in record time.

So all kinds of busy-body comments seep and slop into The Gateway office from these supercilious highbrows with the bad smell under their noses about "Have the students at this University got nothing better to do?" and "In my day, there was none of that nonsense!" To all you miserables, let me say for the Bed-pushers and their sympathizers that we appreciate your interest in our seeming idleness but it's none of your damn business WHAT the students do when they don't feel like working. Stuff that in your drain pipes and flush it away!

The people that take time to actively protest "Such goings on" and wag their fat fingers at the youth who are to be tomorrow's leaders (at least at Bed Pushing) are typical of so many parents, teachers (ehh), civic leaders (barf), ad nauseum. They are the type of person who has never... NEVER... done anything original in his life, and if he had, he wouldn't admit it. "What would the neighbours say??? What would the boys at the Lodge say???" Why don't those young people at that there college do something useful for a change?" It all depends, Mr. Narrow Mind, what one considers to be useful. Does a person have to give a plausible reason for everything he does? Ever hear of FUN, maybe? Not bloody likely.

When are people going to realize that students are not little old men looking forward to getting that pension so they can retire to the greenhouse or something equally revolting? When are people going to realize that some students, at least, are going to do zany things just for the principle?

Students at the University of Al-

berta are no different than students anywhere else, that is, when somebody tells them "No!" they go ahead and do the thing anyway. I said this once before, but I might as well say it again: students will do anything as long as they are sure that it will aggravate the person who told them not to do it. Damn fine, I say.

So when the cops and the close yell at them that they can't go pushing a hospital bed down the Queen's highway, naturally they brave cold criticism and conformists to do the dirty deed. And U of A is damn proud of them. Up with bed pushing... down with morality, legality, and the Queen's Highway!

As part of The Gateway's subtle plan to rule the world, it has been decided to sponsor a project to paint a red line as far down the Calgary Trail as we can get before the flat-footed forces of freedom call a halt to the proceedings at gun point. All interested are invited to indicate same by submitting their names and phone numbers under cover of 'Red Line', care of The Gateway. We'll show 'em... we'll show 'em all!

AWARD KUDOS TO EIGHT

The Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, a Supreme Court Justice, and six men distinguished in the basic sciences, medicine, dentistry and the humanities will receive kudos at two spring convocations, Dr. W. H. Johns, University president, announced Tuesday.

The regular spring convocation will be held in Edmonton on May 25, 1961. A convocation for medical and dental graduates will be held in Edmonton on June 2.

Doctor of Laws degrees will be

conferred upon the Hon. J. Percy Page, provincial Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Justice Hugh John Macdonald, of the Alberta Supreme Court, Dr. Harrison Scott Brown, an eminent chemist, Dr. George Polya, a prominent mathematician, Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, a distinguished physicist, and Dr. Wilfred Rus Wees, a publisher and former educator, at the May ceremony.

In June, Dr. Walter Stanley Hart, distinguished in research medicine, and Dr. Harry Knowlton Brown, a prominent dentist, will be awarded LL.D. degrees.

Dr. Herzberg has been invited to deliver the convocation address in May. Dr. Brown will speak at the June ceremony.

Firm Foundations

Saskatchewan has its sandstone, Western Ontario has its greystone, Harvard has its brownstone, Mexico has its mosaic tile, and Alberta has its concrete block.

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