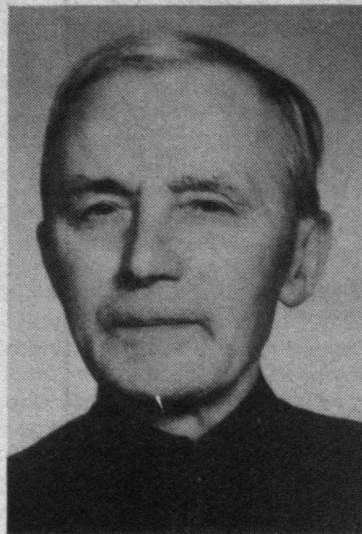


Frere Antoine wrestles the devil?

by Tom Wilson and
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Frere Antoine is a legendary figure at the Faculte Saint Jean, especially in the residence. His life and death have been the subject of books, as well as of stories told in whispers on Hallowe'en at Faculte Saint Jean.



Frere Antoine

According to legend, Frere Antoine was a saint. Though not a father, he was very close to Jesus in what he said and did. Over the course of his stay at the college, Frere Antoine performed many miracles through his belief in the Divine. He was a finder of lost objects, a fixer of broken machines and a healer.

Yet there was a dark side to this energetic little man as well. Like all of us, Frere Antoine had his devils to

On September 17th, 1945, some brothers found Frere Antoine sprawled on the floor of his room, near death. His eyes were blackened and he had bruises all over his body. When asked who had beaten him, he said, "I do not know. It was after my night prayers. I think it was the devil, he fought me all night."

The legend also says that the devil pulled off Frere Antoine's arm during one of these fights and that he never recovered. There are oddly shaped footprints in the cement floor of Frere Antoine's room, supposedly that of the devil. But it is said that after he lost his arm, he began work on what became the grotto of Marie Immacule and refused assistance despite the ardour of his work. Finally, Frere Antoine is said to have locked himself away in a secret room he built underground.

In fact, Frere Antoine lost his hand before he even arrived at Faculte Saint Jean in 1910. The devil that tore it off turns out to have been a saw mill in Lac la Biche. The devil that tormented him was gangrene and part of his arm was amputated without anaesthetic.

After he'd been at Faculte Saint Jean for some time, he realized that he couldn't perform his work as caretaker with one arm and went to Winnipeg to find a replacement. Soon, his "crochet", or hook, became as useful as his left hand and Frere Antoine's joy at being whole again inspired him to work beyond his natural limits.

Everybody at the college was surprised at the energy and capability of their little caretaker. It is true that at times his quietness and lack of familiarity with French (Frere An-

skill in healing wounds and illnesses (his own case of gangrene does not discount such skill; rather it was surprising that he survived that illness at all). He also was able to provide for his livestock and dependants when no provisions were available, an act said to be a miracle.

Frere Antoine was a gentle, caring brother of the church, yet as well a man of mystery. Many things said about him are legends developed by students and support staff at the

faculte. However, there are other stories that cannot be so easily discounted, and the problem with this is that they cannot be ascertained now.

All Hallow's Eve, or Hallowe'en is the time of year when spirits of the dead are supposed to walk the earth. Ask some people who have lived in the basement of the Faculte Saint Jean if they believe in the spirit of Frere Antoine; they may laugh, but you won't find them alone in the basement on Hallowe'en. Some may even

tell you about his apparition at the Faculte's Hallowe'en party last year.

Likely you don't believe the legend. You could disprove it by dropping in at the annual Faculte Saint Jean Hallowe'en party. The feature band is Office with Psyche as guests. If you're appropriately dressed, you may get invited to the basement on Hallowe'en night by one of the residents. Midterms are over, so you've no excuse not to come. Arr-arr-arrooooooo!

Education proves no sacred cow

OTTAWA (CUP)—It's in recession/depression times like these that the government reveals its sacred cows.

Education funding isn't one of them.

This message became clear during a painful round of meetings between federal officials involved in setting educational policy and staff of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Oct. 15.

CFS executive officer Diane Flaherty said she and her CFS staff became worried about federal plans for education funding a week earlier when finance minister Marc Lalonde announced plans to finance a \$2 billion job creation program by cutting existing programs.

When the CFS staff met with secretary of state Serge Joyal and Trudeau's principal secretary, Tom Axworthy, they feared the government would make educational spending targets for these cuts.

Their fears were completely justified.

Both Axworthy and Joyal emphasized that no decision has been made. But they said it is likely the federal government will make major cuts in two key education areas: student aid and transfer payments to the provinces.

The long hoped-for federal bursary program will almost certainly be cancelled. This is an especially bitter blow to the CFS, which for years has been lobbying hard for such a program.

The federal government now funds about \$200 million for student aid annually, but this is strictly for loans under the Canada Student Loan Program. Gerald Regan, who was Secretary of State until September, enthusiastically supported channelling another \$230 million into the program to create a federal bursary scheme.

Flaherty said the new scheme would have eliminated the old ceiling on student aid and extended it for part-time students for the first time. The government was about to introduce legislation this fall, and the scheme was so developed a computer had already been purchased to process applications for the 1983-84 academic year.

Now, according to Flaherty, Joyal told the CFS: "Quite frankly, if we can maintain the present amount of money in the (student aid) program, that will be heroic."

Axworthy confirmed the new bursary program stands only a slim chance of being introduced.

"They'll probably say they are postponing the program because they can't afford it now, rather than cancelling it," said Flaherty. "But if they postpone it for a year, the possibility of the economic crisis having resolved itself by then is practically nil."

She suspects if the bursary program isn't introduced now, it may die.

Flaherty said the cabinet is debating which programs are politically acceptable to cut. Trudeau

has said that, for now, universal social programs like welfare and family allowances will remain untouched, but education is another story.

Cash out in Grande Cache

by Ken Lenz

The children of Grande Cache may have a bleak Christmas this year, unless the students of the University can help out.

The people of Grande Cache have recently had a string of bad luck. McIntyre Mines Ltd., the town's principal industry has been shut down for the last four months, causing 75% unemployment.

The mine recently re-opened but residents must now deal with mortgage payments and other debts accumulated during the layoff period. Many of the residents' payments are taken directly off their paychecks by the mine. This leaves little money left for luxuries like Christmas presents.

A small group of parents have organized to bring Santa back to the town. The group wants to provide a toy for every child in the town. The one uncertain factor - guess what - money.

The group of concerned parents is requesting anyone who can help out to send donations to the Grande Cache Family Center or to bring them to the Gateway Office (SUB 282). There will also be a booth set up to receive donations in the Students' Union Building next week. Please hurry: the deadline for placing orders for toys is November 26.

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contend with. So, long after the last prayers had been said at night, it is said that horrible blood-curdling screams would rise from his stark basement room. Toward the end of his life he was going blind and was sick often, and these incidents increased.

toine was Polish by birth) led to some breakdown in communication. Yet he somehow managed to get an incredible amount of work done with a minimum of supplies.

Frere Antoine's miracles are also rather well documented. The records indicate that he had some inordinate

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