

cross currents

by greg knight

Not long ago a friend of mine received a letter from his father who is an ex-business tycoon. Before my friend received this letter he was a rugged individualist. Conformity and complacency made his skin break out in a rash as a result, he was often censored for not abiding by the rules of the game.

The reaction of his father to his son's lack of understanding of social norms, prompted the following letter. The letter was intended to motivate my friend to enter upon a business career and to show him how to succeed. The letter made such an impression upon my friend that I have decided to reprint it for all to read:

"Dear Samuel,

I want to give you a few words of wisdom for while you are young your powers of assimilation are at their peak. Conform, that is the password for success today. Accept the limitations of society. In this naughty world it is comforting to remember these wise words 'dog eat dog'. Do not worry about the rest of the group, you alone must succeed. Pick a big university because it has a big name. Do not bother about an education, it is the degree that counts. An education might remind you of your lack of knowledge and prompt a desire for more. This will only interrupt your career. Do anything you have to, but graduate and enter the business world. Become an organization man. Be a 'first rate subordinate', a loyal follower and an other-directed person. You will find that you like it. Do not worry whether what you do is right or wrong.

Status is the means by which you can surmount the greasy social totem pole. Be sure to display your status symbols properly. Sew Holt Renfrew labels in your overcoat. Do not let anybody know that you bought it at Sam's Fire Sale. Buy a new Buick and give everyone the impression that you can afford it. (You can't buy a Cadillac because your boss has one.) Marry a brunette from Boston. Mold her into a charming hostess who lovingly accepts your obsequious attitude toward your superiors. Settle down in suburbia (in a house given to you by her father) and have 2.4 children. Make sure that your home is furnished in French Provincial. Save your money until you can afford a chair or two that once belonged to Louis XIV. Do not read books, people will label you an 'arty' type. But make sure that you have a library, well-stocked with autographed first editions. Subscribe to Harper's magazine and the Financial Post. Keep Time and Life hidden in the closet. Impress your business organization that you are an integral part of the community by speaking at Ladies Aid meetings on the merits of big business.

Sublimate yourself to the organization. Superimpose its goal on your own. Become a good bureaucrat, by carrying an attache case. Get up in the morning, repeat the phrase 'Oh Joy!', run to the subway, get to work five minutes early, leave half an hour late, repeat this day after day; get used to the refreshing routine. Join the country club even though you don't play golf. (You can enjoy the prestigious atmosphere and close all your big deals here.) If your boss plays golf then you play golf, (but make sure that you get the highest score.)

Remember your boss's idiosyncrasies; (if he likes imported liquor, don't give him beer.) Never disagree or voice your own opinions. Be a 'yes man' at all times and get ahead.

Personal habits are very important. Have your hair styled in a Princeton cut and your nails trimmed by a manicurist.

Mend your ways son, remember these signposts of success and you will have a happy and rewarding career."

Your loving father

P.S. My friend heeded his father's advice and died yesterday when he tripped over one of his status symbols.



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Present Resolutions to Federal Cabinet

Four U.N.B. students, members of the Progressive Conservative Club, returned Sunday from the Annual Meeting and Seminar Conference of the P.C. Student Federation, held in Ottawa, Feb.

16-18. Both business and study sessions of the convention were characterized by lively debate on issues such as education, the Canadian economy and Quebec separatism.

student political federation has been given the opportunity to present its ideas directly to the government.

Because of the extensive program before it, the convention did not have time to discuss and vote on about 75% of the resolutions tentatively before it, U.N.B.'s resolution favouring a Capital Development Corporation among them. However, through the special efforts of the local delegation, which also included Hope Hyslop, and Joanne MacArthur from the Law School, its resolution was presented to the Cabinet on behalf of the U.N.B. P.C. Club.

ISLAM

Are you interested in Islam? Or in Buddhist philosophy and literature? What do you know about the Hindu? Or the Jews? And where does Christianity stand in relation to these major world religions? The S.C.M. and the Mission Council of U.N.B. are sponsoring a new series of noon-hour discussions on the subject of the World's Religions. We will meet every Wednesday at 12:30 for lunch in the Conference Room of the Student Centre. Come along with your ideas and your lunch. The Reverend Alan Reynolds will be the resource leader, and we will be using some of the material recently broadcast on the C.B.C. by Professor Smith of McGill University. Foreign students are particularly welcome to tell of first-hand experience with the major religions of the world. Isn't it about time we started to understand what the rest of the world believes?

Also every Friday at 5:45 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall, Church Street, there is a study and supper group. The general topic is "Basic Christian Doctrines and Document". Prof. Patricia Roberts is leading the study for the next two Fridays. Come and enjoy the meal and discussion with us.

Monte-Carlo

Do you like money? I don't mean measly little one dollar bills. I mean nice big crisp \$1000 bills. If you do, come and gamble at the Forestry Association's Monte Carlo Night to be held Friday, March 2, in the Boxing Room of the gym from 9 till 12:30 am.

The entry fee is 50c a person, which allows you to gamble with the \$5000 given you at the door and to dance in the Ping Pong Room to music supplied by the UNB Radio Society.

Step out of the grey lift of UNB! Enter European cafe society for a night. Rub elbows with famous personalities, show people and sports figures.

There are ten games of chance at which you may try your luck; Black Jack, Roulette, Rainbow, Crown and Anchor and others will be available. Prizes will be awarded to the top lady and gentleman winners at the end of the evening. More money may be purchased if Lady Luck is unkind, at first. Refreshments will be sold at a bar run for the benefit of the widows of Monte Carlo, those unfortunate women who lost husbands due to bad luck in a game of Russian Roulette, a game since discontinued.

Come to Monte Carlo; win riches beyond the wildest dreams of avarice. Bring a lady, impress her with your continental savior faire.

Girls, come even if you are not invited (perish the thought) and impress us with you... Vive la difference.

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Two U.N.B. delegates were elected to executive posts at the Annual Meeting — John Hanson as Atlantic Vice-President of the Student Federation and Robert Kerr as N.B. student representative on the National P.C. Executive.

Monday morning, Feb. 19, the resolutions passed by the P.C. Students were presented to the Cabinet. This is the first time in Canadian history that a national

the COLLEGE BEAT

by JUDY KERTLAND

Mount Allison Argosy

Co-ed leaves have been extended at Mount A as a result of student action initiated by a few campus organizations, including the Argosy Weekly. Many of the people on campus felt that once Co-eds had successfully passed their freshman year they would be granted complete independence in their actions as are the male students. The Argosy sent letters to the parents asking for their opinions on the extension of the leaves. Only 15 of the 475 contacted replied and of these, four felt that limits should be abolished for upper class co-eds while three felt the limits should be left as they are. Most of the letters, according to the Argosy expressed the following idea: "My own daughter is a very mature, independent, responsible and sensible girl. At home she is allowed to come in whenever she wants, but usually returns at a sensible time. Although abolition of limits for upper class co-eds would be all right in her case, I feel that for the benefit of those students who are not as mature and sensible as my daughter some set of limits should be maintained." The limits have been extended 15 minutes on week nights with late leaves for each Saturday night and two late leaves a month for Friday nights.

Ryerson Institute of Technology—Ryersonian

Twenty Ryerson and U. of T. students joined the picket line at the Royal York Hotel "to focus public attention on the plight of the strikers". The marchers started from Ryerson and on their way down to the hotel, were joined by U. of T students and the Toronto Police. The latter briefed the student strikers on the proper picketing procedure. The group is thinking of picketing other strategic points to bring attention to public issues.

Queens Journal

Plans for subversive action against the Queen's University Model Parliament by RMC cadets foiled by 'alert' Queens students. The night before the opening session, a plot to kidnap the Governor-General was uncovered. The Governor-General, as a result spent the night in hiding and appeared the next day, unharmed, to deliver the Speech from the Throne. In the middle of one of the sittings, six cadets stormed the house in an attempt to make off with the mace. The members of the House rushed on the floor and after a slight scuffle, grabbed four of the marauders while two others made successful escapes. There was no request made to RMC for disciplinary action to be taken against the cadets.

Acadia

A surprise ban of initiation ceremonies for freshman students last fall has led the Students Council at Acadia to remove all responsibility of initiation and to place it in the hands of the administration. The activities were banned because they were alleged to be derogatory to human dignity. Until lately no decisive action had been taken either way by the administration or the Council. The Council hoped that by turning the responsibility over to the administration, that the administration would take steps to restore or at least ensure that freshmen would not go unwelcomed by the university in the Fall.

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