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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Ah, it was the Night of the Cabaret, and the wine flowed and the women fished. While the defunct sun king played the sot, this issue was laboriously (and somewhat drunkenly) put to bed by Ginny-of-the-silly-grin Bax, Terry Melanchuk (how can I be a sot without any booze?), Bill Pasnak who spent three hours in the pub and then wrote the editorial, Winston Gereluk, the political pundit of purile policy, Ron Dutton who is tired of parlez-vousing very bad headlines en francais and will retire at the first offer of a scholarship to the Sorbonne, Joe of the unprintable surname, Dorothy Constable who spent last night at you know whose, Beth Nilsen, who got hassled by a short, short column, Cathy Morris who is dispensing benificence majestically in her own regal way, the Shadow of the morgue who redrew a goddam lab but found she needn't have, Bob Anderson who is tripping over the tiles, and the one and only, sad and lonely Harvey G. Thomgirt who plays a mean game of badminton and is henceforth known as King of the Court. Scratch your own ear.

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Editorial

Be prepared

In Saturday's (tomorrow's) Weekend magazine you will find a cover story titled "What every college president should know."

In it, Dr. Samuel Hayakawa, president of strife-ridden San Francisco State College offers 12 "reflections" from the confines of his "large, expensively furnished office" as a compendium of advice for Canadian college presidents faced with student rebels.

Only partially for the sake of argument, here are some "reflections" for the student rebels paralleling the categories used in the Weekend article.

The student radical should, above all things, be prepared. Especially in matters of dress. A ragged T-shirt and thread-bare jeans may be expendable, and, if the point is stretched, may be considered a symbol of establishment rejection, but they are really quite impractical with regard to the physical nature of today's disputes. Borrow a tip from the greasers, and wear a heavy leather jacket and jet boots. Even though you are paying capitalists for them, they are worth the investment.

Know where you are going. Don't get hung up on the process of change. If you know what it is that you want, namby - pamby administrators can't slow you down by asking what it is. Also, if you have your goals in mind, you are ready for our third point, which is:

Be aware of necessary sacrifices. If you aren't careful, fascist administrators may carve away your gonads in the melee. Know what you are willing to give up. And don't try to be a martyr. The state of martyrdom is lonely and ineffective, unless the setting is right, and the fire is hot.

Know the tools of the enemy. Their weapons are denial of establishment goals, and possibly illicit but very real physical punishment. If you can avoid the latter, you are free.

Is the university a Utopia? Who is it for, and what are **you** doing with it? If you can answer that, you don't need the administration. And probably vice versa.

U of A—Collège union Who wants it?

by Winston Gereluk

While the campus sleeps, the university politicians are busily attending to their business: manipulating, bargaining, cajoling and appeasing.

Thus it is, that we might very well wake up from our year-long sleep to find that, among other developments, the Collège St. Jean has become a part of the U of A, and that our administrators are busily working on still another project with influential members of the Establishment.

Like most political plans, the one to link the college with the university appears on the surface to be a most progressive and rational one. However, even in this case it might be interesting to do a little stirirng to see what gems if any might be brought to the surface. Towards this end, let these questions be asked.

Who is interested enough to push the marriage of the U of A with the college?—and why? Are the perpetuators only motivated by an interest in better education? Does it mean anything that two members of our Board of Governors (L. Maynard and L. Desrochers) have been leading spokesmen for the cause of French - Canadian bilingualism and biculturalism in Alberta?

What type of 'university atmosphere' will prevail at this 'French side to our university'? If students in Arts, Science and Education will be able to obtain all of their university education in this French-Catholic institution, this question is an important one.

It has always seemed to me that a university education at least consist of confrontations with all types of people; Communists and John Birchers, Protestants and Buddhists and Catholics and Agnostics, WASPS and all others. Is there any chance that the college will be able to offer these associations to its students?

A university should at least be one place in which people are encouraged to question their beliefs, examine their lives critically, and even change their views about the world. Most of the students attending the college will be French and probably Catholic. What assurance is there that anything but a French-Catholic view of the world will be presented to them in an institution presided over by administrators most of whom are French-Canadians, and all of whom are clergy of the Roman Catholic Church? (Collège St. Jean Calendar 1969-70).

In no way am I implying that an English and Protestant worldview is superior to a French-Catholic one. It is just that every ideology and philosophy of life should be examined critically. And really, there appears to be very little reason for thinking that the college will do anything more than reinforce the French-Catholic philosophy that most of its French Catholic students come already equipped with.

Oh well. Enough questions. No gems—just lumps of muck. And besides, nobody cares anyway. So—back to sleep.