

# Toc-Pot

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## Bombast and confusion

An overflow audience packed the Newman-club-sponsored teach-in on drugs in Head Hall last Thursday.

Although the teach-in did not provide, as it was intended to, any genuinely new information on drugs such as marijuana or LSD, it did present four diverse and interesting attitudes and opinions on the relationship between drugs and society. The queries from the audience were generally intelligent and informed; in fact, one particular question revealed an understanding of the chemistry of drugs which exceeded the knowledge of any of the four key commentators.

The discussions held the attention of the audience for the full two hours and were frequently punctuated by laughter and applause.

The teach-in was dominated by the bombastic personality of Sidney Katz, Toronto Daily Star features editor. Although Katz majored in sociology at University, his journalist instincts have since realized the public-interest value of drugs, specifically LSD. Throughout the evening he demonstrated an amazing ability to generalize about drugs, armed with a few alarming statistics from a small number of isolated cases. Nevertheless the audience responded well to Mr. Katz's humour and personality despite his tendency, in the words of one of the members of the audience, "to come on like J. Edgar Hoover."

Dr. Fraser Nicolson, psychology department chairman from Dalhousie, was, from the point

of view of personality, Mr. Katz's opposite. Despite much greater knowledge of drugs and their effect on the human body, he presented his facts and opinions without any overt attempts to convert the audience to his point of view. The 'generation-gap' between Nicolson and his audience did not affect his ability to communicate efficiently and effectively.

Miss Lisa Bieberman of the Boston Psychedelic InfoCentre was the only 'liberal' in the group in terms of a philosophic attitude towards drugs, although she was equally informed, indeed more informed about LSD than her fellow commentators. She advocates what, to her mind, she considers to be the most valuable quality of LSD; its ability to make the user see life and the commonplace in an entirely new perspective, even on a metaphysical level. But in all honesty, to this writer at least, her confession that she took LSD three or

four times a year to witness the real beauty of life, to relive a dying experience seemed to border on futility, a weakness rather than a strength.

The final commentator was Dr. Charles Aharan, regional director of the alcoholism and drug research centre of London, Ontario. Aharan's views on drugs were the most encompassing of the speakers: he neither condoned or condemned the use of drugs, admitted that real information of many drugs, including LSD, was very limited, and, because of antiquated laws, it was increasingly difficult to do research on drugs.

An interesting and entertaining evening, the teach-in revealed the most serious side of the drug scene. That is, the serious dearth of knowledge and scientific inquiry into the uses and effects of drugs such as marijuana and LSD. It also revealed that extremist points of view only confuse an already very cloudy issue.

### Blood donor clinic today

Bleed for free. It's easy.

The premed club is sponsoring a four-day bleed-in in the Tartan room beginning today. The quota is 1000 pints.

Premed club president Lloyd Sutherland said with the enrollment increase and the residence and faculty competitions, the quota should be easily reached.

LBR-men won the residence trophy with a 100% turnout and the nurses won the faculty trophy. The faculty competition is for students living off-cam-

pus. "It isn't necessary to give blood to contribute to your residence or faculty score," said Sutherland.

"Students only have to register." Some people can't give blood because of physical complications.

Sutherland said there was a Maritime-university competition also.

"Last year we placed sixth out of 13."

### Both sides involved in actions

## Strax controversy continues

If you were asleep this week you missed two bookie-book games, three demonstrations and two counter-demonstrations, and the bust and re-liberation of Liberation 130.

The fight over Norman Strax's suspension continues. One new development this week is the involvement of the engineering undergraduate society. EUS held two meetings last week. After their Tuesday meeting, 100 engineers counter-protested at the official opening of Ludlow Hall, UNB's law building. Pro-Strax demonstrators stood on the steps and argued with the engineers. The board of governors and other dignitaries were inside at the hall's official opening.

Earlier in the day demonstrators picketed outside the old arts building where the board was meeting and then sat-in outside the door of the meeting. They were protesting that the board was not giving Strax a fair hearing. The board members had to climb over demonstrators when they left the meeting. One board member manhandled demonstrator John Robinson.

After a meeting Wednesday the EUS issued a press release saying they didn't support the administration without question but that they supported the maintenance of law and order.

"The EUS as a body does not support the SDS in their unpeaceful and disorderly demonstrations that have taken place in the past," said the release.

"The EUS will demonstrate their views on this matter at convocation by their presence".

Pro-Strax demonstrators picketed outside convocation Wednesday and 300 engineers were there. President Mackay received a standing ovation from some spectators when he made his convocation address.

The demonstrators said they were protesting because they felt the board of governors had been dishonest with them at Tuesday's meeting. A delegation had been invited by the board to hear the Strax case discussed. Then the board told the delegation that they weren't prepared to discuss it because the board fact-finding committee hadn't finished its report yet.

Delegation members said an interim report to the board was written on a scrap of paper and was so illegible that the board secretary couldn't read it.

"This leads us to believe that the interim report was hastily written and presented to prevent any discussion and to put us off. We believe the board is being dishonest with us," said delegation members.

Math Prof Gerald Pacholke presented a final report to the students on his three one-hour rounds of bookie-book. In a leaflet distributed on campus, Pacholke said he proved that any disruptions at the Harriet Irving library were caused by the administration just as much as by Dr. Strax.

He said that the circulation department carried an extra burden but that the library wasn't closed early because there was no confrontation between himself and the administration.

He called the Strax suspension colonial justic at its best.

Liberation 130 was busted Wednesday afternoon but demonstrators returned from convocation and retook it. "We didn't break in, the door was opened for us," said the ten students who busted it.

"Upon entering we found that two thirds of the people in the room at the time were not students, one third was a student. As we proceeded to remove the two thirds, the one third became violent. This was soon suppressed peacefully.

"One minute later, room 130 was deodorized and locked. It was about time." There were three demonstrators in the room at the time.



Miss Kahn-Tineta Horn will lecture next Tuesday, October 22, on *The Indian Situation in N.A.* But this week there will be an *Open Colloquium* entitled "Experiments in Revolution—The University Today" on Room 5, Tilley Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 8:30 p.m.

The main speaker will be Dr. Henry Horn, brought here by the Lutheran Student Movement and Student Christian Movement. Dr. Horn is a member of the campus ministry at Harvard, Radcliffe and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School. He has been a participating supporter

of community activities including the Cambridge Committee on Fair Housing and the Civil Unity Committee.

Dr. Horn is an honour graduate of Cornell, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

### CAUT complains re suspension

The Canadian association of university teachers has taken an active interest in the Strax case.

CAUT executive secretary Percy Smith sent a telegram to president Mackay Thursday urging that the matter be brought to arbitration.

"Committee on academic freedom and tenure is seriously disturbed by suspension of professor Strax without previous hearing or charges," said the telegram. "Committee urges that matter be brought to arbitration quickly in accordance as far as possible with procedures defined in policy statement on academic appointments and tenure."

Prof Douglas Brewer, president of the UNB faculty association received a copy of the telegram. CAUT issued a press release Thursday expressing its concern.

"Association president, Prof Brough MacPherson said the CAUT recognized the board of governors' good intent in setting up a committee of faculty members to investigate the circumstances of the suspension," said the release. "However, the association regretted that the board had not followed the spirit of the CAUT policy statement on academic appointments and tenure, which clearly calls for mediation and arbitration in the present circumstances."

The CAUT policy states that charges must be stated before an arbitration hearing is held, that an arbitration hearing should be held before a suspension and that the members of the arbitration committee should be suitable to both sides.