

# KUPSCH ON CUP

BY RICHARD KUPSCH



Model Parliaments and politics have been the big things on campuses across Canada for the last two months. From reports, the term "Mock Parliaments" would more aptly describe these — institutions?

Model Parliament is supposedly the training ground for Canada's future politicians — just as the University in general is supposedly the training ground for Canada's future thinkers, leaders, and engineers. Both are utter failures.

Liberals are sweeping the nation. However, their janitorial service is not as good as it should be, as they have been able to form only minority governments.

Specifically, all political parties having national or provincial affiliations have been banned at Mount Allison University. The major reason given was that political organizations "are attempting to gain control of student government by trying to force prospective candidates for office to join their party or withdraw from the election by threatening to run a candidate of their own against these persons."

Huh? Subtlety entered the political scene at McGill with the formation of the GNU (Greater National Uplift—this has nothing to do with brassieres) Party, a pun on one of Canada's new political parties. Its platform was a joke, also.

Ulysses CUP Editor Bob Hendrickson has the right idea when it comes to politics. He is considering the formation of a new party called CUP — Completely Unnecessary Party.

All campus political parties should

be referred to as being CUP.

Political gems from the Varsity, University of Toronto.

"Good to see the government filled with athletic supporters."

"If I had nothing to say, I'd be on the Liberal side (of the floor)."

"The Liberal Party is like a jack-ass—it has no pride in its ancestry and no prospect of posterity."

"On my left are the revolutionaries; on my right they are just revolting."

"Mr. Diefenbaker has found a new way to say he is for motherhood and against sin."

Kupsch column has received honorable mention in another CUP newspaper (I will not shame it by giving its name), whose CUP columnist plagiarized my quip on plagiarism.

After stating the quip and stating where he stole it from (giving the source, by the way, is not true plagiarism), he said, "This proves that we CUP men must be smart and original or we wouldn't steal from each other!"

## Of Petty Minds I Speak

by jodew

And from the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he woman, and brought her onto man. Genesis 2.

Yes, God created woman, but it required the faculty of engineering to exalt her to a regal state.

Queen week is upon us and little boys find big and dangerous toys. Queen week, an amusing diversion from the stiff academic schedule. How many averages will suffer, how many will flunk out? Who needs a diversion!?

But it is not specifically at Queen Week that one should sneer, but rather at the creatures it exhumes:

The little men who, in the dead of night, creep (and one must be very low to creep effectively) into campus buildings to deface or destroy posters and pictures.

The husky, virile, engineers, who by means of mass numbers, if all else fails, dye, intimidate, and ridi-

cule their hapless fellow men. These are true examples of masculinity.

But there are yet other creatures who manifest themselves during the week. The Kidnappers and the Pursuers. Cheers, great fun, racing drunkenly down icy streets in hopped up chariots of destruction . . . . . Crash . . . . A crumpled fender; "Tough luck buddy."

WHY NOT A CRUMPLED HEAD! What will it require to bring sanity to this competition? A contorted heap of bodies decaying in a ditch? Or by that time will it be too late? Verbum sapienti.

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truth would read something like this:

"The Communist Party platform is based on three major steps which we are sure Canada must take in order for our society to squash out the Free World.

"Firstly, Canada must take steps to begin world action for disarmament so that we the Communists may walk in and take over more undefended countries. Canada should withdraw from NATO and NORAD, remove American military bases from Canadian territory, bring our troops home from Europe, and in this way the Communists, specifically the USSR would have the obvious military advantage and find no trouble in quenching the rest of Europe in the Red Fires.

"Secondly, Canada must declare herself neutral by announcing a foreign policy made by Communists in Canada to benefit the USSR, opening up trade and diplomatic relations with the Communist countries of the world, (as if we would have any choice by this time) etc."

No, Mr. Stenberg, I am very sorry that your platform never can and never will be instituted in any country's government that has any kind of an economic backbone.

If in the coming election you do happen to get a few votes, you can rest assured it was a prank on the part of some Engineer who does not take Model Parliament very seriously.

Douglas A. Lock  
Elec. Eng. 3

## FINKS

Notes from the FINK box: entries are coming along fine, children, though not one student had the perception to nominate any Queen Week wheels, who are, to a man(?) extremely finkish. However, my colleague, Evans, has somewhat rectified this oversight.

A sudden upsurge in nominations of a certain woman's fraternity, which shall remain nameless has been noted. Shame on you, Thetas.

War on Finkdom!  
J.F.—C.E.

## KATS

Sir: Kappa Alpha Theta for turning in to the police four harmless pranksters on a midnight serenade. Charges were laid; careers have been ruined.

Four Just Men

## ROYALTY

Sir: To the beloved judges of the Fink of the week contest—

In accordance with your rules, I wish to nominate a person for fink of the week, a person (I shudder to class him as such) who in my opinion qualifies not only as a fink, but also as one of the biggest phonies in today's world, a person who is none other than PRINCE PHILLIP.

This cad, who claims to be a master sportsman, goes on a tiger hunt, but in his traditionally chickenish manner, nests on a 25 foot roost while 200 natives stalk his quarry, play the poor unsuspecting creature into position and then watch our HERO blast the innocent animal from here to eternity. Then the Big Wheel walks into camp like the nut who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo. Big Deal. This Coward really proved that he is a man. We should go down on all fours and adore this pillar of courage for his dangerous deed. After such a cowardly act he should try to reform instead of making plans for another such finkish deed.

Submitted respectfully by  
Liz II  
(I didn't get my tiger.)

## A WASTE-MAKER

Dear Sir:

The man who invented planned obsolescence.

Because:

(1) He made waste something to be desired instead of abhorred.

(2) He fathered difference—for—difference's sake in product—styling, thereby debasing taste.

(3) He speeded up the wage-price spiral by making the consumer want things at an artificially high price.

(4) He destroyed any possibility for acquiring pride of workmanship. How can you be proud of building a car to fall apart in three years?

(5) He slowed down the search for new products by giving industry a different (I say insidious) methods of increasing sales.

(6) He increased the trend to materialism by stressing consumption of goods rather than acquiring of satisfying leisure time habits.

(7) He prevented the mass of the people from getting the good things they could get by making them stay in debt to continually replace machines that won't last.

Submitted  
Merlyn.

P.S.—In our day, we had planned obsolescence, too. Any spell could be broken if you knew the method, but if you didn't, it lasted and lasted and lasted.

## A CAPITALIST

Sir:

My nomination for fink of the week is Jack Kent Cooke, a Toronto businessman whose ambitions are money and more of the same.

(1) Cooke defends the amount of disc jockey programming of Toronto radio station CKEY which he owns by saying that the listeners don't want any music but rock'n roll and westerns. But if people hear nothing else how could they develop taste? Like Pavlov's dogs, they are conditioned. The BBG rightly rejected his application for a TV license last year.

(2) Cooke has fired several editors of the magazine Saturday Night, which he owns, because they couldn't make culture pay. Should it?

(3) The current editor of the magazine, an intelligent person, reviewed Vance Parkard's "The Waste Makers" in a recent issue and largely condemned the book. I suspect that he was intimidated to slash the book by Cooke, who fears offending advertisers—and hence losing money.

(4) Cooke, with a High School education, sneers at anything "high-falutin'" or cultural. I nominate him for fink because he will not keep his grubby little paws out of the communications field. Communications is, by definition, the spreading of information and NOT the making of money.

Doug Chalmers

## BE PREPARED

To The Editor:

In recent press releases Dr. W. J. Eccles and Dr. R. H. McNeal indicate that they consider students of social studies to be "woefully unprepared for the study of history at the University level". They advocate the inclusion of history and geography courses in the school curriculum to correct this.

Without questioning the value of history or geography for a Grade XII student wishing to undertake such a study I think it is only proper to recognize that Dr. Eccles and Dr. McNeal rest their case on a test which does not prove what they claim for it. It is necessary for them to prove, and not merely to assert, that their test items properly sample a body of facts essential to the understanding of the courses given in the first year at this University. Will the student who knows who were the Romanovs and what was the Battle of the Marne always be a better student of Canadian history than one who does not?

It is incumbent upon the authors to attempt this proof before they take upon themselves the responsibility of advocating changes which they at present justify only by invalid testing.

Perhaps I could illustrate a little more fully the danger of this kind of testing. In another institution I have given a current events test to pupils of Grade VI, to student-teachers in their second year and to Arts graduates in history, some of them with honors degrees. The test happened to include the question on Winston Churchill used by Dr. Eccles and Dr. McNeal. The best results were obtained by the Grade VI pupils. I would hesitate, however, to conclude that a degree in history made students less prepared than Grade VI pupils for the study of contemporary affairs.

I have collected material of a similar kind in the University of Alberta but, knowing it proves nothing, I refrain from using it even in reply to such an inadequately supported case as that of Dr. Eccles and Dr. McNeal.

Yours sincerely,  
Evelyn R. Moore

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