

the COLLEGE BEAT

by JUDY KERTLAND

University of British Columbia—Ubysey

A new flag flew over the campus of UBC when the University of Washington raised eight white jockstraps and one white towel with the letters 'UW' in black letters up the UBC flagpole. Remarkably one student, "It's about time UBC's athletic prowess was recognized. And when we can afford to get our own towels instead of borrowing from below the border, we'll really have made it." Another student looked at it from a different angle: "For a while I thought that Canada finally had its own flag," he said. University maintenance had trouble getting the 'flag' down as in the excitement the flag raisers had cut the supporting rope. The *Ubysey* remarked that "The symbols of UBC's prowess were reportedly put in their prominent position by jealous University of Washington Students". . . . Also at UBC, fraternities have been ordered to get rid of their beer dispensers by the UBC Administration. Most frats have complied with the ruling, but none are too happy about the move. The dispensers dispense a bottle of beer at the drop of a quarter.

University of Toronto—Varsity

Some U of T students were given a taste of French Canadian Hospitality on the 'Carabin exchange' between U of T and the University of Montreal. Discussions, skiing, parties, official receptions and 5 am Mass on Sunday were included in the two and one half day program. The U of T students were given a chance to meet French Canadians on many different levels: in their homes, religiously, educationally, and socially. One of the most "rewarding features of the exchange" was the co-Carabin system of pairing in which each student lived at the house of his co-Carabin and shared his family life. Formal discussions acted as a stimulant for further discussions in informal groups during the evenings. "The weekend is an exchange, not just of words on a pre-arranged topic, but of the many differences in living between the two cultural groups."

Mount Allison—Argosy Weekly

Canadian Universities have been challenged by the Mount 'A' Varsity eating team following a University Eating Championship held during the Mt. A Winter Carnival. The contest between 'Big Daddy' Roberts and 'Garbage Guts' Baker ended in a draw. Baker won the first round by devouring five steak dinners in 22 minutes, Roberts was on his third when he conceded the main course title. However a comeback was staged by Baker in the dessert division as he demolished ten pieces of apple pie to Baker's eight, and thus the co-championship was established. Unofficially, the 303 lb. "Big Daddy" out-drank Baker with six plasses of milk to two but "Garbage Guts", filling his 202 lb. frame outguzzled Roberts 8-1. The team said they will travel to any college in Canada to defend their title provided their expenses can be met. Roberts stated about the challenge, "It is doubtful if any non-Allisonian would be foolhardy enough to challenge any eater of our stature."

8.30 LECTURES

And what will you have this fine dark morn,
Ham and eggs and chicks unborn?
Rise and wake and attempt to make,
That space attended lecture.

Eat your porridge, drink with haste,
Time there is not much to waste,
Coffee's good and toast feels fine,
Off to class in the nick of time.

Down the stairs and up the hill,
T'is real damn good you took that pill,
Won't be long and you'll be there,
Sweating, puffing, messed up hair.

What the hell there's no one here,
Not your prof far or near,
Just a note tacked on the door,
"Sorry, Lecture cancelled."

The Poet of Mann

A Tip of the Hat

The Monte Carlo committee of the Forestry Association would like to thank all those whose hard work made possible this year's successful Monte Carlo.

Special thanks are extended to Levine's Ltd. Department Store of Fredericton for the two \$5 Gift Certificates which were presented as prizes to the two top money winners.

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The Vitality of Oxford . . .

by Jon Wisenthal (CUP)

One of Oxford University's most distinguished products, Dr. Samuel Johnson, claimed that when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life. The same could be said for a student who is tired of Oxford: the last criticism one could make of Oxford is that it is boring.

My strongest impression of Oxford is its vitality. Interesting and important events are always taking place; intelligent discussions abound; and in most academic fields, impressive things seem to be happening.

This vitality is most evident on the surface, in the university's undergraduate activities.

A freshman can become a member of anything from the Communist Club to the Tercentenary Society, which exists "to

At the present rate of decline, they won't have a chance.

uphold all rightful monarchy"; from the Humanist Group to the League for Christ the King; from the Classical Society to the P. G. Wodehouse Society, "which exists to entertain its members."

The most important undergraduate organization is the Union—the Oxford Union Society, which is the world's most famous debating club (the Canadian Senate aside). It is expensive to join the Union—about \$16 a year—but most freshmen do join.

Not only does it offer debates, but club facilities as well as a 'lounge, a bar, a dining room and so on.'

Debates are held each Thursday night, and the debating hall, which holds about 500 is generally packed. Debating style is very different from that in Canada, but the standard is high. Here the successful debator is the entertaining one.

Whereas in Canada a logical but dull argument can usually win the day, at the Union an amusing but not necessarily relevant talk is what is called for.

Ambitious undergraduates make a point of being heard in the Union, and set their sights on election to one of executive positions. It has often been said that the presidency of the Oxford Union is the surest way to a cabinet post in this country—many of Britain's leading political figures in the past century faced their first cries for "Shame! Shame!" on the Union floor.

A much smaller percentage of young people attend university in Britain than in Canada and one finds a more intelligent undergraduate population as the result. This is especially true here at Oxford, since it and Cambridge are the most selective of the universities.

Of every five schoolboys writing entrance exams to Oxford, only one manages to get a place and only a small proportion of the country's youth can even think about writing these exams.

Therefore, undergraduates here are on the whole more impressive intellectually than undergraduates in North America, where the tendency seems to be to let as many people into university as space will permit, and then, fail out those who are inadequate.

On the academic side, one gets the feeling here that one is at the center of things. Lists of new books on academic subjects printed in this country almost always include several by Oxford dons, and many of the university lectures are given by top men in their fields.

What is the attitude of most undergraduates here towards university? Overseas students aside, the fashionable attitude here is one of cynicism and depression.

IN MEMORIAM

Sometime within the next day or so, dear reader, will you please pause in silence in the honour of a dying friend of many of us, the English Language. Through the years it has been dealt light body jabs, but during the last few years an unorganized but none-the-less effective massive campaign has been waged against it.

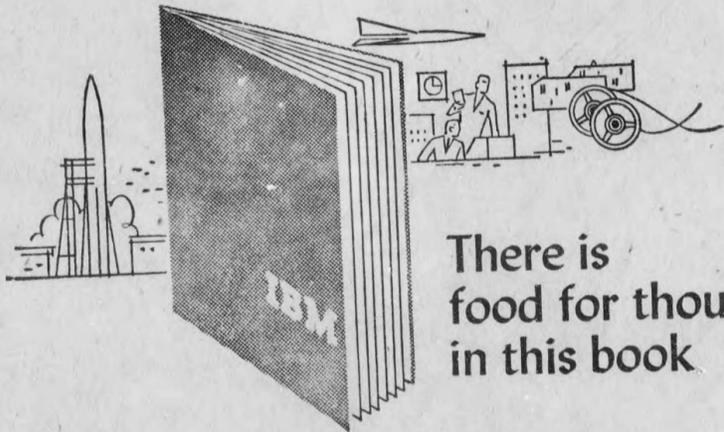
Madison Ave. has had its hand in the affair. The innocent word "as" used to be the only proper conjunction in certain places, but a certain cigarette advertisement has sounded the death knell of that rule of grammar with the phrase ". . . tastes good like a cigarette should". 'Like' is, of course, completely incorrect. Think of how many of your friends have gone through 12 or more years of education and still persist in saying "I seen" (I saw), "I done" (I did) and "if I would have . . ." (if I had . . .); and these persons are supposed to be the cream of the crop.

Of course it doesn't really help to come to UNB either, as some of our "beloved" professors repeatedly use such little gems as "irregardless" and "height". (No Johnny, they're not in the dictionary.)

But no, dear friends, an even worse enemy has appeared on the horizon . . . the popular singer. (Pardon me; vocalist is the only proper word; I haven't the nerve to call them singers.)

I started earlier, of course, but Elvis gave the anti-English campaign a boost with "Love Me Tender". Since then no self-respecting song writer has dared to put the proper ending "ly" on an adverb where required. Since then, things have gone from worse to hopeless; just listen to some of the horrible grammar in some of the songs going now.

The solution? Rebel! Be a non-conformist—speak proper English! Cure, you'll stick out like a sore thumb, but by acting now, we may be able to save the language for future generations to use.



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