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It may be debated that television has its useful purposes. Foresters can point to the use of television cameras on lookout towers, where they replace the lookout man. Engineers and men of science might recall the value of television in observing and recording information in places and under circumstances unbearable to the human observer. Artists might argue the value of the medium in keeping the public informed. And the "ordinary Joe" would certainly insist that "it's entertaining". But have you stopped to consider what it's doing to people?

The Canadian home has degenerated to the point where it is little more than a light-tight box with seats, curtained and maintained as something to watch TV in. Mother is the kind, hard-done-by soul who serves us our TV dinner while we watch Space Cadet every night at six o'clock. Father is the smoke-enshrouded head and shoulders in the big chair to the left, who kicks the kids upstairs just before Wyatt Earp. The descendants of those Canadian people who endured the hardships and miseries of settling and civilizing a wilderness now go into a genuine panic if a two-dollar television tube gives out and ruins the reception. The television set is the centre of life in the modern home.

At first glance these statements may seem a bit strong, but observe your living room tonight. If the house is filled with a large family or with boarders, the TV room (it's certainly not the living room anymore) is bound to be overcrowded and smokier than a two-bit fight arena. We're convinced that if someone had put a TV into the Black Hole of Calcutta the inmates would never have noticed the crowd.

Why should the impact of TV bother a forester? Why, sir! — It's cutting down paper consumption — nobody reads anymore.

213 Students Hoping To Graduate Next May

About 213 Seniors hope to graduate at the Encaenia exercise next May.

Of this number 32 are co-eds. Of the 181 men to accompany them, 85 will be from the department of engineering.

The largest single section of the graduating class will be the civil engineers, with 54 men and one woman. Next comes the faculty of arts with an expected graduating class of 28 men and 22 women.

The science department follows with 29 graduates, nine of which

are women. Ranking next are the foresters with 27. The business administration faculty will graduate 21, while 19 mechanical engineers compose the next largest class for '59. It is expected that 12 Electrical Engineers will receive diplomas.

The Law Faculty will complete the graduating class of '59. Unfortunately, no figures are now available concerning that department.

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Over National Network Propose Radio Shows

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP) — Students at Newfoundland's Memorial University here are promoting the idea of a national broadcasting network for university students.

The radio network would operate through the facilities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The Students' Union formulated the plan in conjunction with officials of Memorial's radio society.

Object of the plan: To establish a closer link between Canadian university students on a regular basis.

Improved Relations

Students here also feel that such a network would improve relations between university students and the general public.

At UNB, the president of the Students' Representative Council, Ron Manzer, said the plan looks interesting and that UNB will probably investigate its possibilities with a view to taking part.

A tentative outline, proposed by Memorial, includes:

1. The initial participation of at least ten Canadian universities, preferably with one from each province, with others to join the network as soon as possible;
2. Having each university's contribution to the program organized by its radio club or students' council;
3. A total of 30 broadcasts a year, with three originating in each province.

One-hour Shows

Memorial suggests that each program last one hour and consist of information, entertainment and a two-minute roundup of news from the various Canadian universities.

For the last three years, Memorial's radio society has origin-

ated a similar program on the CBC's regional network in Newfoundland. Thus, students here propose that Memorial be temporary headquarters for the project.

In addition, Memorial says it is willing to send a tape recording of the regional program to any university interested in the national network.

In Agreement

When asked for his ideas on the scheme, Mortimer Bistrisky, the president of the National Federation of Canadian University Students, said that he is in whole-hearted agreement with

the proposal, and that as far as he knows, it would receive the full support of his organization.

Memorial is currently sending letters to all Canadian universities to get their reactions to the project. Further action, if any, will come after the replies are received.

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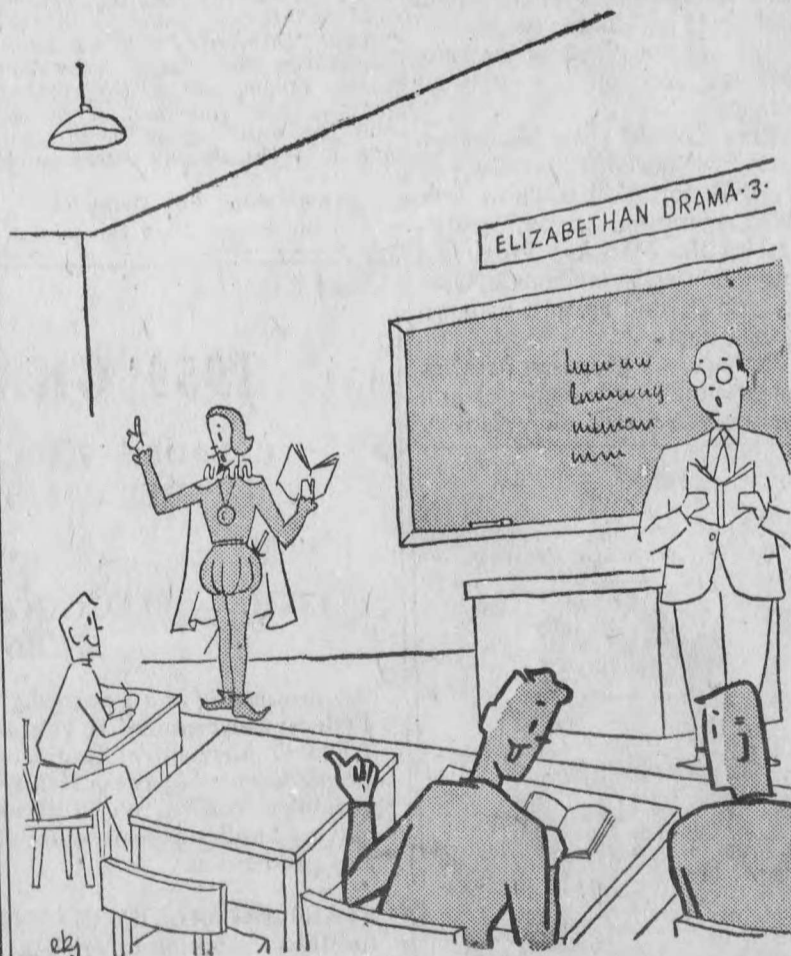
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