

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

GOD, MOTHER AND APPLE PIE

York: Centennial Project

Second Century Week is just two months away. So far delegates have been chosen to represent York in the Literary Composer's and Second Century Seminars. The Salon of Photography will be accepting applications of black and white prints under the theme 'We Canadians'. So far every amateur photographer at York has shunned the opportunity to exhibit his artistry. Snappa couple photos, damn it!

The film centre, unfortunately, has been cancelled owing to lack of funds. Any philanthropists out there? York's representative for the seminar and theatre will be selected shortly. Applications are still being accepted for this seminar.

The University Drama Festival promises to be a highlight of the week. The six-evening Festival will feature plays presented by the University drama groups united from across Canada. It will be the first national festival of Canadian university theatre and will unfold in the New University Theatre at the University of Calgary.

Student art will be exhibited at the first large representative showing of University paintings and sculpture. Would anybody like to donate his construction fence panel?

Olympiad '67 marks the Canadian Intercollegiate Union (CIAU) championships in hockey, swimming, synchronized swimming, gymnastics, wrestling and judo, with 700 athletes from all across Canada competing. Olympiad marks the first national college finals in all but basketball, hockey and men's swimming.

Centennial—Enough Already!!

by Anita Levine

Canadians are blowing their cool over Centennial.

Do you know ANYONE who doesn't have a Centennial Project? I must confess to not having one and I'm waiting in terror for some indignant patriot to fink on me to the Centennial Commission. Everyone else, from the newest New Canadian to the Federal Government, seems to have announced big plans for our 100th Birthday.

Fortunately, some projects are geared toward self-improvement rather than self-approbation, i.e., Second Century Week, which will bring together students from across Canada. The seminars planned will give our country's youth a chance for some intelligent conversation and, hopefully, some self-evaluation. Or perhaps you are more interested in that bunch of pseudo-Voyagers in Davy Crockett hats who will be paddling across the country in an Early Christcraft canoe. What a waste of time and money.

So we've actually been around for 100 years. Yippee-shit. Name one thing we have worth celebrating. Confederation, as it falls

Come on Canuks!

by Dave Wargo

I have been very impressed with Canadian efforts to celebrate Canada's Centennial. Many Canadians are envious of our glorious neighbour to the south and even greater numbers are wholly indifferent to their own country. In fact a recent poll shows 26% of Canadians would be willing to see Canada annexed with the U.S.

What exactly is wrong with Canada? I think the largest response to this question is 'Canada is dead! Nothing ever really moves here. So what have we got to celebrate--100 years of nothing'.

These statements are partly true. We are not 'the international swinger' that the United States is. We tend to take Voltaire's advice and cultivate our own garden.

What has Canada done? Well, she has prospered over the last hundred years and enjoyed the fruits of her labours. Perhaps Canada's accomplishments and attitudes are best summed up by America's Time magazine which recently read: 'A nation that commonly supposes it lacks the drama of which history is made, can also rejoice that it has grown from colony to nation despite the odds of geography, the pull of its dominant neighbour to the south, and all the strains of the French-English partnership.'

Canada's potential is immense and limited only by a large fifth column in her own population. Come on Canuks, let's move!

apart at the seams? Our treatment of the Eskimos and the Indians? Should we be proud of Sir John A. Macdonald; that drunk? Why not Gordon Sinclair?

Canada is not notorious for the unbridled patriotism of her citizens. If we can congratulate ourselves for anything, let it be for this: that, unlike our neighbours to the south, we have never indulged in hero worship or sanctification of our ancestors, nor have we venerated or idealized a not-so-glorious past.

In a time that has seen two world wars caused by ultra-nationalism, Canadians are in a position, unique among the peoples of the world, to evade the bonds of ethnocentrism and become true World Citizens within the context of their own country. If we choose to ignore this opportunity, then 100 years of nationhood has taught us absolutely nothing.

At least, let us stop this snowballing burst of smugness before we make complete idiots of ourselves, and before the rest of the world looks at us and all our petty Centennial plans and literally dies laughing.



Canadian Centennial, Big Deal!!

by Harvey Margel

I am about to make a startling announcement---it's Canada's birthday. Everybody can now stand up and faint.

The Excalibur this week is crammed with articles relating to Canada's Centennial. Some deal with wild flag-waving, others with quiet flag-waving and still others with intellectual flag-waving. I say so what! Big deal it's Canada's birthday party. Do you actually care? I know I don't. I have no centennial plans now for July 1st and I don't intend making any. I'll go to Expo for the simple reason that it's in swinging Montreal and I might see the Beatles and Elvis Presley and pavillions from all parts of the world, not to celebrate a birthday party.

I want to go and get plastered out of my mind and have the wildest time imaginable. After my third trip to the John I might stand at attention and burp out God Save the Queen but I'm not even sure if I'll do that.

I am proud to be a Canadian for this reason: Where else can I sit at home and watch the Leafs every Wednesday and Saturday night. Just imagine if my folks decided to go to Miami or Cali-

fornia with all that sun and all those luscious dolls I would miss hockey. I will never give that up--NEVER!!

This year we Canadians are going to have a lot of Puritanic fun and many people are finally going to realize that Victoria's birthday, (I mean Washington's), is an important date. But what happens next year? That's what I'm trying to say. Will people write and scream about Canada next year?

I would have accepted Canada's Centennial in a quiet, proud manner without sounding off. But then what happens, people who never thought twice about Canada in the last year start scribbling meaningless nonsense relating to Canada. Why should I suddenly join everybody's hypocritical bandwagon and shout for Canada when I didn't do it last year and I'm sure nobody else did?

On July 1, I am going to secede from Canada, and form my own little colony up in Frobisher Bay. Everyone is welcome! My motto will be free booze and free love and every day we'll celebrate our confederation.

I am now taking applications in the Excalibur office for all those interested in joining.



Recent photo shows details of Montreal skyline in 1959, and DOES NOT show Expo, Place Ville Marie, new skyscrapers. Jean Drapeau, Metro....