

High schools blasted

Regarding the Casserole article on high schools, I find the situation in high school deplorable—including the students. And there doesn't seem to be any immediate remedy.

Discuss with any administrator the possibilities of treating high school students like human beings, and you'll have a tough case. "Why give them more freedom?" he asks. With the freedom they have already they strew garbage, deface washrooms, abuse equipment, break into lockers. Why treat them with respect? They have no respect or consideration for the caretakers, secretaries, teachers, or other students.

Why encourage originality and intellectual query? When discussion comes up in class, they stare blankly or make inane comments. And the administrator is right.

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The high school student body is one of the most decadent groups in our society. They contribute nothing towards supporting themselves, yet they are provided with a high standard of living.

Instead of using this rare opportunity to construct, to do things they enjoy, to learn about life, high school students waste their time in their favorite activities: smoking, eating, strewing garbage; that is, consuming large amounts of nearly everything.

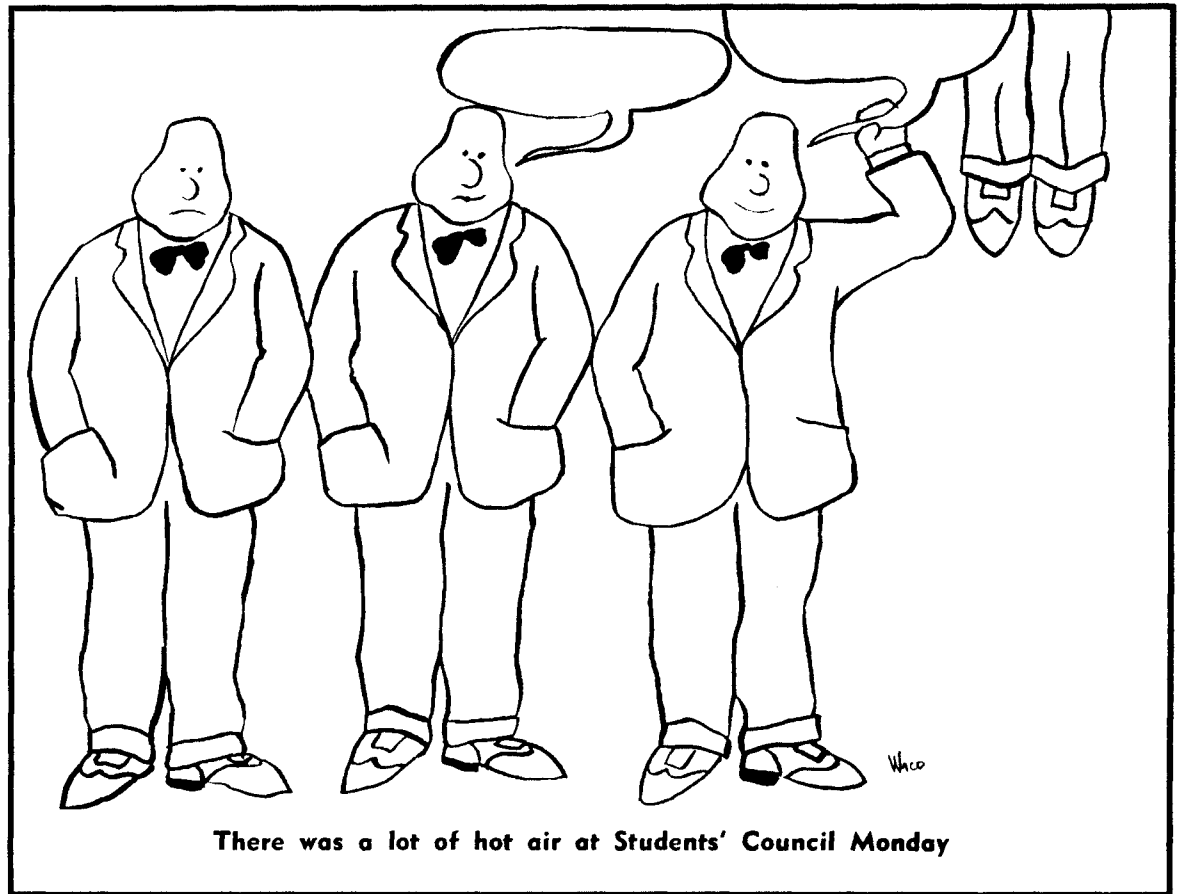
Instead of growing and learning while supported by their parents, the students are merely parasites.

Who causes high school students to be like this? The rigid education system is largely responsible: external discipline prevents the student from maturing and discovering himself. If teachers stifle the student from creativity and original thought for nine years, they can expect blank stares and inane comments when they finally attempt discussion.

Parents don't want freer, more educative schools: they were also taught to be afraid of freedom by a rigid school system. Now, the present generation of high school students is displaying materialism, pettiness, and intellectual atrophy similar to the shortcomings of their parents.

I have little hope that this vicious cycle can be broken easily or quickly.

Ruth Cheriton
high school student



Is free love the best thing?

You made one very good point in your editorial of Sept. 25 when you said that those of you in the newspaper world "have been insulated from how people run things elsewhere." Only I would go even further and say that you have become insulated from other things as well, not least of which is common sense. At least it doesn't seem to be very common in your circles.

Now I am not accusing you, Mr. Editor, of being a notoriously bad man because of your apparent views on free love. Perhaps I feel the same way Adlai Stevenson felt

about the individual of whom he said, "If he were a bad man, I wouldn't be afraid of him. But this man has no principles. He doesn't know the difference."

Since when did it become "medievalist" to believe in principles? I challenge you or anybody else to stand up and categorically affirm that the handbook on Birth Control is going to eliminate ALL problems connected with premarital intercourse. Until you do this, you are not being fair to advocate a line that has already caused many to become so dis-

oriented sexually that sex has eventually lost its value and importance.

It's smart to remember that kicks have kickbacks. Not least of these is the fact that easy sex is often frustrating because it is impersonal and incomplete. It is frustrating to discover that you have been used as a sex object, not loved as a person. If you say that it is possible to love fully where sex is easy, I will ask you to tell me how much genuine appreciation a man has for the prostitute, or she for him?

I believe that the greatest sex is not something that happens by chance. It has prerequisites which include total involvement, permanently. Anyone who has the opportunity to work towards a fulfilled relationship and secure experience like this would be a fool to settle for less.

Roger Armbruster
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Editor's note—The editorial mentioned argued for freedom of choice, not free love. And just how a "fulfilled relationship and secure experience" is going to prevent unwanted children for either the wed or unwed, we fail to understand. That is why birth control information should be readily available, no morals attached.

Let's burn it

A few words arising from Simon Segal's letter about physicists irradiating whole cities, etc. (Tuesday, Sept. 23). Mr. Segal contends that chaos would result if marking and testing were eliminated in universities.

What is interesting though, is that every point he makes refers in some way to technical knowledge. It is a pity that Mr. Segal sees university as nothing more than a place to produce professional technicians.

Certainly, learning to build bridges and drill teeth has nothing to do with education. It is mere training. And this is the maddening problem. University is one huge training machine. It is not a place where people learn to think, to act, to feel, to become aware. Let's burn it down.

Chris Koipillai
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Handbook corrections

I have seen a copy of the September 1969 edition of "Birth Control Handbook" published by the Students' Society of McGill University. This letter is written because of factually incorrect statements on page 2 and on page 21 under the heading "The IUD and Genocide," and because of the harmful effects of the confused racist — economic — cultural — socio — political material included on the pages cited.

The incorrect statements and the melange mentioned have real potential for and probability of adversely effecting large numbers of people, primarily poor people, and of causing much unnecessary human misery. I submit that inclusion of that material in the "Birth Control Handbook" must be explained by one or some combination of the following circumstances:

- Through ignorance or carelessness or irresponsibility or immaturity (or combinations thereof) those responsible have published something which is likely to adversely affect at least a portion of the people the authors purport to help.

- Those responsible are ruthlessly promoting and pursuing their political objectives without concern for the misery and suffering they are knowingly creating. In this case the philosophy would be that the political goals justify use of any means to attain those goals, regardless of the effects on people.

Of course the authors may be

How come

The time has come to expose a crass piece of discrimination in this university.

We have been silent too long!

Now we must cry out our protest to the masses.

We must unshackle ourselves from these chains of oppression. The rights of the minority must be asserted.

Why in the hell aren't there any left-handed desks in any of my classes?

A member of the new left

merely the naive dupes of persons who are using them for political purposes.

- The authors may revel in personal publicity and the limelight which the various media so generously accord some things and activities. Here the fascination of possible self aggrandizement and publicity would have motivated the writing of the sections concerned, again overriding any concern about the effects on people who may be influenced by the material.

If the student societies listed as having financed your publication did so after having seen the material being discussed, they are as responsible and culpable for the unnecessary creation of additional human problems as you are. I am therefore sending copies of this letter to the president of the student societies at McGill University and the University of Alberta, as well as to the student newspaper at those two institutions.

If pages 2 and 21 of the "Birth Control Handbook" are representative of student leadership and responsibility, the future of mankind is indeed uncertain.

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Lucky Scarth!

Dear Al:

The enclosed press badge will enable you to attend the reception Wednesday night for Play-boy's Miss Playmate, and will also admit you to the show on all three days.

No one will be admitted without this badge, so make sure you have it with you.

We know you are going to enjoy the show.

Ron Hayter,
Public Relations Director.

p.s. Only 31 such invitations went out so that still places you in pretty exclusive company.

Editor's note: Thirty-one or 2,001, I still say that's still a pretty commercialized bunny bum bum (see Sept. 19 paper).

SFU strikers advised

As a result of the decision of the Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology (PSA) Department of Simon Fraser University to begin a strike and teach-in which began on September 24 at 12:30 p.m., Professor Willard Allen, President of CAUT, has issued the following statement.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers was recently asked by a number of faculty members in Simon Fraser University's PSA Department to act on their behalf in seeking solutions to the disputes and problems which have arisen between them and the university. It was also asked by President Strand to co-operate in setting up an outside review committee for the PSA Department. While investigations and discussions were in progress, the possibility of a hard confrontation developed into a major probability late last week.

In an effort to prevent such an event the President of CAUT, Professor Willard Allen, issued a statement last Friday asking for restraint and proposing a number of steps which might lead to an acceptable solution. At the same time both parties were privately urged to agree to negotiation and the PSA faculty were specifically warned that the CAUT regarded their threat of strike action as unacceptable and improper. If strike action is ever justifiable it is certainly not while recognized channels of discussion, negotiation or

appeal are still open. On September 21, a telegram warning that this strike action might jeopardize CAUT's willingness to act on behalf of PSA members was sent to Professor Briemberg, spokesman for the PSA group.

It should be perfectly clear that Professor Allen's statement and CAUT's actions did not make judgments on the basic disputes involved and that no such judgments could be made until more complete information was available.

Both parties have now responded:

President Strand issued a statement on Monday which, whatever its limitations, did leave the way open for further discussion. The PSA Department, in response, laid down precise, and in some ways objectionable terms which they demanded be accepted by the university by Wednesday noon, under threat of strike action. Prof. Allen has called for the immediate retraction of the strike plans and has stated that failing this, he will recommend immediately to the CAUT a complete withdrawal of any form of support for PSA faculty who participate in any way.

Freedom of any kind, and academic freedom especially, requires the acceptance of the time-consuming processes of discussion, debate and negotiation, none of which is possible in the emotion-laden atmosphere of confrontation and strike.