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Students face uncertain future

Dear Sir:

No prior generation of university students has faced a future which as uncertain and unstable as that which stretches before us today. In the midst of escalating tension the world over, bleak economic conditions, and the breakdown of the family unit and traditional moral values, the questions we as young people have are staggering, and the answers elusive.

I write this letter to aid those who may be seeking answers, and are considering doing this from a religious perspective. Many university students are frustrated, and understandably so, with traditional manifestations of religious experience within the framework of the church. Over the next few weeks we will have an opportunity for exploring what it means to believe through the unique format of Forum on Faith. This is a series of informal, provocative, and stimulating sessions dealing

with the topic "My Personal Theology." Each week, a new perspective will be offered by a wide variety of speakers, including a psychologist, a philosopher, an activist, and members of the clergy. What makes this opportunity unique is the format in which it is presented. After a twenty minute presentation, there follows an animated forty minutes of discussion, debate, and questioning in which those who attend are challenged to take an active role in the evening. There is no preaching, no lessons, no singing. Forum on Faith is a mature, intellectual approach to religion.

If anyone is interested, the meetings are held on Sunday evenings, 7:30, in the Lower Parlor of St. Paul's United church, corner of York and George Streets. It would be an unfortunate mistake for anyone to shun this opportunity simply because it takes place in a church. Forum on Faith could easily have been held

anywhere because the value of the evening lies within the group which chooses to participate. A core of six persons has been involved in the planning of these sessions, led by Rev.

Bill Randall of St. Paul's. Also included is a fourth year UNB student, Lisa Mosher (B. Arts). The eight week series beginning on Feb. 19, ends with a session led by Rev. Rod Sykes, PhD

(Oxford) which deals with "Working Out Your Own Theology." I feel it is important for people to know that this experience is available to those who could benefit from it.

Do you have a favorite mnemonic?

Dear Editor:

As a student of U.B.C. (L.L.B. 1960) I became interested in any means of lightening my work load, and happened upon the

study of mnemonics. This study concerns the science of memory. It has occurred

to me that many students, including my own children, would benefit from a book on the subject. I would be grateful, therefore, if your readers would drop a line or

a post card containing their favorite mnemonic. By this I mean a "memory crutch" such as the one known to all students of music, VIZ:

F.A.C.E. being the key signatures of the treble clef. Students of geology will recognize the mnemonic for the Moh's Scale of hardness

of minerals, VIZ: Toronto Girls Can Fight and Other Queer Things Can Do, which is a memory device to

enable geologists to remember the relative hardness of minerals which are as follows:

T alc
G ypsium
C calcite
F feldspar
A albite
O orthoclase
Q quartz
T titanium
C corundum
D diamond

If your readers would care to send me their favorite mnemonic together with any knowledge of its author, I shall do my best to give credit where credit is due.

Respectfully yours,
W. Grant Hughes

Re: John Geary

And yet another letter

Dear "Lady of McLeod":

In reply to your letter of March 2, ("Says it all") if you read my letter carefully,

you will glean from its contents that I AM NOT defending my article. I am using it as a platform from which

to launch a rebuttal to the poorly drafted and somewhat libelous letter;

and more importantly, an attack on an ATTITUDE which exists in our society which I find unfortunate and

narrow-minded: the negative labelling of anything which differs from our own personal tastes. I

sincerely suggest you re-read the letter carefully, and if you still can't find

these arguments within its contents, you would be doing yourself a favor by sign-

ing up for PHIL 1053: An Introduction to Logic, next semester. Perhaps then you

will learn how to extract relevant points of information from written material,

which you seem to have trouble doing, at present.

One final word to you: I don't have a lot of respect for people who refuse to

sign their name to letters, instead, hiding behind a pseudonym such as you used.

Now, to the gentleman who wrote about our attitudes towards sex, in last

week's paper: while I don't agree with a lot of your views, I certainly have no argument with you presenting them; and I also applaud the mature, rational

manner in which you presented them. More power to you!

Sincerely,
John Geary

Last donation

Dear Editor:

On Friday, March 2nd, in the evening, I parked my bicycle against the wall (outside) of the Harriet Irving Library. When I returned, I found it lying on the icy slope thirty feet away. It was damaged and had to be taken to a repair shop (\$19.80).

This was my reward for my recent donation (\$1,000) to a UNB scholarship fund, -my LAST such donation.

Yours respectfully
Rolf Sick



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