

PEN PALS

The following letter has been forwarded to the Student Council:

The Oak House Annexe,
Liphook,
Hampshire, England
4-8-62

Dear Sir:

I am—in Britain, and in the U.S.A.—a well-known Author. Among the Books, which I am now engaged in writing, is one entitled: PEN FRIENDSHIP, AND MY OWN PEN FRIENDS.

In this Book, I propose to reproduce:

(i) Photographs of my Pen Friends;

(ii) Photographs of the Places where they live;

(iii) Facsimiles of the most interesting of their Letters.

I am particularly anxious to obtain Undergraduates as Contributors to my Book.

Hence, I should be most grateful, if you could obtain for me the Names and Ad-

resses of twelve young men, and of twelve young women—Undergraduates at your University—who might care to be numbered among my Pen Friends, and the Contributors to my Book.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

HUBERT PHILLIPS

Mr. Phillips was born in 1891 and writes under the pen names of Caliban, Dogberry, and Nine-Spot. Many of you may have read or heard of his autobiography written in 1960 "Journey to Nowhere."

It would be appreciated if those who are sincerely interested in this would inform the council either by contacting Lally Mitchell at 5-9546 or by dropping a note to this effect into the suggestion box.

We would like to reply to Mr. Phillips' letter almost immediately as it has been on campus for some time now, so please act promptly if you are interested.

CANADIAN INDIAN PROBLEM

While Canadians sit back and groan over the segregational problems of the southern United States, integration of the Canadian Indian into Canadian society is being thwarted.

The Indian population of Canada which once numbered 220,000 presently stands at 185,000. These 185,000 presently live on 2,200 tracts of land scattered across the Dominion. The tracts of land, called reservations, are neatly tucked away in the backwoods in order that the Indian red will not mix with the Canadian white.

No Canadian race has been punished and abused as much as the Indian. No Canadian race has suffered as much as the Indian. Who is to blame? The common cry is the Indian himself. But let us look at some interesting facts which place the blame elsewhere.

The minute the white man landed on Canadian soil he took advantage of the gullible and somewhat primitive Indian. The French and English received thousands of dollars worth of pelts for a handful of mirrors and

other trinkets. Is this a fair exchange?

Disease, caused by the white man, has left an ugly scar in the history of the Indian. As early as 1786 it began to be felt. The Cree nation which numbered 15,000 withered to 3,000 by smallpox. This happened in two years.

Tuberculosis rates among the Canadian Indian are the highest in the world. A peak of 571.9 per 100,000 was reached in 1960. These diseases carried to Canada by Europeans attacked the Indian severely because he had not built up an immunity to them.

The white man's rifle enabled him to slaughter large numbers of buffalo and caribou. Soon the herds began to disappear. Eventually the squaw became thin and the teepees were without meat. Then the Canadian government stepped in and protected the herds. The Indian, dependent on the herds, had to be protected too. The Indian is still being protected. The government nurses him and wonders why he cannot adapt himself to Canadian society.

Now the Indian earns his living from two basic methods, farming and trapping. The farms are located in the old reserves. The soil is poor and so is the living. Trapping has become an existence living. Markets are dropping each year. The average beaver pelt is worth \$13.73; marten \$6.65, ermine 97 cents, and muskrat 83 cents. Trappers live in the far north and have families of six to eight in one cabin.

The future of the Indian is far from optimistic. The reserves have been exhausted. He sinks lower and lower into deprivation. What will happen to that once proud and fearless race? It appears that the defeat of General Custer by Sitting Bull at the battle of Little Big Horn was the last victory for the North American Indian.

N.B.—The above is a column from *The Ryerson* which when viewed in the light of the study of the Canadian Indians in our society is most thought-provoking. The University of Alberta at Edmonton has set up a committee to study this problem and UBC has also gone into this field.

TALENT WANTED

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The first edition of Canada's new national student magazine will hit the newsstands on campuses across the country Feb. 15.

Student officials at the University of B.C., mandated by the 26th NFCUS Congress to produce the magazine, announced material for the 64-page publication are being solicited on all Canadian campuses.

Editor Fred Fletcher, of UBC, said the magazine will contain everything from scholarly student articles to jokes and limericks.

He said he is looking for features reflecting student political, economic and literary thought, as

well as short stories, humorous articles and poems.

The magazine will also contain contributed photos and cartoons. Photos should be 8" x 10" glossy prints. Cartoons should be clearly drawn on white paper.

Copy deadline is Dec. 15. Articles should be no longer than 2,500 words and typewritten on 8" x 11" sheets.

Ten thousand copies of the magazine will be produced. It will sell at 25 cents per copy.

All contributions should be mailed to NFCUS committee, Brock Hall, UBC, Vancouver 8, B.C. Local NFCUS committees have further details.

SADIE HAWKINS

The first meeting of the Ladies Society for the year will be in the Maggie Jean tonight at 6:30 p.m. If you want a Sadie Hawkins dance this year, be there to help organize it. The dance is currently scheduled for November 23, and it will take a number of people to complete the plans. Also on the agenda is the election of a new Secretary-Treasurer. All coeds, both those in residence and those living in Fredericton are requested to attend.

List of Companies coming on Campus week of 19 Nov.:

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Mistake

Four good fellows, old friends, met after long years in an Irish provincial town. They visited an inn and had several drinks. Then all four left for the railway station. On arrival at the train, three of the four got in and the train pulled out, leaving the fourth fellow standing on the platform, laughing until he was weak.

Station Master—"What the devil are you laughing at?"

Fourth Fellow—"Shure they were supposed to be seeing ME off."

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