

Editorial

National Student Day is not a very real proposition on the UNB campus.

The committee set up by the SRC has met only four times. Council has not shown great support for NSD other than financially. Finally, the opening night of Red 'n Black is on NSD.

The NSD committee, all three of them, is expected to recruit people to work on NSD, and organize seminars, workshops and general meetings. And they are expected to do it on a budget of \$110.00.

But NSD is a reality. It is a day of contemplation and discussion. There are many topics worthy of debate. Some of those topics are to be found in this week's feature story.

It is our sincere hope that those of you who read this will also take the time to read the feature and think about the questions it raises. If you have any questions or complaints please contact your SRC representative or a member of the SRC executive. After all they are there to serve you.

Remember "November 9 is National Student Day."

More Sound-Off

J. David responds to 'Dealer'

Editor's note: The following letter is a copy of Mr. Miller's letter to the Plain Dealer newspaper.

Dear Sir:

With respect to the article "The Pampered, Privileged World of University Students" which appeared in your Nov. 3, 1976 issue, if the author had chosen the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb" over my column to use as a starting point for his epistle on the inequities of the present system of higher education, he would have been more justified. Ascribing meanings to someone's written word which just are not there is as bad journalism as the quoting out of context.

My statements were intended to rebut the notion that students on the whole are not aware of economic realities. In spite of the fact that the government pays about 70 per cent of the costs of higher education, personal economy reality entails finding enough money to live for eight months without a job, buy books and pay tuition.

It is completely fallacious to maintain that the money spent on universities benefits only students. Reference should have been made to the fact that universities also train doctors, lawyers, teachers, and scientists

to serve the needs of society. As theatres of research universities and student provide the milieu for such vital discoveries as penicillin and for such minor ones as television.

The central thesis of the argument presented in the article is certainly correct. What is more, the situation reflected is, as the author fails to point out in other than sarcastic terms, absolutely intolerable. Universities started their existence to cater to the needs of the financial elite. No thinking individual would wish to countenance such an unjust situation continuing.

What students complain about is not their personal financial maltreatment but rather that the government insists upon regulating higher education with fiscal policy.

The government makes it difficult for all but the affluent class to achieve higher education by continuing with its absurd student loans system. As a consequence, the education of the financial elite continues.

If it is the purpose of the Plain Dealer to make known inequities in our society, emphasis should be given to root causes and possible solutions instead of the phony presentation of statistics laced with rhetoric.

Higher education should be based strictly on merit. First year university should be free to all who meet the entrance standards. In succeeding years commensurate with academic performance, students should be paid a living wage, a scholarship if you like, recognizing the long overlooked fact that students are productive members of society.

The larger question raised by such poor journalism centres on the undeniable fact that independent media and students have something very much in common. The Fourth Estate and students have throughout history consistently been the mediators of social change.

Philosophically, the Plain Dealer deserves the support of its community because it has the courage of its convictions. Criticism is vital to the improvement of society. Criticism untempered by objective analysis is not rewarded with support.

Society has a hard spot in its collective heart for newspapers which print such work consistently.

J. David Miller

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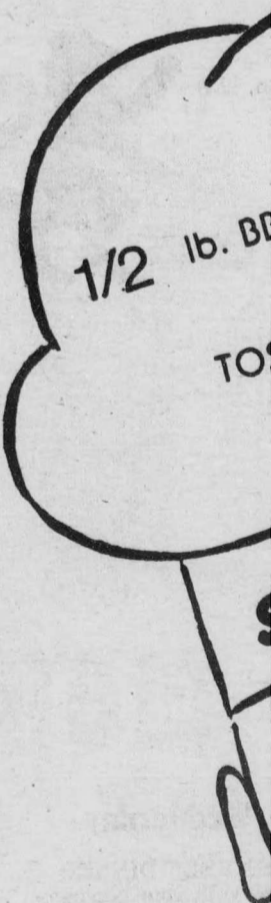
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The aggressive masculine oriented church builder, Paul once declared in Rome, "The head of every man is Christ and the head of every woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God. For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman for the man. Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak. And if they would learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home."

These words convey to everybody Paul's notion of absolute superiority of men over women. Christ is the head of every man and God is the head of Christ. True. But is it true that men are superior to women? This article, which is a product of interview, limited research and personal observation, will try to answer the question and consider some of the allegations of oppression levelled against men by women.

The ancient Hebrews respected loyal and hardworking women and sometimes a good woman would be raised to a superior status. But these were exceptions to the general rule of supremacy of men. Women were not allowed to stay with men during public worship and

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