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What every Canadian boy should know

Maritimers are narrow minded.

For that matter, so are Westerners, Upper Canadians and Quebecers.

This is just another way of saying that regionalism is a disease common to the whole of Canada.

It is so far advanced that in these last two months before we begin centennial celebrations, the condition indicates the malady is incurable.

Canada may well be a 100-year-old non-entity.

There are many ways of coming to know the problem. The best way is to live in each region for a few years - long enough to study the habits of the natives, but not long enough to identify with them.

In Western Canada - better known as "Empire Country" - you quickly learn the correct view of Canadian affairs. The West is the 'promised land', and all that has held it back for the past 50 or 60 years is Eastern Canada.

(To a Western Canadian, east means anything the wrong side of Winnipeg and if you are from British Columbia you might draw the line just the other side of the Rockies.)

There is no reason to doubt the 'Word'. It is preached to you by everyone. School teachers frighten little children with stories about the Ogres of Toronto's Bay street that bleed farmers, give away grain and raise freight rates.

Now that Western Canada has - sold its birth right to the United States to develop oil and potash resources - China and Russia have suffered crop failures - the federal government has built the South Saskatchewan Dam, and there has been rain for two years in a row, they don't need the rest of Canada.

'Friendly' Ross Thatcher, 'Holy' E.C. Manning and 'Wild' Bill Bennett are spokesmen for the new breed: rugged individualists that are going to stand on their own two feet ----- unless there is a good crop in China, a poor crop in Canada or they need another dam.

Central Canada is the home of the holy innocents. Here the people will tell you their only sin is being successful. They have slain the 'fatted-calf' and now they must share it with their have-not brethren.

On top of this they have the added burden of having to give leadership to the rest of Canada and receiving nothing in return for their "Ontario know-how".

Quebec is a unique case. They see themselves as an island of French culture in an English wasteland. Unlike the other provinces, however, they do not pretend to believe in the glories of federalism.

This brings us back to the Maritimes where no one has been satisfied since confederation. And today everyone knows there is a giant conspiracy afoot to retard the growth of the region. It is spearheaded by Upper Canadians like Paul Hellyer, Mitch Sharp and Lester Pearson.

There might be some reason for hope if we could write off the current mood as the product of a senile but dying generation. Unfortunately, the youth of today appear to be bent on playing a game of 'one-upmanship'.

The 'IN' game this year is called "isolation". The idea is to break free of all national student organizations. The debate rages not over whether we have any national goals demanding collective action, but whether there are such things as national goals.

Anyone willing to bet that we will last another 100?

Fall Festival: a lost weekend is found

It was small, but it was there.

Dalhousie has found its long lost spirit.

Fall Festival was a success this year - not as some student council member said because it made a modest profit - but because students actually got enthusiastic.

There were low points during the three-day-program but on the whole events were well run and attended and people became involved. Dave Frith and Dave Osherow, the organizers of the festival should be thanked for putting together an imaginative program. Next year should be bigger and better.

The only disappointing part of the festival was that Acadia could not come with any imaginative schemes like the caper pulled off by Dalhousie's "Felon Five."

The best that Acadia could do was come down and scribble a few meaningless quips on the Gazette office walls. (There was an abortive attempt to steal some silverware from one of the dining halls but it did not come close enough to success to be considered as a serious effort.)

The Gazette suggests that next year before the Fall Festival begins the student council set up a suggestion box. Dalhousie students would think up imaginative ideas for capers and the best ones would be sent to Acadia.

It could be exciting.

UN faces test

The General Assembly's vote on South-West Africa last week, declaring South Africa's mandate at an end and making the territory the "direct responsibility" of the United Nations, may prove the most critical decision in the world organization's career.

South-West Africa, originally a German colony, was given to South Africa in 1920- in the general sharing out of the German colonial empire — as a mandate from the old League of Nations; South Africa has administered it for the last 46 years.

The United Nations, as the successor to the League has claimed the right to supervise the area. South Africa, however, has consistently refused to recognize this claim and now wants South-West Africa as part of its national territory.

Under the League of Nations mandates, the mandatory power undertook to govern in the interests of the people of the mandated area and to prepare them for eventual self-government. The South African government on the contrary has governed South-West Africa primarily in the interests of its own white population and has subjected the African majority in the territory to its own harsh racist laws and customs, designed to keep them in a state of permanent inferiority.

Canadian External Affairs Minister Paul Martin told the General Assembly that while Canada approved the termination of the mandate, it was unwilling to support any measure which would plunge Africa into war.

Yet inaction also has its perils. What makes this crisis peculiarly dangerous is that it is not one forced upon the United Nations by external events. The UN itself has deliberately challenged South Africa.

If, after bringing about this confrontation with a relatively small nation, it then backs down and does nothing, the blow to its prestige will be shattering and perhaps fatal.

In Perspective

Unfurling banners, fighting fees

By DON SELLAR
(CUP) Staff Writer

OTTAWA--An ominous whisper issued recently at a tiny Maritime university will soon reverberate in the ears of more than 200,000 Canadian students.

Very soon.

And when it does, campus newspaper editors across the country will start rolling out their biggest, blackest headline type. Administration officials will run to their medicine cabinets for large quantities of headache tablets.

Politicians (out of power) will lend their voices to the student song. Government leaders will simply lay in a supply of earplugs with which to drown it out.

As the call to arms is sounded by student leaders forced into the fray by their sunny statements in favor of things like universal accessibility to post-secondary education, free tuition and student stipends, poster paint and cardboard sales will skyrocket at hundreds of profiteering stationery stores.

There will be lengthy, weighty briefs written and presented to the mighty foe. There will be a great noise across the land, with marches, boycotts or other manifestations of student concern.

The annual fee fight fought on anywhere between 10 and 25 campuses has begun. Quietly.

It has begun at tiny Mount Allison University, where Argosy Weekly editor Colin Maurice Paul David Leonard hangs his hat. For last week, Leonard became the first campus newspaper editor in Canada to mention a fee hike in his newspaper, when he ran a front-page story headed: "Not Again! Fee Increase?"

This honor is one of a series reserved for editors who publish such gems as the First Housing Discrimination Story of September and the Initial Sex Scandal of the Year, or exposes such as Our Cafeteria Food is Poison and Is Our University President for Real?

So this is the story of Colin Leonard's emergence as an award-winning campus newspaper editor, together with a little free-of-charge comment.

A Mount Allison official identified only as a "Mr. Wheeler" became the first administration spokesman in Canada to be quoted on the question of a possible tuition fee or residence rent hike --this year--when an Argosy Weekly reporter cornered him recently in a dark bureaucratic alley.

"I can see no possibility of holding the line," he told the intrepid reporter flatly.

Writing his story with an air of resignation, the reporter commented:

"This then, is the situation. It appears safe to assume that a fee increase of AT LEAST $50 will be made effective next year. Our complaint is that such announcements are never made until after Christmas at the earliest, and often later than that..."

Which raises an interesting point about fee fights. Students always complain the Administration (capital a) is inconveniencing them by announcing budgetary adjustments too late in the year for young polemicists and revolutionaries to do much about them... If anything can be done at all.

As the Artosy reporter himself put it: "The very principle behind this is neither fair nor democratic. Surely the Administration (capital a) must know pretty well by now what the fee increase for next year will be, and they will surely know by Christmas, or it does not say too much for them as businessmen."

A reasonable amount of warning, he suggested, would consist of a hint delivered before Christmas. Such a humanitarian act on the administration's part would be "of tremendous convenience and importance to the student body", he wrote.

Where does all this rumormongering leave us, you might ask. Well, Colin Leonard and his peers across the country are probably out writing an editorial in which they can point to the spiralling cost of education today, the flaming economy and the universal accessibility "problem" as factors which university administrators had better consider before they raise the fees.

Or else.

Or else Mount Allison student's will march and call people bad names and sing freedom songs and boycott the classes they usually just skip. And you know what else they'll do?

They'll call in the Canadian Union of Students (if they still belong to CUS) for help. CUS printing services will start rattling off policy declarations, pamphlets and 'how to conduct a march' information sheets for them.

Then they'll create a national sensation by marching (with smiling faces, for the cameras, you understand) and unfurling their ruddy banners.

And when it's time for them to go back to neglected books and term papers as exams loom large next spring, the fee fight syndrome will have revealed its inevitable secret: After you March forth, there can be no tomorrow.

Argosy Weekly, Page 1, October 7, 1966.

Not Again! **Fee Increase?**

A rumour is circulating around campus to the effect that there is to be yet another hike in the fees. This is hardly news in itself; many have been marvelling it did not happen this year. Still, here are the available details.

The latest rumour speaks of a hike of between forty and fifty dollars in the residence fees. (No one has even **mentioned** tuition fees yet.) This would assure us of [illegible] most cos[illegible] When [illegible] into consideration in timing such announcements. It would not take too much of a stretch of the imagination to make it seem almost deliberate.

The very principle behind this is neither fair nor democratic. Surely the Administration must know pretty well by now what the fee increase for next year will be, and they will surely know by Christmas, or it does not say too much for them as businessmen. When will they announce it

"Okay, now what else does he want?" -Toronto Daily Star

Aid for the constipated

We're leading protest against pay toilets

Students protest the war in Vietnam. Housewives protest rocketing food costs. Hippies protest law against marijuana and LSD.

Following this lead, the Gazette is this week inaugurating a protest movement against pay toilets in the city of Halifax. The protest is taking the form of an organization entitled "The Federation Against Regimented Toilets". The following is a report from a Gazette reporter who was sent to the United States to smell out the reaction of big business to the protest.

Well, you should have heard the consternation that hit the ranks of the A.A.P.T.M. (American Association of Pay Toilet Manufacturers) when they heard about the latest attempt to flush them down the drain when the Dalhousie Gazette organized and spearheaded the Federation Against Regimented Toilets. As I understand it, the executive quickly called an emergency meeting to see how best they could plug the gap before they were all blasted out of their corporate existence.

The president of A.A.P.T.M. Mr. "Stinky" Hornblower (Stinky is a childhood nickname and has no relation to his present status), was for an all-out war. In his remarks, which my undercover agents were able to report fart-batim, he said;

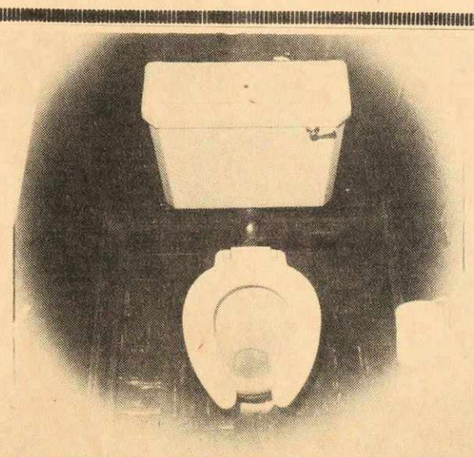
"Gentlemen, this is a very serious situation that is facing us and we must move fast and act courageously or we'll all be covered with the same dirt that we are trying so hard to divert into its proper paying channels. Some of you older members will, I am sure, remember the campaign that was started against us by the late Dorothy Sangster--but fortunately before she was able to raise much of a smell, her attentions were diverted to such innocuous things as Planned Parenthood and Birth Control. Although it cost our Association a cool hundred thousand to silence her, no one here will deny that it was well worth while. Fortunately for us the A.B.F.P. (Association of Baby Food Processors) never knew the reason for her switch or our name would have been mud.

And then there was that fanatic, Nafershiti, who learned his business from Ghandi in India. He was gaining headway with his infernal motto "Don't eat, don't excrete!" Sales that year dropped almost to the vanishing point until one of us, and I won't mention names (here the chairman smirked all over his face and it was obvious he meant himself) hit on the marvellous idea of adding small drops of castor oil to the forced drip feeding that was being used on these fanatics.

But now, with government reaching its grasping hands everywhere, we must fight fire with fire and use--subtly of course--the government itself to help us in our war. I therefore propose the formation of the "League Opposed to the Unamerican Demands of the Federation Against Regimented Toilets". We must be careful to keep the honoured name of A.A.P.T.M. completely submerged. We must present this as a grass roots organization spontaneously arising to defend its freedom and the noble American Heritage from the F.A.R.T. fanatics.

Most of all, L.O.U.D.F.A.R.T. must show how every free country in the world has pay toilets and that it is only in Communist countries that "free--so-called -toilets exist. L.O.U.D.F.A.R.T. must make itself heard--loud and clear--every rumble of F.A.R.T. must be met with a stronger one from L.O.U.D.F.A.R.T. Every blast from F.A.R.T., whether small or big, weak or strong, must be met with a counterblast from L.O.U.D.F.A.R.T. We must appeal to all patriotic groups to help us eradicate every whimper, every feeble bleat, even the tiniest unconscious sound of F.A.R.T. until F.A.R.T. is silent as a tomb."

At this point the meeting broke up and a smile of victory appeared on Stinky's face as once more he knew he had eliminated the latest effluent to endanger the A.A.P.T.M. With one ultimate blast, the executive once more reiterated their absolute faith in their very own Able Senior Sage Heroically Overcoming Legions of Enemies.



Aid for the constipated: The Gazette is seeking to bring an end to coin-operated toilet facilities in Halifax. (Gazette Photo- BROWN).

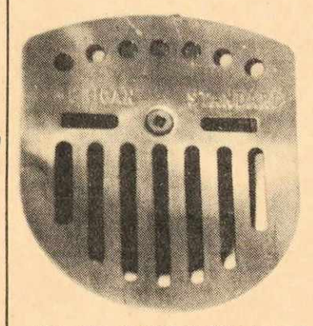
Voice of the Student

War in Vietnam & toilet drains

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

At a time when our gallant American friends, almost alone, are supporting the cause of freedom and self-determination of democracies everywhere, it behoves us (despite the perfidy of our opportunist and vacillating government in Ottawa) to respect and regard all the emblems of that great nation, which, the guardian both of civilization and of the values dear to us, bears the brunt of the Communist onslaught.

Today, many people in Nova Scotia, oblivious of the perils which beset us, and blind to the omnipresent signs which bear witness to the siege from within, unwittingly have let pass unopposed anti-American activity — to be found even on our own campus by diligent servants of Liberty and Truth.



We are alerted to this danger when we observed that someone in Dalhousie University working hand in hand with the international Communist conspiracy was attempting subtly to subvert our Faith by installing surreptitiously in the gentlemen's john on the first floor of the Chemistry Annex, in the one place that is afforded us to relieve ourselves according to our natural necessities, a perfect replica of the American Presidential standard.

At first we were prepared to give the University Authorities the benefit of the doubt, and believed this resemblance accidental. However, when we bent our heads closer to the bottom of the urinal we clearly discerned the inscription "AMERICAN STANDARD".

Sir, such blasphemy cannot be tolerated. We are lovers of freedom — but if we are to remain free, then we cannot permit the enemies of our freedom to continue in this guise. These evildoers must be exposed, and made to stand in the ignominy of being recognized for what they are.

With the intention of declaring our cause we write, summoning all responsible democracy-loving students to awake from the idle pleasures of the hour, to rally round the Standard.

Your Allies in Truth,
Lionel G. Clarke
James Macpherson

The Editor,
The Dalhousie Gazette,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax,
Dear Sir:

Please allow a "little man" to point out a contradiction in your recent editorial oracle "Little Men Play at Power Politics".

Please compare:

KING'S STUDENTS MAY HAVE LITTLE TO GAIN NOW by renewing ties with Dal. . .

and

It appears the present regimes at both colleges are more interested in proving their relative strengths than PROVIDING FOR THE IMMEDIATE WELFARE OF THE STUDENTS.

The fact of the matter is that King's is not exploiting its full potentiality. This was one of the conclusions of a report by the President of Innis College, University of Toronto. Our immediate problem is the actualization of this potential. The Dalhousie Student Union has set terms for the use of their facilities which are simply not compatible with our own necessary development.

Our attitude is, as I have indicated before, one of openness. Dalhousie students are always welcome to join in our activities. We feel that the maintenance of truly intensive student life on the Dalhousie — King's Campus is more important than the availability to our students of the material diversity of Dalhousie. Life is, after all, an activity, not a mere potentiality.

Yours truly,
Wayne Hankey
President, The University of King's College Student Union