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## "Dal students apathetic"

by Bruce M. Lantz

According to D. Ray Pierce, Chairman of the Task Force on Student Living set up by the Student Union, "The students on this campus are really apathetic."

Pierce made this comment after the inquiry's first general meeting on November 2. At this meeting only six of seventy-five students contacted turned up. Fifteen students from first year and thirty from each of the remaining years were contacted.

At the task force core meeting on Nov. 3, it was agreed that in the future, there would be no closed or open forums (where students could voice their opinions) unless such was requested by "a mass of people". From now on the task force will glean information by going where the students are — the cafeteria, residences, dances, Jazz & Suds, etc. Prior notice will be given on occasions where the students concerned might

not be available (such as in individual residence rooms).

At the Nov. 3 meeting it was decided that Don Trivett of the Chaplains' Office and Jack Dougall of Public Relations would form a "Questionnaire Committee" to deal with the problem. Their results are expected to be available by mid-February.

According to Pierce, "We got a lot out of the six that came." These and over 400 others who were questioned individually were of the opinion that "the most important aspect of student living is the academic process." These felt that they could not understand the relevance of ninety per cent of the material and felt that the methods employed are inadequate.

Because of this response it was decided that the scope of the inquiry must be narrowed down to this area.

## Bethune celebrations on this weekend

Dr. Norman Bethune, the great Canadian internationalist and revolutionary martyr, died November 13, 1939, in Northern China during the war of resistance against Japan. Blood poisoning, contracted while operating without rubber gloves, was the cause. Drugs would easily have cured him, but Bethune was a victim of Chiang Kai-Shek's blockade of medical supplies to the liberated areas.

Bethune was a medical doctor and a communist, as well as a talented poet and painter, who left his career as a leading Montreal thoracic surgeon to set up medical units in Spain for the Republicans fighting Franco's fascism. Known and loved by the breadline poor in Montreal, he made important contributions to fighting TB.

He pioneered the mobile blood-bank, used to aid soldiers in Spain. In China he applied Mao's mass line to set up hospitals and train medical workers wherever he went, operating for days at a stretch under heavy fire in primitive conditions. A national hero in China, and famous in medical circles, Bethune's history has been suppressed as part of Canada's revolutionary heritage. He was an unremitting communist, not a humanist or dilettante which his detractors suggest.

After fending off an American take-over, McClelland and Stewart have reprinted his biography "The Scalpel, the Sword" in defiance of this suppression.

The cause Bethune gave his life for is still unfinished, Japanese militarism is being

revived; China is threatened by war, and U.S. imperialism is committing atrocities throughout the world.

Canada is still being sold out to foreign imperialists by the profit-hungry within, and its sovereignty is being overrun by American troupe-training and military preparations. Amchitka is a good example.

For these reasons, the Canadian People's United Front Against U.S. Imperialism has declared November 6-13 Norman Bethune Week. Celebrations to learn from his spirit of internationalism are being held across Canada. The Halifax celebration will be held at the Halifax Memorial Library, Friday, November 12 at 8 p.m. and in the Dal SUB, Saturday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Are wars of aggression, wars for the conquest of colonies, then just big business? Yes, it would seem so, however much the perpetrators of such national crimes seek to hide their true purpose under the banner of high-sounding abstractions and ideals. They make war to capture markets by murder; raw materials by rape. They find it cheaper to steal than to exchange; easier to butcher than to buy.

Behind all this stands that terrible implacable god of business and blood whose name is profit. Money, like an insatiable moloch, demands its interest, its return, and will stop at nothing, not even the murder of millions to satisfy its greed. Behind the army, stand the militarists. Behind the militarists, stand finance capital and the capitalists. Brothers in blood; companions in crime.

What do these enemies of the human race look like? Do they wear on their foreheads a sign so that they may be told, shunned and condemned as criminals? No. On the contrary, they are the respectable ones. They are honored. They call themselves and are called, gentlemen. They are the pillars of the state, of the church, of society. They support private and public charity out of the excess of their wealth. In their private lives they are kind and considerate. But . . . threaten a reduction on the profit of their money and they become ruthless as savages, brutal as madmen, remorseless as executioners . . . There can be no permanent peace in the world while they live. Such an organization of human society as permits them to exist must be abolished.

These men make the wounds.

—Dr. Norman Bethune

### First to date

## Waterbed fatality reported

TUSCON (CUPI) — Malcom Coors, a university of Arizona grad student in economics is apparently the first fatality of the waterbed fad currently sweeping the nouveaux riches hippies this year.

Coors had been watching a late night TV show on his tiny Sony TV set which had frayed electrical wires. The set fell into a puddle — the result of his cat's clawing the waterbed — and he was electrocuted. He would have been 23, two days after the accident.

Ironically, Coors who had been doing a research paper on that very topic (of waterbeds) was about to have the fruits of his research published under the title of "The Sensuous

Waterbed" (published by Lyle Stuart Publishers of New York). Coor's economics prof, Cynthia Kessler, said the book would describe the waterbed's effect on the user's psyche, sex and thought patterns.

Coors had purchased the bed at Hydro-Fux Ltd. in Tuscon about four months ago, but since then the price has dropped five dollars. Hydro-Fux manager Phil Scott, however disclaimed responsibility, but expressed sympathy.

"Wasn't that a bummer, though? I mean Zap, he's gone, you know?!"

Coors' girlfriend, Aurora, will get a new bed from the company said Scott. She had been out of the room at the time when

the accident occurred — getting a roach clip.

## Language labs open weekends

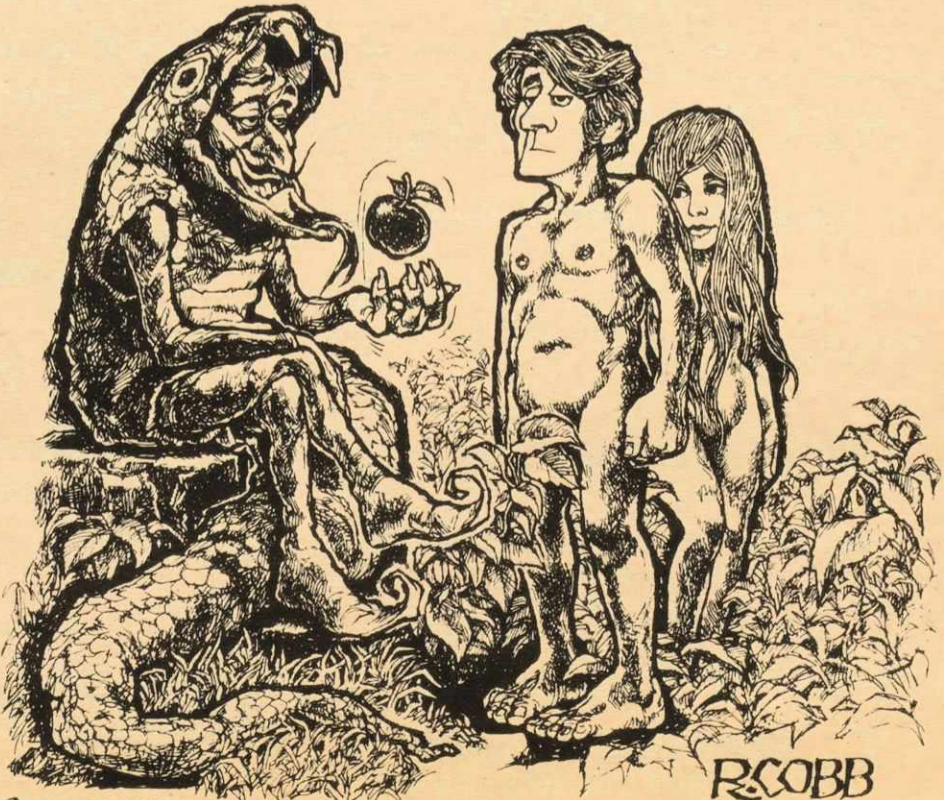
by Beth Burke

Dalhousie Language Laboratories will be open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons starting November 12, Professor Harry Aikens, Department Head, announced this week.

The decision to open the labs on weekends resulted from pressure by students and faculty in the department. Students had complained of a lack of time available to work in the labs.

Aiken stated that by making cutbacks in other areas and by selling old machines at a cheap rate, the department is now able to pay additional staff to operate the lab on the weekends.

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