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## U.N.B.'S PEASANT GESTAPO

Recently the Brunswickan in a colorful editorial entitled "Discipline, UNB a model", confidently announced "The University of New Brunswick has, in the feelings of many people, one of the finest Campus Police forces in Canada".

We assure the writer that we respect his point of view and will not embarrass him (or her) by asking who "the many people" are, but we cannot help but feel that his blind support for our police force is not wholly justified nor, in our opinion is it supported by the majority of the student body.

There are too many incidents where personal prejudice, past grudges, and even open hostility, make us wonder whether our CP's are sincere in their quest to maintain this type of justice. There are many examples which could be cited but that would be laboring the point so we intend to only pick out a few which have been brought to our attention. Let us take for example the hockey game last Saturday evening from which we gleaned three examples of blatant misjudgement on the part of CP's.

One student while sipping a cup of hot chocolate close to the ice level suddenly looked up into the leering face of a little Tarzan in White, who warned him of the consequences of any further drinking in the Arena... the student poured out the rest of his hot chocolate.

Another student was sitting quietly with his date and another couple - he was actually accused of throwing firecrackers.

A third student was turned away from the gate by his next door neighbor in Aitken House because he misplaced his Student Pass.

As witnesses to the first two incidents, we know the police force were totally unjustified in their assumptions. However the first student has faced disciplinary action in previous years at UNB... could it be that he is a marked man, subject at any time to the repressive whims of the Campus Police.

You may say that the C.P. was justified in turning his friend away from the game... but the fact that the student had his receipt for the card should have alleviated all doubt as to whether he'd paid his fees or not. This along with the fact that the Campus Police would be the first people to know if a card had been taken away from a student, the whole situation seems a little stupid.

These are just three examples from only one Campus event. Is it this type of justice that we want to maintain? We fully realize that these things are not the common habits of every

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CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTRIC

## French Poorly Informed

OTTAWA (CUP) - A University of Ottawa study says French-Canadians are poorly informed about underdeveloped countries because Quebec's French-language press does not attach enough importance to them.

Nevertheless the report finds that 81 per cent of Quebec's French-Canadians are in favor of Canadian foreign aid.

It also says that the federal External Affairs Office does not do enough to keep Canadian newspapers informed on Canadian foreign aid and calls for the creation of a bilingual information service to carry out this task.

The research is based in 550 replies to 3,000 questionnaires. The study was begun last year by students in a course of underdeveloped countries and was completed by two Political Science students, Claude Lemelin, Quebec City and Jean-Claude Marion, Ottawa. Both have since graduated.

The researchers conclude that 58 per cent say this aid should be distributed evenly between French and English-speaking countries. The great majority, about 69 per cent, feel they don't know whether Canada has favored English-language countries over French-language countries in distributing foreign aid.

### LOST

Would the person who found the Sociology 2000 notes belonging to Sue Jamieson kindly return them to the library or else phone 5-4269.

member of the force, but these little things which could be prevented by a second thought or sounder judgement become the standards by which we measure each year's force.

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A newsman coined the phrase in 1914 about the shot fired at Serejévo... "The shot that was heard 'round the world". The shot that was fired on November 22 in Dallas was not heard around the world, but within half an hour, live television coverage of the terrible events of that afternoon was being broadcast... literally... around the entire globe by radio and television.

And on Sunday that same audience watched and heard a man being murdered in cold blood. The reactions varied, due to the vengeance of a world shocked by Kennedy's brutal slaying, but few people seemed to express any emotion over watching a man being killed... complete with sound and from two angles - a most gruesome kind of "live" coverage. Perhaps we have seen fictionalized death on television too often to be much moved by the real thing... particularly when the victim had already been judged by several hundred million people to be the villain.

Are we embarking on a new era in history?... justice in minutes by relay satellite?

One could not help but be impressed by the resourcefulness of the television networks over that November weekend. Within minutes' notice of the shooting of the President, an international broadcast carried on-the-spots coverage of the events in continuous programming. The newsmen and broadcasters worked on a round-the-clock basis until after the funeral and receptions on Monday. Which is even more of a tribute, the material which they sent over the airways was neither slanted nor overly melodramatic. The sentiments expressed were genuine, the 'sob sisters' were not allowed on the air, and nobody was allowed to take advantage of the national hysteria to arouse the feelings of hatred and passion which were so close to the surface. The world was presented with excellent and thoughtful coverage of the first international news event which has been completely covered by the television media.

This was an excellent job, and one which brought home to us that the science of communications has indeed entered a new age. What is frightening is that this same science is capable of being deliberately... or otherwise... misused. The emotions of millions of people can be triggered instantaneously... what Orson Wells did with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds" could happen internationally... with far worse effects. (This fictitious account of the landing of Martians was broadcast over New York radio... people thought it was true... hysteria and death were a direct effect.)

The most frightening thought of all is that these telecommunications can be controlled by groups such as the Communist dictators. With the combination of psychology and broadcasting in evil hands, either Communist or otherwise, a new weapon may be created which will make the hydrogen bomb seem as insignificant as the 'Flying Fortress' does now. Aldous Huxley and George Orwell may well become the Jules Verns of their time. And if they do, God help humanity.

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