

# Useful Information For All Occasions

by Anne Coburn

You may now breathe a sight of relief and relax, friend (if you are a friend). After an afternoon of intensive research I am prepared to divulge the answers to the questions on the you-know-whats. The following paragraphs should be cut along the undotted line, pasted to your dresser mirror, and memorized with care. If you are thus able to dispense with the ground work, just think how much time you can devote to original and utterly impossible theories. Of course, there will be the odd student (totalling about 99% of us!) who will prefer to spend the second hour snoozing, an art in which many students are adept, while others are given no opportunity to develop their dormant skills.

All English 2 students are, by now, thoroughly aware of the importance of Puritanism (in relation to Milton, that is). I mean, Milton had so few ideas, after all, and his sounds and pictures make his poetry so terribly simple to understand that further discussion is really quite unnecessary. However, perhaps there are still some who are naive enough to use the standard and accepted theories regarding the subject. It is for the benefit of this microscopic minority that the following treatise appears:

"The Pilgrims were a branch of the Puritans, and were proud of their family tree. They wore tall hats which they had to take off when they went inside because they attended a low church. They displeased King James, who raised the roof. He demanded that they attend the same church as he did. At least, this is his side of the story, which is known as the King James Version.

"Although the King insisted, the Puritans, who were very stiff-necked from years of wearing truffles on their collars, stubbornly declined. They would probably still be declining if they had not left England and gone to Leyden, a city in Holland noted for the discovery of electricity in a jar.

"After several years in Holland, the Pilgrims decided to set out for the New World. This decision to move is known as Pilgrims' Progress. The ship on which they sailed was the Mayflower. In stormy weather the women and children descended below the heaving decks, thus becoming the Mayflower descendants."

Have noticed many harried students of history and political science lately. (My only perplexity concerns the question of rabbit-control in New Zealand, a practice which no doubt explains the popularity of the "Bunny Hop".) However, here in a nutshell is the true clue on American politics; which all started with Thomas Jefferson:

"Thomas Jefferson was not only a statesman but a great inventor. His many inventions include the dumb-waiter (Ed. no reference to Kings intended) the decimal system of coinage (enabling us to make change which is still impossible in England), the swivel chair, the University of Virginia, and the Democratic Party. (Note: The Democrats first called themselves Republicans to distinguish themselves from the Federalists. When the Federalists discovered how successful the Democrats were as Republicans, they decided to become Republicans too. To preserve the two-party system, the original Republicans generously became Democrats, and let the new Republicans have Lincoln, which was a serious error.)"

For those who are studying the Civil War period, the following bit of information should be invaluable:

"Abraham Lincoln was the Man of the Hour. In those days this was almost as important as being Man of the Year or Book of the Month. . . . Lincoln, who was a kindly man, insisted that if there had to be a war, it should at least be fought as decently as possible. It was therefore known as the Civil War. It was fought between the boys in blue (who wore Union suits) and the boys in grey, although most of the boys were old enough to have whiskers and did."

And lastly, the "Chemical Analysis of a Woman" for the industrious Science students. Rest assured that the you-know-what will not contain the question to this answer; however, taken in its quantitative and qualitative analysis, this acid formula can form a base for many things. Dissection is unnecessary; the thorough student should spend his time in making careful titrations, aided by the use of equivalent weights.

## "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF A WOMAN

Symbol: Wo.

Accepted Weight: 120

Occurrence: Wherever man is found.

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Chemical properties: Great affinity for gold, platinum, silver and precious stones. Able to absorb great amounts of food matter. Turns green when placed beside better-looking specimens.

Uses: High ornamental. Useful as a tonic in the acceleration of low spirits. Useful as an equalizer in the redistribution of wealth.

Note: Probably the most effective income-reducing agent known to man.

Caution: Highly explosive in inexperienced hands. Very complex and results in many unexplainable actions. Should be watched at all times."

This dull dry documentary discourse contains no plagiarism; it's a stead.

## Letters To Editor—

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1956. In your Masthead you have stated that Gamal Abdel Nasser hasn't yet accepted the position of Honorary Editor. I would like to see him accept, for the prime reason of seizing control of the paper and then ousting the whole editorial staff of the Gazette.

Before I leave the Masthead I should like to say that it is ridiculous to list such noteworthy people as Charles Dickens, Will Shakespeare and others with the Gazette staff. I was surprised that Walter Winchell was not mentioned with the news reporters. Didn't he come up to your standards?

"A very interesting letter" was written to the Editor, but I do not think it was interesting at all. The letter was, to say the least, very juvenile. It is not my intention to condemn the author, who chose to withhold his name, but to condemn the Editor who allowed such a letter to be printed. No one minds constructive criticism. However, this type of criticism only tends to degrade Coach Thomas, and the EDITOR must have realized these implications for he printed an editorial along with the letter which reads in part: "The Gazette is always happy to receive expressions of student opinion and, when possible, to have them appear in its pages. Publication of course, does not imply endorsement or approval". It seems to me that his type of trash should be kept out of a paper, and although the Editor tried to clear himself by writing an accompanying editorial, the responsibility lies entirely with himself for allowing such a letter to go to press.

I will not suggest that the Editor, David Peel, take a trip to Siberia, but I should like to suggest that he try to improve the Gazette so it will be as enjoyable to read as it was in former years.

Sincerely,  
(signed) Brian K. Conrod

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Dear Mr. Editor:

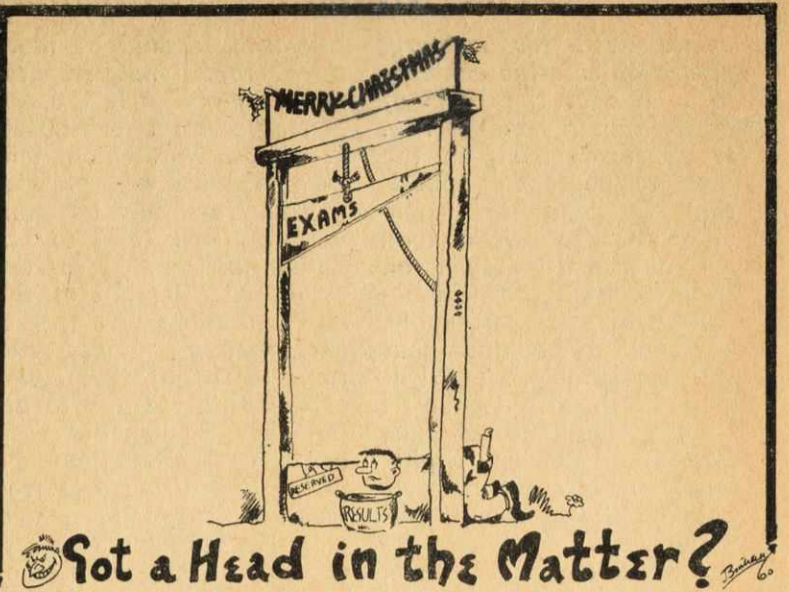
I have read the Nov. 29th edition of the Gazette, and have a beef to register against a malicious letter written about Coach Thomas. Not taking anything away from the writer, I think his grammar perfect and his English construction well done. However, I do not think he was being fair to Coach Thomas. Coach Thomas had a big job, it takes a lot of his time, more time than the writer of the letter to the Editor would want to spend; taking in consideration the salary Thomas is paid.

Al has a worrisome job; he has to appeal to thousands of people. If his team wins he is a hero, if the team loses he is a "bum". This happens in all sports. Managers in baseball are criticized and fired if the ball club doesn't win. However, this is not always the managers' or coach's fault. Often the fault is in the players themselves. Dalhousie in one word was "outclassed" this year. They had a few stars who captured trophies, as all-stars, but a few players don't make a team. You need 12 players out on the field playing hard all the time. Three good players are not good enough to make up for the other nine, especially when you have 12 very good ones facing you.

This letter did not only attack Coach Thomas on his football ability, but also his intelligence. I believe that Thomas has enough education to count without the use of his fingers or toes. This is indeed an insult to Coach Thomas Thomas which was uncalled for. If you must know, Coach Thomas was hired for Physical Education

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This is what's called "Getting Ahead"



## Hither and Yawn

by ANNE COBURN

Last Sunday Pete Lesaux tried to solve the "X" ring problem. At the moment St. F.X. is in the midst of a great controversy (what, another one?) as to who has the right to wear the ring. Should it be restricted to graduates or members of certain faculties, or should all have the privilege of wearing the "X" ring. A committee has been hard at work on the problem and has come up with some suggestions. These suggestions were continued on page 5 of the Xaverian, which is in hiding, so cannot report any further.

**Fooball flash:** Students of the U. of M. rejected a referendum which proposed a five dollar increase in student fees to support the re-organization of a Western Football Intercollegiate League. The matter was discussed at length in the editorial column of the Gateway, voice of U. of Alberta. The student of U. of A. are greatly disappointed at the dim view of football taken by the Administration at U. of M.

The McMaster Student Council has expressed approval of the new Canadian University Post, in theory, but feels that the disadvantages of a commercial venture expressing the views of Canadian students could be dangerous and undesirable. In fact, they are inclined to feel the disadvantages outweigh the actual advantages of this particular publication. The Council has made the constructive suggestion that NFOUS expand its national magazine to fill the need. There is no doubt that Canadian students do need a national magazine; the McMaster suggestion sounds like a good one on the surface.

"Dangerous Corner", a subtle whodunit will be the U.N.B. entry in the New Brunswick Drama Festival next March.

An International Students' Society is being formed at U.N.B. Part of the first invitation reads as follows:

"We really need you, student and faculty from East to West, from North to South because we feel infinite trust in you and complete confidence in your profound understanding and because we believe that in our frank interchange of thought we can attain that highest happiness which a feeling of oneness, of peace and of harmony with all members of the human race can give."



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