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## How Much Faith?

(The following editorial is reprinted from The McGill Daily)

One professor recently maintained that a university such as this is based on nihilism. He used the term in Turgenev's sense, which maintains that nihilism is the disbelief in anything which is based only on faith. There are, of course, stronger meanings of the same word, but let us for the sake of argument adopt this one.

The first reaction to such a proposition is to do some soul-searching and decide whether this is really true on the undergraduate level. Just how much do we believe by simple faith? Do we take at face value what our professors tell us in lectures, or do we do some research and disagree? If we disagree, do we say so in class, in the final examination, or merely think so in private? The answers to these questions depend on the professor, the faculty in which the course is given, and the subject itself.

There are professors who dictate a set of notes, and expect a direct feedback on the examination, and there are those who merely direct the reading habits of their students and accept any intelligent opinion. Similarly, there are those who never let a class discussion develop, and those who base their course on class discussions.

While one may disagree with the lecture notes of the former group, it is still necessary to memorize those notes in order to pass the final examination.

It is obvious that in the sciences it would be physically impossible to check all facts and laws presented in the course. Therefore these are taken on the professor's word.

Lest we make it appear that no thinking is done by undergraduates, this is not so. A course of any nature will influence the outlook of the person taking it in a variety of ways. It may make him aware that compromises are sometimes necessary, or it may inject a certain scepticism into the idea that professors are infallible.

Such a state of affairs clearly indicates that the University, and others such as ours, is based on the same standard of mediocrity as the rest of our society.

Let us not deceive ourselves into thinking otherwise.

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## MPs From N.B. 'Angry' Fellows

(The following is reprinted from The Toronto Telegram)

By MARGARET AITKEN

When members of Parliament from New Brunswick get up to speak in the House of Commons, they always remind me vaguely of those "angry young men" one hears so much about these days. I say it is a vague reminder because the angry young men are mad at everyone, the whole world. My colleagues from N.B. are just angry at Upper Canada.

The pet peeve in the past of Tom Bell, M.P. (St. John-Albert) has always been on the subject of power development. He thought Upper Canada got more than its share from governments in developing power but now the Beechwood development has changed this from a dream to reality.

Gage Montgomery, M.P. (Victoria-Carleton) has concerned himself mostly with potatoes. Upper Canada's singular lack of concern over N.B. potatoes has sparked him into many angry debates.

Charlie van Horne, M.P. (Restigouche-Madawaska) has shown great variety in his anger... too high taxes, too low baby bonuses, too much unemployment, too little unemployment relief, too small old age pensions, and finally, too much government spending in Upper Canada, too little government spending in Restigouche-Madawaska.

All these beefs I have listened to many times and it has been forcibly impressed upon those of us who come from Upper Canada that N.B. takes a dim view of us.

### PLAN NEW CRAFT

OTTAWA—A. V. Roe and Canadair have both announced their intentions to produce a VTOL (vertical take-off and landing) commercial transport in Canada. The aircraft proposed by both companies are still in initial planning stages.



By Dave Folster

## The Campus Beat

**THE PULSEBEAT:** The latest fad to sweep the residences and dormitories of our fair institution is the old "chainletter" pitch. It's illegal but then, striped suits are quite fashionable this year... Our Lady Beaverbrook Residence informants, Socrates and Aristotle Jones, tell us that the latest addition to that staid structure of brick and mortar is a second-floor distillery.

**PETE KELLY'S BLUES:** No fewer than three hockey lettermen were lost to UNB's cause through graduation or eligibility rules. At least three others are doubtful starters... "This is definitely a rebuilding year"—so quoth the basketball coach, Don Nelson. Only four members of last year's team are returning this season... Consequent sports forecast: A Long Cold Winter.

**THIS, THAT and the OTHER THING:** One of the shortest-lived pieces of legislation in the history of the University came in and out of being recently when the enterprising gentlemen of Aitken House voted that it would be quite proper for ladies to visit their rooms any evening of the week. The move was approved by the residents on Wednesday and vetoed by University authorities the following Monday. During the interim, however, the fall formal took place and... Aitken House Springhill Relief Fund has grown to over \$50... The once-popular Saturday Night dances are now in danger of folding. Only one bid to sponsor a dance has been received so far by the Applications Committee.

**THESE CHANGING TIMES:** The UNB Winter Carnival has grown in remarkable proportions since its inception three years ago. The growth and popularity of the forestry frolic should be accelerated even more if some of the ideas now being considered are achieved this year. Rumor has it that the opening-night masquerade will be dropped. This should certainly help to brighten the snow show since, as most know, last year's mask party was a dismal failure.

Another venture being suggested is to have a guest personality, (of the stage or screen variety) appear at the Carnival events. This is, quite naturally, an expensive undertaking, but one which would certainly add color and glamor to the three-day affair. The carnival needs a change. Perhaps this suggestion will become reality.

## Too Much Food For Canada, But Too Little For World

The so-called "food surplus" is back in the news again.

Just last week Agriculture Minister Harkness told Canadian farmers that they must voluntarily curtail production, particularly of grain and dairy products, or else the federal government would have to slash price supports and thus farmers' incomes. The world, it seems, faces the prospect of a glut of food.

Yet the United Nations, whose view is somewhat broader than the Canadian government's, claims that half of the world's population is without enough to eat, and another quarter is just getting by.

In a way, both Mr. Harkness and the UN are right. None will long dispute the fact that one of every two people in the world lacks sufficient food, and it is also true that Canada cannot at present find profitable markets for the food now produced on her farms.

### Tragic Paradox

The reasons for this tragic paradox are complex, but fundamentally the international flow of food is hindered by man-made impediments like the tariff, the adverse balance-of-trade and the wide variety of currencies now in use.

While certain countries, such as Japan and India, are without enough food, they cannot buy Canada's surplus products because they lack the required dollars. Yen and rupees just won't do the job.

Unless man finds a way out of this dilemma, it may well lead him into the unimaginable destruction of a Third World War, for it is doubtful that the have-not countries will tolerate this madness much longer.

It is the duty of countries with surplus food to help prevent the senseless starvation of the underprivileged millions. Furthermore, such aid would not be charity, but only a realistic means of relieving world tensions.

### Resists "Give-Aways"

In the past, Canada has resisted any attempts at "give-aways" by the United States, which is also beset by domestic food surpluses. Canada has taken the understandable view that these gifts undermine possible cash purchases of her own surplus production.

But this is a short-sighted and negative approach to the problem, and we obviously need a more constructive attitude.

Recently the Canadian government experimented with a plan which can go a long way toward restoring sanity to the world's traffic in food. It simply lent India enough money to buy some wheat.

### Benefits of Loan

Through this loan, Indians received their much-needed food and Canadian farmers got their much-desired dollars. And if all goes well, India shall pay back the loan with earnings from future exports, and not a penny of subsidy shall be involved in the transaction.

Why not extend this charge-account plan to the marketing of all surplus food?

Certainly the system of loans does not have the long-run benefits possible through the elimination of tariffs, but it does have the advantage of engendering less political opposition at home, and if sensibly administered, it could contribute concretely to the promotion of world peace.

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