

Other Campi

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The following article consists of excerpts taken from "The Carleton", expressing views on the attempted showing of the film the "Bitter Ash", produced by student Larry Kent of U.B.C. The film has been banned at several Ontario Universities, because it had not been cleared by the provincial Board of Censors.

Opinions have been varied on the U.N.B. Campus as to whether the controversial film, if passed by the N. B. Censor Board, should be shown here. Perhaps the answer lies in reading some of the opinions of those who have seen it.

"Ash" Canned (The Carleton)

(It happened just as they were going into the bedroom.

The lights in Theatre B snapped on, and as far as Carleton was concerned the Bitter Ash was over.)

(President A. D. Dunton says he received a phone call at lunch time Thursday from James Auld, minister of Travel and Publicity, ordering that the film be cancelled. Mr. Auld apparently learned of the showing from an article in Thursday's Globe and Mail.

Dr. Dunton said the university had been led to believe the film had been cleared for private showing.

Mr. Branch said he had received this impression from Ash producer Larry Kent.)

("Kent told me I had to restrict the film for private showing because the Censor Board had not seen it. I inferred from this it was permissible for a private showing," he said.)

(An official at the Board of Censors told The CARLETON Kent had sent the film in for approval but withdrawn it before it was approved for showing.)

(Board inspector William Watt, who flew from Toronto to seize the film, said it could have been shown with a special permit.)

"The government isn't very sticky about granting the permits," he told a CARLETON photographer.

(Student Affairs Director Norm Fenn made the announcement of the cancellation to the audience in Theatre B.

There were a few calls of "will we get our money back?" but students left without incident. There were already crowds in the corridor waiting for the 2 p.m. showing.

During the movie, there was laughing and cat calls during scenes most students thought overacted.

General reaction to the film was that it was "not worth seeing". Most of those who saw the bedroom scene said it was not exceptionally obscene.)

VIEWPOINT - APATHY

THE SHEAF - "The students are so apathetic," said Tom S. R. Ceaselessly. "Student Apathy" is the standard complaint and standard excuse offered by campus officialdom for their inactivity and procrastination. It is their way of saying "I'm very clever and intelligent and ambitious and I would do a great deal for the students but they are so apathetic I can't do anything for them or with them."

A quick reading of any campus newspaper in the country will turn up repeated examples of this cliché. Many are ready to cling to this leaky life raft rather than search for some more difficult but more meaningful definition of student feelings. They fail to realize that apathy is more of an effect of inaction than a cause of it.

There are two reasons for the present situation. Firstly, students have no event around which to focus action. Reaction requires an action for existence even as much as an action causes a reaction. Reaction in a vacuum is impossible. Canadian student action for peace or in sympathy with the Negroes or for representation on the Senate may or may not be justified, but in any case it is not immediate enough to stir action.

Rather than cry the fact of student apathy perhaps we should be glad that we are in the enviable situation where no problems face us so actively as students that we must march in the streets.

Were the situation to arise it is hoped that the students would be prepared to act. In the meantime perhaps it is well that there are groups who feel strongly about issues and who are trying to stir action. An outlet for dissension from the norm is thus provided for those students who feel the need for such an outlet. The second problem is a lack of understanding by the campus leaders of the students. They believe that since the students fail to support their pet scheme that apathy must prevail. They ignore the fact that students must be interested if they are going to take part.

If student councils or other student organizations are really interested in accomplishing their schemes rather than just talking about them, perhaps they should interest the students in their doings.

Increasingly as campus populations grow, the representatives are cut off from the students. This results in an apathetic student body being lead by an increasingly disillusioned and self-seeking group. Perhaps a broadening of the base of the organization, even to the initiating of a Parliamentary representative system could be one means of catalyzing student interest in campus events.

Rather than rail against the injustice of their lot perhaps it would be better for campus leaders to begin to reevaluate their positions. The result of this could, I believe, change the direction of student interest.

Commonwealth Affairs

WINNIPEG (CUP) - On a tour of New York, a Russian member of the Bolshoi Ballet was asked a question in Russian. His reply was, "Are you from the state department?"

According to John Wrigley, of The University of New Brunswick, cultural exchanges between the Soviet Union and the west do not pose a political threat - they are a most important part of co-existence.

Mr. Wrigley was speaking Wednesday at a Commonwealth Conference Seminar. He presented a study of the Bolshoi Ballet as a political weapon and the importance of social and cultural exchanges as a part of the challenge of Communism.

Mr. Wrigley argued that "global war is now unthinkable because the powerful weapons of both countries will produce only losers; co-existence must be attempted and achieved." "We must take it for granted," he said, "that the Russians are acting in good faith although we should keep a weather eye open."

Cultural exchanges between the Soviet Union and the United States demonstrate on the surface, a genuine attempt to achieve peaceful co-existence, but "Let us not be deceived," said Mr. Wrigley.

He pointed to Lenin's statement that a Communist must be prepared to make every sacrifice and if necessary, "even resort to all sorts of schemes and stratagems, employ illegitimate methods, conceal the truth, in order to get into the trade unions, stay there, and conduct the revolutionary work within."

During a Bolshoi tour of New York, Time magazine reported that the touring party amusingly mistook the "Downbeat swingers of Greenwich Village for the beatdown. A pure case of capitalist injustice and exploitation."

Mr. Wrigley said that it was, however, difficult to conceive of cultural exchanges as dangerous, especially if the west's system "remains dynamic and gives general satisfaction to the majority of its people."

SPLIT AT U OF M

WINNIPEG (CUP) - The United College Student Association has voted overwhelmingly to withdraw from the University of Manitoba Student Union.

In a secret ballot Wednesday, USCA voted 21-2 to sever ties with UMSU. There were three abstentions.

The vote followed a referendum held by the college Monday, when more than 71 per cent of the students voted to withdraw.

The split will not be official until approved by the United College Board of Regents. The Board meets Jan. 27 and has the constitutional right to veto UCSCA's actions. Bill Currie, senior student spokesman, said he did not anticipate any trouble getting the board's approval.

RCMP...AGAIN

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were presently conducting investigations of students (through professors) or the professors themselves.

The CUS Congress meeting in Edmonton in October passed a resolution seeking a final clarification of the RCMP on campus. The Congress went so far as to provide a 'suitable manifestation' by Ottawa university students if the government did not reply to its request for a statement of investigation policy on the university campus by November 15th.

On November 15th officials of the CAUT and CUS were summoned for a meeting with the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, the new RCMP Commissioner McClellan and other government members.

In the course of the interview they were told: "There is at present no general RCMP surveillance of university campuses. The RCMP does, in discharge of its security responsibilities, go to universities as required for information on people seeking employment in the public service or where there are definite indications that individuals may be involved in espionage or subversive activities."

This seems direct and conclusive at first, but when read closely the statement does not make clear: "general RCMP surveillance," "security responsibilities," "as required" and "espionage or subversive activities."

CUS also recognized this and sought a clarification on these from the Prime Minister in a personal letter sent to him late in November. To date no reply has been received.

Appearing on a national TV program, Dave Jenkins, CUS president stated that "if no where else in Canada, freedom of speech should be permitted on the university campuses. Professors and students are afraid to think and challenge ideas if they feel that they are under constant RCMP surveillance."

Possibly Mr. Jenkins caught the true reaction of most students to the Mountie on campus when he said: "I don't mind RCMP officers studying at universities; it is a good idea to raise the standards of the RCMP."

In the next month CUS and OUP will be investigating the latest 'breach' of the RCMP and if it is a valid case, Mr. Jenkins says he will take it directly to the Prime Minister.

Activity Awards

Will those students interested in obtaining a Non-Athletic Award please submit their applications to the Chairman of the Award Committee (Amanda Ferguson,) before Monday, February 17.

Forms may be obtained upstairs in the Student Center or a letter with the necessary particulars may be submitted. Please include the name of the positions and the number of points merited by such positions as outlined in the Student Handbook. The points as listed are, however, subject to amendment by the Committee.

Snow Sculptures

The judges requested that a picture as well as the inscription on the Memorial to President Kennedy made by Bridges House be publicized. They (the Judges) felt that this Memorial expressed the feelings of all the Canadian people.

FLOAT PARADE

Honorable mention goes to the Oromocto Lions Club Band, under the leadership of Mr. Daley, who did an excellent job leading the float parade. The Carnival Committee hopes that they will be able to participate in the Winter Carnival parade in future years. Thanks again.

SKATING SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 12, 1964 (Free Admission With SRC Card)

Wednesday,	Feb. 5th	10:00 - 11:30 p.m.
Wednesday,	Feb. 12th	10:00 - 11:30 p.m.
Saturday,	Feb. 15th	10:00 - 11:30 p.m.
Wednesday,	Feb. 19th	10:00 - 11:30 p.m.
Saturday,	Feb. 22nd	10:00 - 11:30 p.m.
Wednesday,	Feb. 26th	10:00 - 11:30 p.m.
Saturday,	Feb. 29th	10:00 - 11:30 p.m.

Schedule For February 12, 1964

7:00 p.m.	Court No. 1	Frosh. P. E. vs. Soph. P.E.
	Court No. 2	Frosh. Engrs. vs. 5th Foresters
8:00 p.m.	Court No. 1	Faculty vs. Foresters 4 1
	Court No. 2	3rd Civils vs. Junior P. E.
9:00 p.m.	Court No. 1	Senior P. E. vs. Science
	Court No. 2	Law School vs. 4th Civils
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