

From Under the Grandstand (if we had one)

by Bob Gray

I see we have a new title for the old column. Actually, they're the same words but in different graphics. Kinda nice...makes you feel wanted. We missed a week two weeks ago because there was no room, and then last week, our week before column went in, so we are in the process of trying to right things.

The old grandstand took a beating during the Acadia and St. Mary's games. All that noise and hopping around and stuff. The old structure almost wasn't up to the task, but it survived. And about the mud...

Pity poor Bernie Mullaly! Mullaly is one of U.P.E.I.'s finest...a security cop. He was standing in the mud minding his own business during the SMU game, when a horde of delirious Panther fans descended from the stands around him, and started doing a war dance in the mud. Splat splat splat! Mullaly is now standing under six inches of mud all over his body, and if he doesn't move quickly (for him), he might be there for six months in a cast of mud. But Mullaly came through, and made the big effort to move six steps, and in the process shake some mud off him. In so doing, UPEI lost a big chance for their first commemorative monument. What a statue he would have made! Sometimes we wish he hadn't moved.

And hurray for Mickey Place for getting his hat back. Could have blinded three or four people with the glare of the winter sun close upon us.

I'll always remember this football season, if only for the sight of the 15 Acadia delegates to the At-

lantic cup conference sitting silently in the cafeteria at supper after the Acadia game, while Mike Catini lead the revels into the night. Hee Hee Hee! Does one good after never coming within 35 points of Acadia in one's four years of varsity basketball. Take THAT, Axmen!!!

How would you feel if you were a university chaplain, and they ripped 5/6 of the pews out of your chapel? Rotten "they", they'll do it every time! By the way, the pews in the chapel are what Ken MacNeill was talking about last week in that article about Sussex University (?). Could have been a secret plot by the Cadre proof readers, after Kenny had attacked El Editorio in the article above that one. But probably not.

That only happens in the movies and in Washington. The Name the New Residence Contest is moving along at the same pace as everything else around here. A Apparently Moran and Cameron have found each other (always knew they would), but they haven't found us. Wait'll next week!!!

The Boo of this week goes to every organization on campus (takes in a few folks this time) for not having the sense to check before they schedule something to see if anything else is going on. Last week on one night at the same time we had "The Taming of the Shrew" showing in Duffy, FOUR Student Faculty Mixers, The Education Party and the Freshman Skate. BOOOOO!!!!!! to all of us responsible

Klewin responds to Pridmore

Don Pridmore touched upon a very crucial subject in his criticism of controversial articles. I won't attempt to cut him to shreds as he suspects might be the likelihood, merely some things he said.

In his comments upon educational institutions and systems he claims the reason for the untenability of the "liberal doctrine" is its unrealistic assessment of man's character. Besides presenting this supposed viewpoint in a somewhat belittling way, he appeals to our inner acknowledgement that man's character, in spite of what liberals claim, is "obviously" not good, implying it's on the bad side. One could point out the fact that man has managed to kill 110 million of his own kind in this century alone (thus far), making it appear that mankind is hopelessly homicidal, suicidal and terricidal. Yet the question to me is not one of hazy ambiguities, such as "good" or "bad", or even of character or nature.

This subject is hopelessly complex for one article, yet it provides the key for a whole host of perplexing social and individual ills which seem to defy understanding or remedies. This is due, I may suggest, to a tendency to isolate a phenomenon and study it in itself. Or, daring to see it as a part of a system or a system of systems, take it to arbitrarily selected bounds (usually based upon convenience). This

lends to a simplicity, but also to false solutions. In this particular case, the conclusions popular for the observation of man's horrendous talents is, as Don Pridmore suggests, in a non-specific character of man; or, as Konrad Lorenz suggests, in an instinctive, aggressive nature of man. However, beyond superficial appraisal, this tells us nothing nor offers us any solution to a pressing need.

If one takes the problem of man's dominant tendency to destroy and follows it to its logical limits, and relates its various manifestations (crime, social decay, advancing weaponry and death technologies, personal aggressions, etc.), one senses an underlying unity to them. And this includes the subject of education and the apparent NEED to externally motivate and instruct one needing to learn. This unfortunately leads me to a somewhat technical discussion. Science and technology holds in its possibilities not only Franksteins, but a crucial tool for our survival. The possible key to our problem is to be found in physics, or more specifically, in the second law of thermodynamics, under theory of entropy. This theory states simply that any (isolated) system tends to greater disorder over time. The complex reverts to the simple, and more and more energy becomes less and less usable. This is why a clock runs down, why objects lose he-

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