

Dimwilt in Underland

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For those still having trouble understanding last week's episode, here are two hints:

1) If you don't understand it, try analyzing the story on a general or symbolic level.

2) If you still don't understand it, just forget about it. It helps to have a sense of humor.

Now, to continue where we left off.

King Drudge leapt from his unbelievably tarnished throne, executed a triple somersault with a double twist, and landed on his wiry feet, all this without upsetting the battered pot (or crown) on his head.

Sly Dimwilt shook his head in disbelief. You would too, I bet. "Why in Underland did you do that?" Sly asked.

"Why not Anyway, I've got a castle to show you. Come on!"

"Just one thing. Who named this place the Kingdom of Psycho-Derelicts?"

"I did. It has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?"

"No," Sly said, sounding rather frustrated.

King Drudge apparently never heard Sly's last comment. He hopped, skipped, and jumped down a corridor, his wiry body twisting into pretzel-like formations occasionally. Sly followed, although he merely walked. The smell of mothballs filled the air.

Upon entering a huge white chamber totally devoid of any

markings, King Drudge declared, "This is my art collection!"

"But there's nothing here!" True enough, the place was so spotless that a bacterium would have died of starvation.

"That's beside the point. Come on! I've got more to show you!"

The King bounced off the walls and the ceiling as he made his way over to the next room, while Sly trudged after him. The acrid scent of mothballs filled the air.

"This is my collection of crowns!"

"It all looks like cookingware to me." True enough, this room, just as cavernous as the last, was filled from floor to ceiling with battered pots and pans.

"So it is! So it is!" squeaked the King with much enthusiasm. "Come on! There's more to see!"

"I can't wait," Sly muttered under his breath.

King Drudge bounded over to a huge window. It was so huge that an elephant would have squeezed through with room enough left over for a Goodyear blimp.

"Look outside and behold!" Reluctantly, Sly did. He saw a huge dam. Sly's mouth fell wide open. The dam was at least as wide as his comprehension, which was rapidly increasing despite his mind's workings.

"I see you are impressed," King Drudge commented. "That

dam holds back the River of Knowledge. We take only what we need, and save the rest for future use."

Sly stared on in silence.

"The dam," King Drudge continued, "is constructed solely of the same material as this castle — compressed lint and dust."

"That can't be!" Sly ex-

claimed. "The dam can't hold for more than a few seconds!"

"Really?"

As King Drudge uttered that fateful word, the dam immediately dissolved and broke.

"You fool!" the King spat. "Now look what you've done! How could you be so —"

He was drowned out by the thunderous roar of the onrushing water. Both King Drudge and Sly Dimwilt were swept away in the Flood of Knowledge as the castle dissolved.

The last thing Sly heard King Drudge scream before fading away was: "My beautiful castle!

My beautiful crowns! calamity!!"

Sly found himself alone, afloat in the River of Knowledge. All he could see was the sky, the wreckage, and the horizon stretching from horizon to horizon. He fell unconscious. (To be continued, again)

U de Moncton restricted students

FREDERICTON (CUP) — Universite de Moncton administrators who ordered police to quell a student occupation on the campus in 1982 have had little opportunity to forget the incident.

A draft report by Canada's nation-wide teachers' association says the administrators' tactics were excessive and violated the rights of the students who occupied the administration building from April 4 to 13, 1982.

Organized by a student group protesting proposed tuition fee hikes, the occupation attracted national media attention and culminated in an Easter morning raid by city and campus police.

The report, not yet officially released by the Canadian Association of

University Teachers, accuses the administration of abusing the personal freedoms of students and teachers by censoring the student newspaper, enforcing a vague expulsion policy and harassing professors who were active in the faculty union.

The administration says it considers the 54 page report confidential and refuses to comment on its allegations until it receives the final version.

Jim Hiller, head of CAUT's inquiry committee, says the draft may be subject to some revision but he does not expect the final report to be dramatically different.

Another investigation by Moncton faculty a year ago produced a similar report slamming the administration

for its actions in the same incident and against a student occupation of the university sports centre in 1979.

The second report says the campus security compiled files on a number of students dating back several years and calls the administration's surveillance of the students involved "police style practices."

Two students were expelled from the university after the occupation in April 1979, seven more in July of the

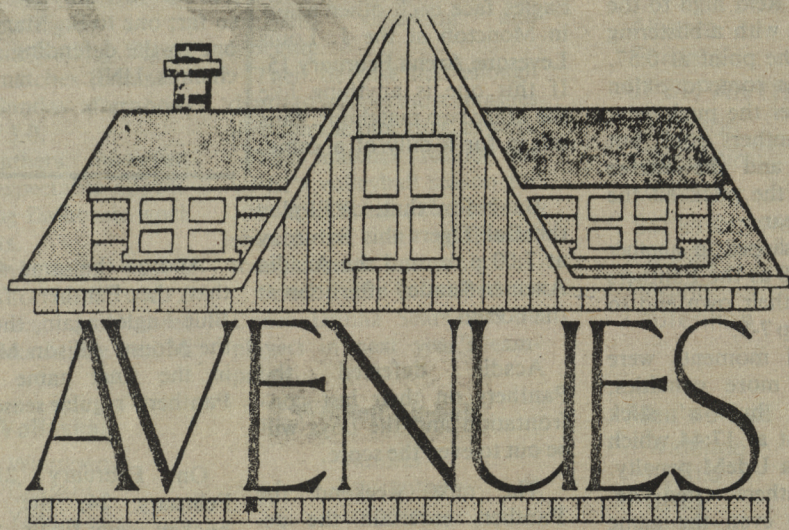
same year, and 15 in April 1982. The report is critical of the administration's use of regulation allowing it to deny re-admission to any student whose conduct it deems prejudicial to the university.

In the last 15 years, the administration has expelled 26 students — more than any other Canadian University according to the CAUT REPORT. Most of the students are politically active on campus.

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