

To: Richard O'Brien

RE: Soap Box

Dear Richard:

With reference to your article in last week's "Cadre", I would like to make some comments. To begin, I share your sentiments and frustration completely. I, too, have experienced difficulty in, and out, of the classroom with students who will not can not express thier own news on relevant issues. Unforgiveably perhaps, I experienced a "give up" attitude, and thought perhaps I should make the best of my university experience without their verbal participation. But it occured to me that to take the easy way out was not only unjust to myself, but to the other students as well. What to do? Honestly, I do not know. For I learned that the harder you push them to contribute their thoughts, the more decisively they remain silent.

It is really not surprising; for throughout their life they have had their thinking done for them, especially by their parents and teachers. To expect them now to suddenly develop the courage to venture on opinion is unrealistic; however, when they graduate from university with their prize- the degree- they will be called upon by their parents, former teachers, and superior, to contribute intelligently and responsibly. What will happen to them then? I shudder to think!

Unfortunately, one of the characteristics of growth is their inability to forsee the future.

Your cries for reform Richard, as just

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Dear Sir,

Your CADRE is nothing but a farce. In recent articles in this paper, you have allowed various persons to voice their own personal beefs. This is fine, but we must remember that the CADRE is read not only by students and personnel within the university, but also by some people outside as well who may be a little concerned. In many cases the language used by these people is what one might only read on

bathroom walls. However, they are not at fault, you and your staff are for allowing this to be printed. Also, those poems that appear in your paper are something else. Poems? That's a laugh. I've read better poems on the bathroom walls! While I'm on the subject, here's a little poem of my own. (I'm no genius, but I think it will make my point.)

In silent rage, I tear page
after page
This paper bought with good
cash.
It's sad to admit, it's
worth not a bit
Your Cadre belongs in the
trash.

Very Sincerely,
A.D.

foreign students

The first meeting of the International Students Association was held on Tuesday, Oct. 24th in the day student's lounge in Bernadine Hall. Father Charles MacDonald was the guest speaker and he gave a short talk on the Dominion Republic, where he had resided while on a one year sabbatical leave.

Elections were held for new executive officers and Peter Thomas was re-elected President; Warren

Yew, Vice President; Pat Kartick, Secretary; and Joyce Dixon, Committee Member. This club is sponsored by the international students and each time it meets, usually a guest speaker is invited who has lived or visited in another country - so that he could share his experiences with us. So if you are interested in learning more about different countries, why not come and join us sometime?

as they may be, fall upon deaf ears. You represent a threat to them, and, as is characteristic of our age, that which is threatening is either eliminated by force, or is fled from; it is seldom if ever faced!

I do not feel the faculty can be held to blame in this matter - only the responsible are blameworthy. Anti-intellectualism is almost universal on campus - I say almost, for there are a few exceptions whose attitude with regards to this matter, is not unlike our own. They, it seems, are forced to either mingle among themselves or, fade into the meaningless, faceless crowd.

I do not forsee in the immediate future, a society so structured with an enriched culture, where matters of the mind and spirit take precedence over the desires of the body. Our scientific and technological "know how" has the potential for giving us extreme pleasure; and only the mature, learned and wise can reject this in favor of that which is higher. Our society at present is absolutely incapable of choosing an intelligent alternative to what now prevails. We have pampered ourselves so much we are beginning to behave like the spoiled child, and like the spoiled child, we shall react to the responsibility of facing the future by running away.

Personal to Vinoo Edrich
Vincente Budham:

If you had a thought,
it would die of loneliness

Yours,
Stan Dalton