

A-T-T-A-C-K

By Stephen Foster

It was pleasant to have somebody take the time to answer an article — even if I don't agree with what he said. If I were really rash I might start thinking someone is actually interested in what is going on today, however you pronounce it, for your letter. Now, for what you said.

I was disappointed with your defense of the university in the second paragraph. You cited three occasions and then alluded to the many more which could be listed. I'm not denying that throughout the hundreds of years there have been instances when radical thought seemed to be prevalent in a university. The point is that these are very few when compared to the number of universities which have existed down through the centuries.

At the same time I would ask you who attended the vast majority of these universities? Unfortunately, only the wealthy could afford to attend — thus helping to perpetuate the unequal class structures which exist. Today, one might say, this isn't true. But I think it is, and that it will continue in this way until we have universal accessibility. It certainly is consistent with a desire to maintain the status quo to allow only the wealthy the benefit of a full education.

Yes Manuel, there is a communist danger. I, for one, would not like to live in a totalitarian country. But, who has created this danger? Needless to say the West is not totally blameless. Since 1917 we have continually harassed communist countries — not an attitude destined to bring peace, or even understanding. As for your fine 'Western Civilization' I would like to draw your attention to some of the aspects of that "Civilization." Perhaps you could look at the US involvement in Laos — especially in 1959. Or perhaps the invasion of the Dominican Republic. Or, coming closer to home, look at the police riots in Chicago and Detroit. Look at the democratic South in the US. And please don't forget

Nixon's pet — preventive arrest. These are all examples of "Western Civilization" — I think we could do without them. (By the way, I would caution you not to confuse material comfort with civilization.)

I'm sorry but the blunder in Vietnam US intervention. Ho Chi Minh was a communist and he was leading Vietnam in that direction. However, these people had fought against the French to free their land — only to have the country split in half by the Geneva Accords in 1954. The promise at that time, with the US agreeing but not signing, was that free elections would be held in 1956. This promise was not kept because Eisenhower however knew the communists would win. That's a pleasant aspect of democracy — have elections only when you're sure to win. The US should also realize that there are different types of communism. It would have been better to allow Ho his victory at the polls in order to make him an ally. The US has forced the Vietnamese communists into a type of alliance with the Chinese — one which Vietnamese people did not want. The US, had they bothered to investigate the nationalistic nature of the Vietnamese, would have realized this. In any event it goes against all the democratic mouthings of the US to interfere in domestic struggles. But it really doesn't matter as long as we preserve that great "Western Civilization." (If policing action had been necessary the ICC would have been the appropriate body to undertake this mission.)

As far as the Bay of Pigs being justified — bullshit. That is the same as sanctioning the Soviet invasions of Hungary and Czechoslovakia. While you ask about Che in Bolivia I ask about the CIA in South America generally, not to mention Southeast Asia, Europe, and university camps in the US. But thanks for trying to read my mind.

I suggest you familiarize yourself with the philosophies of Christ, Gandhi, and Malcolm X. Read the Bible, Gandhi, An Autobiography:

The Story of My Experiences With Truth, and The Autobiography of Malcolm X. (You might also read **The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi** by D. M. Datta.)

I would suggest that universities no longer ignore the real world. Truth, Plato's Forms, what use are they to a person starving to death. Is a person supposed to cheer the search for truth when his belly is distended, or when his skin is burned and his blood is boiling after the napalm falls? No. Far better for the so-called educated people to get out of the Ivory Tower and apply their knowledge to solving some of the problems that exist today. Truth is not a separate entity — floating high above the realities of life. We can no longer afford the luxury to sit back and think of abstract utopias. We must try, in our stumbling human fashion, to solve, or relieve, the problems of poverty, discrimination, exploitation, aggression, and potential annihilation.

My hope for you, Mr. Prutsch, is that you will take off your rose-tinted glasses when you look at "Western Civilization." I hope you will eventually see that every-thing is not simply a matter of black and white — there's a lot of gray in this world, making it impossible to deal in terms of absolutes. In order to understand we must be willing to compromise — and admit that even the almighty US can make mistakes, the super race went out with Hitler — I think.

(Some supplemental readings which will increase your knowledge of the great "Western Civilization: Hershey's **The Algiers Motel Incident**, Cleaver's **Soul On Ice**, **Ghetto Crises** by Henry Etzkowitz and Gerald M. Schaflander, **Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders** and its supplement (both March, 1968) and Paul Chevigny's **Police Power**. To see why Nixon is the way he is, and why Johnson was the way he was, I suggest **Six Crises** by Nixon and Evans and Novak's book **Lyndon B. Johnson: The Exercise of Power**.)

Letters

Why Not Make It Official?

by Mike McGaughey

Let's chalk up another one for democracy! Yes, thanks to our recent referendum we the proud students of UPEI are now the proud possessors of the green and white varsity panthers. While everyone may not agree to the conjugality of colour and name they were at least suggested and chosen by members of the UPEI student's union.

How were our senators chosen? In the same manner of course! Each was nominated and elected by U.P.E.I.-S.U. members in a true democratic procedure.

How was our constitution ratified? Again the answer is the same. Individual U.P.E.I.S.U. members expressed their compliance with or rejection of this vital document by means of a free ballot.

Now this preamble all leads up to the main purpose of this article. To state the case in precise terms I intend, as a member of the U.P.E.I.S.U. to strenuously object to the manner in which the name of this newspaper was chosen. In order to illustrate my opposition to the manner in which the name was arrived at let's delve into the background information that leads me to my conclusions.

Early in this university term the then temporary "powers-that-be" of the then nameless newspaper called forth loudly and begged the students of this university to suggest under what name the newspaper ought to be christened. To be sure the response was not overwhelming by any stretch of the imagination but nevertheless sev-

eral interested students responded with suggestions. As far as this procedure had now progressed all seemed to be legitimate and above-board. Alas! we then came to the point where all such similarities both real and imagined ended and a process contemptable to democratic action began.

It seems as if all this maneuvering was nothing more than an act or a complete sham to cover up the shady undercover workings of the higher forms of life on the interim chiefs of staff. It soon became apparent that the final decision on the name had boiled down to two choices which had been supplied in advance by the aforementioned "powers - that - be". Elected appellations were thrust upon a then unofficial staff, dividing it into two opposing factions. In the interest of absolute clarity let me stress the following point. At no time was a name suggested by a U.P.E.I.S.U. member even considered or brought up for consideration. These suggestions were no even revealed to anyone outside these opposing cliques. All attempts to find out what suggestions were actually proposed by U.P.E.I.S.U. members outside these cliques met with a curt dismissal on the grounds that no one suggested any name that was meant to be taken seriously.

Since we never knew what names were suggested it is obvious that these demi-gods never even intended to consider these suggestions and that their apparent soliciting of names was nothing more than a cover-up for their own back-stabbing activities. To sum up a pathetic tale there

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COMMENT!

Box 17, Mount Saint Vincent University
Rockingham, N.S.

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the article "Men Termed Perverted (Sic) Perverts" as it appeared in the October 24 issue of THE CADRE. It is hoped that the remarks made by the four students will not be taken as an example of the ideas of the student body at the Mount. Hopefully at the next conference held at your university, the remarks made by our students will be more responsible and will extend beyond the topic of perverts.

Yours truly
Diane Buffet
B.A. 1971

intended (as were parts of "All the News That's Print to Fit") as a parody of a desperate search for news on our part (see editorial, same issue) Not all the remarks quoted were made by the girls (one indeed, was randomly lifted from another

conversation at another table). Most of the remarks they did make were printed wildly out of context. They knew it wasn't serious, and I didn't think anyone would take it seriously. To anyone who has, I apologize for the confusion.

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