



Kampus Koncern

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OLD HAT

We had seen this type of thing before at U.P.E.I. A few M.P.'s from one of the national political parties, come on campus; they come to the barn to see the students in action (sic!), then joyfully proceed to one of our great halls of learning to field an encounter with the student body - politic. Is this participatory democracy in action? or is it some politicians trying to sell us on an institution that may be antiquated?

This was the basic question being asked by those in attendance at the "Bear Pit" put on by the P.C. organisation on campus. Jake Epp and Flora MacDonald were the two M.P.'s representing Bob Stanfield's Progressive Conservatives. Epp, who is known as an agricultural expert, represents the Provencia riding in Ottawa. (Provencia is situated in eastern - Manitoba). This riding is diverse in nature having industrial, tourism, and agricultural interests which Epp must adequately represent in Parliament. MacDonald represents

THE SOFT SELL

James Griffith, the head of student services, has announced the end of open-house week-end on this campus. However, Griffith is not an anarchist (?!); he offers us something else instead.

This year the high-school students will be brought on one high school at a time. They will arrive on Thurs. evenings, will stay in residence for the night and will be introduced to the campus community on Friday.

As many as possible of these high school students will be paired off with students already living in

Kingston and the Island on the St. Lawrence River in Ontario. Flora's current concern, as chairman of the parliamentary committee, investigating the situation at federal penal institutions, is reform of the penal process in Canada from a punishment orientation to one of rehabilitation.

After the two conservative exponents amazed the audience with their "avoid the issue in question" tactics, Fred Von Drieger, professor of political science at U.P.E.I., put it down to this: "O.K., are you people saying these beautiful things, such as, "we are going to get better housing, transportation, and fiscal policies" just to please the audience, or are there any concrete measures that have been adopted by the Conservative party which you can now point out to us?"

Well, the two M.P.'s seemed a bit put out by this somewhat challenging and, as it turned out, embarrassing question. However, once the "put-out" hang-up was overcome (which attests to the great 'psycho-drama' abilities of the two in question) they introduced

residence.

This is where a snag exists in the plan. Volunteers are needed by student services to make the idea a success. Any student, living in residence (which includes the apartment complex I assume) who wishes to have one of these students to show around campus, should contact Jim Griffith at student services, first floor Main.

According to student services last year's open house was not a success. The high school students were not seeing what campus life was all about; the

the fundamental notion of decentralisation of political decision - making into the discussion.

At this point, it was suggested by the author of this report that if centralism will not work (centralism being the useage of a central decision - making arena for all of Canada) then maybe the whole concept of Canada was irrational, - maybe we never were a nation!

At present, Alberta is treating the rest of Canada as an alien people in the oil-policy debate, the western farmer charges more for grains when selling to eastern farmers than he does a farmer from anywhere else in the world. Surely this puts the argument supporting the need for the Canadian nation in doubt! In an attempt to thwart this question, the two M.P.'s struggled to prove the necessity for confederation with arguments that were so vague that at present they escape me.

It seemed to be the same old story with a new cover, talk but little or no action. After all isn't that what conservatism in this country is all about?

new plan is an attempt to communicate to the visiting students the pros and cons of coming to UPEI more effectively.

One draw back though, Thursday evenings are reserved for those fantastic drunk-outs at the 'Pig' I can just see several of these innocent high school students being seduced by such social orgies. Man - that's the real way to con'em.