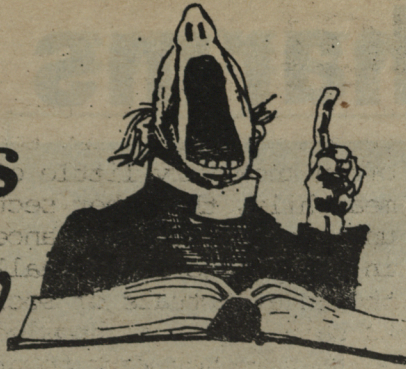


The Professor's Diary



Monday: Getting ready for Florida. The true meaning of academic freedom, in my view, is not having to give Christmas exams.

Tuesday: I have been considering lately how artfully some of my colleagues lie. Take Professor X. Listening to him talk about books, one must make a double translation, from his actual words, to what he means, to the truth. The first and third are not that far apart, but most listeners, I suspect, (especially students), stick at the second position which is wholly false. For instance: Words: "Of course I haven't read all of G.K. Chesterton." Meaning: "I've read 90%." Truth: "I've read some or none." Words: "I get terrible confused by the theory of relativity, don't you?" Meaning: "I know a tremendous amount, and I'm humble to boot." Truth: "I have only a superficial grasp of this concept and I'm as arrogant as hell."

Wednesday: The campus is a-buzz with talk that some professors will soon be fired because the university doesn't have enough money. But how to choose them? My own proposal, as Chairman of the Parking Committee, would be to stencil everyone's salary on the sides of their cars. Think of it. A car in the Parking Lot all day with \$18,000 on the door would be some untenured term-contract lecturer. Another car might be there for only an hour, the duration of a lecture, but the figure on the door is \$49,500. I wonder which one the university would cut?

Thursday: Salaries could also be posted on office doors and typed into the campus telephone directory. A salary-to-presence ratio could then be established fairly easily and used in calculations.

Friday: For my part, I have decided that if I were declared redundant or unexigent, I would become a truck-driver. I could then drive my truck through some of the larger holes in the documents that sometimes emanate from certain offices of the Administration.

Thanks From Big Brothers

From Nancy Burgoyne
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those students of UPEI who made our "Be a Big Brother/Sister for a Day" campaign an outstanding success this year. I was very pleased with your generous response to our plea for support of the Big Brother-Big Sister Association of P.E.I. To those of you who volunteered to be a "Big" just for the day, I sincerely hope that your expectations were fulfilled, and that you enjoyed the time you shared with your "Little" at the planetarium and at Burger King. I also hope that you will give serious thought to applying to become a Big Brother/Big Sister on a more permanent basis. There are well over 50 children in the Charlottetown area alone whose fervent wish is to be a Little Brother/Sister on a permanent basis with you as their big Brother/Sister.

A special thank-you is in order for those who are volunteering their time and concern to build a lasting relationship with one of these fatherless or motherless children. For a youngster to have someone like you who really cares about what he/she thinks and

does gives him/her the support and emotional stability to allow him/her to grow into a loving, sharing adult. And this is definitely not all a one-sided relationship. The joy of the Little Brother/Sister from having you as their own "special friend" is matched only by your own good feeling you get from making a

lonely child happy and carefree as a child should be; and also from the knowledge that the love and concern you are giving, will enable this child to show love and concern for others.

The common image projected of university students is one of apathy. Well, this is one clear example of how this is not the case: and if you are ever accused of being apathetic, remind them that dozens of students from your university showed they cared about others. Again, on behalf of all our single parent children, thank-you. If you have any further questions concerning the Big Brother-Big Sister Association feel free to call 892-5979 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or drop by the office at 179 Queen Street.

Yours very sincerely,
Big Brother-Big Sister Association of P.E.I.

Engineers Lack all Virtues

Dear Editor:

Although not a student, I enjoy reading the SUN and similar publications to experience the developing wit, humour, compassion, and incisiveness displayed by those who will be running the world and, one hopes, correcting the errors of my generation.

Your most recent edition largely featured an editorial and thoughtful comment on Not A Love Story, a film about pornography. In juxtaposition to this was the Engineers' Page, which not only lacked all of the four virtues stated above, but which included the definition of rape as "assault with a friendly weapon".

One wonders what the reaction of a group of engineers would be if they were to enter the Barn one day to discover,

say, their resisting president in the act of being sodomised. Would they chuckle and hoist another beer? Would they snicker and voice the appropriate (engineering?) corollary "When rape is inevitable relax and enjoy it" as consolation (assuming of course, that consolation was required)?

Nazi desensitization tactics employed during World War II included the dissemination of pornography to the populace with the intention of insulating and isolating its members and thus preventing concerted effort against the atrocities being committed. Keep on like this, Engineers, and in no time we'll all be cooking with gas.

Sincerely,
Maureen A. Hume

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