

# A view of student radicals . . .

Carolyn Duffy a senior arts student has asked us to reprint the following editorial from the Picaro student newspaper at the all-girls Mt. St. Vincent University at Rockingham, N.S. Miss Duffy's comment appears below the article written as an editorial for the January 24th issue of the Picaro. The author Mary Clancy is Culture Editor of the paper. (For Editor's response, see page 6.)

## WHISTLE ME THAT AGAIN

by Mary Clancy

Student Radicalism is the in thing. If you aren't radical now you'd better jump on the band wagon before it's too late. However, there are certain rules to follow for all devotees of the radical line. First: All student radicals must have a good command of the jargon of their particular philosophy; it is not necessary to understand the philosophy just insert the words into your vocabulary and use at all times. Second: to be a good radical you must constantly crap on the government of your country for small imperfections. It is not safe to criticize the big imperfections because to do this one must have some knowledge of what one is talking about.

Although it is not a definite rule most radicals of this ilk are expected to be unwashed and exude a peculiar odour. It's so colorful and shows that you can't be influenced by the bourbeoisie habits of our corrupt system.

The favoured line of most radicals today is the Marxist brand of socialism. At least that's what they claim. Marx might have difficulty recognizing his words in the mouths of these reformers, but after all, when one is so concerned with saving the world from the bourgeoisie mentality one hasn't time to read the unexpurgated editions of the Master.

Canada in the eyes of these reformers is in a terrible mess. We are run by the Imperialistic war mongering capitalist pigs (capitalist pigs are dif-

ferent from us run of the mill fascist pigs because they already have the money and we are still trying to get it). Our country is totally dominated by the American I.W.C.P. However this situation will be remedied when the revolution comes and all dissenters are liquidated.

You are probably wondering how soon this glorious event is going to take place. Well it hasn't quite been decided yet. Actually it hasn't gone beyond the talk stage yet and at the rate things are going it never will. You see the most important requirement for a radical is tolerance. Not in the sense of putting up with the beliefs of others but rather in the ability to sit around in smoke filled rooms for months even years and talk, talk, talk about all the marvelous things you're going to do I you ever get aroun dto it.

Radicalism can really flourish in thisi dreadful country of ours because we do still maintain a semblance of free speech. As far as I could see no one has yet been carried off for verbally assaulting the government. No one is arrested for singing Maoist songs or spouting communist propaganda. This is fine for the present but when the reformers take over all this shilly shallying will cease. After all you can't keep things in order if people disagree with you. Thus when the glorious revolution comes all petty bourgeoisie will be dealt with severely. I have no doubt that such people as I will be the first to face the firing squad.

I don't think it's necessary to get worried immediately. The rate of progression is so slow that by the time they take over it should be 2020. Those of us in our twenties now will be in our seventies then and probably willing to be shot.

The total picture of the student brand of radicalism includes women's liberation too. This does not, as you might have thought, include lobbying for better jobs, higher wages, and the like. Rather it covers such relevant actions as the right of females to be voluble in words of four letters. It also takes in planning attacks on the editor of McLean's

Magazine because of a fashion that was detrimental to the image of the liberated women. Unfortunately the editor was unable to come to meet with these people. No doubt he heard about the plan and ran screaming back to Toronto.

So the radical movement is alive and well and growing in numbers. We bourgeoisie pigs are safe as long as it growthis numerical and not intellectual.

## comment

In a recent discussion with Mr. Hornby regarding the quality of the publications in The CADRE he challenged me to recommend an alternative. I chose this article because I felt it confirmed the impressions many have regarding the whole student radical movement. The Editor's reaction to the article was interesting. He felt it was "naive, smug, intellectually dishonest, snobbish, uninformed and fascist." Student radicals takes themselves so seriously!

I agree that the tone of the article may be unnecessarily sarcastic and that it's not intended to be a profound statement, but I do feel it makes a valid point. I agree with Miss Clancy when she says "Marx might have difficulty recognizing his words in the mouths of these reformers". I think that after one deciphers the coded jargon you can detect valid criticisms of social, academic and political systems. They have helped many become aware of injustices practised by individuals in all segments of society and have pointed out the urgency of the situation. However, the radicals rea impatient and often hostile. Their methods are self-defeating: anyone not with them is a "PIG" or is allied with the "ESTABLISHMENT" hence by convoluted reasoning a "FASCIST PIG". They use all their huff and puff attempting to blow down the system and break the back of the establishment. When all has been reduced to shambles, what then?

I really believe that the act of re-construction must begin from within the system; we all can play a part if we're interested — just give it a chance, here at UPEI. Now.

—Carolyn Duffy

# mailstrom

## Pantherettes strike

Dear Sir:

I would like to protest an episode of brutality which occurred on the UPEI campus on Friday, February 6th, 1970. The nursing students of the Prince Edward Island School of Nursing were invited to participate in the Powder Puff hockey game.

But what we did participate in was guerilla warfare. We were under the impression that we would be playing good clean hockey. The girls from the UPEI team appeared more interested in seeing many many bones they could break. Perhaps they heard that the nursing students are in the process of taking a First Aid course and the UPEI team were interested in giving them some practical experience.

I wouldn't think that the girls on the UPEI team are accustomed to using "powder puffs"! Helmets, mouth pieces, and shin pads are more along their line.

There were a few hockey players on the UPEI team who should be called up by the Boston Bruins to strengthen their fighting force. I'm sure those girls could take on such hockey "policemen" as Pat Quinn or John Ferguson single handedly.

I believe that this brutality calls for some discipline. May I suggest that a just punishment would be to send the coach, Vince Mulligan, to the minors or to the Toronto Maple Leaf team to join the cellar-dwelling Leafs.

The nursing students are quite willing to participate in the Powder Puff hockey game next year if the UPEI girls can find enough girls to form a team interested in playing good clean hockey.

Yours sincerely,  
Eileen McMillan,  
PEI School of Nursing

## Attago boys

Sir:

The Winter Carnival Committee and all those involved directly in Carnival planning should be justly proud of the success of UPEI's first Winter Carnival.

Success at university should not be measured solely by academic achievement and participation by students in such activities such as Winter Carnival is part of the total education process.

Having attended Winter Carnivals at numerous campuses, it appears as if UPEI has established a sound base from which to build future Winter Carnivals.

Yours truly,  
David Blenkhorn,  
Assistant Professor,  
Dept. of Business Administration

## Reference works

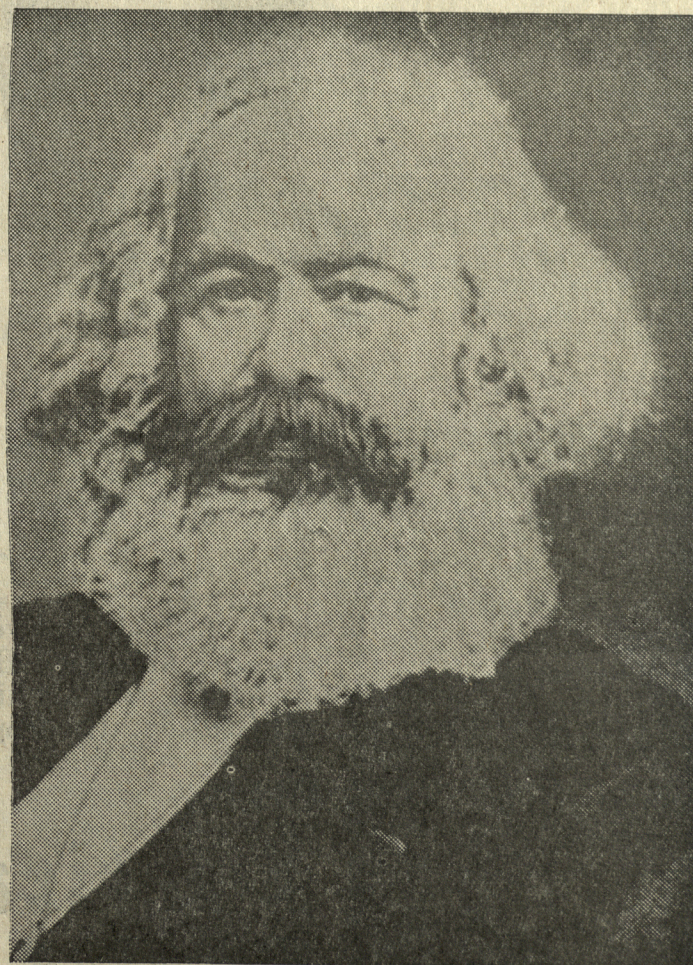
Dear Sir:

The following books may be consulted in the President's Office on the Downtown Campus:

- Guide to Foundations and Granting Agencies
- The Grants Register 1969/70 - Postgraduate awards in the English-speaking world
- Study Abroad
- Awards for Graduate Study and Research
- Foundations' Manual

They contain a large amount of information that is useful to people applying for awards, scholarships, postgraduate fellowships, and research grants.

R. J. Baker  
President



why is this man smiling?

how can you tell?