

Possible Abuses Aired By Bishop

Can you imagine yourself sitting in our \$60,000.00 Coffee Shop? Try! You, with a few others, perhaps, are casually enjoying a cup of coffee, a cigarette, and shooting the breeze about nothing in particular, just whatever comes to your mind or to the minds of those with you, until you finally settle upon a topic for worthwhile discussion that you know can occupy you or, at the very least, one hour. So you have begun, after all these years of existence, an intellectual, across-the-board discussion on a pertinent ethical question. For a moment I'll leave you there.

The Coffee Shop is quite full. Next to you and your company, a table of students are covering an engineering problem; another table on the other side of the room tightly enjoys the latest Beatle hit—thanks to the mechanical, multi-selection disc. Several groups are engaged in sectional conversations, according to taste and temporary mood. And then the music stops. Some jerk has pulled the plug and calmly, as though it were the most natural and right thing to do, announces that all must be quiet or leave, for the Current Events Club is meeting in the Coffee Shop and their moderator is to address the students.

Now then, back to your first try at an intellectual discussion of an ethical problem. Are you going to stop and let a minority group dictate the running of a common property, or will you tell the ass who was so rude to go fry himself and finish, as much as possible, your ethical theory? And you think this won't happen? Perhaps it won't. But then, again, perhaps it will.

I, Bishop, in my few quiet years of existence, have observed that some students, and some people generally, tend to presume themselves the better of a group to such an extent as to assume a monopolizing control over property and other persons or groups of persons. Doing this they interfere with the rights of others. It can be said that such pseudo-superiors act this way, as always, subconsciously; a way of acting that frequently occurs among humans. Whether or not their acting is subconscious is yet to be proved. Whatever the state of mind of such people, their overbearing assumptions cannot be lightly dismissed. The fact to be remembered is that tints of dictatorship in our Union have occurred once this year in an unwelcome though permitted occurrence and could easily be tried again. And these dictators will be successful so long as you allow them to be.

I, Bishop, extend a word of warning to all students concerning expressed intentions of groups or group leaders on campus to hold organized discussions in our Coffee Shop somewhat exclusive of those who share not the same interests. It will be denied most likely that any monopoly or dictatorship is intended or will be extended over the Coffee Shop and that all student rights to enjoy the new building will be respected. I, Bishop, am a might dubious of this.

Already, another group is being established on campus in view of a discussion of current affairs under the direction of some professor-moderator. These "current-events" plan to meet in no other place than our beloved and over-delayed Coffee Shop. (Their first meeting will consist of an address by the moderator.) Likewise, I, Bishop, have heard various persons express a premonition that other organized discussions might be had, such as seminars in history, philosophy, English, and whatever other major field might desire. I would hardly deny the facility of tongue-wagging when

prompted by a cup of coffee, or any intellectual discussion in itself.—BUT—should any group that would be a minority among us students, a small group of opinionated and overbearing neurotics, be so presumptuous as to assume the right to monopolize a common-building, even if for three or four hours of a month (for were more groups to take their four hours of a month, how many hours would be left to the majority of students?), then the rights of each of us, who has paid as much as the next persons for the Coffee Shop, would be infringed. Precautions should be taken to guard against this. Even members of the Students' Council or those of the Coffee Shop Committee who would presume to have control by designating who can speak when and where in our common-building, would step beyond their capacity and attempt a spurious power, one which is not theirs but might well be assumed. Specific discussions and seminars would be welcomed, I, Bishop, am sure, especially those involving university study, so long as they remain within themselves and do not command first place. Our Coffee Shop is not by any means to be a club-house where individuals other than those of a meeting group will be hushed and forced to accept a minority rule. If such measures are taken they should and must be sat upon. Students, prepare yourselves! If necessary, unite and protect your paid-for (paying-for) rights! Whatever threatens, set it (or them) in place and insistently refuse to let any minority at all monopolize your property, whether such infringement extend from presumptuous students or faculty!

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TOURNAMENT MONDAY

The Senior Class is sponsoring a campus-wide Ping-Pong Tournament to begin on Monday evening at 6:45 p.m. All interested in entering the competition are requested to submit their names to Bob Francoeur, Room 1-3 Memorial, before Sunday night. A nominal entrance fee of 25c will be collected and a plaque presented to the winner.

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A DEGREE, BUT NO COURSES!

(CUP)—The possibility of completing an entire undergraduate career—from registration to bachelor's degree—without ever attending classes will be offered 75 U.S. college freshmen next September.

The experiment—underwritten by the Ford Foundation to the tune of \$325,000—will be launched at three liberal arts colleges: Allegheny (Pa.), Colorado and Lake Forest (Ill.).

A national selection committee will pick 25 students from the freshman class at each college for the program. All will be talented students with accelerated high school preparation.

The chosen undergraduates will then pursue their first degrees through faculty-guided independent study, free of usually required courses, class attendance, grades and credits.

Each student will have, however, a faculty advisor in the role of preceptor, critic and guide. Each will also have special access to visiting scholars, lecturers and artists.

The unique departure is intended to allow academic freedom of movement for able undergraduates comparable to that permitted talented students in U.S. secondary schools, a foundation vice-president, Clarence H. Fause, explained.

"Secondary school programs that permit talented students to advance at their own pace and assume intellectual initiative are now part and parcel of better systems throughout the country," he said. "But, too often undergraduates at university are prevented from making the most of their talents by the rigidities of traditional curricular and course requirements."

At the end of the second year, the 75 students will be examined by committees of outside educators on their basic liberal education at that stage. Similar committees will examine them on their major fields at the end of four years.

The foundation granted each of the three colleges \$75,000 for the salaries of faculty members re-

Queen's Replacement Considered

LONDON, Ont. (CUP) — The Queen should be replaced by the Governor-General as Canada's new head of state according to a resolution presented to the first annual "Think Conference" of the Ontario University Liberal Federation at Huron College this month.

The Committee on Canada-US relations, presided over by Robert Blackwell, Vice-President of the University of Western Ontario Liberal Party, suggested the replacement of the Queen would maintain and strengthen Canadian identity. The resolution would provide for the recognition of the Queen as head of the Commonwealth.

The conference held January 1st to 3rd, was attended by more than 50 delegates from Ontario universities. The purpose of the Conference was to prepare resolutions for presentation to the Canadian University Liberal's Federation conference in Ottawa.

Other resolutions which were passed include a new concept of Medical Insurance, voluntary and government subsidized in part; a proposal advocating that Canada participate in a co-operative nuclear NATO force acceptable to a majority of the alliance's members; and a proposed Community College System which would offer terminal courses in occupation, technical, and semi-professional skills, adult education and further training for secondary school teachers.

leased from other duties for the program.

All three colleges are coeducational institutions with enrollments under 1,500 and have previously made a number of innovations in liberal arts curriculum.

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