



Senior Slops

by CHUCK McEWEN

Sitting in English 3 class last week, while striving to maintain a happy medium betwixt the orations of Dr. O'Grady and the complexities surging through my demented mind, I somehow came to pondering that elite group of our constricted society, the higher-priced help, i.e.: the faculty, Urbie and Leo excluded.

I suppose that I'm laboring the obvious, both to them and to you, when I say that in addition to their formal names they have been granted the singular privilege of receiving nick-names. Have you ever stopped and thought about these nick-names that have been applied to various members of the faculty and how they came into being? Well, like it or not, that's what I'm going to do.

We'll commence with the secular, my feeling being that they will be more able to accept the slander, if any, contained in this resume, and also, because the non-secular members will, I hope not be as prone to derision after seeing their colleagues exposed and the gloating on their part that will undoubtedly accompany it.

Let us commence! The "Boomer". Good grief! I haven't got a clue where that name came from. Maybe from his ebullient and effervescent nature - - -

"Wimp" well, this one is simple enough, it's derived from his first name Winston, although his personage would suggest that if he should continue to deteriorate as he has, it will of necessity be changed to "Blimp" - - -

"C-Y" again a simple one! Derived from the first name Cyril, and again as in the previous case, will be changed to "C-Y" the Corpulent - if expansion of part continues - - -

Enough of that, let's proceed forthwith to the more colorful members of this intellectual fellowship.

Fr. George. No nick-name that I know of. One interesting quirk you might recognize is the enunciation: "What? What?" Usually followed by a smart rap over the knuckles or head with a swagger-stick - - -

"Combat" alias "Jungle Jim". One of the most persevering men I believe I have ever met. Who else would post dozens of signs, day after day, on the part of the Glee Club, and still remain enthusiastic in the face of such reluctant response? Hence the name "Combat" or more properly "Combatant", denoted by Roget's Thesaurus as "Belligerent; fighter, assailant, swashbuckler, pugilist,

gladiator, wrestler," and I might add, a mean yachtsman and skier - - -

I'm going to change pace on that note and set up a game for you to play. Yeah! that's right, I am chicken! I have to live here too, you know!

Anyway, here's what we do. I give you a list of all the nick-names that I know, and you match them up with who you think they refer to. Here they are: 'The Bull'; 'Pono'; 'Flip'; 'The Fish'; 'B I F'; 'Zombie'; 'Pope'; 'The Can'; 'Bubbles'; 'Boomer'; 'Combat'; 'Tammy'; 'C-Y'; 'Whimp'.

Now, all you have to do is write down these nick-names along one side of a sheet of paper with the corresponding faculty names opposite them. Take your sheet of paper in your sweaty little hand and hustle your sweaty little feet over to the editor's room in Memorial (Roger MacDonald, the one with the nose, that's Tree, and if you're right, you'll get a dozen back-issues of Red and White (no abusive staples), the issue with "All the Way with LBJ" plastered over half the front page. This issue has a particularly good absorbant quality.

CUS Active In External Affairs

South African's Apartheid policy and her attitude toward political prisoners may be totally foreign issues to many university students. However, these flagrant violations of human rights are not being ignored in Canada, viz., the Canadian Union of Students.

In cooperation with other national and international groups, CUS is attempting to exert pressure on the Union of South Africa for her racial policies. One of CUS's resolutions has already been adopted by a special United Nations Committee, and, with this success, CUS is now seeking to organize a large-scale information programme for students. The St. Dunstan's branch of this organization will be participating in this programme.

Poet's Corner

TO MY NEIGHBORS

Pourquoi la mer?
Pourquoi la terre?
Pourquoi le ciel?

With eyes to see, so see
The ocean's either side,
The heavens' many stars,
The beauties of some toil.

With sense to smell, so smell
The land and flowers' scent,
The rocks and oils perfumed
As nature 'ready spent.

With tongues to taste, so taste
The fruits of that same earth
Which nature's law from God
Provides, or men provide.

With hands to touch, so touch
The grass of fertile lands,
The sands of ocean's floor,
The tempest and the calm.

With ears to hear, so hear
The sounds of him and hers,
The rustle of the trees,
The seas' and other roars.

With voice to speak, so speak
And ask yourselves to hear
The whisper in your hearts
To own your self-same shore.

Pourquoi les hommes?
Pourquoi l'etat?
Pourquoi toutes choses?

With mind to think, so think
Upon your willing thoughts,
Of why you are at all,
Of how you're not yet dead.

With hearts to love, so love
Yourselves and others too,
That all your represent
Be goverend from yourselves.

With all to share, so share
What'er you have for life
As reasons of the head
And reasons of the heart.

With lives to live, so live
As men are meant to live,
United in your love,
Together for your end.

C'est pourquoi et c'est tout! ...
—RAYMOND THOMAS

I WALKED UNSHOD

I walked unshod on the autumn moor
And the wind tore rough and cold,
But I laughed in its face unfearingly
With a merry curse and bold.

Yes I laughed at the brittle, bitten twig
And the lilt of my scorn rang free,
And it bounced in the face of the dying world
And it echoed back to me.

The sap froze cold in the hoary trunk
And the tree locked tight in death,
But my veins pulsed strong with a supple youth
And I laughed with a cloudy breath;

With a breath as warm as the stallion's breath
When he stood in a manger stall,
And breathed in the face of a swaddled babe
Who breathed to save us all.

The ground was as hard as a beggar's sole
And it stung me wickedly,
But I laughed for I knew it would die in the cold
While the blood run hot in me;

As hot as the blood of a shepherd spilled
On the wood of Calvary,
Which flowed like wine from a Roman nail
And is our's eternally.

Sure I laughed in the face of the dying world
And I laughed at its dying pain,
But 'twas death that I mocked in the autumn cold
For the world will live again.

—HART

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