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Editorial

"All mankind," says an Arabian proverb, "is divided into three classes: Those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move." After last Wednesday's S.C.M. meeting I would tend to think that we have a predominance of the first group here at Lakehead College. This meeting was held in an attempt to establish better communication between the faculties here at the college, to discuss the aims of education, and to try to find some solution to the problem of lack of student participation in activities. Other than a few interested second year students (mostly technologists), the turnout was pitifully small. It was typical of the support given many of the activities at Lakehead College—including this Newsletter.

The panel at the meeting was composed of Doug Brown (Forestry), Jim Lunny (Engineering), Maurice Koroniak (Science) and Ken Mucha (Arts), with Roy Piovesana (Arts) acting as chairman. It was generally agreed that while it is unique, it is not necessarily beneficial to combine university and technology divisions as is done at Lakehead. The panelists felt there was very little inter-faculty communication or exchange of ideas, mainly because of the completely different nature of the courses in the two divisions. The question of a 'superiority complex' among Arts students was also raised, and the feeling was that if it was evident, it was only among first year students. It was felt that while additional English courses would be beneficial to technologists, time did not allow it. The low level of participation in events is due to the fact that this is largely a freshman college, and, other than better advertising of activities, no definite solution was arrived at. There were a host of other ideas put forth at this meeting, and it's only too bad a few more of you couldn't leave the card game long enough to come and hear them.

....Jack Reynolds

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Inevitable Socialism

This Wed., Nov. 13 at 12:15, in Room 7, Mr. Peter Henessey, principal of P.A.C.I., will discuss socialism under the heading "Inevitable Socialism." As we know, the growth of public welfare and the intervention of the government in the economy has become the general trend in our western democracies. Is this good or bad? Will this trend continue? Mr. Henessey will consider these and other questions concerned with socialism. Everyone is welcome.

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Impractical Theory

The allegory for modern times taken from 'Notes and Anecdotes Nov. 1962' which appeared in the last Newsletter is a most scurrilous piece of writing, altogether false and quite misleading. It purports to show that 'socialistic communistic theory' is impractical, by describing an experiment conducted by a Guelph high-school teacher with a group of pupils studying economics. In the experiment the principle of equality was applied to school work, and marks were shared out equally so that all were said to have achieved the same grade. With the elimination of competition and incentive to strive, energy flagged and work deteriorated. Of course! One wonders what object the teacher had in mind, and exactly what conclusions he drew from the experiment. As a dramatic lesson to show the futility and stupidity of a false notion of equality which eliminates all individual competition, the experiment was a success. But set forth as a palpable demonstration that "socialistic-communistic theory is impractical" (the phrase used in the article) it is dangerously misleading.

No political theory that could be described as socialist, or communist, is based on the axiom that all men are absolutely equal, and that they should be treated as equals in all respects. The first principle is that in terms of human dignity, and relationship to God, all men are fundamentally of equal worth. But an unalterable fact of life is that men have different talents, and apply themselves to their work with varying degrees of energy and integrity. Unequal reward is not necessarily at variance with the principal theory of basic equality. This equality must be

expressed in society not in uniform living standards, but in full opportunity for each man to receive an adequate education, to maintain an adequate level of health, and to engage in an adequately rewarding job commensurate with his skill and energy. In other words, the basic needs of man in terms of job opportunity, educational facilities, and health services, should be provided for by the well developed state. No system is perfect, and in such a state some will no doubt take unfair advantage of the system and lapse into parasitical indolence. The needs of the majority of honest men should not be disregarded because of the danger of abuse by a small dishonest majority. A mark of civilization is that the opportunity to strive for a full life be open to all as a basic human right, and not be available only to a privileged few as an inheritance, or as a special reward.

....John Guy

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We have received the following in reply to an anonymous article in the last Newsletter which dealt with R.C.M.P. observers on campus.

Dear Anne Ominous,

Lakehead College may be rated just a little more than insignificant as far as the R.C.M.P. is concerned, but not to the extent you try to make us believe. Due to the choppy style of your essay, you may be trying to scare us by telling us that you are the informer but then you would not relate the informer's and the R.C.M.P.'s private affairs. One could form the opinion that you don't know exactly what the R.C.M.P. are doing, but that you are guessing - possibly because you are one of those persons in question. Don't try to tell us that you are not suggesting that the N.D.P. is a Communist party organ. You do say that it is socialistic. That means that if it isn't Communist, it is Fascist or Nazi. Take your pick. Deep behind the lines of your comments, you could be suggesting that more students should take part in campus activities as you do suggest that if you do participate, your name will not go on the "black list". I think this is hardly likely as you

would not have devoted so much space or so much of the readers' time to the description of the R.C.M.P.'s activities or to the N.D.P. members of Parliament.

* * * * *T.G. Hamilton

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Bowling Highlights

The Lakehead College ten pin bowling league has entered a new phase. The league will now enter inter-faculty competition in which each faculty is asked to submit at least one five man team of which at least one of the players must be a girl.

It is hoped that all faculties will enter a team under the new set up. The only other stipulation being that the team's average (pin limit) must not exceed 600 pins.

If you enjoy bowling, come out and support your faculty with the advantage of bowling two games a night at the price of twenty-five cents per game.

Bowling starts at 7:00 sharp every Thursday night at the Big 'M' Bowl.

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Bits and Pieces.

I notice from The Silhouette, the official student newspaper of McMaster University, that they seem to have a similar problem with regard to drinking as we do. Headlines such as "Cops Impose Tabooze" start articles which warn of serious consequences for those guilty of excessive rowdyism or intoxication. The Hamilton police are quoted as saying, "Due to past experience, we're rather dubious about granting the permit." Doesn't that sound quite familiar to many students, especially those who have worked on dinner dance committees? In several private discussions the need for a form of student court has been expressed. I noticed in the same newspaper that McMaster already has one. The president of their student's council warned that all serious misconduct would be disciplined by means of fines, withdrawal of privileges, or a recommendation for suspension to the administration. Not a bad idea to consider for Lakehead College.

.....Jay

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How many have noticed the QUOTE--DAY on the bulletin board near the book store? Each day a thought-provoking quotation is posted--courtesy of the Lakehead College SCM.

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