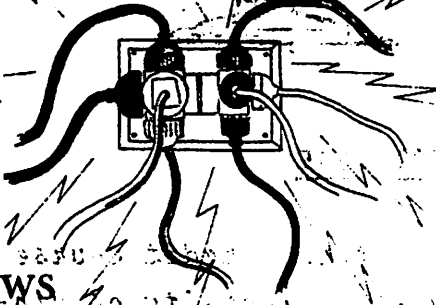


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The minutes for our March 31st meeting with Mr. Stonoski are finally final. We said we would summarize the minutes for you, but because minutes are already the summary of a meeting any further reduction would take away from the meaning. So instead of creating a literary quagmire here we'll just limit this article to matters we feel are most important, and we'll make everything else available in the living units for those who are interested. On the subject, a method for keeping minutes has been agreed on: the committee will produce the minutes and the administration will approve them.

Our last Open House was successful. A lot of work went into preparations, for which we have a few people to thank. To the band, Pacheena, for entertaining us; to the kitchen crew for feeding us; to the gym crew for cleaning up after us; to the guests for participating

with us; to the staff for cooperating with us; to the inmate population for being here; THANKS! Now with everybody accounted for, let's move on to the next number with this good feeling. The probable date for this is either May 18th or May 25th. No details available yet, so the same thing applies...input.

A reminder for those who wish to put in...the committee office will be open this Monday, April 21. Later..

PICTURE THIS

As most of you may or may not know our regular camera has fallen ill. Latest word from the camera hospital is that he is in serious but stable condition, and will be out of action for about a month. His replacement for the time being will be a close relative named 20/20. "She" belonging to the new feminist movement wants not only wage parity, but and additional 25¢ per picture. This will only be in effect till "Mat" has fully recovered from his shutter operation.

Reprints will remain at the usual price of 50¢ per.

If any of you gentleman have a "bitch" about the extra cost of the pictures please feel free to air your gripes---but not to me, as I have a terrible headache.

Profitably yours
Tom Shand

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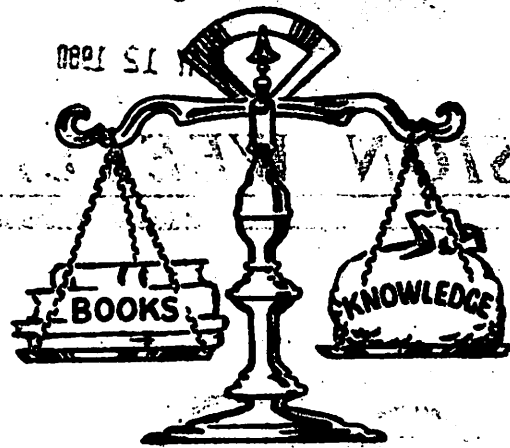
This program is awaiting final approval and the results will be forthcoming.

G.E.D.

Examinations are at the end of April for the Department of Education Grade 12 Equivalency Certificate. Classes of instruction are presently being held to facilitate both the early and late shifts. Basic Upgrading (V.A.S.T.) is on a continuous basis with consideration also made for both shifts. This program is an asset to anyone thinking of starting the G.E.D. in the future.

FILM APPRECIATION

Thursday mornings at 0900 hrs. This program is conducted by Wayne Knights and is geared to help us obtain more from the films we watch. The program consists of a series of films, with introduction and discussion. Proven interest in the program can lead to certification from the University of Victoria. Nevertheless, the series is open to all regardless of reason whether it be for certification or general interest.



HISTORY 365

This is a three credit course offered by the University of Victoria and instructed by Steve Duguid of the Matsqui UVic. Program. A simple description of the course would be a critique of the 19th century bourgeois (middle class) society. While those wishing to take the course for credit must qualify for acceptance from UVic. Anyone wishing to sit in on the lectures is quite welcome. The course starts April 16th.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

This is to assist anyone who is taking correspondence courses of any kind and wishes one-to-one tutoring. Hours are from 0900-1600 Mon.-Thursday and evenings Mon., Tues., and Thursday. Information is available from any member of the Academic Department.

LETTER TO THE LEGISLATOR OF THE LAW ON NARCOTICS

Dear Legislator,

Legislator of the Law of 1916, supplemented by the decree of July, 1917 on narcotics, you are an ass.

Your law serves only to annoy druggists all over the world without lowering the level of drug addiction in the nation because:

- 1) The number of drug addicts who obtain their supplies from drug stores is negligible.
- 2) The real addicts don't get their supplies from the drug store.
- 3) Addicts who get their supplies from drug stores are all sick.
- 4) The number of addicts who are sick is negligible in comparison with the number of addicts who are seeking pleasure.
- 5) Pharmaceutical restrictions on drugs will never bother pleasure seeking and organized addicts.
- 6) There will always be pushers.
- 7) There will always be people who become addicts through weakness and through passion.
- 8) Sick addicts have an unalienable right within society, which is that they be left the hell alone.

It is above all a question of conscience.

The law on narcotics places in the hands of the inspector usurper of public health the right to have control over human suffering, it is a pretension peculiar to modern medicine to try to dictate to the individual conscience. All the bleatings of the official charter are powerless against this phenomenon of conscience: namely, that I am the master of my pain, even more than of my death. Every man is the judge and exclusive judge of the quantity of physical suffering or of mental emptiness that he can honestly stand.

Whether I am lucid or not, there is a lucidity which no sickness will ever take from me, that is the lucidity which dictates to me the sense of my physical life. And if I have lost my lucidity there is only one more thing for medicine to do, and that is to give me those substances which permit me to recover the use of that lucidity.

You gentlemen who are the dictators of the pharmaceutical profession in France, you are a pack of impotent curs. Here is one thing which you had better take into account: that is that opium is that inviolable and despotic substance which allows those who have had the misfortune to lose the life of their souls the possibility of recovering it. There is a disease against which opium is sovereign and that disease is called anguish mental, medical, physiological, logical or pharmaceutical, as you like.

Anguish which drives men mad; Anguish which drives men to suicide; Anguish which condemns them to hell; Anguish which medicine does not know; Anguish which your doctor does not know; Anguish which violates life; Anguish which constricts the umbilical cord of life.

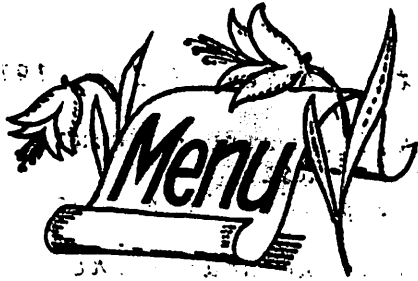
By your iniquitous law you place in the hands of persons in whom I have no confidence whatsoever, medical asses, druggist of dung, dishonest judges, doctors, midwives, pedantic inspectors, the authority over my anguish, an anguish which in me is as acute as the needles of all the compasses of hell.

Whether the tremors are of the body or of the soul, the human seismograph does not exist that would enable someone looking at me to reach a more precise evaluation of my suffering than the lightning flash of my own mind!!

All the fortuitous scientific knowledge of mankind is not superior to the direct knowledge that I can have of my being. I am the only judge of what is within me.

Get back to your attics medical vermin, and you too, Monsieur Sheeplike Legislator, it is not love of mankind that makes you rave, but a tradition of idiocy. Your ignorance of what a man is, is equaled only by your stupidity in limiting him. May your law be visited on your father, your mother, your wife, your children, and all your descendants. And now choke on your law.

— ARTAUD.



LE GROUPE FRANCOBHONE

AVIS:

Tout personne qui ont de la visite veiller donner votre nom a Rene Demontigny pour La Fete des Quebecois pour que l'on puis les faire venir cette journer La Fete aura lieux le 24 Juin.

Bienvenu

A tous

RENE DEMONTIGNY

THIS IS THE LAW?

A man cannot kiss any woman, including his wife, on Sunday in Pic-tou, Nova Scotia, according to an 1890 law still on the books.

MEMO

TYPEWRITERS

Sometime in the near future, there will be a typewriter made available to all of the Institution. This will be located in the library. We would appreciate it if all of the population would take care of the machine.

DINNER

SUPPER

MONDAY-

Poor Boy Sand.

Liver & Bacon

TUESDAY-

Breaded Pork chop Beef patties

WEDNESDAY-

Sausages

Rib steak

THURSDAY-

Beef & Veg. Stew Spagatti

FRIDAY-

Fish

1/2 chicken

SATURDAY-

Ham & Cheese sand. Chinese Food

SUNDAY-

Mushroom Omlette Roast beef

* This menu is subject to change without any prior notice. *

WANTED WANTED

A FEW INMATES ARE NEEDED FOR THE INMATE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL FEELS THAT THIS PROCEDURE IS FOR OUR BENEFIT.
