

Canada, U.S. differ

By PAUL BARTON

Although some Americans are in the habit of regarding Canada as the 51st state, Canadian scholar Northrop Frye says the two countries are dissimilar in many respects.

Frye, a noted literary critic and University Professor at the University of Toronto, spoke Tuesday night at Rudder Tower. His lecture, entitled "Canada: The Other Confederation," was sponsored by the English Department and the University Libraries.

Frye described major geographic, historical and cultural aspects of Canada and pointed out many differences between it and the United States.

Frye pointed out that Canada had its revolution and civil war in reverse order. He described the war between the British and the French in the eighteenth century as Canada's civil war and said the War of 1812 served as its war of independence from the United States.

Frye also remarked that Canada's presence beside the United States "has communicated a certain observance and detached quality to the Canadian imagination."

He also said Canada has never rid itself of the image of being an American satellite.

Frye said Canada's geographical interior is largely unsettled and remains "a vast unknown hinterland."

Because of the geographic nature of the country, Canada was preoccupied in the nineteenth century with problems of communication, he said. In fact, it focused on "inarticulate" forms of communication such as canal building, rather than literature.

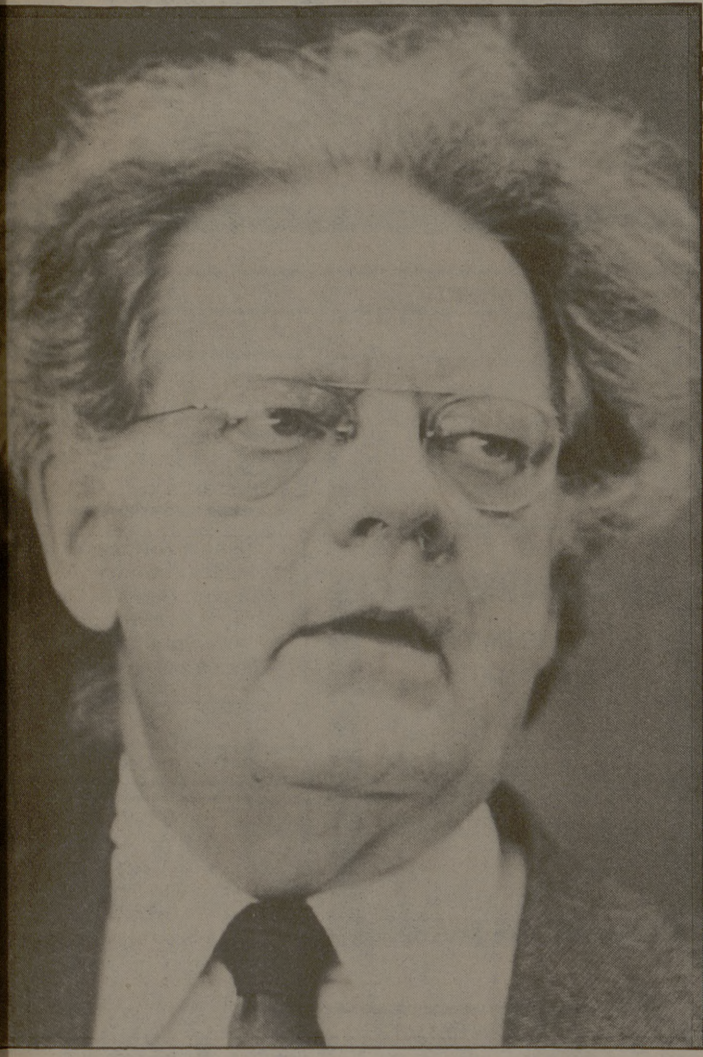
In his discussion of Canadian culture, Frye spent most of his time talking about literature. He said, among other things, the harsh climate of Canada and the resulting feeling of alienation of man from nature has given much of Canadian literature a somber tone. Nature often appears as something to be avoided.

Although the possible separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada dominates the news from that country, Frye said he feels that separatist

movement in that province is symbolic for the most part.

"Every part of Canada is separated geographically from every other part," said Frye. "Consequently, all parts of Canada have very strong separatist feelings."

"The history of Canada begins with a separatist movement from the United States," said Frye. He added that the problem of "where a separatist movement stops separating" is what Canada is struggling with now.



NORTHROP FRYE

Cowboys will compete at Aggie Rodeo Arena

Cowboys and cowgirls from about 10 colleges will compete at Texas A&M University Friday through Sunday in the southern regional rodeo of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA), says Larry Sandel, adviser of the Texas A&M Rodeo Club.

This will be the last chance for competitors in the southern region team points towards the NIRA finals to be held in Bozeman, Mont., June.

Sandel said teams from east Texas and west Louisiana are expected. Southwest Texas State, McNeese, Texas A&I, the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Stephen Austin, Temple Jr. College and

Sam Houston State are among the teams that will be competing here, he said.

Each school has a men's team with six members and a women's team with three.

Events will include saddle bronc and bareback riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, women's barrel racing, women's break-away roping and team roping.

"Sam Houston is the number one team right now in both boys' and girls' and we're number two," Sandel said.

The top two teams and 10 individuals from each region in the nation qualify for the national finals. Schools compete in 10 rodeos in the fall and 10 in the spring.

Belt buckles will be awarded to the winner in each event. A saddle will be given to the all-around cowboy and cowgirl. Buckles and saddles were donated by local businesses.

Judges of the rodeo will be Grady Groves of Camp Wood and Cotton George of Martinsville. David Burnham of Round Rock will be the rodeo clown. All three men have participated in professional rodeos.

The event will be held at the Aggie Rodeo Arena, at FM 2818 and Turkey Creek Road. A barbecue will be held at noon Sunday.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The Sunday show will start at 2 p.m.

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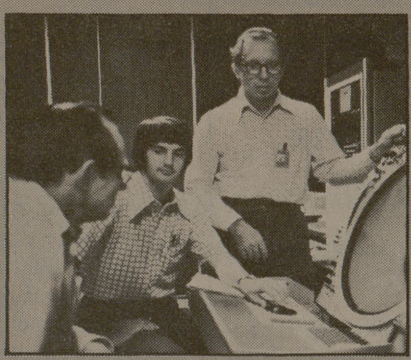
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