CUEW Strike: Week One

By Kim Levis

Early Monday morning 750 York University Teaching Assistants and Part-time Faculty went on strike to protest the administration's failure to negotiate a responsible contract that can be translated to $60 per year. The strike came within an hour of the Sunday midnight negotiating deadline. The four member union negotiating team, backed by a ten member union steering committee, rejected the administration's final offer on: salary, job security and class size.

Chief negotiator, Leslie Saunders, calls the administration's final salary offer “inadequate”. The TA's were offered a 1½% addition to the already proposed 12% increase. This 12% increase, however, was translated to $60 per year.

On the issue of job security, Saunders states that the final administration concessions were insufficient. Their original horrendous position was modified, but not enough in the current form. The union feels the administration’s final offer “still allows them to remove jobs even after teaching has begun and to severely limit seniority”. In addition, TA's were given no job guarantees beyond four years, although most rely on teaching posts for the six to seven years it takes to complete their graduate programs.

Saunders explains that the issue of class size is one that most affects the quality of education. For example, she gives the case of a TA who, by legal contract, only does ten hours of work a week: "If the TA is given a hundred essays to mark when only a portion may be marked in that time, how can the merit of each paper be judged? The work cannot be done in that time, but only to the detriment of quality. The essays may just as well be flung down a staircase and marked in the order in which they fall."

Effects of the Strike

Trade union support of the CUEW strike affects all aspects of York Campus life. The following are refusing to cross the picket lines: TTC drivers of the Amalgamated Transit Union Employees; beer deliverymen of the United Brewary Warehouse Union; postmen of the Letter Carrier Union of Canada; and Bell Telephone repairmen of the Communications Workers of Canada. Mr. Drews of the United Brewary Warehouse Union explains, "You can bet that according to our union constitution, none of our men would ever, under any circumstance, cross a picket line-never!"

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Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the letter which appeared last week concerning Beaver Food. In early September I got food poisoning at Beaver which caused a severe case of colitis. I missed three weeks of classes and had to stop eating for five days to treat the infection. Five weeks later, I am still watching my diet (no acidic, spicy, greasy or dairy foods) and will remain doing so for quite a while.

Due to the seriousness of the illness, I contacted the Dean's office which in turn informed Norman Crandles (head of York Food Services). According to Mr. Crandles, mine is a unique case and because no other complaints have been put forward, it must be a problem of my personal digestive system.

I do not accept the action taken by the university so far and suggest that more people file complaints with the Dean of Students if they too, have had food poisoning. A full investigation into the health standards at Beaver is definitely in order.

Darlene Charette

ER... LETTERS... LETTERS...

As one of the candidates who spoke at the All Candidates Meeting referred to in your editorial of October 23, I would have to say that I found the atmosphere somewhat disheartening, to say the least. Giving an informative, entertaining and otherwise effective campaign speech demands considerable effort and preparation at the best of times but when one must compete with the audience things become downright frustrating.

Does that mean that the student body is solely to blame? No. Obviously they were the source of the noise and distraction, but then again it was their lunchtime, not an All Candidates Meeting that they voluntarily elected to attend. Lunchtime is therefore not an All Candidates Meetings.

The solution? After our attempts at introducing ourselves and our respective platforms, the other candidates present for first time, a representative, Michele Vyge and Linda Schmidt both agreed with my idea that, in the future, All Candidates Meetings should be held in a separate room, perhaps the Junior Common Room, where wishing to hear speeches during lunchtime could do so and those not wishing to do so would not be forced to. A more totalitarian alternative to the fist suggestion would be to improve the speech and listening system which enables the speakers to drown out the grumblings of the masses.

Either way, by choice or by force, a forum for candidates speeches must be created. The alternative is an ever increasing apathetic attitude, fueled by non-controversial, inaudible and generally dull All Candidates Meetings, and exemplified by such dismal statistics as the voter participation rate of about fourteen per cent.

Paul Hogbin
It is still true at Glendon, the number of eleves par classe n'a pas encore réagi à un problème réel mais il le faut pas se cacher que les professeurs y sont en train de voir la réalité en face. Il faut éviter de comprendre une telle situation avec un 'yeux de taupe' comme le fait l'AEGC.'

Les coupures budgétaires existent depuis plusieurs années au niveau provincial. Le gouvernement coupe les fonds octroyés aux universités qui elles-mêmes coupent des programmes, réduisent les salaires de leurs employés et de nombreux autres dépenses. Aucun établissement d'enseignement supérieur n'est à l'abri de ce phénomène. Ce qui suit est dû à la situation pétrolière car le nombre d'étudiants n'est pas augmenté en nombre. Même si le conseil consultatif en matière d'éducation post secondaire du gouvernement Davie (OCCA) qui, dans un rapport intitulé 'System on the Brinks' en 1980, avouait que plus de 50% de nouveaux étudiants étaient enrôlés en raison de la crise pétrolière.

Il y a lieu d'espérer de la part de la direction et de la conscience sociale à produire chez les étudiants le désir de rester au sein des universités. Il est certain que de nombreux étudiants sont en train de se rendre compte que les coupures budgétaires en acceptant de nouvelles tâches avant la victoire du G.C.S.U. et au Collège Glendon. Cette situation n'est pas sans doute d'être laissée sans aucune réaction de la part de l'administration universitaire. Les étudiants qui sont en train de couper l'électricité pour la première fois de leur vie pourraient aussi être les premiers à s'opposer à ce type de mesure.

Le temps partiel dans leur temps de travail. Cette situation peut nous réservé de salaires plus élevés et une meilleure situation.

A propos de l'AEGC, nous espérons qu'à l'avenir, ceux qui ne sont pas au courant des conséquences de leurs votes absente- ments de questions aussi importantes ou offrent leur démission avant de faire de gaffes (sérieuses et diverses). Dans le même temps, la suggestion pourra finir le rôle qui est sien et où elle a une place et une responsabilité (?) de celle d'un simple comité de danse.

Le lendemain, la Commission Universitaire York a accepté plus ou moins d'accéder aux demandes des grévistes en matière de salaires et de sécurité d'emploi. Là où York refuse, c'est sur le nombre d'étudiants par classe. En d'autres mots, les enseignants veulent y avoir une limite d'étudiants par classe afin de sauvegarder la qualité de l'enseignement et de l'ambiance de travail. En effet, est-il possible d'enseigner à 50 étudiants dans un local où il n'y a que 35 pupitres?

La grève et son point de litige majeur devrait être autant une préoccupation des élèves que des enseignants. En effet, même si aujourd'hui, la plupart des classes sont en nombre raisonnable, que peut nous réserver l'avenir?

La confusions et le manque de leadership font qu'actuellement, l'association est dans un état de désordre qui crée de la confusion et de la méfiance. Elle appuie les revendications des grévistes en reconnaissant que certaines de leurs demandes avan- gent les étudiants à long terme, mais refuse de prétendre être une force de mouvement afin de sauvegarder les intérêts de l'ensemble.

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Effects on Students

by Wayne Burnett

At Glendon a protest is being held against the effects of the current conflict between York University and the Canadian Union of Educational Workers. The effects vary according to service and many students were reluctant to speak to Pro Tem journalists.

In the admissions department, the problems have been minimal so far. Two students had to either hand deliver transcripts or arrange for compromise. That such transfer information would reach York (Glendon) in time for registration.

In the area of academic fees, much room is available under the conditions that allow for mail interruptions of OSAP information and study to be conducted in order to allow for picket lines. The students awards officer, here at Glendon on Thursdays, or daily at York University, and the Dean can each grant deferrals to students. The motion by the Senate last week’s Pro Tem should facilitate this protective measure.

Academic penalties against students are a more difficult subject. The motion by the Senate used the term “administrative academic sanctions”. University staff agree that a student will not be denied registration or class or test. A member of the Vice-President Farr’s office offered, “students who observe picket lines will be denied the right to face the consequences of missing class during the period in question. The decision is not the faculty will be most cooperative.

Principal Garigue, who is in no way involved in the negotiations, stated that her desire for him to oblige a professor to re-do or re-administer a test that was held during the strike. The student cannot be failed for missing it but s/he will have to discuss the re-taking of the test with the professor in question. However, the principal would not release the faculty will be most cooperative.

In the area of food and beverage, students went to the Café de la Terrasse and Beaver Foods Ltd. and were asked to cross the picket line or not entering. The Café has been in line for cigarette and a beer delivery and hopes that the latter will last to about a week Saturday. Beaver is arranging for food pick-up.

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classes at Glendon are of a reasonable size, what will be the future? The confusion and the lack of leadership demonstrated in this issue by the G.C.S.U., the students, and the distance of Glendon, on one hand, they support the demands of the strikers and recognize that these demands would, in fact, be advantageous to the students in the long run. But on the other hand, they refuse to help the strikers and join in trying to safeguard the education standards that both York and Glendon. This position, without a doubt, is extremely hypocritical.

We can now hope that there will be a renewed consciousness of the importance of the issues amongst the student population at Glendon. Students have to realize that the strikers are not, as popu-larly believed, communists committed to total revolution and anarchy but rather teachers, who are not well paid, who have no job security and who are concerned about satisfactory ratios in the classroom. In the end, this issue is as much about Glendon’s concern as it is the strikers’ concern.

As for the G.C.S.U., lets hope that the students are not well informed on crucial issues abstain from voting and that the council positions so as not to commit any more major perils to the students’ concern. This way, the G.C.S.U. could perhaps play a role for which they may have the necessary competence and enthusiasm: that of a student dance commit-tee.

It is indeed unfortunate that pettiness arises out of an event designed for fun and participation. I am, of course, referring to the Glendon Marathon and the recent reaction to Susan Asa in her totally misinformed “article” concerning the Field House.

Not only are the critics outright lies, but they do not grow out of an honest concern for students despite her attempts to convey that.

Ms. Asa was most upset that her boyfriend alumnus Marshall Katz was not eligible for an award at the Marathon despite alumni’s first place finish among Glendon entries. Each team is required to use 12 runners and alumni but had but 6. They did, as it turned out later, win a participation award. Out of her sense of indignation (the article also de- cepted the ruling and knew of it before they ran) non-runner, non-marshall, non-participant Asa wrote vendredi, le 30 oct. 1980.

her article”. She had threatened to do so in most colourful language in front of many of our guest runners (in a beautiful display of public relations).

We are most disappoint-ed, not with Ms. Asa, for it was clear despite calm attempts to explain, the help of rules, printed on the entry form, that she was not interested (in fact, she makes that clear), but with Pro Tem. We feel strongly that the error, and more specifically in this case the sports editor, should make certain of the “facts” in a published article. The information in Asa’s article is not only false, a fact that should have been apparent to Pro Tem as you have refused to have a close liaison with Cathy Clarke and have printed articles on programs, stories on teams, and “ads” for upcoming events.

We have been very thankful of this co-opera-tion and trust it will continue. Let us concern ourselves with the number of students who are involved in the many programs and not live up to last year Pro Tem’s standards by publishing articles by non-informed, non-participants who do not wish to investigate an issue for fear of being confused by the facts.

The fact is an excellent article. Programs are offered at all levels and they are booming.

People say, Athletic Director, Glendon.

The reader is response to last week’s “Letter of the Week” concerning the Glendon Marathon. Let me say that the Athletics Department welcomes all interested participants to enter our events, but we do reserve the right to offer, (in the case of the Marathon, one of five prizes) awards specifically to Glendon College teams. In order to be considered a Glendon team the runner had to be considered by both faculty, students, faculty, staff of Glendon College.

Sports, just as CMCC students in residence are not eligible for both college awards presented by the college for scholastic achievement.

The situation can and does work in reverse. For a recent invitational tennis tournament held here and co-sponsored by Chiro Ted Luck and Greg Rogers, a trophy was purchased for the top on and team. I am also sure that Glendon students wouldn’t expect to be eligible for CMCC sports teams and athletic awards.

Getting back to the Marathon, five awards were offered at the pre-race celebration and only two of them were presented on the basis of achievement. The other three awards were drawn randomly from a hat, finishing position was not a consideration. The Athletic Department has not taken PARTICI-PATION in all of its programmes. It is our concern to increase the interest and involvement in recreation of everyone on our campus.

Catherine Clarke
Assistant Director
Department of Athletics

Des Sanctions?

par Marc Marlier

Peut-on envisager des sanctions contre les grévistes? La question a été posée depuis le début de la grève. Les opinions à ce sujet sont assez diversifiées. L’avenir nous le dira sans aucun doute. Cela permettra de bien connaître des autorités universitaires comme de la durée de la grève.

M. Garigue, qui émis le désir de voir ce conflit se résoudre sans que cela n’affecte les relations futures. Pour M. le Principal, il s’agit d’un problème bien spécifique entre des étudiants et leur employeur qui est ici l’Université York. Il faut éviter que ce ne soit dans les relations ne s’élargisse à la population étudiante et fasse monter les tensions dans les contacts difficiles. A propos des sanctions contre les grévistes, il a précisé que tout ce qui a été fait ou sera fait ou dit qui aura été une blessure à l’ordre. Ce qui signifie qu’il y aurait un retour au travail, mais le même conditions qu’avant la grève. Une croix serait faite sur la période de troubles que l’on connaît actuellement.

Il s‘agit là d’une vue très optimiste envisagée par M. Garigue difficultement partageable par tous les membres du personnel. D’autres personnes pensent d’ailleurs que cette grève ne serait pas mis en œuvre pour écarter les éléments gênants pour la politique de l’administration de York. Les contrats pour l’année prochaine se résoudraient de ne pas être renouvelés pour plusieurs des personnes concernées par la chose. L’université York ne craint pas de manquer de personnel. Il lui sera facile de trouver de nouveaux éléments dans le marché du travail. Most of the people have already missed a week, but some say that it will be a benefit for the students who are not well paid, who have no job security and who are concerned about satisfactory ratios in the classroom. In the end, this issue is as much about Glendon’s concern as it is the strikers’ concern.

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Comment peut-on alors établir un dialogue sur de bonnes bases?
New Student Federation on the Move

A one-day lobbying blitz by student leaders on Parliament Hill October 19, left delegates frustrated by government security and the reactions of MPs.

Following a five day founding conference of the Canadian Federation of Students which merged the National Union of Students, various provincial federations by the Association of Student Councils, about 100 delegates converged on Parliament Hill. They brought demands for an end to cutbacks in postsecondary education, a public inquiry into the role of postsecondary education, and the replacement of Canada Students Loans with an all-grants system.

The students planned a series of meetings with MPs from their home ridings, the presentation of a petition signed by more than 20,000 students, and attendance at daily question periods. Members of the CFS executive met with newly-appointed Secretary of State Gerald Regan, whose duties include student assistance programs, and later with Tory finance critic Michael Wilson.

"It was one of the most frustrating experiences I've had in my whole life," said Kathie Cram, of the CFS Central Committee.

Cram in academic gowns, and selling "muffins for education" at $2,000 a-piece, about 50 students walked to the steps of Parliament. They were told by security forces that they had to enter the Centre Block building through a rear freight entrance. Commons police said they couldn't bring their pickets into the building.

The lobby organizers had obtained a room in the building for the use of delegates throughout the day, but the students were evicted from the office mid-afternoon by accommodation personnel who said they had to be addressed by a member of parliament in the room in order to allow its use.

"They made us leave at 3:30," said John Doherty, CFS Executive Officer. "Even though we had the room booked until 5:30."

But Peter Fleming, chief of accommodations, said it was a mistake that CFS had been able to use the room at all. "All these rooms are for parliamentary committees," he said, and a parliamentary committee needed that room.

After one hour lineups, waiting for admission to the Members' Gallery to view the question period, the students were told of a dress code, that required shirts and ties for the men. Delegates said they had been corralled throughout the day by Commons security guards, and were not helped during the lineup for question period as the galleries filled up with other visitors.

"It was a nightmare over there," said CFS Internal Co-ordinator Martha Elliott. "I don't dispute that we got screwed by the government.

Captain W.J. Landry, chief officer of security for the House, said the students had not been treated in an unusual fashion. "It's not normal to have demonstrators in the building at all," he said. Although the CFS delegates "seemed like a good group" and didn't seem likely to cause any problems he said, "large groups of people like that usually keep outside and have a delegation come inside.

Mike McNeil, chairperson of the CFS Central Committee, said the security seemed to tighten around the CFS delegates. "We could have known the rules better," he said, "but I think it was deliberate." McNeil said the Central Committee may send a letter of protest concerning their treatment to the Speaker of the House.

The lobby day plans launched a three point campaign, approved by the CFS conference. The Federation's campaign strategy is aimed at the federal government's planned cuts in education spending, and calls for spreading information among students and the public while forming alliances with other social sector groups.

CFS has proposed a student aid system that would replace the current loans program with a grants system. The CFS proposed program, delegates said, would be afforded by adjusting the tax credit system for education.

McNeil said the meeting held with MPs - "showing our allies are and who our enemies are." He said the visitors explained to each member the CFS platform and asked for support in the House against cutbacks that are expected when the federal budget is unveiled November 12.

"No one we talked to was prepared to carry our line," said Chris Frazer, Alberta representative on the CFS executive. "He said many MPs had limited knowledge of the cutbacks being considered within the Liberal cabinet.

"People who tended to say the cuts weren't coming were Liberals," said McNeil. He said a number of delegates received frosty receptions from their MPs.

Brenda Cote, of the Universitaire de Moncton, said Gary McCauley, a Moncton Liberal, claimed no cuts would be made, and moved into an argument in which he labelled her a socialist. "He's arrogant and insulting," said Cote.

McCauley, she said, had not read the report of the all-party task force on federal fiscal arrangements, which was released August 31. The task force recommended federal spending on education for the year was increasing, and that cutbacks were expected in the future.

The students, who were attending the CFS conference to hold a national week of action early next March, to coincide with the beginning of negotiations on federal transfers of funding for post-secondary education and social services. Meanwhile protest days are being planned for the next month against the introduction of cutbacks.

Alberta representative Chris Frazer said the meeting with Michael Wilson that was presided over by Conservative finance critic, gained little ground for the students. They were trying to form an alliance with us," he said, but noted that they "aren't saying anything different than the Liberals on the cuts. He said the Conservatives believe in tying education to the private sector and expanding job training programs.
King Crimson Reigns Again

By Sally Cooke

The line-ups had begun to form well before four P.M. for the first of two sold-out shows, by King Crimson at the Concert Hall on Friday October 23. Wind and rain hadn't dismayed the patient fans who stood in the unpleasant weather in hopes of claiming a clear vantage point for their own.

Two thousand people jammed the balcony for the first time in years counted for more than a mere disappointment.

Guitarist and founder Robert Fripp is without a doubt the major attraction of the band. Enthusiasts of the Frippertonics sound know that well. But you didn't have to be a fan of Fripp to be impressed by the excellence of musicianship within the concept of a band.

Adrian Belew is an able complement to Fripp, supplying lead vocals and guitar with an enthusiastic air. Dressed in a white Japanese gei and black pants, he quickly became the focal point with his energetic yet fluid dancing and easy rapport with the audience.

Belew is a well seasoned professional, having toured extensively with Frank Zappa, and the Talking Heads. The Talking Heads influence was strongly felt in the newer material from Disciplines, King Crimson's latest.

'Elephant Talk' has a strong, danceable African rhythm with intelligent lyrics, virtuoso guitar work by Belew and Davik Byrne-like vocals. Belew's fret skills ranged from elephant squeaks to sweet, melodic bird-like chirps found in the delightful 'Matte Kudasi'. A slow song of extreme delicacy and beauty, it displayed the eclectic spirit of this progressive band.

The rhythm section worked well with the guitar work. Tony Cline is an excellent bass player who has toured with Peter Gabriel, a long-time friend of Fripp. He performed strongly and unobtrusively, switching to a regular bass at times, but generally performing miracles on the more complex and unusual bass instruments of which he is a master.

Bill Bruford played synthesized drums in a complex but restrained manner. Followers of King Crimson, yes, and Bruford's solo projects can attest to his remarkable abilities. Yet at the concert we saw only a hint of his incredible speed and co-ordination. As in the Talking Heads, solo stardom is sacrificed in favour of group cohesion and exploration.

The audience respected this, and appreciated the group aims. They warmly responded to each piece especially enjoying an old favorite, 'Red'.

The last speaker of the night was E.L. Doctrow, renowned for his best-selling novels and short stories, poems, novels and of this output. He read several amusing stories with a sensitive message.

Another Canadian author, George Ryga, appeared at Harbourfront. His best known work is The Estacy of Rita Joe, but Mr. Ryga is more than a playwright. He is also a composer, novelist and TV writer. His output to date is over two hundred plays, short stories, poems, novels and records. Ryga gave us a varied selection of some of this output. He read several amusing stories with a sensitive message underneath. Sometimes Ryga is a political satirist, but underneath all the humour there is a social or sly an insight into human nature lurks. The one poem that he read was completely serious, and revealed clearly the deeper, painful side of life.

Brazilian author Rubem Fonseca conducted a mock interview with Irish writer John Banville. Pornography and the 'nasty nature' of Banville's work were discussed. Along the way, satiric lines and Banville's dry wit made for a funny interchange between these two authors with contrasting accents.

The last speaker of the night was E.L. Doctrow, renowned for his best-sellers Ragtime and Loon Lake. Doctrow chose to read from a play he is working on. It contained a few unusual insights about cars and the world within.

Then Doctrow read from his novel Loon Lake. His detailed descriptions filled the air with his characters, a lush lake and the outlying woods. The situation was brough to life expertly as each listener began to feel as if he was at Loon Lake.

By the end of the evening, I felt like buying all of the audio works. It was a very interesting evening, and I'd recommend attending next year. If anyone would like to attend Harbourfront's weekly readings, they are on Tuesdays at eight thirty.
Faculty Council Meeting

by Ruth Bradley

At this month’s Faculty Council Meeting a vice-chairman was elected from the student representatives on the council. Louise Sander and Susan Asa were both nominated with the former being elected to the position.

Professor MacDonald, when questioned by professor Macdonald cleared up a little matter of a slanderous quote which appeared in a previous issue of this paper. The quote in question referred to the reason why this convention had not been held at Glendon for so many years as a ‘general feeling of apathy and laziness’ on the part of the students. Mr. Minco claimed he was misquoted by the writer of the article and had actually said that the apathy and laziness was on the part of the faculty and not the students.

The matter of Library cutbacks was brought up by Mr. Shand, a member of the Library Committee. It was pointed out that some new material information about the University’s funds and that the 4% cut in Frost Library funds (see last Pro Tem) should be protested. Especially since it is unknown what the cuts will mean to the main campus libraries and how they manage to escape with less than a 1% cut.

The reason that Frost’s cuts amount to 4% is that a ‘Dragon’ committee which reviews library jobs as they become vacant declared that the job of an employee who had taken a leave of absence without pay was unnecessary. They also down graded another job. These cuts, in effect add up to a 4% decrease in the library budget.

In the past Glendon has succeeded twice in increasing the library budget through the Faculty Council. If we again approach York through the council chances are that Glendon can fight at least some of the inequitable cuts being imposed on us.

The problem of a long range academic plan for Glendon took up the greatest part of the meeting. The importance in formulating such a plan was strongly stressed in view of the fact that Glendon’s is the only faculty and unfortunately a university which has not submitted such a plan to the University Senators.

Principal Garigue stressed the fact that budget and academic priorities must merge in such a plan and he also pointed out that it would be impossible to say what next year’s budget will be, a 2% cut may be imposed on the faculty.

The last order of business at the meeting was Susan Asa’s motion to create a committee to look into the worsening situation at Proctor Field House and to report to the Faculty Council. In view of the fact that there had been established last year such a committee who reported to the Dean, the matter was referred to him for consideration. Everyone seemed to agree that the committee last year had accomplished nothing so the matter will be taken up at the next Faculty Council meeting when the Dean reports back.

For details of Susan Asa’s motion, see last week’s Pro Tem.

Faculty Council Meeting

Fire Safety Regulations

From: William R. King, Executive Officer, York University

I spent some time with a fire inspector of the North York Fire Department recently and heard of my attention some fire safety regulations that are being violated here at Glendon College. From the extremely wide range of regulations that govern our buildings and practices, there are some rules that can be followed by us as a community. By so doing, we will reduce the risk to the lives of all who use the college and the possibility of being called on to pay for small, entrances and exits.

North York for failing to comply with the regulations. Such a charge will incur some severe penalties for us.

The inspector’s experience is that a lack of community education in fire safety matters is a major cause for violating safety rules and, unfortunately, even when well intentioned efforts to save people trapped in a fire situation, often results in the death of people who might otherwise have been saved.

I am asked, therefore, to bring to your attention some rules that we must observe here at Glendon College.

1. Fire Exit Routes

Corridors, foyers, stairways, and exits from all buildings are potential fire escape routes. These routes must therefore be kept unobstructed. It is against fire regulations to place tables, chairs, coffee machines, unattached coat racks, bicycles, cartons, loose equipment etc., in the office and classroom corridors, or outside the various common rooms, dining halls and lecture theatres, or in residence or building stairwells.

The rationale for the regulation is self-evident but I will ask you to bear with me and hear the inspector’s experience on the potential danger that is posed by ‘loose items in escape routes. A fire in a Montreal cafe last year took many lives. The fire inspector’s investigations and autopsies revealed that a waiter’s trolley had been left in the exit corridor. When an alarm was given people rushed to the exit. The first few who reached the trolley and the crowd continued to surge to the door. It was noted afterwards that 17 of the many people who died in the fire had no smoke in their lungs, but had been trampled to death. I request the cooperation of all in ensuring that no loose equipment such as I have noted above is allowed to become such a potential hazard.

I appreciate the difficulties that this poses at registration times, particularly for student program plans. But we need to find an alternative to the practices we have now of using corridors as sign up areas or just, waiting-in-line to speak to a Faculty member area, with the attendant risk of loose tables, chairs, literature holders etc.

2. Fire Doors

All doors have a fire rating which extends from one minute for a plain wooden door, to hours for the heavy metal and reinforced glass door we know as fire doors.

It was pointed out to me that some fire doors were being jammed open and the doors were designed to hang to swing closed when released. When closed the doors obviously contain a fire preventing an inrush of air. A fire door jammed open in a stairwell, for example, will turn a small fire at the lower level into a blast furnace, and so cut off a means of escape. Please remove door jams should you see them. I thank you for your patience in reading through this; your help and cooperation to keep the College safe is essential and will be much appreciated.

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McAuley
by Vincent Ball

Susan McAuley is one Glendon student who enjoys getting high and coming down fast. But the high she gets isn't from paying too much visits to the pub. It comes from participating in her favorite form of recreation: she is a parachutist.

But as if that were not enough, McAuley manages to drop into Proctor Field House and take the role of co-ordinator of women's athletics at Glendon College. She has taken on the position of a liaison person between the students of Glendon College and the athletic staff at Proctor Field House.

Gibson
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For Peter Gibson sport and recreation is a way of life. And he suggests that students at Glendon College could become more actively involved with recreational programs offered by the Proctor Field House and the Glendon athletic staff.

Gibson, 21 of Toronto is in his third year at Glendon College majoring in sociology. As a child he began skating at six years of age and began playing hockey at seven. While his career has improved over the last year, it hasn't been overwhelming.

"We try to get people to know about the facilities but they have to be interested in getting into something (athletic activity)," said Gibson. "People just have to get keener," he added.

Gibson is an avid skier and works on weekends as a ski instructor at Beaver Valley ski resort. He would like to arrange a ski day for Glendon students. The tentative date is Jan. 22 and if students are interested they should contact Gibson through Proctor Field House.

Gibson is captain and manager of Glendon's inter-collegiate hockey team and says while the team has 18 players, positions on the team are still available.

He added that if anyone would like to set up a team or start a program they should get in contact with him.

"We won't run the team for you but we will certainly do anything to help you out," Gibson said.

Oktoberfest
par Marc Marlier
Plantons le décor! Il y a de nouveaux semblants, nous étions encore dans le désert de la soif cherchant la source de vie. Cette fois-ci, nous faisons surpris rencontrer un étudiant de Glendon offrant de passer une soirée sympathique dans une ambiance chaleureuse. Je ne pouvais donc pas refuser une telle invitation.

Le grand jour arriva bien vite. Une rumeur m'apprit que le nombre d'entrées serait limité. Ne voulant pas rater une telle fête, je m'empressai d'acheter mon billet pour le paradis bleu (ou plutôt de la "Bléue"). Deux moelises gardaient fercement l'entrée. Il fut malgré tout facile de les amadouer avec un "nonosse", quelques paroles symphiques et la sourire déformant la machoire.

Ma première réaction après cette étape rude fut de ma ruer vers le bar. De ce même compoito, je pus regarder à loisir la gentille file de gens attendant stoiquelement de commander leurs doses de houbon. Quelques uns d'entre eux plus malins ou plus assisists s'empressaient de dépasser la file pour se présenter avec un sourire confiant devant la serveuse.

Après cela, je pus admi­rir la populace se trémoussant sur des airs entraînants. Moi-même partici­pa à la liesse populaire, gérant tout en pensant, comme tant d'autres, à gosier assez vite arrêté que l'on peut félicer la sono pour le choix et la variété de ses morceaux. A quelques reprises, les mélodies d'airs allemands de polka m'ont chatoûté les oreilles. J'ai pu remarquer que c'est un type de danse encore assez apprécié.

On peut regretter cepen­dant que ce thème de l'Oktoberfest n'ait pas été plus présent. Cela a pu donner une mauvaise idée de la fête allemande aux gens y participant pour la première fois.

Enfin! On s'est quand même bien amusé puisque la fête s'est terminée aux petites heures sans que la salle ne dégrosisse. Espérons que l'Halloween aura le même succès ou plus encore.

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