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# EDITORIAL

## The Proper Balance

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada regarding abortion and its legality will have great ramifications for Canadian women and the medical profession.

Abortions are now legal, but that does not necessarily mean that they are readily accessible to women. It has now become the domain of the woman and her personal physician, as it should have been all along. Aside from these new legal aspects, the moral issue is still unresolved, and remains a personal matter as it probably always will.

This decision has emphasized the continuing "Americanization" of our court system whereby the judiciary can overturn laws if it finds them unconstitutional. It has illustrated the Supreme Court's increasingly interventionist role in our judicial-political system. The Court has further established itself as the "Guardian" of the Charter of Rights and the Constitution, which is not necessarily a good thing since it shifts power from the elected legislative branch to the appointed judicial branch, leading to power struggles over the appointment of judges.

Parliament still has the power to override any decision by the Supreme Court by using its "notwithstanding clause" in the Constitution. However, the government will not have the political will to do so due to the delicacy and volatility of this issue, and especially so when a general election is just around the corner.

But it is interesting to note that the Supreme Court has followed in the footsteps of all the juries that have gone before it in handing down the 5-2 majority decision, and with good reason. If juries consistently feel that a law is unconstitutional and infringes upon the rights of individuals, then such a law should be struck down.

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## Letters/Lettres

### Le tabac

À la Rédaction:

Les gens qui acceptent les idées que Darryl Singer exprime dans sa lettre du 18 janvier 1988, pensent probablement que fumer n'est qu'un simple plaisir que leurs amis aussi bien que leurs ennemis ont en commun». Darryl Singer affirme qu'il a plus de chances de mourir dans un accident causé par un chauffeur ivre que par les effets de la fumée de cigarette qu'il inhale involontairement. Cependant, il pense qu'il est impossible de supprimer l'alcool. On peut déjà constater que la logique de ses arguments commencent à s'évaporer (Je lui conseillerais de suivre le plus tôt possible le cours d'Ann McKenzie, «Logique»).

Il est certainement difficile de surprimer l'alcool, mais cela n'empêche pas la société de combattre énergiquement le danger que représente la conduite en état d'ivresse. La consommation de tabac représente un problème similaire. Si je décide de fumer trois paquets par jour soit chez moi, soit en la présence de personnes prêtes en accepter les conséquences, c'est mon droit le plus entier. Cependant, à partir du

moment où je fume devant quelqu'un qui n'a pas décidé d'accepter les effets de ma fumée, la situation n'est plus la même. De même qu'un chauffeur en état d'ébriété, je porte atteinte au bien-être des autres et mes droits individuels doivent s'incliner devant l'intérêt général.

Darryl soulève la question des emplois. Parlons-en, je suis infirmière et la cigarette contribue largement à assurer mon futur. Je suis certaine de toujours trouver du travail à soigner des maladies infantiles telles que la bronchite et l'asthme provoqués directement ou indirectement par la fumée des autres. Je serais grassement payée par les hôpitaux à m'occuper des victimes d'emphysème, de cancer des poumons, de maladies cardiovasculaires et autres maladies qui trouvent leur origine dans la consommation de tabac. Cependant, je préférerais passer de cet emploi et ne pas voir mes amis se laisser aller à ce plaisir qui n'est pas innocent.

Claudette Chase

### Squirrels

To the Editor:  
re: Squirrel Feeding

Mike Den Tandt and Carey Nieuwhof have used forum to cite the return of a furry custom this year. I speak of those who have been feeding the twitchy beasts around Glendon. This bright-eyed bushy-tailed correspondent argues, however, for a better balanced diet. Crumpled Doritos and Krinkles potato chips deposited outside Glendon hall Friday morning were NOT. The squirrels ignored it too.

Being too lazy to catch one for a tail's-length interview, I asked the Spirit of Captain Fluke. He reached me and said this was what they liked: raw, unroasted, unsalted, shelled peanuts. Then he wafted away towards Wood Residence, remarking that he preferred Oreos himself.

So there. Those munching full cheeks you see have spoken. Let's deliver!

Yours in Salivation  
Raymond Cheng

### Fluke?

Dear Editor:

Re: final Standings of Carnival '88. (*Pro Tem*,

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1988)

I believe the real winners of Carnival '88 are "Le retour du Capitaine Fluke: The Wrath of Hahn: Maintenant c'est personnel! a.k.a the Steve Black Foundation for the preservation of a Free Student Press": For their profound sense of humour in devising their name (albeit somewhat of an inside joke). The losers of Carnival? "Get AIDS - SIDA" for their callous ignorance in creating their name.

It would appear that last year's A-House residents have left behind a legacy of impaired judgement. (Remember why the Wrath of Hahn was ignited?)

Yours truly, a friend of Judy's and not afraid to admit it.

Afsun Qureshi

### Problems

To the Editor:

I wish to point out that if you do not indicate that a correspondent's or a writer's name has been withheld upon request, then the clause which is to be found each week in the information box on the editorial page, "all content is the sole responsibility of the editorial staff unless otherwise indicated," must be assumed to govern the content of an unsigned letter or an article without a byline.

Your editorial for Vol. 27, No. 14 was unsatisfying. As Robertson Davies has written, "it is bad form to quote one's own works in support of an opinion," and so I offer the following quotation from R.J. Ossenburg regarding the functions and responsibilities of a University newspaper, which may be found in the "Report of the Archivist of the *Pro Tem*."

"If it concentrates too much on those experiences which are shared in the everyday informal associations of students and which are effectively communicated in this manner, it is engaging in excess verbiage, which merely serves to reinforce pre-dispositions which may, in some respects, be unfortunate."

When a community of scholars turns inwards and ceases to examine and comment upon the major

• See Letters p.11

The purpose of the Forum page is to elicit various viewpoints on a variety of topics. We encourage controversy and responses to the articles. Also, the views expressed in the section are those of the contributor and not necessarily those of Pro Tem.

# FORUM

La page Forum a pour objectif de faire connaître différentes opinions sur des sujets variés. Vos réponses et commentaires sont plus que les bienvenus. Veuillez prendre note que les opinions exprimées dans cette rubrique représentent le point de vue de l'auteur et non pas nécessairement celui de Pro Tem.

## A Response to Mr. Singer

by David Ma

It always has the same pattern, that of civil-libertarian name-calling followed by a good dose of horn-blowing about individual rights, concluded with a string of misleading, if not completely false, evidence and extrapolations. What I am specifically referring to is Mr. Singer's article on the new anti-smoking laws.

Concerning "our democratic society" and "the freedoms and liberties most Canadians take for granted", and the "group of zealots" which Mr. Singer refers to, I believe he is trying to make the point that passing this law will, in effect, lead to the deprivation of our basic civil liberties (such as freedom of speech, freedom of association, etc). However, looking at it from the opposite point of view, one might say that not passing this law will lead to a disintegration of control of the government, and a disintegration of society, and give everybody as much civil liberty as they can abuse (such as the freedom to murder, the freedom to rob, to rape, etc.). Whoops, I meant "use" back there (or did I?...). The point which I am attempting to make is that both are cases of extremes, and to argue either goes against an inherent mode of human thought which I refer to as "reason". Mr. Singer also mentioned something about "tyrannies of the minorities", but more about this later.

Mr. Singer has also proposed to *Pro Tem* readers that his chances of getting killed by a drunk driver on any given night is more than the chances of being killed by eating, sleeping and living with a smoker for the rest of his life. Well, I would like to question the source of his information. But then again, perhaps this person with which he would choose to live has invented some kind of miracle cigarette. Or perhaps Mr. Singer has had his lungs surgically removed, intaking and expelling his (hot) air in some different manner. Or perhaps Mr. Singer doesn't live in Toronto, or more generally, in Canada, and has the statistics for another world (whoops, I meant "another country"...). In any case, let us assume Mr. Singer is a normal human, lungs and all. As well, let us return to the real world, just for a second...

Leafing through some recent brochures, courtesy of Stats-Can and the Canadian Cancer Society, I came across some interesting information. This, Mr. Singer, is what I found: 32,000 deaths (or about 18% of all deaths in Canada) were directly linked to the use of to-

bacco products in 1985. The total number of ALL traffic accident fatalities (including alcohol-caused fatalities), was 4,200 (or about 2%). Could Mr. Singer elaborate on the calculations he used in order to figure out this "greater chance"? I would appreciate, as I am sure other readers would, this new method of statistical calculation which Mr. Singer has discovered.

Just as a side point, I would also like to point out some other numbers (since Mr. Singer does seem to have a thing about them...). Lung cancer is fatal in 95% of all cases. "Second-hand smoke", is 2.5 times more dangerous than the smoke inhaled by the smoker, due to the fact that it is not filtered. Larynx cancer, cancer of the oesophagus, bronchitis, emphysema, coronary heart disease, peptic ulcer, and cancer of the bladder are also encouraged by cigarette smoke (from 2 to 25 times greater risk of death). On top of this, tobacco smoke can cause a variety of side effects for those on medication (such as oral contraceptives), which in some cases, can be quite harmful.

In other words, the only possible way Mr. Singer's chance of getting killed by a drunk driver would be better than dying of cancer, is if he went to a country where there wasn't any LAW (hint, hint) against drinking and driving, going to a local watering-hole, and jamming his head tightly between the ground and the wheel of a car parked in front of such an establishment. Then, perhaps if he was lucky, his odds of dying a drinking and driving death would be increased.

Mr. Singer then refers to the tobacco industry in Canada. And again, I have numbers for you. Lost revenue due to tobacco related deaths in 1979 was a total of 3 billion dollars. Disability days were another \$616 million. The cost of tobacco related fire damage brings the total to 5 billion dollars lost. (This does NOT include governmental tax income from lost revenue). The tobacco industry generated about \$3.9 billion of business in the same period, and the feds netted about \$1.5 billion in taxes (if you're interested, this is about 1.6% of federal taxation income), with the provinces taking in another billion. Concerning jobs, the tobacco industry directly employs about 57,000 people. This is about 0.5% of the workforce of Canada. Would these people lose their jobs? Yes. Will these people find other jobs? YES. Now, this may seem like a slight

oversimplification, but my point is, Mr. Singer, that as much as you could prove that the loss of the tobacco industry is detrimental to Canada, I could prove that it would be beneficial to Canada in the long term (say, for example, the revenue from those 32,000 people that didn't die from smoking, and the revenue from their children etc.), as long as the government handles it correctly. In other words, the only thing that Mr. Singer has proved is that you can't prove what will happen to the economy either way. But let us give Mr. Singer the benefit of the doubt. Perhaps he has devised a new and infallible economic model. In any case, more about this later on.

Up until now, I've been talking in numbers, but let us take another point of view, since numbers never tell us everything.

In regard to the consumption of alcohol, I would like to remind Mr. Singer that drinking in itself is not against the law, but the "liberty" of drinking and driving IS. The reason behind this is that drinking, for the most part, cannot harm anyone but yourself. Drinking and driving however, can and does injure others around you, as does cigarette smoking. Seeing as how the detriments of drinking and driving far outweigh the benefit of having such a right, laws have been passed severely restricting this

"right". So let us weigh the detriments (which I have already mentioned) with the benefits of the right to smoke.

Now, if I was a smoker deprived of smoking at the workplace, how would I suffer? Oh no! I'd live longer! That's terrible! However, I would also feel discomfort due to my cravings for nicotine. But then again, if I had not had sex in a year, and my girlfriend came to my office during the day, could I muster up the self-control to wait until I got home to "satisfy my cravings"? Hopefully, I

could. Then again, I could just clear my desk and take advantage of her (whoops, I meant "take advantage of my civil liberties"). Even so, this would probably be better than smoking in the workplace, since it would not harm those around you. In fact, it might even have an uplifting effect on some, as opposed to smoking.

If you would like another aspect of smoking, you must remember that nicotine is a DRUG, which has been shown

• See Tyranny p.10

## Attention aux imitations

Marie-Josée Roy  
étudiante en traduction

Lorsque j'ai quitté ma "belle province" pour venir étudier ici, à Glendon, dans un environnement bilingue, je pensais, et j'avais toujours pensé, que je parlais français. Les anglophones à qui je m'adressais pouvaient même noter mon accent "français". Question inévitable à mon accent exotique: "Are you French?" Pour faire suite à mon acquiescement, on me demandait avec enthousiasme: "French from Paris or Montreal?" Et alors? Au début je croyais qu'il s'agissait d'une question banale ayant comme unique but d'alimenter la conversation. Mais après une dizaine de fois, j'ai commencé à trouver la situation quelque

peu bizarre. Surtout que lorsque je répondais que je venais du Québec, je semblais soudainement moins intéressante. Plus tard, j'ai appris, à mon grand étonnement, que je ne parlais pas le "vrai" français. J'ai appris que le "français du Québec" était du "very bad French", et que pour donner des cours privés de français, il était très bien vu, voire essentiel, d'écrire bien gros sur l'annonce "Direct from France" ou "De Dijon, France". Maintenant, j'ai peur, j'ai peur qu'on me demande "Do you speak English from England or English from Canada?" Tout à coup que je me sois encore trompée et que je n'apprenne pas le "vrai" anglais... heureusement qu'il me reste l'espagnol!

## A Few Words on Our behalf

by Ernie Vlasic

There is no separate mind and body. Every thought and action is a wholly physical event. Apart from composition at birth, that which motivates thought and action is that which is experienced and ingested into mind and body. Every action of mind and body is dictated by the physical composition of the same. After the instance of conception, constant experience (or sensation) and ingestion constantly change the composition of mind and body. The result of these constant changes in the physical composition of mind/body become thoughts and actions. Simply stated, at any one instance we are neither more nor less than the physical matter that we are composed of. However, the next instance, because of the sensations experienced or matter ingested in that time, the mind/body has changed.

The mind/body has changed since the above paragraph and will have again changed before reading the next. The actions motivated by reading are mani-

festated initially through mind, then instantly bodily also. An example: Being interested in the reading may produce adrenalin, while being disinterested might produce endorphins (interest being determined solely by previous experience). Hunger, oppositely, concerns actions initially motivated by body, creating a response in mind, then instant thought/action. An example: Growl, growl, faintness, etc. "I am hungry. I must have food. Is Ronnie's open?" Listening to a really cool Latin groove is an example of both. The body/mind will experience the music and the thought/action will be enjoying the melody and tapping the foot simultaneously.

To illustrate the entire process, extreme (the term is relative) examples will serve best. One: Seeing an advert, "Smoking is horrible; it makes you smell and die and stuff." This causes a physical change in the mind/body. Obvious results might be thought, "I should stop smoking, it makes me smell and die and stuff," and a

responding action, like not smoking. Two: Pain. Pain. Pain. "I have a horrible hangover because I drank too much last night." The mind/body will then change and the resulting thought/action might be not drinking so much the next night.

As brains and bodies are similar for all upon birth, a body ingesting exclusively alfalfa, cauliflower, bean curd, and wine coolers won't necessarily produce extremely different thought/actions than a body ingesting exclusively suicide chicken wings, scotch, and Marlboros. They will however, certainly differ.

Your actions and thoughts are determined from your physical composition at birth? Yes, to an extent. You are what you eat? Yes, to an extent. You are a part of every thing that you experience? Largely, yes.

And that's it really. I really don't believe that conscience, human nature, gods, or moral absolutes, are an integral part of being as much as they are abstract expressions.

# NOUVELLES

## Gallery Board Cut

by John Sullivan

Glendon's Acting Principal, Beth Hopkins has significantly changed the operating structure of Glendon Gallery by dissolving the Board of Directors and placing full control for the Gallery with the Dean of Students, Yvette Schmidt.

In her letter of January 17<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Hopkins states, "The position of the Glendon Art Gallery is administratively anomalous... it must answer to the Principal, the Dean of Students and the Board." The belief is that the changes will create a more secure and normal operating format with Ms. Schmidt controlling both the Glendon Gallery and the Maison de la Culture, Glendon's second gallery.

Ms. Schmidt is presently preparing to revamp the structure of Glendon Gallery so that it will develop a "merging concept where the mandate incorporates both galleries and where the concept is linked with continuity," said Ms. Schmidt. In addition, she would like to integrate the Glendon community into the mainstream of a liberal arts college, which Glendon presently lacks. The idea would be to align art and the galleries with the quality of courses offered at Glendon. Presently, there are less than four arts courses offered, but Ms. Schmidt is eager to expand this number while also increasing the topic of art within existing courses.

The Maison de la Culture and the Glendon Gallery attract two very different groups of clientele since the Gallery is orientated to contemporary, young artists and the Maison attracts more experienced artists. Therefore, Ms. Schmidt denies any plans to physically amalgamate the \$93,000 operating budget of Glendon Gallery with the Maison, "there would be little, if any, savings of actual dollars."

The Glendon Gallery has been plagued by three changes in the position of curator, but Ms. Hopkins states that "the hiring of a new Curator/Director must wait." In the interim, Nathalie Cole will be Ms.

Schmidt's assistant with running the Gallery.

Ms. Schmidt plans to establish a committee to review Glendon Gallery and she is also seeking the input of concerned students and faculty. The Dean's Office is located on the second floor of York Hall and the office number is 487-6708.

Visual arts at Glendon is now in an extremely vulnerable state as it subjects itself to being revamped.

Providing that Ms. Schmidt makes the best decisions based on consultation, the Glendon community may experience a bright and colourful future.

## Election 88/89

Even if it doesn't seem like spring, it is once again time for the Spring Elections. Elections will be held for positions to the Glendon College Students' Union (GCSU) Council on March 7 and 8.

Every student currently taking at least one half-course at Glendon is eligible to vote and to seek a non-executive position on the GCSU Council.

Students enrolled in at least one full-course (or two half-courses) may hold an executive position on the Council.

Nominations will open Wednesday, February 3, and extend through the Spring Reading Week until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24.

This presents an opportunity for all Glendon students to

become more involved in student life at Glendon.

Through this involvement, a student can contribute to the educational and social value of the college. A position on the Council reaps rewards of improved organizational and communication skills as well as a well-rounded university experience.

Following is a brief overview of the positions available in this election:

- The **President** is the chief executive officer of the GCSU and represents the student body in dealing outside the College. The President is also responsible for outlining and
- See Nominations p.8

## Universities Losing Autonomy

ONTARIO — (CUP)

by Lynn Marchildon

In Richard Johnston's dreams, universities in the next decade will evolve backwards to the middle ages.

According to the Ontario NDP education critic universities then were the key to "holding together the values of society, and keeping us human and civilized during a time when all the pressures are going in the other direction."

Now, Johnston says, universities are losing their autonomy to more and more targeted provincial funding for special projects and they are closing their doors on an increasing

number of students who can't afford it or whose marks are too low to meet rising entrance requirements.

"I am very afraid of what's going to happen with the whole question of accessibility," says Johnston.

Next year, a 10 to 20 per cent increase in university applications is expected with both students graduating from both grade 12 and 13 applying for admission.

"Universities have all reported to COU (Council of Ontario Universities) that they do not wish to increase enrollments of first year at all and want a slight decline in the number of students coming in," says Johnston.

Lyn McLeod, Ontario's Minister of Colleges and Universities, says however that the government is committed to funding any university that increases its enrollment by more than three per cent. McLeod calls this an "unprecedented commitment" which will help universities that can increase enrollment "deal with some of the internal pressures of managing to set up new programs and depending on the faculty to do that."

Cam Jackson, provincial PC education critic, agrees that accessibility is the largest single problem facing universities today and it can only be solved through increased funding. He says the provincial government's commitment to universities is about \$15 million less than what most university critics say is needed to minimally maintain the existing level of services.

Jackson says the high cost of housing presents another barrier to access and the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) does not provide adequate assistance to cover this cost.

"It's no solution to saddle

you with even more debt in the form of your loan repayments just to put a roof over your head to attend college. I think most critics of the OSAP system could argue that we should be trying to figure out ways to reduce your debt burden and not always look into solutions that would increase it."

Jackson says both the NDP and the Progressive Conservatives would like to see the removal of the 8-term limit and a review in the way in which parental assets are calculated.

McLeod counters that the government has already increased OSAP's budget by \$25 million, mostly for grants, and provided an additional \$5 million to assist 10,000 part-time students.

"As the needs change we're constantly searching for ways to change the system," says McLeod, "and we're going to continue as we have in the past few years to refine and enhance the program to ensure that finances are not a barrier to, obtaining a post-secondary education in Ontario."

McLeod says one of her goals for the next decade is making Ontario colleges and universities truly accessible, particularly to mature, native and francophone students.

"Our concern is to discover which people are underrepresented, what are the barriers to their obtaining a post-secondary education and to begin to address those," says McLeod, adding the government is prepared to provide targeted

funding to remove these barriers.

But even if the government is successful, Johnston speculates that the university system will no longer serve a useful need in society, if current trends continue.

Johnston says universities are slowly letting go of their autonomy each time they apply for specific programs that are initiated and funded by the government.

Universities will be tempted to abandon their chosen routes to go after money that the government refuses to give them in the form of base operating grants, says Johnston, who adds it is like dangling "carrots in the face of universities to enter various kinds of programs that the government has in mind."

In order to be relevant, Johnston says universities must fight "the trends toward alienation and isolation in our society that are caught up in this technocracy that we are so much involved with."

The NDP critic says if the government doesn't devote more money to base operating grants, Ontario universities won't have enough money to do even that.

"The final judgement is easy," says Johnston. "You just have to look at how much we're spending per capita on post secondary education in this province compared to other provinces and we still are not where we should be which is, as the richest province, number one."

### STUDENT VENTURE CAPITAL

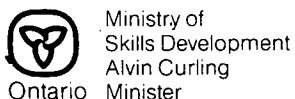
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Le comité représentant les étudiants auprès des services de restauration (GFBS) est fier de vous confirmer une amélioration du statut des non-fumeurs dans la cafétéria. Dorénavant, 50% de la surface pour manger sera réservée aux non-fumeurs, tandis que l'autre moitié demeure accessible à tous.

The Glendon Food and Beverage Service Committee (GFBS) is pleased to inform the community that one step has been taken to improve the environment in the Old Dining Hall. From now on, 50% of the table is reserved for non-smokers, while the other half remains free of regulations.

# Rill's Contract Being Renegotiated

by Kathy Cooper

Over the past month or so there has been great uncertainty over the future of Rill Foods as Glendon's official cafeteria caterer. The Glendon College/Rill Foods Contract expires on April 30/88. There is a five-year extension of this contract that may or may not be signed. If the extension is accepted, as proposed then at the end of the five year period, the equipment would belong to the University. If the executive committee decides to go to tender, the University will owe the rest of the unamortized equipment cost to Rill.

A meeting was held on Jan.

8/88 at which Manfred Dobliger, the owner of Restauronics, outlined his proposals for remaining at Glendon. He seems to have a keen interest in the welfare of the Glendon population and proposed some insightful ways in which the cafeteria could be improved for both the students and the Company. For example:

- They could realign the pizza/deli/short order counters to be operated by one person during slow periods rather than closing down the first two areas.
- They would like to close Le Petit Café on Friday nights and open Le Petit Café during the summer and close the

cafeteria.

- They would like to reduce operating hours during exam and reading week periods.

As though prices are not substantial enough, they have proposed a 5% price increase in May 1988.

As Mr. Crandles, the Director of Housing and Services, was in general agreement with these points, he reminded those at the meeting that a reduction in hours would have to guarantee that reasonable service would still be provided and that actual details would be worked out and agreed upon by both parties.

At a meeting on Thursday

Jan. 28, an executive committee decided that the University Food and Beverage Service Committee (U.F.B.S.C.) should go ahead with plans to negotiate a contract with Rill Foods (R.S.I. Canteen).

Members of the committee will be receiving a copy of the rough draft of the contract and will be given the opportunity to voice any complaints before the final contract is signed. If a major issue arises which cannot be resolved, the University is still free to go to tender.

It looks like the future of cafeteria meals lies in the hands of Rill Foods. Despite the complaints of first-year students

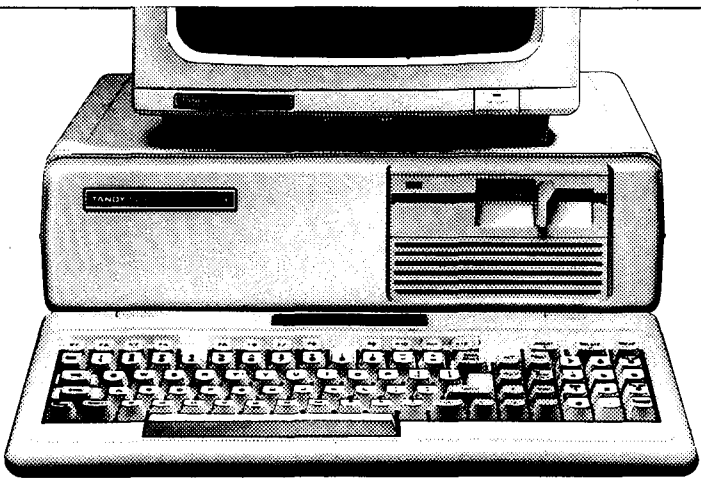
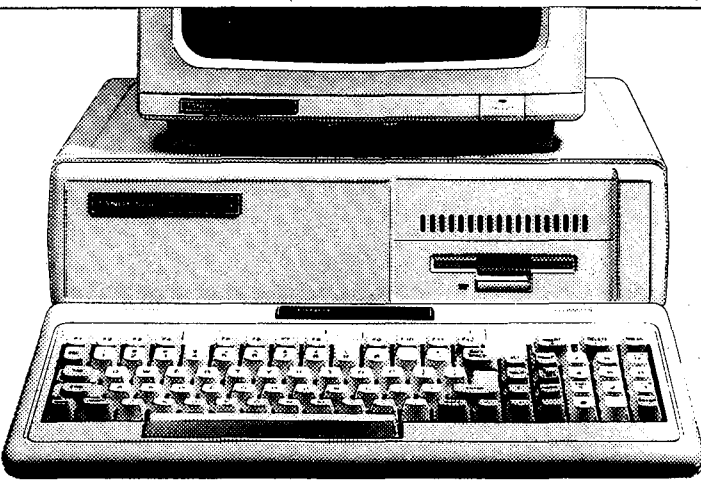
most 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students agree that they should be glad they don't know what they're missing.

There have been complaints that more variety in entrées are needed and that occasionally things will come off the grill undercooked, but in general Rill has been doing a good job considering the obvious staff changes.

Rill welcomes comments and suggestions and these can be directed towards Geoffrey Eden, through residence food representatives or to our Food Service Ombudsman directly.

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# The Palestinian Question

by Afsun Qureshi

When one has close Jewish and Moslem friends who are emotionally charged over the current situation in Israel, it becomes difficult to approach that subject with some objectivity.

A few of my Jewish friends believe that all P.L.O. members should be subjected to all forms of slow torture and cruel punishment, then left to die in some subterranean hole; some of my Moslem friends believe that Israel means nothing but state sponsored terrorism, which in turn is supported by the U.S.A. Consequently, U.S.A.'s support of Israel is an anti-Islamic stand that could only create and foster misconceptions of Islam.

It is difficult not to be swayed by emotion. However, despite the charged words of these friends, it is obvious that the

state of Palestine and a state of Israel; to begin this, there must exist negotiation; both sides must concede.

The Jews have met with Arab resistance about the location of Israel since the Balfour resolution, and Britain's National Jewish Home Policy. Since the creation of Israel in 1948, Jews and Arab Moslems have lived in turmoil with peak periods in 1967, and now. The latest episodes in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank have further increased the urgent need for peace in Israel.

It is unlikely that either the Jews or the Arab Moslems will concede to the other's demand of withdrawal; and neither should they, as Israel, or Palestine holds monumental religious importance for both groups. Consequently, as idealistic as it may sound, the two groups must learn to co-habitate peace-

credibility and legitimize their actions. Or, one can use the if-you-give-candy-to-the-crying-baby-he'll-keep-crying analogy.

It is at this crucial point where objectivity must remain in focus. It is easy to write off Arafat as "a snake", or "terrorist", but remember that splinter groups of the P.L.O. are largely responsible for terrorist acts (such as the TWA incident, or the killing of a Jewish American on the Achille Lauro). One of these groups in particular, the Abu Nidal group, have been chasitized for their actions in Palestine, and are the object of scorn and embarrassment for Palestinian Canadians I've spoken to. More importantly, these groups largely act on their own volition.

Yet, these facts do not exonerate the P.L.O. of terrorist crimes they have committed. Acts of terrorism are reprehensible - despite the fact that Palestinians have no state, no military, no rights, and no other way of being heard.

The P.L.O.'s "terrorist" crimes are morally inexcusable and they must pay for it somehow. But to deny negotiation is not the price. The U.N. has not formulated a definition of terrorism; who decides then what acts are acts of terrorism or acts towards the fulfillment of self-determination and preservation.

Was the 1966 Israeli attack on the Jordanian village of Es-samu (for which Israel was subsequently censured by the U.N. Security Council) not an act of terrorism? Were the 1978 and 1982 raids on Lebanon,

Palestinian people; they are the leaders of the Palestinians. The Israeli government cannot simply refuse to negotiate with them. Why look to Syria, Jordan or Egypt, when the problem lies with the Palestinians.

## It is obvious that the P.L.O. is not a terrorist killing machine

which collectively killed thousands, not acts of terrorism? Were Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir not known "terrorists", responsible for bombings in England and Central Europe before the creation of Israel? Despite this, most of the world, excluding Arab states (who don't accept Israel because of its location) accept Israel as a legitimate government.

If every government refused to negotiate with another government because of its so-called "terrorist" acts, then negotiation would cease to exist. This includes the U.S.A., whose air attack on Libya in 1986 was condemned throughout the world except by Canada and the U.K. It is exactly for these complicated justifications and rationalizations that the U.N. has not been able to formulate a definition of terrorism.

However, the most obvious flaw to this argument or negotiation with "terrorists", is that the P.L.O. is the voice of the

From all the evidence then, not negotiating with the P.L.O. on the basis that they are "terrorists" is a non-sequitor stand.

The Gaza Strip, and more importantly the West Bank, have been occupied by Israelis since the Six-Day War in '67. After having annexed the city of old Jerusalem, the Israelis promised to evacuate other occupied lands in exchange for formal recognition by the Arabs and peace negotiations. These two demands were not fulfilled and now, the Palestinians are objecting to occupation by stoning armed Israeli soldiers in the West Bank. Because of the violence and international concern, the Arabs have agreed to negotiate. As it would happen, a split Israeli coalition government is not willing to comply

In the meantime, Israelis and Palestinians will continue to die, and the holiest land on earth will continue to be desecrated.

## The "holiest land" on earth will continue to be desecrated

P.L.O. is not a terrorist killing machine. At the same time, it is not true that Israel is a terrorist state that is a main purveyor of anti-Islamic propaganda. Both Islam and Judaism have too much common ground for such paranoid generalizations. It is inescapable that any viable plan for peace must include a

fully.

Peace can only be reached through negotiation. This will not happen as the Israeli government refuses to negotiate with a "terrorist" organization - the P.L.O.

This is a point well taken. To negotiate with this "terrorist" party would only lend them

### MID-TERM REPORT OF THE GLENDON FOOD SERVICE OMBUDSMAN JANUARY 1988

"The office of the Ombudsman provides an open, impartial and easily accessible channel for communication between the University Food and Beverage Services Committee (U.F.B.S.C.), and the York University community. Through this office, information is passed on, opinions are expressed and recommendations and suggestions are forwarded on to the appropriate committee, caterer or administrator to act upon."

#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

I am pleased to be able to commence this report on a positive note. There is no longer the strong feeling of contempt and dislike for the cafeteria. This attitude, so prevalent last year has faded to become a bad memory and a standard by which we attempted to explain our astonishment at the sight of edible food to first year students. The main factors for this reversal have been i) the manager and his concerned attitude and ii) the quality of food.

The caterer has tried his utmost to improve the quality of both the food and the service. He has not left the realm of reality in his quest but he has always appeared ready to consider any feasible idea which we present to him. He has also found some ideas which he has presented to us. In this way, communication between the Committee and the caterer has truly been a two way avenue; both parties actively discussing and listening.

In order to take the communication process one step further, I have tried my best to be in contact with the student body. I have found it to be a great difficulty - trying to represent the needs and wishes of 1200 students! My heartiest congratulations to Ms. Chapman who has to keep in touch with so many more. I have been available whenever someone has wanted to discuss a certain facet of the Food and Beverage situation or if I happened to not be around, I got back to the student, either in person or by telephone. I have met with all the residence students, and the Dons at the first house meeting in September. Active communication has been maintained at the Committee meetings through the representatives who have all displayed a genuine knowledge of the attitudes and concerns of their constituents.

#### APPENDIX 1

		In Person	Call	Negative	Positive
S	Service	14		12	2
E	Menu	20	2	22	
P	Product	31		31	
T	Presentation	5		4	1
O	Service	10	1	9	2
C	Menu	6	3	8	1
T	Product	24		24	
	Presentation	2		2	
N	Service	21	5	16	10
O	Menu	3		2	1
V	Product	17		15	2
	Presentation	8	2	5	5
D	Service	18	3	6	14
E	Menu	6		5	1
C	Product	10		9	1
	Presentation	3	1	2	2

#### RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CATERER:

The manager has overtly encouraged everyone who uses the cafeteria to make suggestions. When these suggestions have been deemed practical, he makes every effort to integrate them into the daily operation. Many changes have occurred during the past few months and, I believe that for the most part that these have been beneficial. The manager has even brought in some changes that were previously said to be impossible.

Some problems have been known to re-occur, such as long line ups in the cafeteria and extended waits in the Café. Both of these have been remedied and hopes are high to see this service continue through 1988.

There are no major problems. There are quite a few small areas of discontent - some staff problems, complaints about small portions and some which had to do with personal taste.

#### RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER GROUPS ON CAMPUS

This year has seen a great change in the attitude toward the office of the Ombudsman. The duties of the position, I believe, are now much more widely understood than in the past. The bad press and misunderstanding of last year has left in its wake an air of understanding. Students are using proper channels of communication and are usually succeeding.

From all groups there has been a strong feeling of support. Pro Tem and in particular the editor have been very helpful both by advertising the meeting and by expressing interest in Food and Beverage issues. The Glendon College Student Union (G.C.S.U.) has been very co-operative. The Director of Clubs and Services has been quite interested and involved with the Committee; her help has been greatly appreciated by all. Also, both the Director of Cultural Affairs and the President have shown a keen interest in the area of Food and Beverage. I have been very pleased to see an augmentation in the interest level of all groups. Also, the Dean's Office has offered their help.

#### PRESENT CONCERNS

I am happy to report that the insect problem, which was pestering the students and plaguing the cafeteria has finally abated due to continuous spraying and a thorough overhaul and cleaning.

The one central issue, at the moment, is the expiry of Rill Foods' contract. Though the X-mas closure has been of contention to a few students, most are more concerned about what will happen next year. Students want to know what options are available to them and we need to know what sorts of things they want. Communication, as always, will be the cornerstone.

In order to facilitate the proceedings, many alternatives are available. We will be looking at the idea of surveys sent out to students in order to determine their feelings toward the present caterer. We will also be looking at any conditions that need to be met by both parties. I would like to see a general Information Session held in order to give information to the students and to elicit their responses to the situation.

Due to the general atmosphere of the student body, I believe that portion sizes should be increased for next year. It has been brought to my attention that most students would rather pay a small extra amount and receive a larger portion than pay the current amount and receive a small portion. I think that this must be taken into account by the U.F.B.S.C when negotiating any further contract.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

In the next term, I hope to see continued efforts both on the part of the management and on the part of the student body. The menu at Le Café is definitely due for a change. I have been informed that pasta dishes will be available in lieu of some of the less popular ones.

I have been quite satisfied with the developments over the past term. There has been a sense of mutual understanding and a mutual concern over Food and Beverage on the sides of the students and the caterer.

Geoffrey Eden  
January 21, 1988

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# Bob Rae at Glendon

by Tanya M. Gulliver

Proving that the left is interesting if not always "right", a full house of students and faculty greeted Bob Rae on his visit to Glendon, Wednesday, January 27, 1988.

Bob Rae has been the leader of the Ontario New Democrats since February 1982 and a member of the provincial legislature for the riding of York South since November 1982. His party currently has 19 seats and he is the Leader of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Rae earned a B.A. and a degree in law from the University of Toronto (the wrong university to attend in this city!) and a graduate degree in politics from Oxford University.

Bob Rae started off by giving a half-hour speech; mainly dealing with the free trade issue. A half-hour question and answer period followed.

This article will highlight some of the points he made in his speech and in the question and answer session.

"I know [free trade is] not supposed to be a 'provincial issue' but...it's something that really transcends a lot of boundaries about our views on politics... Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Reagan share a view of politics and a view of economics... that's really what this free trade issue is all about.

"It's about what I call 'the Conservative business agenda' for political economy in North America. It's not simply a commercial deal between two countries — it's a fundamental attack on the role of government.

"This agreement tries to embody the principle of the so-called 'free market economy' into what Mr. Reagan has called an 'economic constitution'... What it is designed to do (and this is why I call it the business agenda) is to prevent governments from intervening and regulating the economy. It's the continuation of a very fundamental debate in this country, as in the US, on what governments can and can't do, what governments should or shouldn't do to regulate the economy, to regulate the market place, to deal with economic activity and behaviour. I really do believe that this aspect of the agreement has to be fully understood.

"It's in the interests of those in favour of the agreement to portray it as a commercial deal; a sensible commercial agreement between two sovereign countries that are getting together and agreeing that they are going to trade with each other, and their trade is going to expand.

"That isn't what the agreement is all about. To put it in that way is to misunderstand and to misrepresent it. I don't

come at this simply as a nationalist in some purely patriotic or flag-waving way. I come at this because there are things that we have fought for (and when I say 'we' I mean our party and the people that we represent) — and that Canadians from all walks of life, basically, have fought for, that are threatened very directly by this agreement and by its implications.

"The institutions that we have developed on this side of the border to deal with the economy are institutions that have traditionally commanded and demanded and required a stronger role for government than has been recognized in the United States even before Ronald Reagan began to set the Conservative agenda for politics in 1980.

"I'll give you a specific example — the world of agriculture. The entire history of our party, and the cooperative movement in Western Canada and indeed of radical politics in Ontario in the 19<sup>th</sup> century was based on farmers coming together and saying 'we need to establish some kind of control over our lives.'

"We can't change or control the weather but we ought to be able to do something about interest rates, about what it costs us to buy things and about what we get for what we sell.'

"Those who believe in a complete free market said then and they say now, 'basically buy and sell on an open market, you get what you pay for and whatever a commodity is said to be worth on the Chicago market, or whatever market it may be — that's what you are going to get... If that means that farmers go out of business or corporations begin to take over agriculture that's fine. That's the way the market is.'

The history of the CCF, the formation of governments in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the entire radicalist movement in the early 20<sup>th</sup> and late 19<sup>th</sup> centuries was made up of people who rejected that market philosophy and who said 'we're going to try to gain some control over these markets,' and they did. They formed co-ops, wheat pools and in the 30's the wheat board. They established supply management, marketing agencies and marketing boards (in the 50's and 60's). We limited the number of people who had quotas. We restricted the market in a whole range of ways.

"Why? Because it was our fundamental belief that the only way in which we could assure the survival of the family farm was to gain some control over the way in which we marketed products.

"The same philosophy was true in the formation of min-

imum wage and in the number of people in trade unions in Canada. We have 2½ times more people (proportionately) who are members of trade unions than in the United States. Our government is substantially larger in terms of the types of programs that are in place precisely because of the role that we feel both provinces and the federal government have to play.

"Government intervention in terms of a 'mixed economy' include Medicare and, in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia, socialized insurance. This will be made virtually impossible because of the Free Trade agreement.

"There is a preference throughout the agreement of the working of a private profit economy rather than a mixed economy or a regulated economy. And that's what I object to in the agreement. That's why I'm opposed to the agreement. That's basically what the debate has to be about."

"What we have to make this debate about is not whether or not you like or dislike Brian Mulroney. Although if we did make it on that basis we would win hands down.

"It's not simply by doing what David Peterson has done. You have an opposite of what one would expect with a 95 seat mandate. That gives you a mandate to do something and then nothing happens. It was like Superman goes into a voting booth and he comes out like Clark Kent.

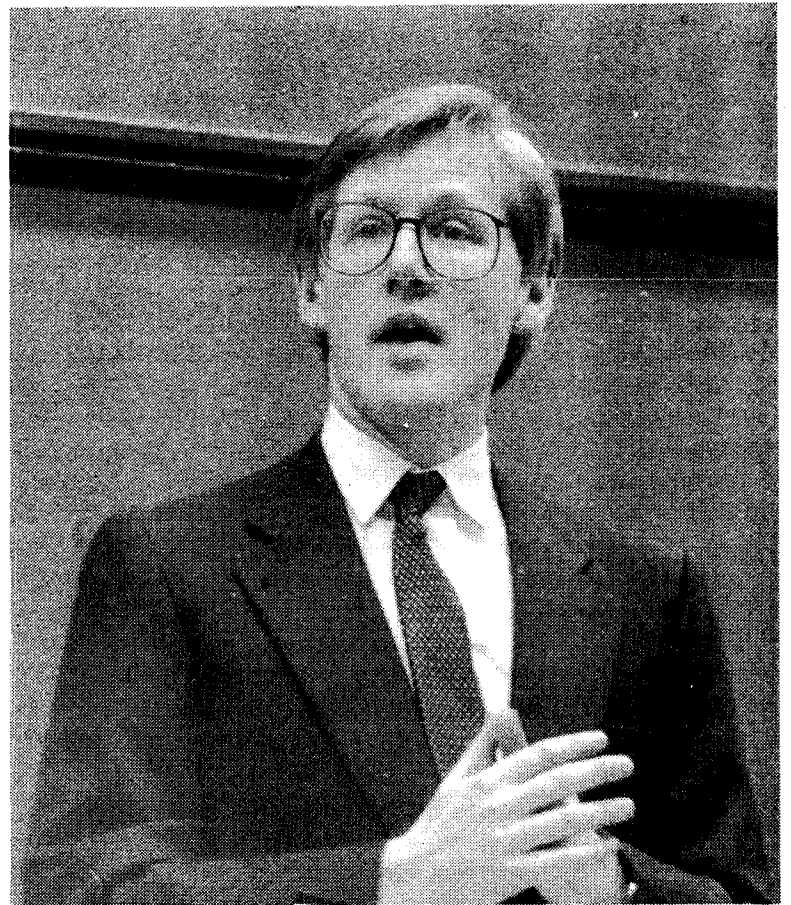
"The Peterson approach has been to say, 'Well let's look at the deal and see it in terms of a deal.'

"But that tone is also not the way to proceed. The way to proceed is for us...to say, 'What are the alternatives? What would you do in the circumstance? What do you think should happen?'

"This expresses the classic freemarket approach to the economy and basically says business knows how to run the economy, let business do it and all governments should just get away and let business make these decisions.

"Now if you reject that point of view, as I do, then you have an obligation to say, 'Well, how would you do it?' The answer is, well, through a variety of means. Not through one simple ideological proposal like free trade which admittedly is very simple.

"The big problem the leftists have is that what the right has to say is so simple... Reagan knows that you have to communicate very clearly and simply what the idea is. 'The idea is that government is bad; private sector is good. You exercise freedom by limiting the role of government.' Which to me is a novel concept — to me you expand freedom pre-



cisely using government as a way of letting people become freer by giving them the conditions under which they can exercise their freedom. Otherwise you are talking about pure formality... What basically drives people is a sense of idealism and a sense of what we can do as Canadians. In the face of the Tory philosophy of 'me first,' in terms of our social policy we have to have a government that is prepared to intervene. The answer for the housing problem is for the government to get even more involved, to not pull back.

"America is our largest market and we are America's largest market. So we have to plan. The choice is continuing with a general free-for-all where the business community decides what the future is going to be or the alternative of an economy that's planned, of an economy that's genuinely mixed, in which a co-op sector and a state sector and a private sector are working together cooperatively but always with the notion that it's the public interest that comes first. And really that's what the choice comes down to. It's about an economic philosophy.

"We have to find a philosophy on the left that's equally compelling as the one that has dominated the right for the past 10 years. And we do it by talking about sharing; about how governments can work for people, and talk very directly about how those economies that have been successfully mixed and planned have worked well, i.e. Sweden, Austria.

"I'm very proud as a New Democrat of what we have achieved as a party, what we've been able to do, or the governments that we have elected and of the achievements of those governments."

**Q. How can the NDP justify its position on free trade when we compare free trade within the EEC European social setting with free trade here.**

A. EEC is very different. The EEC is about the dream of European unity. It's a totally different phenomena. It's not a pure free trade arrangement. It's about transferring powers from one level of government to another. It's about giving to the community itself the ability to regulate life in that economy. It's not an attack on social democracy or an attack on government itself. I don't think there is any parallel to our arrangement. That's not just a pure economic agreement.

**Q. Je veux connaître votre position sur les droits des francophones en Ontario.**

A. Je suis le seul chef dans la province (...), et nous sommes seul parti qui soit clairement en faveur de l'enchâssement officiel des droits des francophones dans la constitution du Canada et la constitution de l'Ontario. J'ai [insisté], je vais continuer [à insister] pour un tel changement dans les politiques du gouvernement Ontario. Je crois que ça fera du bien dans le sens du symbolisme du Canada et du bien pour vraiment garantir les droits sur la question que tu m'as posée. Mon problème avec la loi 8 qui est maintenant en place, c'est qu'elle ne donne pas de droits spécifiques aux gens qui ne reçoivent pas de services. L'importance de l'enchâssement des lois c'est que si le gouvernement, si la majorité [ne sont pas] prêts à offrir les services, il faut que les gens aient le droit d'aller au cœur, d'aller quelque part pour faire [en sorte de] garantir des

• Voir M. Rae p.10

# DIVERTISSEMENTS

## Books to Read?

by Kenn Ross

*Cassidy* Morris West, Signet Books, \$5.95

*Pianoplayers* Anthony Burgess, Washington Square Press, \$6.95

The thriller genre of novel brings to mind such writers as Ludlum, Higgins, Deighton and Follet. The thriller thrills by using exotic locales, convoluted plots, off-beat characters, as well as sex and violence with varying degrees of intensity. At best, thrillers are good, entertaining reads, and every so often, with time, some "evolve" into works of literature. Examples are Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes, Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe and the spy era of books from Grahame Green.

At worst thrillers are dull. Morris West will be an author remembered after his death for his powers as a writer, but not as a writer of thrillers.

West's forte lies in his books that have thrilling elements in them, but are more concerned with the moral conditions of people in given situations. Works such as *Second Victory*, *Shoes of the Fisherman*, *The Clowns of God*, and *The World is Made of Glass* come highly recommended. West's latest effort, *Cassidy*, does not.

It's a book meant to com-

bine West's excellent handling of moral dilemma's within the thriller realm and the idea just does not come off. *Cassidy* concerns the son-in-law of a corrupt and dead Australian politician inheriting the man's wealth - as well as his business partners, enemies, personal life, etc. The reader learns a great deal about crime, power politics, international law and banking in great detail without being bored. Sounds good, eh? Well, the book *is* well written, but nothing really seems to happen. The main character is not at all the likeable roguish man-in-trouble we are supposed to sympathize with, not the kind of almost larger than life character West brings about so well in most of his books. Here the lead is just too common and too dislikeable. The violence is tepid and sex chaste, well drawn characters seemingly standing around, waiting to enact good or evil, but never given the chance.

*Cassidy* is a book that has all the right garments to wear, but no one to fill them. For a real thriller/moral dilemma book, read *The Third Man*.

Anthony Burgess' *Pianoplayer* is not a thriller, but it is certainly a thrilling read. The main thrust of the book involves a woman's story of her nomad-

like childhood with her hack piano playing father in the North England of the twenties and thirties. The book should have stayed along this course, because it veers off twice.

The first instance is not too bad; we learn of the woman's life as a high class prostitute and her eventual success as a madame, yet this is done in rather too brief a fashion. Some more fleshing out here would have strengthened the connection to her bizarre childhood. What is really bothersome is the last section, about her estranged son and his bland English wife and her uber-marionette of a mother. The section is very funny, as is the whole book, yet one gets the impression that unity is lacking, Burgess jerking away from each section just as the reader is getting engrossed. In fact, it almost seems as if two books were stitched together, the match not all seamless. Despite this, it is worth the absurd prices being charged in this country for paperbacks.

## Lana Has the Cure

by Leslie Coates

A few nights ago, on an outing planned by a friend, I found myself at the Theatre Passe Muraille, curiously awaiting the opening of, **Lana Lust: The Bitch Stops Here!** You see, we had intended to attend a different show, yet due to the unavailability of tickets, my friend unwittingly decided upon "Lana". What a terrific, if coincidental, choice he made! I can't remember when I last laughed so hard.

"Lana", a one "man", one act play written by and starring Kent Staines is consistently energetic and explosively funny. His character, a grotesquely charming transvestite quickly won over the audience which was for the most part, sexually liberal. The play evolves around Lana's heroic struggle to stardom, which involves among other things, the "Miss Canada Pageant". The show is packed with Canadian content guaranteed to evoke eruptions of laughter from your favorite orifice. Staines also effectively incorporates improvisation and audience participation to the surprise and delight of all.

If the January blahs are threatening your good spirits, I know that "Lana" has the cure for you. You'll have to be quick to catch her though, as the show closes the first weekend of February. Shows start at 8:30 P.M. except for the final weekend in which they begin at 9:00 P.M.

If you think you cannot afford live theatre, you don't know about Five Star Tickets, which is a non-profit organization aimed at increasing public access to the performing arts. Their booth is located at Yonge and Dundas, just outside the Eaton Centre. There, you can buy half price tickets to theatre, opera, symphony, comedy and various concerts. There's only one catch, tickets are sold the day of the show on a first come first serve basis, and cash only is accepted. For more information call Five Star at 596-8211. For details on where and when to see *Lana Lust: The Bitch Stops Here!* call the theatre at 363-2416. Treat yourself and a friend to the joy of Lana - you won't be disappointed.

## Nominations Open

- From p.4 administering the goals and objective of the Council
- The **Vice-president** is the chief financial officer of the student union. This executive officer is responsible for preparing the budget and assisting with financial matters.
- The **Director of Academic Affairs** represents the needs of students concerning academic matters. This executive officer also supervises course evaluations each year.
- The **Director of Bilingual Affaires** is responsible for representing the needs of students regarding bilingualism both on and off campus.
- The **Director of Clubs and Services** is responsible for relations with all student organizations on campus. This officer also acts as a liaison with the different organizations which offer services to the Glendon community.
- The **Director of Communications** is responsible for informing the student body of events, services, and programmes available at Glendon.
- The **Director of Cultural Affairs** is responsible for planning, organizing and administering cultural activities such as Orientation Week and Winter Carnival. This officer also maintains a liaison with all cultural organizations on campus.
- The **Director of External Affairs** assists the President in dealing with the York Univer-

sity administration and other student organizations both within and without the University. This executive officer also keeps the GCSU informed of developments concerning post-secondary education outside the University.

• The **Student Senator** represents Glendon students on the York University Senate, the highest academic body at York.

• Six positions for **Councillor** are available for election.

The Councillors are the representatives of the students on Council and also serve on the various committees of Council.

• Also included in the Spring Elections are twenty positions of **Student Representative to the Faculty Council**. The Faculty Council is the highest academic body at Glendon and meets to deliberate academic issues concerning the College.

The student body will also vote to ratify the selection of Editor in Chief of *Pro Tem* for 1988-89.

Nomination forms will be available at the GCSU office

beginning February 3. The campaign period will be from February 24 until March 6.

The polling station will be open on Monday, March 7, and Tuesday March 8. It will be located in York Hall just outside the Hearth Room.

Election speeches will be held in the cafeteria at noon, Wednesday, March 2. The presidential debate will be at noon, Thursday, March 3, at the same location.

All students are encouraged to run for office. Interested parties should inform themselves of the proper procedures. Applicants are reminded that they must be members of the Union in good academic standing, *i.e.* not on academic probation.

The Chief Returning Officer requests that all questions regarding the elections be directed to the CRO, David DeWees, through the GCSU office. The Executive members of this year's council may also be consulted for more information on the different Council positions.

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# Old Firehall

by Lisa Henderson

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The spirit of high caliber comedy which earned SCTV a following of devotees is still very much alive and well at the Second City Old Firehall. Contrary to what might be suggested by the title, the evening does not hold in store a W.O. Mitchell type return to the days of overall clad yokels swimming in a sea of wheat, but a collage of skits focusing on various aspects of an apparently

disappearing Canadian Culture. Free Trade, Much Music, Yuppiedom, Safe Sex and Anne of Green Gables are just a few of the topics, the comedy troupe of six ridicule in a polished farcical manner. The audience appeared seemingly unanimous in their animated response to the action taking place both on and off stage and were especially willing to volunteer returning when asked of them.

Unfortunately, the improvisational pieces lacked the tight and slick articulation of the rehearsed pieces nevertheless, as a whole, **Bob Has Seen the Wind** proved to be hilariously funny.

# Le Misanthrope

par Nathalie Tousignant

Au moment de la Renaissance, les scientifiques cherchant à prouver leurs théories, se référaient aux Grands du Moyen-Âge. Il est un peu plus difficile à croire qu'un homme tel Molière s'eût inspiré du futur pour écrire sa pièce *Le Misanthrope*.

Et bien oui! le Théâtre Français de Toronto présente un Molière entièrement moderne. C'est dans un décor des années 20 que cette parodie d'amour se déroule.

Alceste, le misanthrope, arrive sur scène dans une colère

noire. Il semble s'emporter contre l'humanité tout entière. À chaque fois que l'occasion se présente, il s'irrite de plus en plus. La goutte que fit déborder le vase fut lorsqu'il apprit que sa jeune veuve bien-aimée Célimène, avait d'autres amants. Pris dans sa misanthropie, le pauvre Alceste décide donc de rompre avec Célimène et de fuir cette société arrogante.

C'est avant tout la haine d'Alceste contre les «hypocrisies mondaines» qui alimente ce drame.

La merveilleuse adaptation de John Van Burek nous permet d'apprécier le langage de Molière sur des airs de ragtime joués sur un vieux gramophone.

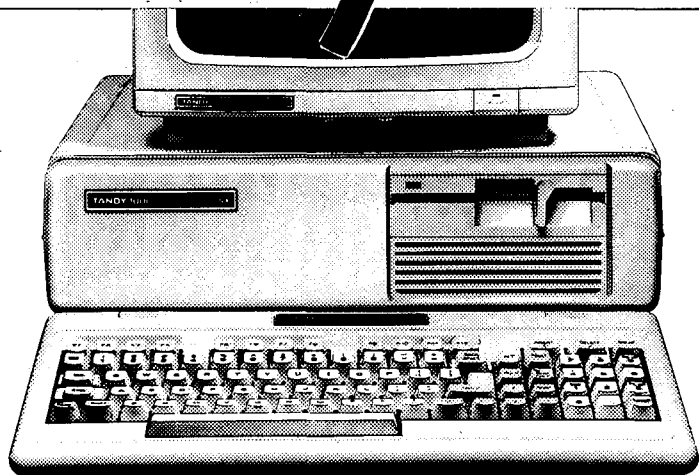
But Hey!!!

.....  
"Quand les heures traînent, on aperçoit  
l'ennui de la vie urbaine"

- Les Mots de mes hallucinations, p.4732 Cpt. Fluke  
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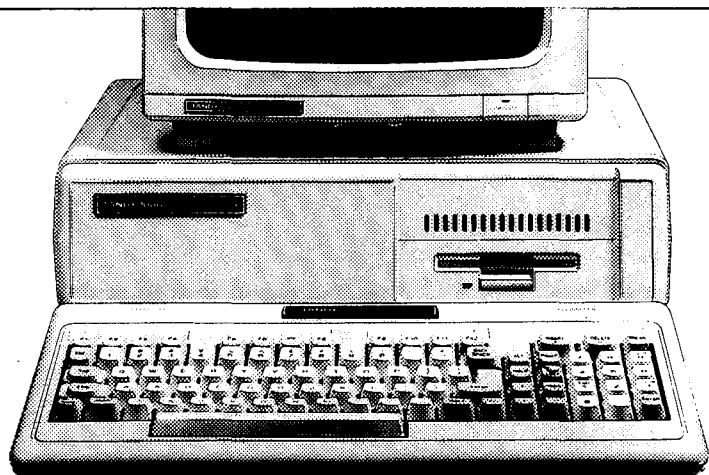
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# LETTERS

• From p.2

issues of the time which affect it, the potential it possesses to change the world around it lies unfulfilled. Some of your writers have addressed subjects of consequence, but where is the editorial initiative and contribution?

To my mind, sir, the forum section is no substitute for uninspired editorial opinion. It is a separate entity, and while it serves its stated purpose as long as Ossenburg is heeded, I submit that you, by which I mean your editorial committee, are doing half a job if the only way in which you (or "we" as you call yourselves) can "encourage controversy and responses" is by adding a fine-print preamble to a page devoted to the work of others.

Listen to the response to the paper. More letters in issue No. 14 were written about the name of a Winter Carnival team than have been written all year about your editorials.

Is it the *Pro Tem* Constitution which has emasculated the once-mighty editorial pen? I should hope not. If it is that document which is forcing you to do nothing but repeat comfortably proper opinions on largely trivial topics in your editorials, then it is high time for a rewrite!

What happened to looking beyond the gates? (Past Chedington!) Many important things are going on in the world; take a stand!

Collegially yours,  
S. Caunter.

## Intelligence

To the Editor:

Have you ever had a conversation interrupted by an extraordinarily silly remark? It can be a lot of fun, especially when the remark is expressed in a tone that could only be called pompous in the extreme. (Something like the tone of this letter, the one you're reading RIGHT NOW.) Such an adventure occurred to me on Wednesday afternoon. Let me tell you about it.

My interlocutor was claiming that Bob Rae was more of an intellectual than David Peterson, not necessarily a dubious proposition. This claim elicited the aforementioned extraordinarily silly remark, viz.

"Oh, I'm surprised

at you. I thought that you, more than anyone, would know that David has Real World Intellect: business intellect."

(Yes, I am doing my best to quote this marvelous sage verbatim.)

Isn't that cute? A man, in a patronizing tone, denies his own intellectual abilities and those of all his listeners! (I'm sorry, I should have mentioned that our speaker was a university student, speaking within the confines of a university to a group of fellow students.)

A further funny note: it seems that we've been wrong all along about physicists and doctors and poets. It seems, if we follow this line of reasoning, that only shrewd business people (or would he say business MEN?) have real intelligence. Physicists, I gather, should not be allowed to go near a particle accelerator until they've made their first million. And we must conclude that Kant was evidently a fool if there ever was one.

Isn't this all too silly? Isn't it laughable? Or is it rather too frightening? Frightening because three or four others listening at our table nodded their assent to this extraordinarily silly remark.

Do you believe that these people would fund universities if they were in power? If so, why? (It can't be to finance the education of economists: Milton Friedman hasn't Real World Intelligence, as his Ph.D. and Nobel prize testify.) So, plea number one: Please, whoever you are, reconsider your silly remark, and recognize that it is important that there be well educated people, and not just wealthy entrepreneurs. In fact it's hard to see how we could have the latter without the former.

Having had my fun, I would urge that there are some other, rather more serious comments to be made. Evidently, the silly remark did not really reflect the speaker's belief that physicists lack intellect (though his statement is consistent with that belief). But it seems that the remark is still silly, because it is a consequence of a silly view about politics.

The view, though probably not held consciously, says that governing a country consists in *nothing more than* managing its

economy. It's as if running a country were analogous to operating a small business. Once made explicit, the view becomes untenable. (If administering General Motors is anything like governing a state it is to the extent that General Motors, due to its size and complexity, begins to be treated *as a state*.) Hence, getting back to our speaker, we realize that he cannot believe that being a success in business is a sufficient or necessary condition for governing a state. (Sam the Record Man for PM? I can't see it.) So, plea number two, start thinking seriously about what are the necessary and sufficient conditions for leading a nation. Image, connections and simplicity are probably not it. Intellect (of the sort Mr. Rae had ascribed to him) might well be.

Yours,

Robert J. Stainton

## Immature?

Dear Editor:

I refer in this letter to the two individuals who, in last week's *Pro Tem* criticized the adoption of "A House in Deep S—" as the name of the A-house Winter Carnival team.

Although it is only my first year here at Glendon I have been given the distinct impression that Carnival Week is a time to enjoy oneself and to forget, for a time, the harsh realities that we face as university students and young adults. It is obvious, to my dismay, that these two people were not equally able to adopt this "lighthearted" spirit.

I can assure them though that we named our team and designed our banner solely in the spirit of Carnival Week and had no intention of offending anyone. I ask you, would a team from a virtually all-male house name itself A.I.D.S if it had any expectations at all that people would take them seriously? I think not.

Mr. Jacobs implied, rather openly, that our actions showed us to be immature. I say instead that we are a group of individuals who have accepted this problem while still keeping our sense of humour. His protestations, on the other hand, show me that either he remains uncomfortable with this problem, or that

he feels a dire need to grace the pages of *Pro Tem* by criticizing the name of a mere Winter Carnival team. I wonder who is really "mature" in this case.

I can not help but think that if we were presently in the age of Martin Luther King, the name "Black Slave Bunnies from Hell" would be receiving their criticism.

With this in mind, I apologize, on my behalf, to all those who took offense.

Sincerely yours,  
Brandon Boone

## Social Morays

Dear Editor,

While the opinion expressed by the author of the unsigned letter titled "Errant" (*Pro Tem*, January 25); "A small, promiscuous element of the population in the late '60's did not create herpes, AIDS or gonorrhoea," reflects the ideological orientation(s) of the anonymous author, it resembles neither the text nor the context of Greg Frier's article "What is Plutography?" (*Pro Tem*, January 13).

In his article, Mr. Frier examines voyeuristic material which celebrates

affluence as "a visual reference for current culture." Mr. Frier cites explicitly the trend towards moral conservatism and economic liberalism as the central factors responsible for the shift in the focus of prominent voyeuristic material from images eroticizing sexual inequality; pornography, towards these glorifying opulence; plutography. The anonymous author of the letter seized two distinct descriptions of the relationship between pornography and social morays, removed these descriptions from the context of Mr. Frier's discussion of voyeuristic imagery, and placed them in the context of his/her own unbalanced opinions about sexually transmitted diseases.

We find this reactionary response to Mr. Frier's article by the anonymous letter-writer to be distasteful as it distorts the substance of Mr. Frier's article, reducing it to a convenient vehicle by which to express his/her own narrowly focused views on the subject of the AIDS virus.

Not only does the anonymous writer maliciously misinterpret Mr. Frier's article, he/she also con-

tradicts his/her accusations of Mr. Frier's sentiments. The author opens his/her tirade from a position resembling radical liberalism; attacking a neo-conservative interpretation of the cause of the AIDS epidemic, one which is incorrectly assigned to Mr. Frier. The anonymous author concludes: "Like the Bubonic plague, floods and famine, AIDS and all its cousins are another Malthusian check, to control our rampant population - a gift from higher forces." By accepting and promulgating these tenets of the radical right, the author reveals the moral resignation of both his/her inconsistent ideological stance(s) and of his/her critical practice.

We suggest that your correspondent take his/her views to the next page of your newspaper: the Forum page. We would be interested in a presentation and defense of these views which assumed full responsibility for expressing them.

Sincerely,  
Chris Reed  
Stefan Caunter  
Jeremy Leath

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Raymond Cheng

### No Running on Deck

A running boy hydroplanes on the chlorine and lands on tiny palms and soft knees.

He's surprised then proud — Mr. Lifeguard asks him if he's O.K. then he cries.

Brian Pastoor

### Mattergy

Stan Johnson

Listen.  
wind shake chimes flows  
swallows flit —  
they think it's spring,  
I here in cotton clothing  
feel my feet.  
and my hair.



Drawing: Eric McConnachie

### Asthmatic

Inhale tonight  
all I can give  
but give  
no words in reply  
not even a sigh so  
all I get is doubt  
in your becoming smile  
takes my breath away and  
leaves me feeling wheezy  
elements of your style —  
O<sub>2</sub> have you  
some day.

Brian Pastoor

I  
my closet is full of skeletons  
looking just like you  
telling me this bed as that yesterday

II  
control, that is the look  
you put on my face  
when you're ready, pushing that, pulling this  
(punches several buttons)

now i  
a burning bush for you  
consuming signs of cohesion  
untempered

i'm tempted  
by acute perception  
that me-grey skull being  
between here and the mirror  
saying  
**here i am, i just wanted you to see that i am inevitable.**  
and then leaving  
as the rolling white worry  
through this house

III  
so me  
rearranging the cute comprehensibles easy  
as i am only  
me  
myself  
my mirror

Glenn Stillar

### The authority

Professional philosophers with old innovative ideas  
Artsie artists in worlds of words  
Awed audience posed for prose  
Conforming difference for all to see

Guilty bystanders watching, waiting, listening

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No (art) comment

JPMLB