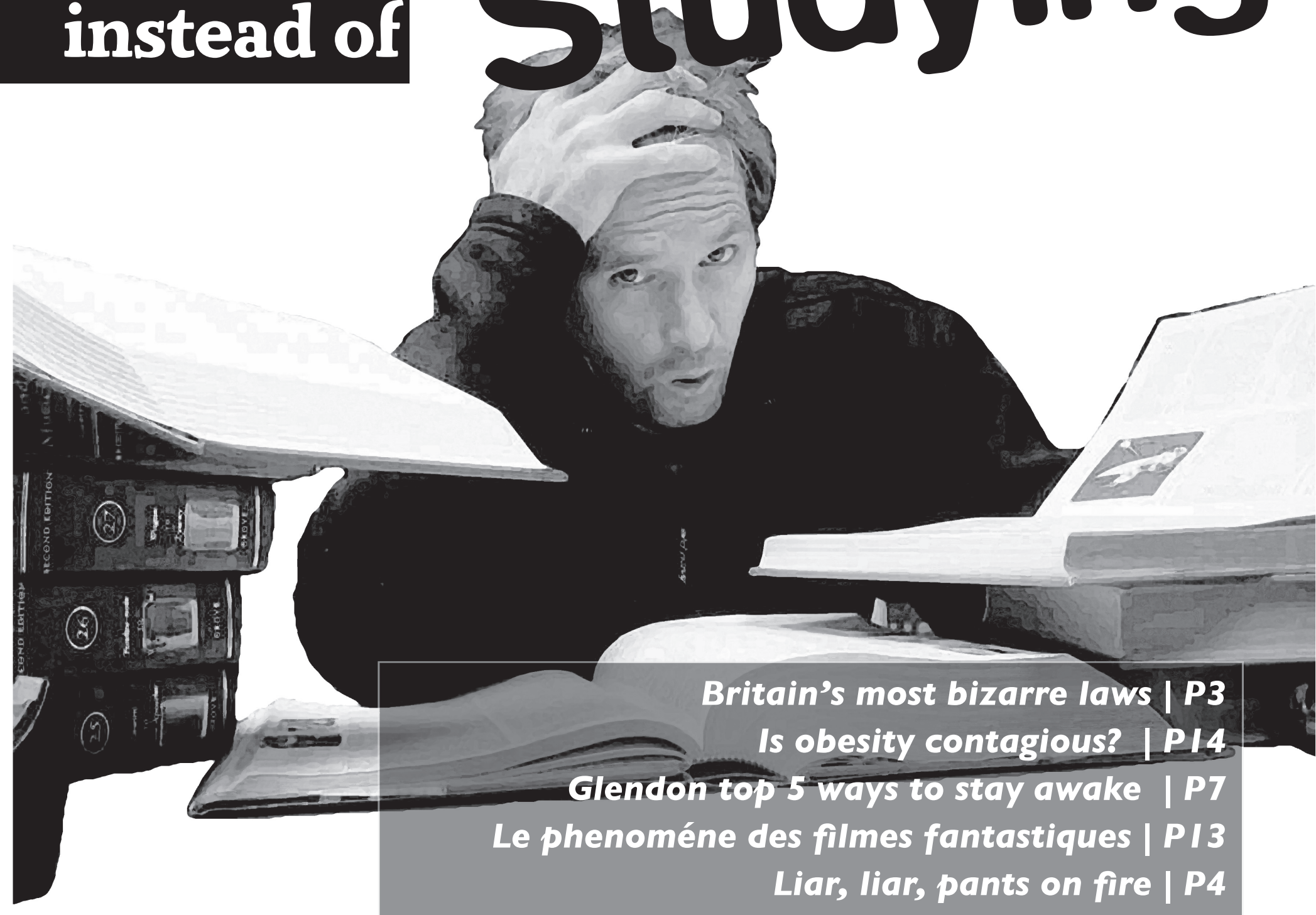


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Letter from the editor

Dear Friends,

Are you all as stressed out as I am? What with papers and tests and presentations and outlines and exams and quizzes, this is probably the worst time of year. With so many things to do, there is very little time to actually have a life. Luckily, in less than a month we get three weeks off and can hopefully make up for lost time. Don't worry. Four weeks isn't a terribly long time.

This is our last issue of 2007 because, trust me when I tell you, that we're all working overtime to get this out to you. Generally on production weekend in the Pro Tem office there is some snacks, some laughs and some naps. This last production weekend there has been none of that. This weekend was all about laptops and books and lots of coffee.

At Pro Tem, we are experts at putting things off until the last possible minute. That is why we have compiled a list of our 22 favorite things to do when we are procrastinating. You can choose to use them in the same way that we do, or you can choose to read the list and laugh at those of us who prefer to be under major pressure before we even begin doing anything productive.

I hope you enjoy our issue and, as usual, I look forward to hearing from you.

Love,
Ashley

P.S Clara looks like her brain is going to melt out her ears. We wish her well.



RANDOM

Thou Shalt Not... Die?

Great Britain's most ridiculous laws *By Jesse Reynolds News Editor*

Around the world, judicial systems are plagued with strange laws that are unique to certain municipalities where they apply to daily life, or with ancient laws that somehow manage to stand the test of time – such as those in a place like Great Britain, which has had a code of law for almost a thousand years.

Recently, a poll was conducted across Great Britain intending to expose these useless laws; the top ten results are as follows:

1. It is illegal to die in the house of parliament. (Punishable by pain of death?)
2. It is an act of treason to place a postage stamp bearing the British monarch upside-down.
3. In Liverpool, a woman may not be topless unless she is a clerk at a tropical fish store.
4. Mince pies may not be eaten on Christmas Day.
5. In Scotland, if someone (anyone) knocks on your door and requires the use of your toilet, you must let them enter.
6. A pregnant woman can legally relieve herself anywhere she wants, including in a policeman's helmet. (Or perhaps in a bush?)
7. The head of a dead whale found on any British coast becomes property of the King; the tail to the Queen.
8. It is illegal to avoid telling the British Tax Man anything you do not want him to know, but it is legal to withhold anything you don't mind him knowing.
9. It is illegal to enter the Houses of Parliament in a suit of armour.
10. In the city of York, it is legal to murder a Scotsman within the ancient city walls, provided he is carrying a bow and arrow.



Glendon Caf... Bad Food, Great Service

It's not yesterday's special that keeps us coming back

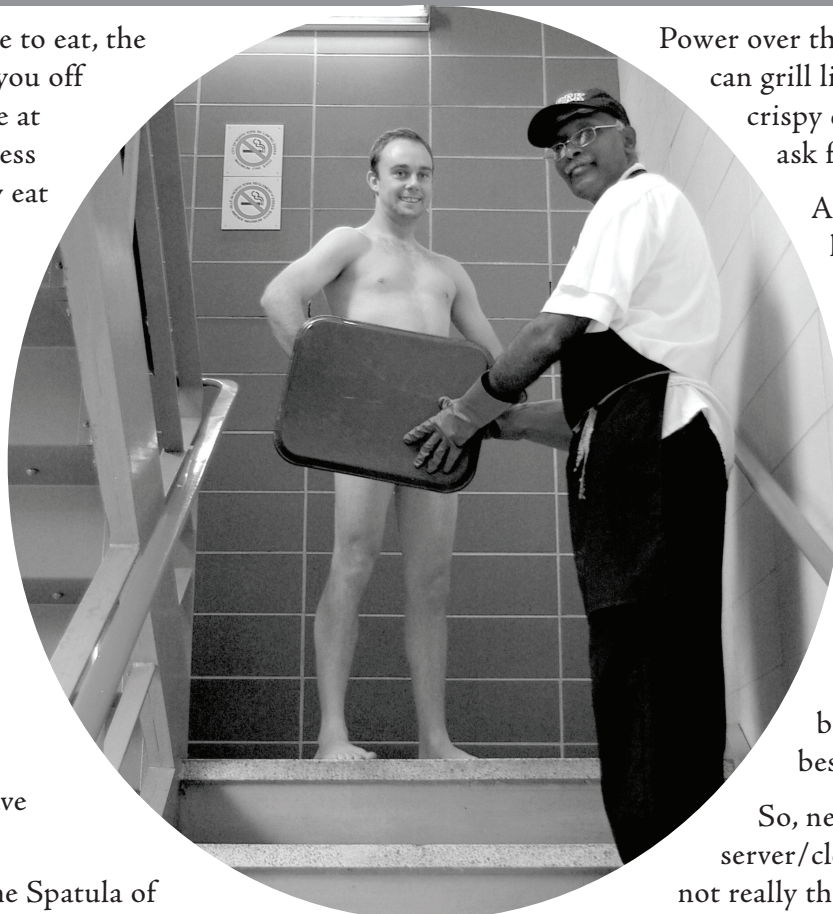
By Cliff Davidson

Ah yes, the Glendon Cafeteria: the place to eat, the place to meet, the place that can take you off your feet (and not in a good way). Everyone at Glendon knows that the food in the caf is less than stellar, so why is it that we continually eat there? I believe that it's the staff that keeps the Glendon community coming back.

Take the cashiers, for example. I don't know all of their names, but I do know that they take our payments and bad-day blues equally well, and without complaint. They are also patient when we take our sweet-ass time paying because we're busy chatting with our friends.

Then there is the Queen of the Stir-fry, Denicia, whose words are as sharp as the knife she uses to cut the vegetables. Remember, in order to get your own personalized stir-fry make sure that you have your choice of vegetables ready

Next we have Sylvia: the one who wields the Spatula of



Power over the tyranny of The Cheeseburger. This girl can grill like no other, and she'll cook up a mean crispy chicken wrap for you. All you have to do is ask for the deep-fried rendition.

And then we have Jay. Affectionately known as Happy Jay or Mr. Clean, Jay will wipe your table faster than you can say "nice and shiny." Not only is Jay the King of Clean, he's also a smooth-talker with all the ladies, and a genuinely nice guy who volunteers in and out of the school.

I know there are many other people, like George and Yaode and the others, who make the cafeteria that little bit more tolerable. I also know that it takes a lot of good people to make food that bad bearable, and I'm damn sure we have the best people for the job.

So, next time you're in the caf, give your cashier/server/cleaner a smile and let them know that it's not really the food we come for.

NEWS



War Museums, Science Museums... Mule Museums?

Rooms and rooms full of horse-asses? Excellent!

By David Morris Politics Editor

The current definition of a museum according to the Museum Association is that “museums enable people to explore collections for inspiration, learning and enjoyment. They are institutions that collect, safeguard and make accessible artifacts and specimens, which they hold in trust for society.” This is a completely logical definition, but in response to a new museum proposed in California,

one must wonder how much inspiration, learning, and enjoyment anyone would be able to draw from a museum dedicated to mules. That's right; those furry, thick-headed, scrawny animals are about to get the honour they have obviously deserved for centuries.

believes that the museum will increase tourism to the tiny town. “Bishop is a classic western frontier city which survives on tourism. Adding a museum to its community will increase tourism by bringing sightseers and visitors to Bishop year-round, benefiting the area economy,” McKeon stated.

McKeon also attacked the media's sarcastic approach to the subject. “If CNN chooses to make a mockery of small-town, western heritage, that's its prerogative, but I'm going to remain focused on the economic development of my district.”

There is a great deal of opposition to the plan as McKeon has asked the federal government for a \$50,000 grant for the start-up costs. Not only are some people protesting it being a legitimate museum but even those from the area are questioning whether it is really necessary. Bishop is located on a major highway going to and from California and economic reports indicate that the town is doing quite well.

Opponents to the museum say that there are many other projects such as broken down bridges that need to be addressed and that a \$50,000 grant could go to far better uses.

No plans for set-up have been confirmed as McKeon first has to wait for Congress to approve of his earmark. If it is approved, the world can only hope that it is built to be just as inspiring as the Louvre. By the sounds of things, all parties in the debate are as stubborn as any mule; one cannot help but wonder if a part of the museum will be dedicated to them.

Republican Representative for California, Buck McKeon (go figure) wants to build the new Mule Museum in the tiny town of Bishop, California. McKeon

SUSPECT'S PANTS CAUSE MASSIVE FIRE

Tells police they “made him angry”

By Alex Ross Arts & Culture Editor

Since their introduction in the sixteenth-century, pants have caused humanity much frustration. Many have longed to be free of the restrictive fabric, which, while necessary and fashionable— has been the cause of everything from chaffing to embarrassing tumbles in hallways. The disdain for pants is so great, that now the first Friday of every May has been declared “No Pants Day” in North America. Now a bizarre incident in Missouri has given new meaning to the phrase “Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire,” and revealed the true hazards of wearing pants.

On November 1, 2007, the Cape Girardeau Fire Department responded to a massive fire at a building used by the university's Sigma Chi fraternity. The emergency call was placed by Ryan Johnston, whom police officers spoke with upon arriving at the scene. Johnston told police he had attended a Halloween party earlier in the evening. He gave this statement:

Johnston explained had been taking a walk to get some fresh air after the Halloween party. While outside, he saw wisps of smoke coming from the building, and ran inside to help anyone who might be trapped. Seeing that no one was injured, he ran outside, leapt over the seven-foot

fence guarding the property, and had a clerk at a Convenience Store make the emergency call.

The police were not convinced.

After cycling through several different versions of the event, Johnston finally admitted he had entered the building without permission, so he could “check out songs” on a laptop. After completing a satisfactory review of the track list, decided that his pants were too long, and that

they needed some radical hemming; he lit the cuffs of his pants on fire. Thinking that he had put it out, he placed his feet on a box of files underneath the desk. A fire started, and that was when he went to the convenience store to place the call. The inevitable result was a huge blaze, which caused \$50,000 dollars worth of damages, and nearly reduced the building to a smoldering ruin. Fortunately, no one was injured.

On November 2, 2007, Johnston was formally charged. When asked to provide a rationale for why he lit his pants on fire, Johnston explained that he kept on tripping over them, and began to get frustrated. His pants “made him angry.”

It is unclear whether the police will force Johnston—a definite fire-risk—to adopt a “no-pants” policy while in prison.



NOUVELLES

Vicious, Faceless Attackers Plague New Delhi

Neighbours cry for help as problem gets out of hand

By Jesse Reynolds News Editor

Shastri Park, a low-income neighbourhood in New Delhi, is on high-alert as a series of vicious attacks on women and small children continues. Officials have spoken to witnesses and victims who have provided them with this description of the culprit: Male, 4-6 years old, 2 feet tall, approx. 50 lbs, drawn to scents of peanuts and human flesh. The culprit, as it turns out, is a monkey rather than a cannibalistic or rabid young boy.

This issue is not new to the neighbourhood, or to the city. As the forest cover shrinks around New Delhi, many macaque monkeys have been making their way into the more densely-populated areas of the city, attacking passers-by and stealing their food.

This latest rampage is the worst in a string of monkey-related incidents. This time a macaque attacked and injured at least 25 people over the course of a few hours. Police inspector Gaje Singh stated that police were diligently combing the area for signs of the suspect, a search that has thus far yielded no success. In fact, besides the victims and a few witnesses, no one has actually seen the incredibly sly monkey. Last year, the Delhi High Court reprimanded the city's police force for not doing enough to stop the frequent, terrifying monkey attacks.

The situation's complexity feeds into its hilariousness – devout Hindus believe that monkeys are manifestations of the God Hanuman and will not condone violence against them; they also feed them bananas and peanuts, only further encouraging them to frequent public places. From a psychological perspective, residents are essentially encouraging attacks upon themselves by training the monkeys to expect lavish treatment. During the hotter months,

many people will sleep outdoors or on roofs in order to escape the heat – leaving themselves completely vulnerable to monkey-attack.

Calls for a solution have increased and the situation has escalated significantly since last month when a government official died, falling from his balcony as a result of an attack by several monkeys.

One solution which has been experimented with is the use of langurs – a larger and fiercer breed of monkey to scare away the macaques; because in a city plagued with attacks by small monkeys, it makes perfect sense to release larger, more dangerous monkeys.

Next Issue: a follow-up article about multiple langur attacks on residents of New Delhi, as well as continued (and perhaps increasing) attacks by macaques.



LA VALIDITÉ DU SYSTEM JUDICIAIRE AMÉRICAIN

À déterminer en jouant à pile ou face?

Par Andrée Paulin

De nos jours, une grande partie des mariages se terminent en divorces. Avec des enfants, plusieurs batailles pour ceux-ci peuvent avoir lieu, causant de nombreuses heures coûteuses en cour pour les parents.

Un divorce peut être vicieux ainsi que cause d'anxiétés. Aux États-unis, ces caractéristiques ont été aggravées par un juge qui a décidé de laisser au hasard le sort d'une dispute de garde d'enfant. Ce dernier, James Michael Shull, membre de la cour suprême de l'État de la Virginie, a récemment été congédié dû au fait qu'il a lancé en l'air une pièce de monnaie pour déterminer avec quel parent l'enfant en question passerait Noël. Le juge de Gate City s'est défendu en expliquant qu'il jouait à pile ou face pour encourager les parents à résoudre leur dispute entre eux. Il a plus tard admis qu'il avait eu tort.

Bien que ceci semblerait une pratique étrange pour un juge, celui-ci n'a pas mérité d'aller en prison. Par contre, ceci est un fait qui a été accompli par le juge Donald Thompson de Oklahoma. Cet homme âgé de 59 ans, retraité en 2004, a passé près

de 23 ans en tant que juge. L'anomalie présente ici est le fait que ce dernier a apparemment utilisé une pompe à pénis pendant quatre procès entre 2001 et 2003. Il s'est aussi, paraît-il, exposé de manière inappropriée à 15 reprises pendant cette même période de temps. Le juge a reçu comme punition quatre ans en prison et une amende de 40,000\$.

Un autre cas judiciaire bizarre se situe au Texas et a comme sujet la juge Sharon 'Killer Keller' Keller. Comme le suggère son surnom, elle est connue comme étant plutôt sévère. Âgée de 54 ans, elle a refusé de garder son bureau ouvert passé 17h00. Pourquoi serait-ce un fait significatif? La réponse se trouve chez Michael Richard, homme de 49 ans, qui n'a pas pu avoir un appel parce qu'il était là après 17h00. Il a éventuellement été exécuté à cause de ceci. Bien que d'autres criminels, plus tard affirmés innocents, ont été tué à cause des décisions prises par Keller, celle-ci reste inflexible en ce qui concerne ses choix – et ses heures de bureau.

Le verdict sur les juges aux États-unis: puisque des événements comme ceux mentionnés ci-dessus se passent à maintes reprises, pourquoi ne pas laisser une pièce de monnaie juger leur validité. Pile ou face?



CAMPUS LIFE

Living in Residence: A Quick Guide

Making the most out of living in residence

by Adriana Kolijn

Have you been feeling lately like you are not getting enough out of res life? Perhaps you are wondering why some people are having so much fun when you're feeling left out. Here are some quick tips on how to make your life in residence more enjoyable.

First of all, talk to your Don. Really – they don't bite! In fact, they have lots of information that they are willing to share with you that could help you make res life a lot easier. You could get together with your don and plan an event for your floor in which everyone in your house could be involved. It will give people another opportunity to connect with each other and this way you won't feel like you are surrounded by strangers. Don't forget about the night porter's office, where you can find lots of entertainment options. They have really great movies, and if you are into pool or ping-pong they've got the equipment for that too.

Got a boyfriend or girlfriend who lives off campus? Is a younger sibling visiting? Is there a snowstorm going on outside and your commuter friend can't get home? Inviting friends to stay (for a maximum of 2 nights in a row) is permitted. Be sure to sign them in, follow the escort policy, and rent a mattress or cot if you need one.

If you feel like you are getting cabin fever, go down to the GAC. A good workout will help you get rid of anxiety and restless energy. Moreover, The Bistro will get a good meal and offers nice variations to the caf food. Find ways to support the Glendon community: set your radio to CKRG 89.9; stop by the Gallery after class; and see as many of Glendon Theatre's productions as possible.

Feel like leaving the campus? Go out and explore the city! There are so many things you can do in Toronto. Even just walking down Yonge Street with friends can be an adventure in and of itself. Have you considered going to Kensington Market, Cabbagetown, or Greek Town?

Above all – make some friends! The Glendon student body is a diverse one. There are a lot of interesting people around! Challenge yourself by interacting with neighbours who have different interests and backgrounds. Once you have some friends with whom you can hang out, there will never be a dull moment.

**Res life can be quite fun!
With these tips, you're
already well on your way
to livening things up.**



GCSU/AÉCG November News

Salut Glendon,

C'est votre directrice des communications encore une fois! J'ai plusieurs nouvelles parce que novembre est un mois très marquant. Premièrement, l'Association des Étudiant(e)s du Collège Glendon (l'AÉCG) a un nouveau site Internet!

After much work the Glendon College Students' Union finally has a new website! The domain is still www.gcsu-aecg.ca but the host server has changed. In other words, the site has a new look! If there is anything you would like to see online please contact me at: communications@gcsu-aecg.ca so that I can help make the website more useful.

Speaking of all things new...fall general elections are approaching, which means that the GCSU is looking for new council members! Available positions include: 8 Councillors, 1 Senator and 2

First-Year Representatives. If you are interested in running for the upcoming election please come to the GCSU office (York Hall 120) and pick up a candidate nomination form.

The deadline for the nomination is Friday, 23 November 2007 at 4:00pm!

For more information please contact Gabriel Rompré, Chief Returning Officer at: cro@gcsu-aecg.ca

Il y a beaucoup de postes disponibles pour des Élections Générales d'automne! L'AÉCG est à la recherche de 8 conseillers ou conseillères, 1 sénateur ou sénatrice et 2 représentants ou représentantes de première année. Pour obtenir un formulaire de mise en candidature, passez au bureau de l'AÉCG (Pavillon York 120).

Le date limite de mise en candidature est le

vendredi 23 novembre 2007 à 16h00!

Pour plus d'informations veuillez envoyer un courriel à Gabriel Rompré, Directeur général(e) du scrutin: cro@gcsu-aecg.ca

Keep your eyes and ears open for election updates. There will be many more to come! Soon the halls will be decked with posters... Glendon has to get festive somehow. Though I must cut the corny carol references for now.

Good luck with the exam and essay rush. It's only a matter of days before the real fun begins! Now I too must get back to those books...

Your Director of Communications,

Samantha Feder



VIE DU CAMPUS

Glendon Top 5: *Ways to Stay Awake and Study*

by Jesse Reynolds News Editor

For this issue's instalment, we scoured the campus looking to find out how you – the Glendon students – manage to stay up all night cramming for that double-header exam.

Caffeine Pills: 3rd year student Kayla Jackson says, "Actually, caffeine pills do work great. I take 3 at a time even though the bottle says 1-2. They may give you a bit of a buzz and hangover-like side-effects when they wear off, but I avoid that by just taking more."

Green Tea: 2nd year student Carlee-Ann Clingwall believes that, "it's the healthiest choice. If you drink 8 cups a day, it keeps you awake and you only have to go to the washroom every ten minutes or so."

Coffee: 4th year student Eoghan Morishita-Miki says, "I get jittery, irritable, my body shuts down entirely. Basically, it's like being asleep but your body is awake. And obviously that's ideal for studying."



Late-Night Walks Around Glendon: 4th year student Julien Hersh takes them for "fresh air, peace and quiet. What's not to like? Unless that creepy Glendon ghost shows up."

Red Bull: 2nd year student Jenna Therrien believes the can when "it says it revitalizes body and mind, so it must be good to study with. It also mixes well with vodka, for after the exam."

Fall Campus Day: An Ambassador's Perspective

by Stephanie Rudolph Campus Life Editor

Remember that Sunday awhile ago when you woke up to find a normally sleepy campus swarming with people? Ah, Fall Campus Day: that marvellous time of year made up of equal parts curiosity, apprehension, and wonder. This autumn, approximately 600 prospective students and their family and friends came to check out Glendon.

For the Student Ambassadors, the day began bright and early. Thank goodness the time change had given them an extra hour of sleep! Decked out in their snazziest Glendon gear (complete with "Je parle français. Do you?" buttons), they were split into groups with various responsibilities. Teams were stationed in the Manor, the parking lots, York Hall, and the caf – wherever you looked, there was a proud and perky Glendonite.

Prospective students were first invited to a brunch in the Manor, where they could also pick up their complimentary white pine saplings. Seminars regarding financial matters and academic requirements were held there throughout the day. Families could also visit the cafeteria, where Glendon organizations, clubs, and program departments had set up various booths.

During the day, tours were given around the property in order for students to get a deeper

sense of what university is all about. Earlier that week, Ambassadors who lived in residence were asked to lend their room keys to the tour guides. Of course, it follows that they would then have to guarantee a tidy, parent-friendly room – but what



else were they going to do with that one extra hour of Daylight Savings Time?

At the end of a hectic, cold, but ultimately amazing day, those Ambassadors not cleaning up the campus stood at the front gate, waving goodbye to the students (and whomever else happened to drive by). This kind personal touch, coupled with the blue lollipop donating and the one-on-one current/prospective student interaction, is what makes Glendon so unique, n'est-ce pas?

Carol Yorkden-Chamberlain, a primary Recruitment and Liaison Officer, says that the Liason office "hopes that this successful open house event will encourage interested future students to consider Glendon as one of their university options. We strive to create awareness about Glendon and promote all of the wonderful things our campus has to offer: a beautiful campus setting, a top notch liberal arts education, and a strong sense of community."

What Fall Campus Day really did was make all those involved fall in love with Glendon all over again. And, of course, everyone realized they're very happy to have already made all those stressful Grade 12 decisions!

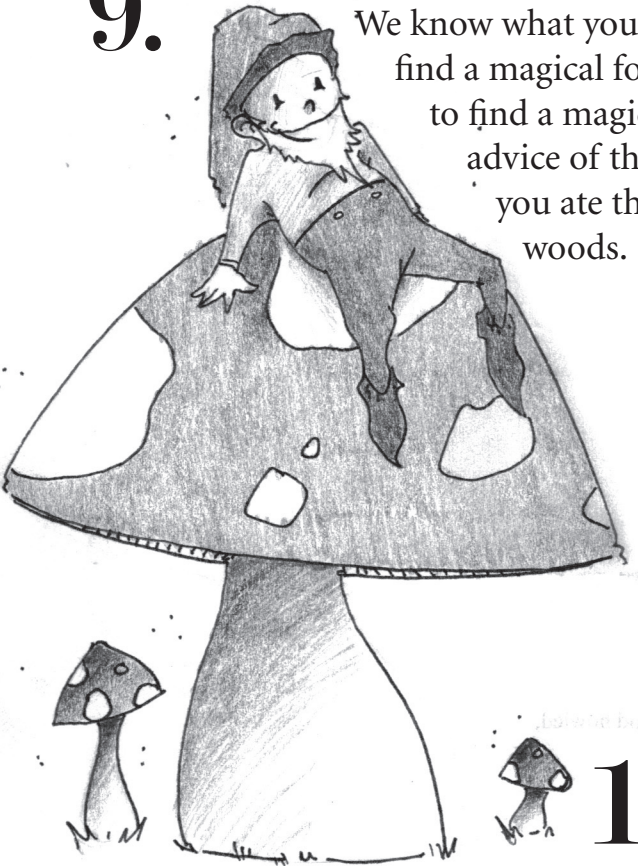
22 THINGS TO DO

1. Make an entire 3-piece suit (or any other fancy garment) entirely out of duct tape.
2. Tame one of Glendon's squirrels.
3. Call a customer service line and make words up to the elevator music they make you listen to while you wait. Sing those lyrics to the Customer Service Representative.
4. Wink at everyone that gets on the subway. See how long it takes until someone confronts you about it.
5. Try to see how many parts of your body you can exfoliate. Then visit all of your friends and get them to feel how soft you are.
7. SEE HOW MANY LIT CANDLES IT TAKES TO SET OFF THE FIRE ALARM.
6. Write inane poems about everyone you work with. See Expressions.
8. Clean your computer. Empty the trash/recycle bin one file at a time.



9. Go For a Trip in a Magical Forest

We know what you're thinking, where would I even find a magical forest? The answer is less in trying to find a magical forest and more in taking the advice of that gnome that began talking once you ate those mushrooms you found in the woods.



11. Ride the Subway from one end to the other and back, getting off at every stop and waiting for the next train. Do all 4 lines. Experience every station then make a list of the best ones.

12. Commit Tax Evasion

If there is one thing I've learned from people who have money and could easily afford to pay taxes, tax evasion is a necessary part of life. This one is pretty simple, all you need is to acknowledge that you owe the government money and then simply not pay it. I suggest spending that extra money on an underground tunnel, or possibly a hidden helicopter pad for when they eventually come to break your thumbs, which not only creates a better way to procrastinate but you might even end up on the evening news.

10. Read War & Peace. Twice.



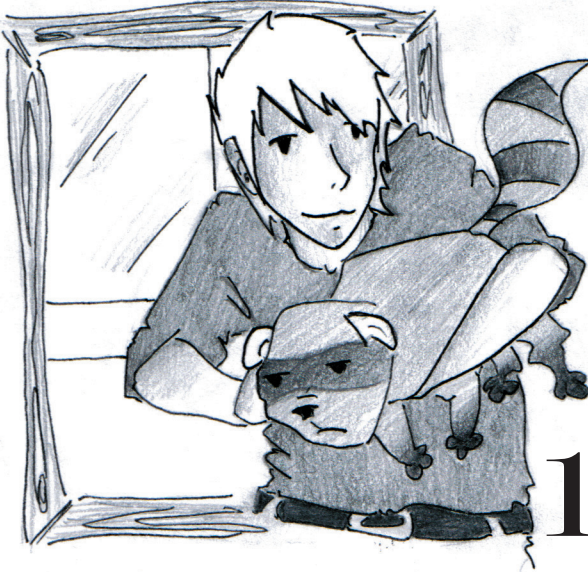
INSTEAD OF STUDYING

13. Test your CPR skills on your best friend.

Sneak a Raccoon Into Your Neighbour's Room

15. This might seem like something that you would only do to someone that you didn't like but if they were really your friend then they would never accuse you of doing such a thing. The amazing thing about this is it will give you the much-needed opportunity to practice for your desired profession in animal control.

17. Get an addiction. Something harmless, like socks.



14. Nothing says studying literature like a Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, Star Wars or Back to the Future movie marathon.

16. Construct Your Likeness Out of Deli Meat

This is the one thing you can do that will not only kill time but also create a form of art that goes quite well with mustard.

18. Create a False Identity

This is one of the greatest ways to procrastinate because of its long and tedious process for little to no payoff. People will most likely realize that it is just you wearing a moustache despite the fact that you stayed up all night doctoring photos, creating a passport and coming up with the clever name of McLovin.

19. To guarantee a solid grade, buy a Christmas present for the professor whose midterm you aren't studying for.

20. Go through your entire wardrobe and try every single piece of clothing with every other piece of clothing to figure out which things you want to throw out. Put it all back, and repeat.

21. *Try and Think of 37 things to do Instead of Studying*
I know that this might seem a little redundant but if you really value our opinion (and you should because we know a thing or two), you'll see that we will never lead you astray.

22. Sell Your Organs on EBay

With consumerism running rampant in Canada and students being notoriously poor, how else are we going to be able to make money? The most logical option would be to get a job, but we're not robots born of ration and students love to experience new and exciting things. Luckily you already have everything you need to sell your organs, namely...your organs. Next, simply look up some prices on EBay and then visit your nearest back alley surgeon and you're made in the shade. For further procrastination, see if you can bargain shop to get someone else's organs to replace yours.



Fashion Fickleness, Faux-Pas, and Fixes

How to .com your wardrobe from Glendon's favourite fashion advisor

By Anastasia Beaverhousen



to be at the top of this list. Take a few minutes out of your other methods of procrastination and consider taking a trip through online shopping sites and see what you might want to buy. There are a slew of them out there with all sizes, colours and styles at your finger tips. You might even be able to buy those elusive designer goods that I have made reference to. Be careful out there, though; make sure you are buying something from a reputable person; you do not want to get your new item in the mail and find it mangled, soiled or not what you wanted. Like being in a store, make sure you find out all the policies that are involved with shopping online and make sure you look at the return policy.

I hope that you get sucked into the world of online shopping- it could really help you find something you never thought you would find. Ever. Heck, you might even gain some style. Who knew procrastination could lead to a better wardrobe? So keep looking, that paper can wait until you've got a date.

If you are finding the online shopping a little boring and not sure what to buy, I implore you to look at websites like style.com. It is for both men and women and will give you the latest style tips. Expand your website knowledge beyond sites like Facebook, tv-sharing sites and conspiracy theory sites. Glendon, if you are going to waste time, waste it in a manner that allows you to look more fabulous. (Yes, boys can be fabulous.) It's the only way a person should be.

Since this issue's feature is "22 Things to do Instead of Studying," obviously, I think you all need to consider revamping your wardrobe

Inside the Belly of the Beast

Toronto's new playground courtesy of Peter Gratien

By Clara Wille Assistant Editor

The entrance to CiRCA is the key of the experience; a maze-like collection of hallways contrasted in bright lights and dark staircases, lined with windows displaying mannequins and live women as moving art and ruthless entertainment. The immediate disorientation makes it difficult not to view the whole club as a never ending collection of different rooms to get lost in.

The rest of the space includes a mix of the bizarre and the familiar. Kidrobot, a sickeningly fashionable producer of all that is cool in toys, apparel, art, and sneakers, designed one of the several bars overlooking the main dance floor. The Flinstones play on the screen in one of the other bars, which is isolated from the rest of the club by a large glass wall, keeping the music of the main room out and the smaller, more crowded atmosphere in. With a space capacity of 28,000, the complex can seem at times to be empty, even though it is crawling with thousands of trendy clubbers, with plenty gathered on couches in dark corners, or VIP rooms poised over the main room.

CiRCA is owned, unsurprisingly, by the infamous

club owner Peter Gratien. It is described on the website as the "four-story, 55,000 square foot state-of-the-art space [that] is an arts, music, entertainment, and fashion event-space unlike anything else in the world." In the 1990's, Gratien owned a string of popular night clubs in New York City after several attempts at opening clubs in other American cities. His most famous clubs included the Limelight, a trendy club that was located inside an old gothic church on 6th avenue in Manhattan.

He became a kind of ringmaster to a celebrity level party culture ridden with harassment from the cops, drugs, and eventually murder. Invitations to Limelight parties were reported to be encoded with the letter "x" to promote the sales of ecstasy in the clubs.

In 1996, Angel Melendez, a prominent drug dealer linked with Peter Gratien's creations, was killed and dismembered in connection to his activity at Gratien's locations. The club has since been closed and reopened several times, and is now open under the title "Avalon." When it reopened in 1998, Gratien insisted the club was a "community-friendly, arts-



oriented complex that will feature puppet shows, photography exhibitions, a juice and coffee bar, and a courtyard sandbox for toddlers," according to the New York Times.

Gratien is originally from Cornwall, Ontario. He was deported from the States in 2003 due to severe accounts of tax fraud, and now resides in Toronto, where he manages his new creation.

POLITICS



THE LOONIES 15 MINUTES OF FAME

by David Morris Politics Editor

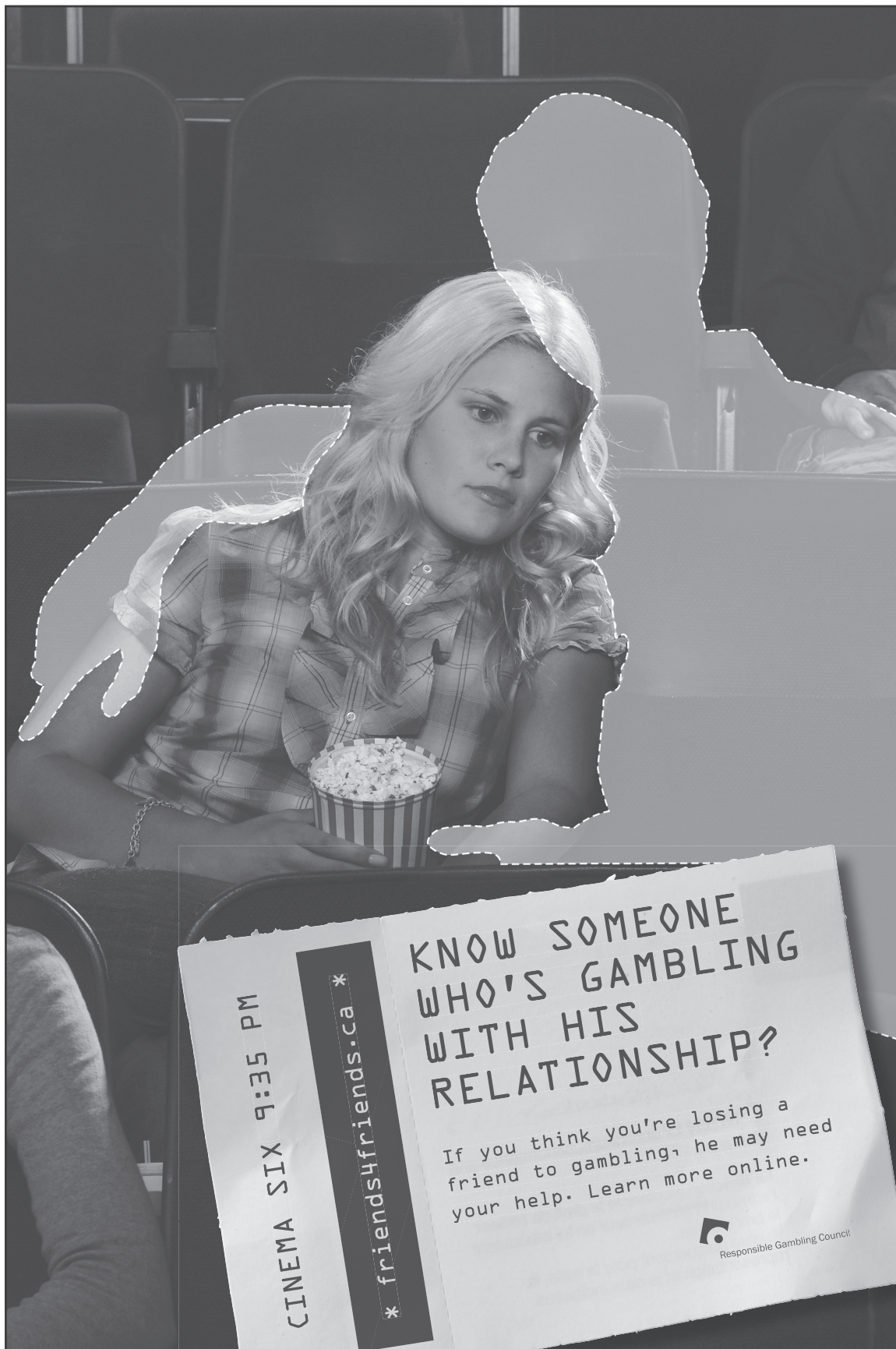
In recent months, we have seen the loonie advance in leaps and bounds on the U.S. dollar. Some people are using this as a time to predict the doom of the United States. It is true that the struggling U.S. dollar is not hindering the success of the loonie, but we should still give credit where credit is due. Canada's economy is on the rise as our major commodities continue to climb to new heights. After all, so much of the Canadian economy is based on our great abundance of natural resources. Additionally, the Conservatives' new tax-cut is going to help make taxes as low as they have been since the Diefenbaker era, and unemployment has recently hit a 30-year low, falling to 5.8 per cent.

However, exports are struggling like never before as the Canadian dollar reached \$1.10 US on November 7th. 84.2 per cent of Canadian exports are to the States. While this is not a time to get into a debate about a more diverse export portfolio, it is clear that this will eventually have huge repercussions on the Canadian economy.

But it gets worse. With the holiday season just around the corner, Canadians are signing their own death warrant. Line-ups at the Canada-U.S. border are hours long as thousands of Canadians are heading to the States to enjoy the cheap prices that previously weren't worth the drive. As the Canadian dollar continues to rise, more and more people are realizing that they can save hundreds and hundreds of dollars by shopping and investing down south.

In an attempt to keep us shopping in Canada, most major department stores have issued huge price-cuts. These price-cuts are a warning sign of how Canadians are damaging their economy by taking all of their money and investing it in American companies. This is a vicious cycle. The Canadian dollar goes up, Canadians run to the States – starving our economy here at home, the Canadian dollar goes back down.

There is little we can do to change this cycle. The stronger the Canadian economy gets, the more it will destroy itself. As Canadians we are in such proximity to the States that we can only do well when they are doing well, and if the American economy is hurting or – as some believe – collapsing, it won't take long to drag us down with it.



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ARTS & CULTURE

BETWEEN SOUND AND SILENCE

THE LEGACY OF JOY DIVISION

By Alex Ross Arts & Culture Editor

Despite existing for only three years and releasing only two studio albums, Joy Division is more popular than ever before, and still making its presence felt thirty years later. This fall, two films have solidified the band's reputation: *Control*—a biopic about the life of the band's tragic lead singer, Ian Curtis, and *Joy Division*—a documentary, which covers their meteoric rise and fall.

Described by music critic Paul Morely as “the most devastatingly imaginative rock band between The Doors and Nirvana”—Joy Division has carved a definitive place in the musical landscape. Combining the frenetic energy of punk with poetic sensitivity, they crafted a more introspective brand of

rock. Drawing on the boredom and gloom of their home-city of Manchester, England, they voiced the resignation and despair of the post-war generation.

The melding of different influences and individual talents created something that

was highly original: the minimalist and metallic playing style of lead guitarist Bernard Sumner, Peter Hook's idiosyncratic bass lines, the metronome-like drumming of Stephen Morris, and the baritone voice and hypnotic dancing style of lead-singer, Ian Curtis.

Beset by marital problems, epilepsy, and constant nervous exhaustion, Curtis channeled his doubts, defeats, and despair into lyrics fraught with literary references and existential guilt. Perennial favorites such as *Love Will Tear Us Apart*, *Atmosphere* and *Transmission* give a small glimpse into a tortured soul.

Part of the anarchistic record label Factory Records, Joy Division was given complete creative control. Manchester's resident sound guru—Martin Hannett—lent the band his cold production technique, which made silence just as important as sound. Audio effects such as breaking glass, distortion and sound-looping gave their albums a claustrophobic atmosphere.

With only one radio interview and a couple of news articles, Joy Division has been able to maintain a certain sense of mystery. Their two albums: *Unknown Pleasures* and *Closer* utilized the minimalist artwork of Peter Saville with nothing inside the album sleeve, except the usual credits.

The life of the band was cut short by the tragic suicide of lead singer Ian Curtis on May 17, 1980, on the eve of a two-week tour in United States, which would have pushed them further into the limelight. Fortunately, their music lives on, as their songs never really ended, but merely drifted off into infinity.



From L to R: Peter Hook, Bernard Sumner, Ian Curtis, Stephen Morris

Unbeknownst to many students at Glendon, a little piece of culture lies nestled away in a corner of Glendon Hall – the Glendon Gallery—which serves both the public and the university community. Hosting a new exhibition every month from September to May, the stylishly renovated gallery has been around for thirty years, steadily growing in reputation and gaining the respect of Toronto's artistic community.

political instability of modern life. This project provided an interesting look at a much overlooked problem. In terms of the shanty house, it is almost unthinkable that people could live in such conditions – witnessing an actual physical representation manages to put this issue into perspective.

Having a gallery on campus could prove very beneficial to any art fan, or even a curious student. The exhibitions are very accessible and allow you to



GLENDON GALLERY: CULTURAL HOTSPOT

Contemporary exhibits earn art community's respect By Jesse Reynolds News Editor

The most recent exhibition, which has unfortunately ended as of this issue of the Pro Tem, was a project by Toronto-based media artist and photographer Boja Vasic, entitled *Parallel World – The Architecture of Survival*. The exhibition featured ninety-nine photographs of temporary shelters in downtown Belgrade, built by refugees from Kosovo, as well as other escaping migrants. It also incorporated a full-scale demonstrational shanty house built into the gallery and a video presentation entitled *Gypsy Utopia*.

According to the press release, the exhibition was meant to explore issues such as mobility, forced displacement, dislocation and homelessness, as well as the social and

get up close and personal with the artists. The opening eve of each exhibition is marked with a ceremony attended by the artist – and for those who cannot attend, the artist returns the next afternoon to give a talk and answer questions about their work.

The next exhibition, *Footprints of Expo '67* runs November 27th to December 21st and features three artists, Ann Roberts, David Sorensen and Tony Urquhart. As the title indicates, the exhibit examines the artistic, environmental and personal footprints left by Montreal's Expo '67 through the exploration of exhibited artwork.

The Glendon Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday from 12pm-3pm and Saturdays 1pm-4pm. Information



can be obtained from the very helpful staff about openings, artist talks – and even the annual Glendon student exhibition, which takes place towards the end of the school year.

ARTS *et* CULTURE



young males, so if Hollywood wants to walk away from a film with their millions intact they need to keep young men entertained. Action and sex is what guys want to see. That is why in every major blockbuster film, you'll find these two things in various degrees.

A perfect example is the film *Troy*. *Troy* is the kind of movie where you feel like you've enjoyed watching it, but are not sure if it was really

elements, and therefore do not receive the media attention they deserve. You drag yourself out to see the *Troy*-style movies because "everybody is talking about them."

This is not to say Hollywood cannot release a movie without following the "blockbuster rules." There are other elements—such as humour—that can still draw a huge crowd. Recently, low-budget comedies have been doing better and

LESS SEX, LESS ACTION, LESS MILLIONS

The shallow formula of Hollywood Blockbusters By David Morris Politics Editor



Hollywood knows there are rules to be followed if they want to draw the masses to the box office. The majority of moviegoers are

worth your time. Despite the shallow plot, and equally shallow acting, *Troy* was a huge hit grossing nearly \$500,000,000. Sex, action, and more of both are to thank. Not only did *Troy* follow the "blockbuster rules," it went beyond the call of duty by throwing in a bunch of the hottest actors of the year. This obviously did not hinder drawing in the female crowd.

Then there are those other movies. The kind that make you think, and feel, and you have the good intention to see, but never seem to make it to. Once again, it is because they lack those basic

better at the box-office, though none of them have achieved blockbuster-status yet. In fact, the only movies that can surpass their sex/action-packed counterparts are movies based on great literary icons or historical figures. Nonetheless, even these icons manage to still conform to Hollywood's blockbuster rules.

It is unfortunate that the only way directors can get the majority of us to come out to see their work is by including sex and action—elements that sometimes seem forced, and can take away from the deeper meaning a movie can hold.

IL ÉTAIT UNE FOIS...

CETTE ANNÉE ON VOIT UNE SÉRIE DES FILM DE GENRE FANTASTIQUE

Par Marisa Baratta Éditrice santé

Il y a une explosion des films fantastiques dans le monde du cinéma. De plus en plus de films basent leurs histoires sur des contes de fées, sur des romans ou sur des légendes. Ça montre peut-être de la nostalgie mais quelle que soit la raison, ces films procurent de vifs plaisirs!

Sydney White (déjà à l'écran)

Ce film est une adaptation moderne de l'histoire Blanche Neige. Sydney White « pledges the sorority » de sa mère morte mais elle apprend que les filles ne sont pas gentilles. Elle trouve une maison avec les sept gars qui sont aussi « socially challenged » qu'elle et elle essaie de surmonter les reines de la hiérarchie sociale. Amanda Bynes est la vedette de film.

La légende de Beowulf 11-16-07

Basé sur une épopée légendaire, ce film raconte l'histoire de l'un des rois les plus fameux du monde fictif. Beowulf doit vaincre Grendel, un monstre spectaculaire, et puis il fait face à sa mère, une « femme » séduisante. Beowulf doit surmonter des obstacles pour montrer qu'il est vraiment le roi de légende. Anthony Hopkins, John Malkovich et Angelina Jolie sont les vedettes de film.

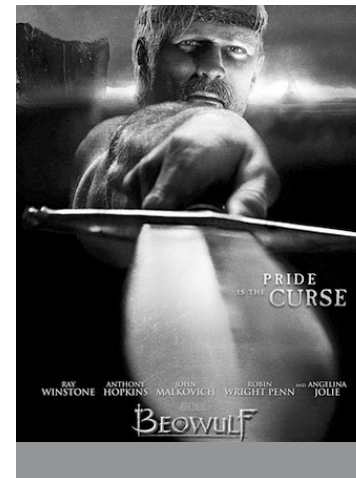
Enchanted 11-21-07

Enchanted est un film pour ceux qui aiment les contes de fée. Une princesse, Giselle, est exilée du monde magique par une sorcière

méchante qui ne veut pas que la princesse se marie avec son fils, le prince. Giselle se retrouve à Manhattan où elle doit survivre sans chansons spontanées, sans magie, et sans « happily ever after ». Elle trouve un nouveau « prince » et beaucoup d'autres. Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden, Susan Sarandon et Julie Andrews sont les vedettes de film.

The Golden Compass 12-7-07

Ce film est adapté du roman de Philip Pullman du même titre. Lyra, une petite fille qui habite un collège, entend une conversation à propos de petites particules magiques qui peuvent unir des mondes. Une aventure commence avec Lyra, des créatures magiques et ceux qui veulent détruire ces particules. Les aventures de Lyra continuent dans les deux autres livres de la trilogie, *The Subtle Knife* et *The Amber Spyglass*. Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig et Ian McKellen sont les vedettes de film.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Flab Today, Gone Tomorrow By Sara Laconte How to improve your metabolism



Wouldn't it be nice to pig out and not find the food you ate on your hips the next day? experts say you might want to pay more attention to your metabolism. With the right fuel and conditions, your body can help work it all off with minimal effort.

Your metabolism speed is directly related to your food consumption. If you can eat a lot without gaining

weight (or, if you're lucky, while *losing* weight), you're said to have a high or fast metabolism. If food always makes its way to your bottom, then it's likely that you have a slow metabolism.

However, scientists have found that with a few simple steps, the speed of your metabolism can be improved (so go ahead and rejoice). Dr. Joey Shulman of *Canadian Living* reports:

1. Breakfast actually is the most important meal of the day. Your metabolism declines from when you wake up until you go to sleep. Not eating breakfast slows down your metabolism and promotes weight gain.

2. Protein is key. When you ingest dietary protein, your body produces the hormone glucagon, which encourages cells to send some fat into the blood (don't worry – when the fats

are released, they get used up). In short, eat more protein, burn more fat.

3. It's not that important to be refined after all. Refined sugar and grains (think white flour and sugar) cause people to overproduce insulin, which counters the positive effects of glucagon, resulting in fat storage.

4. Keep it on the down-low. Foods on the lower end of the glycemic index (whole grains, certain fruits, beans, and veggies) promote weight loss, so don't be afraid of the extra carbs – they are *good carbs*.

5. Some tea? It has been proven that green tea has more health benefits than coffee, but did you know its antioxidants help with weight loss by reducing fat and starch absorption? It takes a dose of three to four cups a day to get the full benefits but your waist will thank you.

N'attrapez pas le gras

Par Marisa Baratta Éditrice santé

Des études récentes montrent que l'obésité est contagieuse

Avez-vous entendu? L'obésité est contagieuse! Si nous passons du temps avec quelqu'un qui est obèse, qui a un époux obèse ou qui a des membres de sa famille obèses, nous augmentons nos propres risques de devenir obèses!

Les études montrent que ce risque augmente de 57% si notre ami est obèse, par 40% si c'est notre frère ou notre sœur, et par 37% si notre époux ou épouse est obèse. De plus, les risques de contracter cette condition augmentent aussi entre des gens du même sexe. Ce qui est encore plus intéressant est que ces influences ne sont pas limitées à des similarités d'environnement ou de mode de vie puisque des études montrent que l'obésité augmente aussi quand nos amis affectés par cette condition habitent des régions différentes.

Après avoir entendu ces nouvelles, Dr. Ian Campbell, directeur médical de la charité Weight Concern, n'était pas surpris. Il croit que cette caractéristique contagieuse de l'obésité est naturelle, mais il était quand même surpris d'entendre que cette probabilité était plus forte entre les amis qu'entre les frères et les sœurs. Ce fait montre que les facteurs sociaux sont plus forts que les facteurs physiques

– une conclusion très intéressante. Dr. Campbell remarque aussi que les amis obèses peuvent travailler ensemble à perdre de poids.

Nicholas Christakis, professeur et auteur, explique que les gens qui ont des amis obèses changent leur vue de l'obésité et de ce qui est un poids « normal ». Ce n'est pas que ces personnes établissent des liens d'amitié à cause de leur obésité

mais plutôt qu'elles reconnaissent et acceptent que leurs amis soient dans cette situation et adoptent une idée qu'être plus lourd est normal.

Dr. Richard Suzman, directeur de l'Institut National de Recherche sur le Comportement et la Société, dit que cette étude est importante pour nous aider à

découvrir pourquoi la population américaine est tellement obèse.

Certaines personnes croient que l'étude venant du Journal de Médecine d'Angleterre doit contenir des recherches plus profondes pour appuyer ces idées et pour fournir une bonne fondation de preuves. Andrew Hill, un professeur à l'université de Leeds, partage cette même opinion. Il dit de ne pas oublier que l'alimentation et l'activité physique sont des facteurs essentiels pour combattre l'obésité.



Healthy Happenings

November 26 - December 15: 17th Annual Christmas Classic Squash Club Championships
Glendon Athletic Club (GAC)

Entry Fee: \$30

Entry Deadline: November 21

Contact Aaron Rodrigues at: 416.487.6717 or
arodrigues@glendon.yorku.ca

Mondays & Fridays 11AM-4PM, Thursdays 4-7PM: Massage Therapy with Sandra
Glendon Athletic Club (GAC)

Residence Recipes

Une pizza de taco

Les ingrédients:

1 tortilla des haricots sautés
de la crème sûre la salsa

des oignons verts
Old El Paso™ sauce Taco épicée
du fromage mozzarella râpé (ou cheddar)

Préchauffez le petit four à 320 F. Couvrez la tortilla avec une couche des haricots sautés suivie par des couches (dans cette ordre) : de crème sûre, de salsa, de fromage Mozzarella râpé et finalement d'oignons verts. Faites cuire jusqu'au point où le fromage est fondu. Ajoutez la sauce Old El Paso Taco épicée si vous voulez plus de goût.

EXPRESSIONS



Gas Station Politics

by Jacinto Wong

**Petrol fumes pool at the bridge of my nose,
a poignant reminder of the concentrated pollution
we paint pretentiously with necessity.**

**We burn and burn but don't expect the ash,
the collapse, like my tired charred lungs
that I never think will give.**

**I still light the smoke,
Gas companies still gouge the earth,
and they gouge consumers worse.**

**I know the oil crisis has been done to death,
But I won't stop blowing up gas stations
until I get my point across.**

How I make sure I get my work done on time: setting priorities...

by Joshua Lafleur

One month to write my paper,
I will give myself an early deadline
Then I promise I will not cram
Do I want to go out... well I have three weeks...

Two weeks until my fake deadline
This week, I REALLY will do it
Nothing can stop me
It's your Birthday? ...well I can't miss that...

One more week
This will be it
I am on my way to the library
The Bistro? ...well I really have two weeks...

Actually only one week now!
I'll just get my other work out of the way
I should really clean up a bit first
What's my paper about...well let me tell you...

IT'S DUE TOMORROW!
I'll just have some food
Just one smoke to calm me down
...well its going to be a long night...

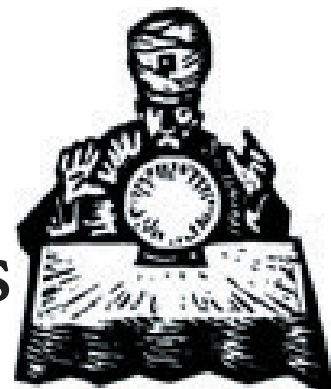
(Mental note: new priority #1, learn how to prioritize)



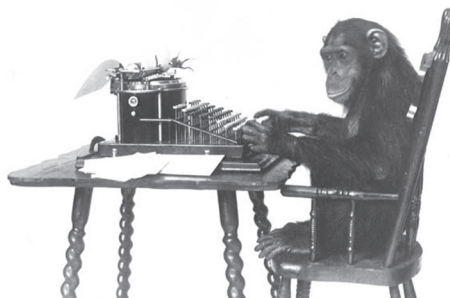
GRACEFUL PHOTOGRAPHER

by Clara Wille

Always working, fiercely dedicated
with her aperture wide open, into the throbbing centers of Toronto,
ready to accept the burning passion adjusting shutter speed at the whim of
of Pro Tem photo requests. her subjects' fluctuations.
Planting her tripod delicately and lovingly Oh, Irena, photographer,
I love gazing at your open aperture.



Dear Scab Writers Guild of America



Since the strike of the Screenwriters Guild of America, profit hungry corporations who sell their products during the commercial breaks of prime time television have no desire to lose business. They have therefore paid replacement writers to come in. While some of them aren't human, it tends to make their demands significantly cheaper and easier to accommodate: a banana here, a banana there. Not that these are your average monkeys, these are the team of monkeys that managed to write Shakespeare. That's right, Shakespeare.

Question #1:

Dear Replacement Writers, I'd like to start my question with a statement: I would like to services at Glendon to those of a brain surgeon with cerebral palsy. Now my question is in regards to quantum physics, if a tree falls in the woods and happens upon both a wormhole and appropriate vessel, similar to the Delorian, would it make a sound?

- John McQuestionson "Concerned with Quanta"

Reply:

Well, John, unfortunately for both of us, you don't actually know what quantum physics is, as it has more to the study of atoms and their ability to act as both waves and particles in terms of energy distribution. I'm a monkey, and even I know that. Now if there's one thing I've learned about answering questions where the statement has nothing to do with the question it's that it always makes for good television. That's what me and my banana-totting colleagues have always employed in our writing of Grey's Anatomy, keeping the voice-overs vague and generic and incorporating just as much realism as a monkey writing an advice column. Seriously though, watch Scrubs instead.

Question #2:

Dear Monkeys, Could this advice column be nothing more than a shameless ploy by an entertainment editor with nothing better to do than exploit current events with a random and delicious twist? Come to think of it, I actually love it and retract my question.

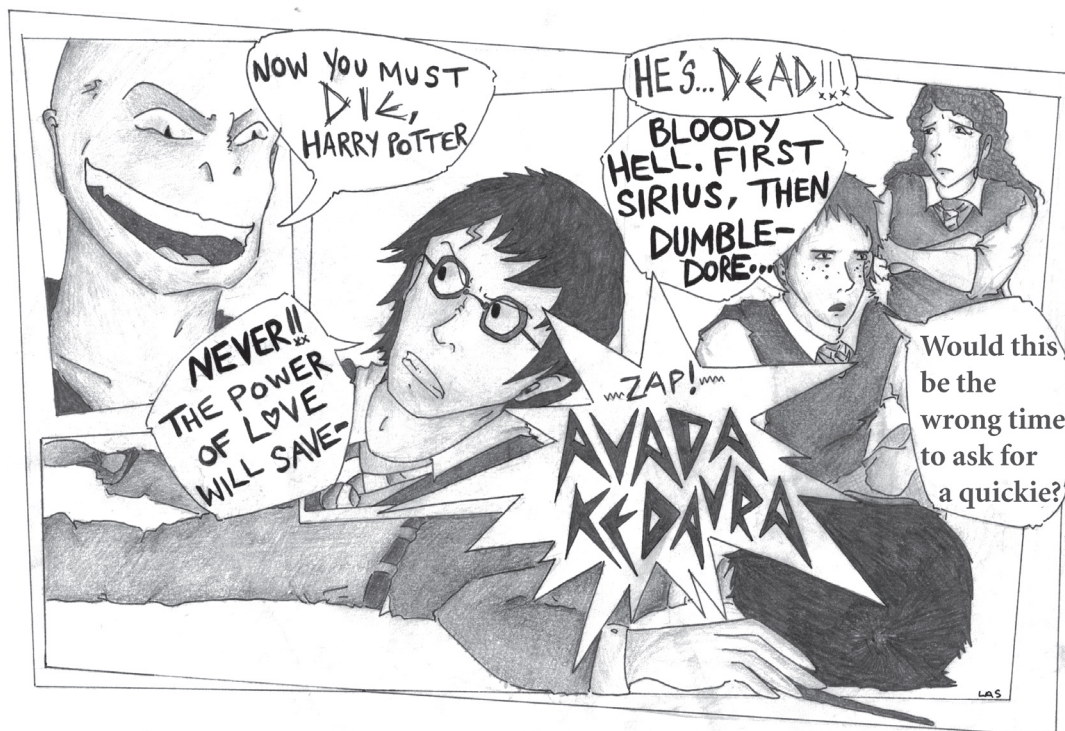
- Vanessa Fakename "Loves the Entertainment Section"

Reply:

You know that not only did your original question not constitute me actually being able to give you advice, but to retract it and make a statement makes it that much more impossible for me to respond. That being said, I love the entertainment section myself. Whoever writes it must be some kind of super genius, and I mean I have an IQ of 130 and I still tremble at his awesome writing power.

Comics

"dedicated to those who don't like to laugh"



Horoscopes

ARIES March 21 - April 19

You have spent your whole life dreaming of being remembered. It's too bad you were too busy doing that instead of anything the least bit memorable.

TAURUS Apr 20 - May 20

Your hardheadedness will pay off this week as you find yourself in a series of life or death challenges involving the headbutting of various objects.

GEMINI May 21 - June 21

A firm handshake will tell you a lot about your new father-in-law. Mainly that he has a hook for a hand and a distate for you.

CANCER June 22 - July 22

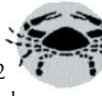
You will find yourself attracted to an entertainment editor/designer this week. You should embrace this fully because he knows a thing or two about where to put things...on the page.

LEO July 23 - Aug 22

While admitting that you've made a few mistakes in your life can be admirable, compiling a list of all the times you've gone to perform surgery drunk is slightly less admirable.

VIRGO Aug 23 - Sept 22

For the first time in your life you will finally have the confidence to ask for exactly what you want. Unfortunately, the end result of this is less of you getting what you want and more of you featured on Fox's latest reality television special "People Who Talk Dirty To Drive-thru Windows."



LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 23

Nobody said that it was going to be easy, or fun, or even practical. But then nobody really said much about your desire to take up differential calculus.



SCORPIO Oct 24 - Nov 21

An attempt at sexual innuendo goes awry this week when you make a reference to the concealed weapon in your pants to that female police officer you've had your eye on.



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 - Dec 21

Your disarming smile faces its biggest challenge this week when the U.S. government sends you to defuse tensions in Pakistan.



CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 19

Don't worry about what people are saying behind your back this week. Especially considering all the nasty things they'll be saying directly to your face.



AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18

When life gives you lemons, why not blame them on your troubled upbringing and consequent inability to show affection? It sure beats making lemonade.



PISCES Feb 19 - Mar 20

You will be reduced to a mere statistic as soon as someone starts keeping track of the number of people that are deservedly paralyzed on their way to Nickelback concerts.

Quotes

"I'm working on an open letter and it goes like this. Guess what, Martin Luther King, I had a fuckin' dream, too! I had a dream that I was in my living room. It wasn't my living room but it was, like, playing my living room in the dream. And I walked through to the backyard and there's a pool and as I'm diving in, there's a shark coming up from the water... with braces! So maybe you're not so fucking special!"

- Sarah Silverman

"Honesty may be the best policy, but it's important to remember that apparently, by elimination, dishonesty is the second-best policy."

- George Carlin

"The very existence of flame-throwers proves that some time, somewhere, someone said to themselves, You know, I want to set those people over there on fire, but I'm just not close enough to get the job done."

- George Carlin