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Pro Tem turns co-op

Michele Ermuth

Alex Limion, editor-in-chief of ProTem, was asked to resign by an overwhelming majority of the newspaper staff in a vote of 12 to 3 on February 8, 1994. He refused.

Stephan Robichaud, photography editor and Dominique Marcotte tabled a document outlining Mr. Limion's alleged financial irresponsibility, ethical problems and undemocratic procedures. A general staff meeting was held, chaired by Pat Micelli, the Ontario **Regional Canadian University** Press representative, on Tuesday evening to give Mr. Limion a chance to defend himself.

In the area of financial irresponsibility, the issue in question is whether Mr. Limion used ProTem's money wisely or not. Since ProTem is a prospective member of the Canadian University Press (CUP), it was necessary to attend a conference in Regina over the Christmas break to reaffirm its membership. CUP sends one conference and plane ticket to each affiliated university to ensure representation. One was sent to the attention of Mr. Limion.

Mr. Limion asked staff at weekly ProTem meetings if anyone else was interested in attending with the condition that ProTem would cover half the cost. Everyone declined.

December, two people decided to go to the conference, however, as Mr. Limion points out "Lori [Hill, assistant editor] didn't want to go alone and Cameron [Fraser, assistant editor] didn't want to go without me." Since neither party could afford tickets, Mr. Limion decided that ProTem would cover 100% of the \$1100.00 fee for each assistant editor.

Since ProTem's total travel budget is \$2000.00 for the whole year, Mr. Limion took money from the fund set aside to buy a new. computer. He said the old computer would be repaired therefore the fund could be dipped into.

Marlaine Lindsay, typesetter, pointed out that "If he was using money from another area in the budget, should it not have been voted on?". Mr. Limion said this did not have to be done constitutionally.

In his concluding remarks, he said "[he] wasn't even interested in going to the conference - he could have gone to Cuba instead." He did, however, offer to pay back one third of the money over-budget. The other two would cover the rest of the cost.

Moreover, Mr. Limion was also reprimanded for his unethical behaviour at work. At the abovementioned conference, he was late At the beginning of for the meetings and held up

production of various newsletters. Mr. Limion said he was "getting a lot of negative feedback from the editor ... and didn't see the point of attending the conference plenaries." Lori Hill pointed out "[he] had his way paid to represent ProTem, not to party."

He also had poor relations with staff members, firing one person in the middle of the hallway at school, and threatening to an assistant

editor that he would reveal certain portions of the editor's private life.

The most serious example of Mr. Limion's unethical conduct is his response to an argument he had with a member of the GCSU. He drew a circle around a picture of the member's face and wrote a caption underneath "Have you seen this man? For info, dial 1-800-U-RAPIST". This photo was displayed in the ProTem office. Mr. Limion says that this is his own brand of humour and "this is what happens when I get angry, so watch out." He did offer at the meeting to write an official letter of apology, which the GCSU member accepted.



Amidst the confusion, PRO TEM reorganizes staff

He did, however, qualify it by saying "P.J. O'Rourke said that seriousness [taking his joke at face value] is stupidity with a college degree and quite frankly [the staff] does not have a college degree." The third area in which Mr. Limion was reprimanded was his undemocratic behaviour. He allegedly consistently made decisions by himself, often counteracting the rest of the staff. To charges of changing articles and adding a certain political slant to the newspaper, Mr. Limion responded "What does it matter? It's only a college paper."

Since Mr. Limion refused to resign, ProTem staff began the impeachment process. However, in an eleventh hour decision on February 9, 1994 at the final staff meeting before the process, the staff of ProTem voted 5 to 4 (plus two abstentions) to keep Mr. Limion on staff but demote him to assistant editor.-Said one staff member,"It is ridiculous to impeach him now. We should have done it earlier." The seven editors now form an editorial collective and the finances of ProTem will be determined by the newly created Administrative Assistant. A final clause in the agreement states that should Mr. Limion repeat any similar offense, he will be subject to immediate dismissal.

Remue-ménage à Pro Tem

Simon Marchand

Mardi soir le 8 février dernier, l'équipe de ProTem a certainement tenu l'une des plus longues réunions de ses 30 ans d'histoire.

laquelle certains membres du journal étaient sur le point de demander la démission de leur rédacteur en chef.

La rumeur circulait depuis démission de sa part aurait eu de quelques jours. Une rumeur selon moins lourdes conséquences qu'un raisons amenant cette motion, congédiement. Les membres de ProTem avaient tout simplement à présenter une pétition comprenant les signatures des deux tiers (2/3) de l'équipe et incluant toutes les raisons les amenant à agir ainsi, pour que le procédé de congédiement soit enclenché. (Pour être considéré membre pouvant voter aux réunions ou en ces occasions spéciales, il faut avoir contribué au moins cinq (5) fois au journal depuis septembre dont une depuis janvier).

sortie plus en douceur. Elle aurait aussi permis aux membres de ProTem de garder toute cette affaire à l'interne.

Après s'être fait exposer les Monsieur Limion eut finalement l'occasion de se défendre contre chacune des charges portées contre lui, charges allant d'une mauvaise gestion financière, d'une conduite incorrecte de la part d'un rédacteur en chef, en passant par des procédés démocratiques non respectés en ce qui concerne les opérations d'un journal étudiant. Étant obligé de répondre à chaque accusation, le tout dura près de quatre (4) heures. La réunion se termina vers les 21h00 par un vote demandant à l'équipe s'ils acceptaient ou non la motion. Le résultat de vote étant douze(12) en faveur, trois(3) contre et une (1) abstention, la question

jusqu'à affirmer sa ferme intention de demeurer en poste.

Mercredi le 9, les membres commencèrent leurs démarches dans le but d'un congédiement. En soirée, lors d'une réunion de dernière chance avant celle de l'AECG où une motion allait y être présentée, l'équipe de ProTem procéda à un vote coulant que Monsieur Limion demeure dans l'équipe mais au poste d'assistant à la rédaction. Il fut aussi stipulé

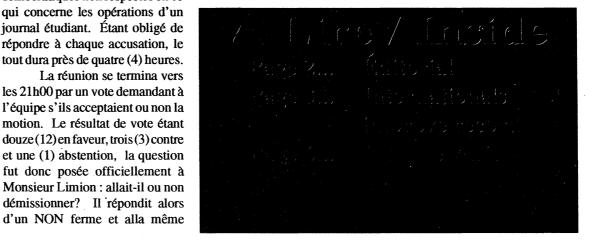
dans cette entente votée 5 pour, 4 contre, 2 abstention, que tout recommencement des actions qui lui étaient reprochées signifirait un renvoi immédiat.

Il est à noter qu'aucun vidu remplacera M. Limion au poste de rédacteur en chef d'ici la fin de cette année et que ProTem est maintenant dirrigé par un groupe de 6 ou 7 personnes formant le groupe éditorial. Les finances seront prises en charge par un assistant administratif.

La réunion commenca, comme d'habitude, avec quelques minutes de retard et ce vers 17h10. Contrairement à la normale, cette réunion n'était pas présidée par quelqu'un faisant parti de l'équipe Pat Micelli, régulière. représentante régionale de la Presse Universitaire Canadienne, possiblement plus impartiale, était en place pour diriger cette réunion hors de l'ordinaire. Après quelques motions banales, ce que tout le monde prévoyait arriva. Une motion formelle demandant la démission d'Alexander E. Limion était présentée.

> Selon certains, une

Le procédé de congédiement , qui soit dit en passant demande l'approbation de l'AECG et par suite, celui des étudiants par voie de référendum, est aussi beaucoup plus long et beaucoup plus facile à ébruiter. Tous étaient alors conscients qu'une démission permettrait à Monsieur Limion une



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EDITORIAL Smuggling cigarettes - the malignant truth

The Liberal government, headed by Jean Chrétien, cut the federal taxes on a carton of cigarettes by \$5 last week. This move will go a long way to end cigarette smuggling between the Canada - US border.

But when Québec premier Daniel Johnson lowered his province's cigarette taxes by another \$11 per carton, the opportunities for smuggling became real again.

Now the smuggling will happen between provinces. Whereas the price of a carton of cigarettes used to average \$48 across Canada, a carton sold for \$23 in Québec last week. The sharp drop in price brought Ontario shoppers in droves. Inter-provincial smuggling between Ontario and Québec is bound to follow.

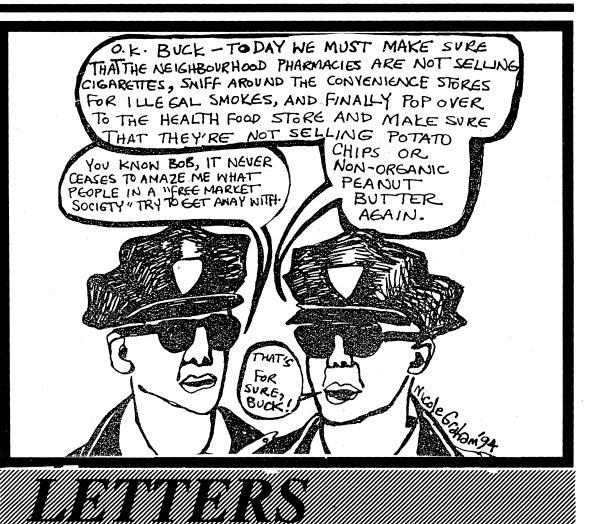
M. Chrétien was quoted as saying that he believed the federal tax cuts would help alleviate cigarette smuggling between the Canada - US border. As the Liberal government dropped cigarette taxes, U.S. president Bill Clinton presented his budget which raised cigarette taxes from 24 to 99 cents a pack, implying a US tax increase of \$6/ carton.

After the federal government's tax cuts, Ontario Premier Bob Rae immediately denounced the cuts saying that he did not intend to lower Ontario's taxes on cigarettes.

Unfortunately, as M. Chrétien and Mr. Clinton have realized the inevitability of cross-border price agreement, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rae have not.

Cross -border differentials lead to smuggling. 70% of the smuggling of cigarettes into Canada is attributed to the Akwesasne Reserve. With price differential between Canada and the US, native Indians from the reserve were able to cross the Canada - US border without paying duty (according to the Jay Treaty of 1794). With price differentials between Ontario and Québec, the Reserve, conveniently located within reach of the 3 borders, can continue its smuggling operations.

Smuggling is thought to have cost the Canadian economy \$1 billion in 1993. Will these revenues be revived as smuggling is stopped? Finance Minister Paul Martin doesn't think so. His projected budget for fiscal 1994 shows \$300 million less in revenues due to the tax cuts, and an expense of \$150 M in increased antismuggling enforcement expenses (shouldn't we need less enforcement with market reforms?)



Letter to the Editors,

After being falsely accused of plagiarism, I now wish to defend myself. It seems Alex E. Limion has taken it upon himself to be my sole judge, juror and executor without giving me a fair trial.

I feel I should apologize, although I'm not sure what I did since I did not plagiarize anyone's article. In fact, I only read Nathalie-Roze Fischer's article for the first time yesterday (Tuesday, February 8th, 1994). You cannot begin to know how angered, upset, frustrated and horrified I was to discover on Monday night that I was being publicly accused of something I never did without ever

having the opportunity to defend myself or my article. The dictionary is no one's "intellectual property", nor is a quote from Gloria Steinem (which Ms. Fisher and I got from two different sources: Ms. magazine and an address to the University of Victoria respectively), nor is the phrase "think about it". If Mr. Limion would like to talk journalistic ethics, I'd love to hear from him. Not only did he slanderously accuse me of a criminal offense with complete disregard for me and my academic reputation, but he insisted on publishing said offense without so much as a phone call to hear my side of the story. I can only hope that this sequence of events tarnishes his reputation worse than it does mine. I would also like to request that he apologize to me for assuming I would use a ProTem article as the basis for one of my own, and that the original apology be printed in ProTem.

Jennifer L. Mc Cready

To the members of Glendon College:

By way of a 'letter to the editor' I would like to pass on my

again, together with all the other

To make up for the lost federal revenues, Mr. Martin has increased the cigarette industry tax rate from 21 to 31 per cent.

The federal government might fix its revenues from the cigarette industry, but how about the Ontario government? According to The Financial Post, Ontario has already seen the tax revenues from tobacco sales go from \$1 billion in 1992 to \$800 M in 1993. Interprovincial smuggling between Ontario and Québec will lower these revenues even more.

In conclusion, it is clear that Mr. Rae and Mr. Johnson must talk. Smuggling cannot be ended, but its opportunities can certainly be curtailed.

Next Pro Tem edition Monday, March 7, Next deadline: March 3 at 5pm team's congratulations, as well as my personal congratulations, to the members of your Glendon Men's ice hockey team, their supportive fans, and the college itself.

In defeating us two games to one, the finals were exciting, including two overtime shootouts, testimony to how closely fought a series these finals were. There were many outstanding moments, including a number of times where each team was called to defend itself against five-on-three disadvantages. In the end, the flu bug, but more importantly the calibre of Glendon, caught up with we alumni. Particular congratulations should go to your 'black panther', who played outstanding goal.

Further to this, and despite the obvious geographic problems

regarding distance from the 'main' campus, we all admired the dedication shown by Glendon's fans, in their support of their team during the playoffs. It's great to see Glendon College participating in more intramural sports once colleges and units.

We plan on making the finals again next year, and look forward to perhaps meeting Glendon again (despite the other teams), so that we can set the record straight! Many thanks for your time.

> Mark Stelmacovich (#2) Alumni Kings Team Organizer Vanier '77

Prochaine réunion de Pro Tem lundi le 15 février à 17h00

Monday February 14, 1994

Programme guillotiné

Marylene Gaulthier Pascale Jenkins Suzanne Hinks

Demandez aux étudiants Québécois que vous recontrez, quel est leur domaine d'étude? La majorité vous répondra certainement études internationales.

Pourquoi? Laraisonest que internationales. Glendon est la seule institution universitaire au Canada offrant les études internationales dans un contexte bilingue. Que dire de ces étudiants anglophones qui ont choisi Glendon pour leur cours en études internationales? La même chose se répète, ces derniers auraient aussi bien pu faire leurs études à Queens. Cependant, le programme à Glendon donne la possibilité aux Canadiens-Anglais de suivre des cours dans leur domaine, en français. Mais voilà! Il semble que la direction veut faire des coupures.

Dans les faits, ce programme multidisciplinaire comporte une combiaison d'histoire, de sciences politiques, d'économie et également des cours offerts sous la rubrique des études

Ces cours demeurent indépendants des disciplines énumérées plus-haut. En effet, si vous regardiez dans l'annuaire 1993-1994, vous compteriez huit cours avec ladite étiquette internationale. Mais rien de plus faux, en vérité on en compte seulement trois : la Francophonie, la Communauté européenne et le Droit international, les autres étant des cours conjoints avec les trois autres départements.

Dans ses coupures, la direction a l'intention de retirer le Droit International et la Francophonie. Oue reste-t-il donc comme choix de base? Certes, nous pourrions terminer nos études avec un bac en études internationales, et ce sans suivre aucun cours dans ce domaine. Ceci est ridicule! Aussi ridicule qu'un étudiant qui

Kathie Persaud, recorded her first shutout of the season. Scoring for the Glendon side were: Dawn Cox, Isabel Pappalaudo (with 2) and Alette Meckler. According to defencemen Michele Ermuth, the team played a good and "technically sound" game. This should please head coach Jonah Bergbusch, as technique is an element of the game he works hard on improving. This fact is demonstrated both by the number of practices that coach Bergbusch calls (3 per week) and to the time he devotes to drills and

> obtiendrait un diplôme en chimie sans connaître la signification de H₂O

skills improvement during those

Russell Milon

En effet, ce n'est pas deux cours que la direction veut éliminer mais 4.5. C'est ce qu'on appelle practices. As an aside, and not to diminish the play of our team, it should be noted that the Stong team was playing without any substitutes.

Internationals

improve record

Last Wednesday night (Feb. 9th) the Glendon Women's Soccer

Team improved their mid-season record to two wins and one loss by

beating up on Stong's B-team, the "The Hellbags".

Les Internationals defeated

The Hellbags 4-0, as rookie goalie,

In Glendon's previous game (Feb. 2nd), a 3-1 loss to Stong's Ateam, our squad suffered a couple of key injuries. Amy Minor, a forward and one of the team's top scorers, suffered an unfortunate and rather severe injury as she pulled ligaments in her right knee. Hoping to play in the Women's Premier division (the highest level for women in soccer), Amy will miss, and be missed for, the rest of the season. Also gone for the rest of

guillotiner un programme. Le corps est là (histoire, économie et sciences politiques) mais on tranche la tête (études internationales). Ces coupures sont peut-être nécessaires à Glendon mais elles demeurent

the year are Jen Grahame (Forward: knee and broken toe), Jen Roat (Defence: knee) and possibly Noel Pilley (Defence: pulled groin). From my conversation with Michele Ermuth, I got the feeling that most of the team has suffered injuries in one form or another. The team has dwindled in size from its original fifteen players to approxiamately eight.

This week the Internationals will be playing two games, Tuesday and Thursday nights (Feb. 15th & 17th) at 7:30pm up at the main campus. The team needs and encourages spectators, so for those interested in going to a game, try to contact a team member or meet in the cafeteria at 6:00pm (on game day) to see if rides are available.

incontestablement désastreuses pour l'ensemble des bacheliers en études internationales. Ils auront obtenu leur bac en ... on ne sait pas trop quoi mais sûrement pas en études internationales.

Spring GCSU Elections

The Glendon College Student Union will be holding elections for these positions: L'Association des Étudiants du collège Glendon va procéder bientôt à une élection pour les postes suivants:

> President **Vice-President Directer of** Communications **Cultural Affairs Clubs & Services External Affairs Bilingual Affairs Academic Affairs**

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(1) Student Senator (6) Councillors

(1) Sénateur/sénatrice (6) Conseillers/conseillères

The NOMINATION period BEGINS FEBRUARY 28 and ENDS MARCH 9 at 4pm. A mandatory meeting for ALL CANDIDATES with the Chief Returning Officer will follow at 4:30pm. ABSOLUTELY NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE **ACCEPTED AFTER 4PM MARCH 9.**

La période de la mise en CANDIDATURE commence le 28 février et prend fin le 9 mars à 16h00. AUCUNE CANDIDATURE NE SERA ACCEPTÉE APRÈS CETTE PÉRIODE. Un réunion avec le directeur général aura lieu le 9 mars à 16h30.

The CAMPAIGNING period BEGINS MARCH 10 and ENDS MARCH 21 at midnight. CAMPAIGNING IS SUBJECT TO THE ELECTIONS ACT AS INTERPRETED BY THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER. La campagne électorale commence le 10 mars et se termine le 21 mars à 24h00. NOTEZ BIEN QU'IL FAUT BIEN RESPECTER LES DIRECTIVES concernant les campagnes publicitaires.

The VOTING period will take place MARCH 22, 23, and 24 between 9am and 5pm.

On pourra VOTER les 22, 23, et 24 mars entre 9h00 et 17h00.

Chief Returning Officer/Directeur général: Stephan Fulton **Deputy Returning Officers/Sous-directeurs: Paul Lamanna Corey Altbaum**

Première conférence du Bloc Québécois

Julie Gauvin

Jeudi le 3 février 1994, Maxime Frechette, membre du comité électoral et attaché politique du député du Bloc Québécois Antoine Dubé, a tenu une conférence à Glendon. Il a expliqué à quelques étudiants les différentes fonctions qu'occupe un député à la Chambre des Communes ainsi que les principaux objectifs du Bloc Québécois.

d'ordre académique, en ce sens qu'elle visait à informer les étudiants sur les fonctions politiques d'un député, sur le déroulement des rencontres à la Chambre des Communes, sur la répartition des pouvoirs au niveau des campagnes électorales ainsi que sur les tâches administratives et politiques d'un adjoint parlementaire.

Cependant, ce qui semblerait plus opportun d'aborder dans cet article sont les raisons de la formation d'un jeune parti politique au sein d'un institution unversitaire bilingue dans une province en grande majorité anglophone. Il apparaît également important de mentionner les objectifs du Bloc Québécois en tant que parti ayant formé l'opposition officielle.

Tout d'abord, l'objectif principal de la formation du comité des jeunes du Bloc Québécois a

La première partie fut plutôt pour but d'informer les étudiants sur les intentions du Bloc et ainsi créer un réseau de communications sur lequel il sera possible de discuter et d'échanger des idées politiques.

Bien qu'il puisse sembler anachronique de former, à l'intérieur d'une institution académique bilingue ontarienne, un comité qui représente les intérêts des Québécois, les membres insistent sur l'aspect informatif de leur comité en recherchant, au même titre que le Bloc Québécois, à établir une meilleure relation avec le reste du Canada et bien sûr, à défendre les intérêts du Québec de manière contructive.

Le nationalisme québécois fut initialement fondé sur des principes uniquement d'attraits culturels. En d'autres mots, le natinalisme séparatiste depuis les années 30 fut manifestement fondamental la reconnaissance de interprété comme étant le symbole de la défense de la langue française et de la culture québécoise. Quoi Bloc pourrait selon certaines

qu'il soit encore aujourd'hui basé sur les mêmes principes, le nationalisme a cependant évolué vers un consensus établi suite aux échecs constitutionels. La nouvelle génération bien incarnée par le conférencier Maxime Frechette, entrevoit plutôt la souveraineté comme étant une ouverture vers de nouveaux compromis jusqu'à maintenant stéréotypés à l'intérieur d'un cadre divisionnaire. Comme l'a mentionnné M. Frechette: "Notre vision n'est pas nécessairement plus légitime que la leur (en faisant référence au "Reform Party") elle est simplement différente." Cela confirme l'ouverture de réception vers un compromis envisageable.

Comme il a été mentionné au cours de la conférence, la Colline Parlementaire est une grosse machine bureaucratique où les décisions sont systématiquement centralisées. C'est contre cette abus centralisateur que les souverainistes s'opposent. Du moins en partie. Même si cela a pour objectif la culture québécoise, il n'en demeure pas moins que l'action du

opinions, profiter également aux consacrés à la construction d'un autres provinces canadiennes.

Le Bloc Québécois a initialement été fondé à la suite de l'échec de l'accord du Lac Meech en 1990. Membre à la Chambre « création des jeunes du parti du Bloc des Communes sous le gouvernement Mulroney, Lucien Bouchard, déçu par les tournures de l'entente, a formé ce nouveau parti dans un objectif tout d'abord souverainiste. D'abord perçu par le reste du Canada comme un parti qui avait pour but de détruire le pays, il se retrouve aujourd'hui à l'opposition officielle. Il y a donc au Parlement trois partis qui partagent des visions complètement différentes d'un même pays. Cela vient confirmer le besoin de nouvelles négociations de la Constitution canadienne. Mais à quoi bon s'acharner à raisonner une population lorsque ses représentants eux-mêmes ne s'entendent pas? Et surtout lorsqu'ils ne savent pas poser la bonne question? La Constitution fut si mal établie que sa reconstruction est une entente à laquelle aucun parti n'est apparamment prêt à s'attarder sérieusement. Malgré les efforts

consensus, il reste cependant bien des ponts à traverser avant d'en bâtir un solide qui tienne le coups!

En souhaitant que la Ouébécois suscite un bon échange culturel entre francophones et anglophones, il invite à l'élucidation des différentes perceptions de la société québécoise et de son aspect nationaliste.

Serait-il plus réaliste de convenir que les dernières élections sont le reflet très concret de la division idéologique d'un pays? Cette division aurait probablement été conservée à l'état de présomption si la population n'avait pas répondu clairement par l'élection de deux partis d'oppostition tout aussi incompatibles.

C'est donc par discussions, conférences et débats, que nous risquons d'en arriver, non pas à partager une seule et unique ligne de pensée, mais sûrement à mieux comprendre nos différences et admettre qu'elles existent.

Il est toujours possible de se joindre au parti des jeunes du Bloc Québécois ou encore d'y apporter quelque suggestion.

GCSU Cigarettes Referendum

Do you support the idea of having a smoking section set aside in the dining hall of the cafeteria? Understand that a "YES" vote means you support a 40% smoking area in the cafeteria, and that a "NO" vote means you support a 100% Non-smoking dining hall.

> **Referendum** is on March 1st and 2nd between 10am and 5pm in front of the cafeteria

Est-ce que vous voulez que 40% de la salle à manger dans la cafétéria soit réservé pour les fumeurs? Si vous êtes d'accord, votez OUI. Si vous désirez que toute la cafétéria devienne un endroit non-fumeur, votez NON.

> Référendum le 1er et le 2 mars entre 10h00 et 17h00 devant la cafétéria

Alhumdu-illah, Ramadhan is here again!

Jackie Harper, President of MSA

Bismillah-ar-rahman-ar-rahim (In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful) Ramahdhan will commence on February 12th. It is a month; observed by Muslims all over the world through prayer and fast. It honours prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) month of fasting and prayer while he awaited Allah's words about how he and his people should live.

Muslims do not eat or drink anything from dawn to dusk - including water. During Ramadhan, both rich and poor alike understand what it means to be the fortunate. Fasting during the month of Ramadhan is prescribed as a disci-

pline which promotes righteousness and self-restraint. It allows one to appreciate what one has and encourages benevolence.

The Muslim year is only 354 days long, as the calendar is based on the moon. It has 12 months that are each only 29 or 30 days long. This is why Ramadhan is about half a month earlier this year. The festival known as Id-ul-Fitr marks the end of Ramadhan. On the eve of Id-ul-Fitr, everyone looks for the new moon. If they see it, they can end their fasting. If not, they must wait another 24 hours to celebrate. We will be showing a film entitled "The Messenger", which is about the Prophet's life in the Salon Garigue, during Ramadhan, so keep your eyes peeled.

What happened to the referendum?

Jonathan Rucinski

It is my opinion that our student union has acted irresponsibly and has displayed a lack of competence concerning the referendum, which was supposed to be held February 8th and 9th.

How else can one explain the fact that at the council meeting on January 19th, the student union unanimously passed a motion to hold a referendum on the cafeteria smoking issue, and then at the last minute postponed it until March 1st and 2nd? Is this not just a little too convenient? Why not only postpone the referendum for one week?

The GCSU had the required time in which to organize this refer-

endum, but nothing was done. For example, the referendum question was only being translated on the 7th of February. The GCSU has not only made a joke of all the

students who wanted and expected to vote, but more importantly they made a joke of themselves. I challenge the GCSU to live up to their responsibilities and stop screwing around! Who has the answer?

MJ Rivers

Appearing in this publication last week was a piece entitled, "Why do women always come first?", the impetus for which requires further explanation.

At the time of its writing, this is what I saw: that administrative cutbacks were once again focused on Women Studies, specifically the Introduction course. It is perhaps not unusual for a knee-jerk reaction to have occurred, as accustomed as we women are to discriminatory practices aimed in our direction, yet considering the information provided with respect to this situation was limited, it may have been wiser to look at the whole picture. The Women's Studies department lost its full-time secretary months ago and has encountered numerous difficulties with regard to speakers and workshops in the Introduction course: when tutorial leaders were pulled and seminars expanded last week, many of us saw this as a call for action — the last straw you may say.

Women's Studies majors are not alone in feeling angered and apprehensive over this sad state of affairs, however. It has become apparent that cutbacks are occur-

ring in many disciplines represented on this campus. Rather than who is being hurt, perhaps we should begin to ask who is being favoured? Anyone? If cutbacks continue at their present rate, a corresponding mass abandonment of students from Glendon to the main campus — or even (heaven forbid!) alternate institutions — is bound to occur. Is this not a case of the hand cutting off the nose to spite the face? More importantly, can anything be done about it?

As it stands, the struggle in Women's Studies continues, as elsewhere. Many are still angry, though it appears that our choices have once again been narrowed to adhere to the framework of survival with which we are well-accustomed.

Accustomed, yes: satisfied, no. As one woman commented, upon absorbing the latest news, "But I came here to be spoiled!".

What happened? Students of history, political science and psychology, to mention only a sample of the disciplines represented at Glendon, mingle in these "hal-

lowed halls" Most of you must have some ideas. Maybe one of you even has an answer!

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"No, it's still not dead!"

- Interview with MR.NOBODY -

Todd McDaniel

Mr. Nobody is a punk band for Port Hope, Ont., which features Tim Freeborn (vocals, formerly of Sons of Ishmail), Aaron Stewart (guitar), Mike Pyette (guitar), and two Glendon students: Craig Pyette (bass) and Ryan Elinsky (drums). In the following interview, Craig Pyette shares his views on the struggling punk scene and its underlying politics.

ProTem: How long has the band, Mr.Nobody, been together?

Craig Pyette: We started playing almost four years ago as Mr.Nobody. Before that we played without a singer for about four months under the name, "Crazy Eights."

PT: If you had to label your style of music, what would you call it? **CP**: Basically we just play with all the various styles that have been done under the title of "punk" or "hardcore" and just see where it takes us.

PT: Are there many different substyles under those headings?

CP: Yeah, it's really diverse. There was a time when Martha and the Muffins were doing stuff that people were calling punk. If you compare that to something like Extreme Noise Terror, which is so radically different, or mid-eighties bands like Minor Threat and 7 Seconds, or someone like No Means No, the diversity's really incredible.

PT: In the past, Mr.Nobody tended to combine elements of

reggae with hardcore. The new material however seems to be strictly Why the hardcore. change?

CP: Aaron was always a reggae fan. We all were. It was done more because we liked to jam

our stuff a little bit more whereas now we like to do things a little more tight and straight forward. **PT**: Does punk music still have a strong following?

CP: Yeah. Punk rock has never gone away since it started. In the early eighties, large corporate interests went after punk seeing that it was drawing a huge audience and tried to commercialize it. A lot of the bands would go for it and the scene would be really crippled because of everyone going off to sign record contracts and then usually getting screwed. The people who really took the D.I.Y. (Do It Yourself) spirit to heart were driven to the lowest of the underground to keep playing and no one would even realize that they were there anymore except for a few fans. And that would build again and build and it just goes through a cycle. Right now with the whole alternative music scene you're seeing a real struggle on the part of the D.I.Y. punk scene to maintain itself with all this money floating around being offered to bands as soon as they get half decent. It's always been a struggle. PT: Is it possible to earn a liveli-

hood playing this type of music? **CP**: The only people who have ever maintained any integrity in their music, aside from the early bands like the Clash, are the ones who have worked really, really hard in making their own record label. Their attempt is to make little doit-yourself stronghold, although I don't know that anyone lives entirely off punk rock right now.

PT: What do you think about bands like Soul Asylum and the

Doughboys who seem to have mainstreamed punk in their best financial interest?

CP: A lot of bands just get screwed. Idon't know much about Soul Asvlum. But with a band like the Doughboys, they've completely lost a lot of their original following because they've just taken the integrity and guts right out of their music. I find it boring now. As soon as this fad wears off that's carrying them right now to so-called greater heights, they're going to be left with this big record contract to fulfill. The record company won't give a damn about them anymore,

they'll quit giving them money. and then they'll be stuck with this huge record contract and they'll probably wind up breaking up like so many other

bands.

PT: Jamie Problem of Problem Children (Craig's other band) once stated of punk rock: "It's a hobby...and hobbies cost money." Does that pretty much sum it up for you too?" **CP**: Yeah, chances are if you're breaking even too easily, you're not playing punk rock, you're playing something else. I know that's true for him because they've never made any money off of it and he's been playing with Problem Children

for ten years...even though there was a time they could regularly pull out 400-500 people to a show at a boom time for punk. The

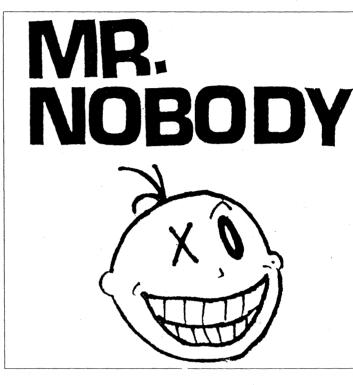
money's not there. (Mr.Nobody recently earned \$37 at a show that attracted 189 fans.)

PT: The scene seems to be made up largely of bands going to see other bands.

CP: Well with punk, the most that's required is commitment, more than talent or anything else. Learning to play comes along with experience.

Most anybody can get a band together with a bit of commitment and a bit of hard work. A high portion of people in the scene are in bands so you're always going to be playing to a lot of other bands. Also, other bands know how hard it is to support yourself so they go out to support the other bands. **PI**: What got you, as an "average kid", into punk rock? Was it popular in your area or were you shying away from the mainstream? **CP**: It was discontentment with the mainstream. I didn't like the music I was hearing around me, on the radio and t.v.. When I heard

punk though, it seemed to be really striving for something other than just professionalism or being good music. It seemed to have other



intentions than just that and it really sparked my interest.

PT: The music has usually tended to be socially and politically critical. Are these elements found in your music?

CP: Yeah...

PT: Is it all about discontentment? **CP**: Yeah, that's where it all began and it's grown into an attempt to tear down the mainstream structures around it because its discontent with them. Social and political critique in music comes naturally. I don't think the music could exist without some element of critique in it.

Where did the name PT: Mr.Nobody come from? It almost seems to suggest "nothing special". Is this an anti-rock star stance? **CP**: Well originally I came up with "Nobody", but then we thought of the "Mr." books: Mr.Lump, Mr.Sneeze, and my cousin sug- movement? gested "Mr.Nobody". There's alot CP: It's something that's always you can do with the name. Yeah, remain nobody special and still do something that can earn a little respect.

CP: A lot of people thought the Sex Pistols were the first punk band but in fact, in the States, the Misfits were playing before the Sex Pis-

tols, and far less commercialized music. The Clash as well. Those are the bands that pioneered the musical form. As far as pioneering the attitude, approach and intention, you go back to guys like Phil Ooches, an American folk singer who wrote great satirical pieces.

PT: Do you think that punk rock will always be around? CP: Yeah. People will be doing it for a long time to come. Even if people become disenchanted with it there's always a younger crowd coming up. It's a

real result of teenage angst. You'llalways have people to whom it's a real way to express how they feel about the world around them. **PT**: Can we expect any studio recordings from Mr.Nobody?

CP: Yeah, we've recorded since the tape (split recording with Shotmaker). We have a song coming out on a Wrong Records compilation done by the Hanson Brothers. It's all punk bands singing about hockey. There's a few local compilations as well. We're also thinking about doing a split 7 inch with Hockey Teeth.

PT: Any upcoming shows you want to plug?

CP: March 31 at Sneaky Dee's. It's Hockey Teeth, Mr.Nobody and Problem Children opening for the Queers, one of the pioneers of the homo-core movement.

PT: Is there a large homo-core

existed in punk. Marginalized peowe're nobody special but you can ple are marginalized people in a narrow minded society, whether it's because you're punk, because you're gay, or because of your colour. So there's always been a gay Continued on page 7...



PT: Every style of music has its pioneers. For you, who are the pioneers of punk?



Urban Bush Women

Johanne Tremblay

Ces visages souriants, on peut entendre leurs rires en coulisses et soudain le silence. Des voix splendides se font entendre. C'est un chant doux et captivant; avec la majesté d'une prière, elles exercent leur voix. Les lumières s'éteignent; la scène s'éclaire de bleu. Deux grandes toiles fauvistes, une table garnie de poupées africaines encerclée de chandelles, une chaise, un téléphone occupent l'espace. Silence. Les danseuses entrent et s'effacent derrière une toile. Nous ne percevons que leur sillouette, n'entendons que leur voix. Une femme agenouillée sur la table tend les bras au loin et s'écrie de sa voix grave et torturée: "I go to the river to clean myself. A stranger...he beats me; he rapes me. I go to my father, he beats me too. I go to my mother, she stays silent. I go to the doctor...Who's gonna care about the river? Who's gonna care about me? I am looking for God!" Elle descend, et poursuit au son du choeur qui se soulève. Une femme nue, humiliée, violée, se meut au sol; accroupie, mortifiée, elle gémit: "Take me to the river, take me to the river!..." La femme poursuit de sa voix rauque et suppliante: "The river is red and raging ... and we can't go over. Throw your blood in the river woman, throw your blood in the river woman...it's a time of war...Call out for your Goddess, most powerful and sincere voice...Womb wars, Womb wars...No more Womb Wars, no more oppression, no more blood shed, no more, no more...Who's gonna help us in this war?" Obscurité. Changement de décors. Le coeur me débat.

Bush Women en était à sa première en territoire Canadien (à l'exception d'une représentation à Montréal l'été dernier à l'occasion du Festival De Danse Actuelle qui leur a d'ailleurs valu une critique des plus enthousiastes). La compagnie New-Yorkaise, composée de huit femmes et d'un percussioniste, se produisait au Premiere Dance Theatre, du 9 au 13 février dernier. C'est au rythme des percussions, de frappements de pieds, de mains, de voix superbes et de textes provocateurs qu'elle y présenta des pièces l'instinct de survie; le besoin de d'une poésie pénétrante, exécutées avec force, intégrité, vivacité et passion.

Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, la directrice artistique, une femme à rage, ses désirs et ses contradicla voix fascinante et dont la présence sur scène ne fait qu'ajouter à la tice, de respect et d'amour, puissance des oeuvres, transpose des formes traditionnelles de danse

Fondée en 1984, Urban africaine dans un contexte et un langage gestuel tout à fait contemporain. L'éclat, la vigueur donnant vie au moindre geste, au moindre son, sont indéniablement féminins. Une énergie caractéristique à la culture Africaine-Américaine oserai-je même dire.

> Urban Bush Women, le ti tre suggérant un groupe de guerrières, pacifistes cependant, est une troupe multidisciplinaire explorant des réalités troublantes et toujours actuelles: la célébration, donner et maintenir la vie confronté à celui de donner la mort. C'est le battement de coeur de toute une société qui nous est livré, avec sa tions; l'être humain avide de juspoursuivant sa quête au sein d'un monde trop souvent hostile,

indifférent, impassible face à la souffrance et reléguant l'individu à une cruelle sujetion. La réalité humaine est dépictée dans toute sa violence et son sérieux, comme dans "Lifedance III: The Empress (Womb Wars)", la première pièce, ou encore "Shelter" (poème sur le thème de la compassion et la situation des sans-abris); le quotidien dans toute sa simplicité rassurante, dans "Girlfriends", une pièce légèrte et silencieuse; ou encore la célébration de la vie, de l'amitié, de la culture évoquée [dans] Africaine Américaine[...] "Nyabinghi Dreamtime". Et enfin "A dance: Batti Moves", un solo électrisant, d'une beauté expressive des plus emballante; les mouvements riches, aussi envirants et fougueux soient-ils, sont exécutés (par une danseuse remarquable) avec précision, sagacité et splendeur.

Violents, légers ou spirituels, les thèmes sont constamment explorés avec une grande sensibilité, une conscience humanitaire exemplaire et un degré de maîtrise artistique fort éloquent. Urban Bush Women fait appel, par l'art et la culture, à une conscientisation individuelle et collective pouvant seule entraîner une évolution sociale et la sauvegarde de l'esprit humain.

"We are experiencing the death of birth...Endangered species: human beings; endangered species: human beings. Endangered species: human beings ... !" Silence. L'obscurité s'empare de la scène. Les lumières s'allument, les danseuses s'avancent, c'est la fin du voyage, du voyage au sein d'une culture, au sein de l'existence humaine...ou serait-ce l'aube?

difranco defies...

Heather Birrell

Ani Difranco. In concert. What an incredible mind blower. Soul searcher. She is the anger without the alienation. The goods without the hype. In your face but never on your case. The energy and the essence of empowerment.

At a sold out show in Glendon's very own cafeteria, Ani Difranco told it like it is to a crowd of 300 (the majority of whom did not, unfortunately, hail from our hallowed halls). Yup. For a few glorious hours the home of greasy french fries and two dollar orange juice became a forum for some mighty focussed and fun feminism. Smoke-free it was not, but despite the nicotine haze Ani sung "like her life was at stake". Devoid of the guise of politically correct double-speak and unshackled from the chains of bumbling bureaucracy, The New York-based musician gave the audience a pure piece of herself. If Difranco were a drug, she would best be described as a snort of cocaine up the nasal passages of our collective social conscience. Suddenly, one's vision seems a little sharper; one's actions a little more clearly defined. You wanna get off your butt and DO something. Or at least lend a hand to those who already are.

Difranco's message is so closely tied to her sound it is difficult to tell where one ends and the other begins. She is located in the folk music section at HMV, which means basically, that she is one of the few musicians around whose words are as easily recognized as her guitar riffs. Her rhythms are raw, her only tools being an acoustic guitar and an occasional bongo and Difranco's vital vocals bring flesh and blood and guts to the backbone beat of talented drummer Andy Stochansky. Playing from all five of her previous albums (and she's only 23!), Ani also included several brand spankin' new songs, which should emerge next month on a new disc.

Openers Brouhaha made a big bilingual splash and guest appearances by Rory MacLeod complete with harmonica and spoons as well as members of The Bourbon Tabernacle Choir and the Barenaked Ladies (who joined in late in the show) made for an added bonus.

But, it was Difranco's incredible stage presence which left both women and men equally entranced. She is one of the most fully "alive" entertainers around; her passion and strength infuse an animating and exalting influence. Experiencing Ani Difranco live is all the thrill of a religious experience without the dogma; a truly musical and spiritual epiphany.

"No, it's still not dead!" - Interview with-NOBODY Continued from p. 6... are your views on him?

community in punk rock. There's a lot of acceptance but there has always been a right-wing side to punk as well, although it's become

entitled "Preston Manning". What

CP: Yeah, that's a revision of a Phil Ooches song, "Here's to the State of Mississippi." When

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a lot more divided between left and right-wing now.

PT: Is there a large skinhead presence in the punk scene? CP: Not so much anymore. It's become really divided. A lot of people literally, physically drove the skinheads out of town about four or five years ago. There are a lot back now but they're not meshing in with the regular punk scene anymore because they know they're not wanted. Which is a good thingbut it's growing and very few people realize it. The media certainly doesn't want to address it. Nobody wants to make their country look bad. It's separated itself largely from the punk scene, fortunately. PT: I noticed you have a song

Richard Nixon was elected President, he revised it to "Here's to the State of Richard Nixon." In listening to that we saw a lot of similarities between that and this Preston Manning freak, and what his run for government and his support represents. So we just did a revision. We changed some lyrics and kept some the same. It's about the connections of the Reform Party to the Heritage Front and how his really scary view and plans for this country are being accepted by so many people as solutions for the stalemate that politics is in, in this country. He's an easy right-wing solution, and he's pretty dangerous.

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but some better known guest readers.

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