Council sets priorities for spiffier residences
by JOHN RILEY

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The students' council voted to grant the dramatic arts program $1,000 for this year's major production of "The Country Wife" at the council's regularly meeting last Thursday,

Increased by $250 from last year's $750, this council expenditure is very important in that it constitutes a twentieth of the council's budget. It was charged by certain members of the council that the expenditure was not justified in that the major production involves only a small clique from the English department.

By Hopkins of the English department defended her request for the funds by saying that although the major production would involve up to 60 people in the cast and crew it was part of the entire DAP programme which will involve 300 people this year. "That's our money," she said, "is quite good for this campus."

Also discussed at the meeting was the clean-up of the council reading room scheduled for the afternoon of December 10. It was announced by President Paul Johnston that beer will be sold for 15 cents a bottle to those who help with the clean-up and at 30 cents to those who do not.

It is expected that few will insist on paying the second price.

The council intends to convert the reading room into a library for the alternate program, those important publications which the Leslie Frost Library has neglected to provide.

It is expected that the library will also include government publications and documents, including the controversial Gray Report.

Prior to the official opening of the council meeting, discussion centred around Johnston's suggestion that the term of office of the present council be extended to May instead of February. He hopes to introduce a motion that will allow the new council to be elected in February, time to learn the ropes in the area of student government under the direction of the present council.

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Faulty economics?

Dear Sir,

In your issue of 23 November you published a letter by Don Walker regarding residence fees. Mr. Walker argued that complaints from Glendon students about these fees are unjustified because the cost structure is faulty. He claims, in particular, that the fee structure is all right as it is, vitiated by a supposed understanding of the situation, and involved, and by an appeal to a hypothesis which he seems to consider self-evident.

Mr. Walker says that fees ought to be the same here and at York because our “spirit should be one of cooperation, among the concerned individuals.” Later in his letter he suggests that a fee increase here would be to advocate that York students be “oppressed for the benefit of the Glendon majority.” Assuming equal quality of accommodation, this would be a sensible suggestion if Glendon residence fees were full. But they’re not.

Had the fees here been lower, the number of students in residence might have been sufficiently greater to provide more revenue than is now generated at the higher fee. Presumably only comparatively small extra costs would be involved, so that a net gain in income would have been available.

This net gain would have been available to apply against the total costs of the residence system, the system which, it seems, need a smaller contribution from York students; so fees at York certainly would not have been smaller amount then here. An inequality in burden which is not rectified by an increase which worked to the advantage of everyone. An inequality satisfying that condition is not unjust. Only if it is possible to say that all who live off-campus and thus do not contribute to the support of the residences are “oppressing” York students. A uniform fee schedule could be imposed if some off-campus students were compensated.

Mr. Walker is the same kind of Miltonian liberal that I am: he would be unlikely to accept the constraints on liberty that such a policy would involve. If he is, then he must surely accept that the residence council should be able to minimize the burdens on all the “concerned individuals” even if the structure contains inequalities.

Mr. Walker attempts to buttress his moral case by appealing to what he claims is disapproval from York into Glendon’s academic program. “Does he have the right to complain that his education is greater than the income it generates for the University?” As far as I know, this claim is without foundation. It is well documented that bilingualism is hurt more by having unilingual teachers who cannot be forced to teach than by having them around and not admitting it.

Sincerely,

Nollag MacKenzie

MEA CULPA

En tant que membre de la communauté francophone de Glendon, je voudrais m’excuser d’avoir n’ pas manifesté plus tôt ma surprise et mon dépouillement à la parution de tout un PRO TEM en français. Nous vivons, hélas, une période assez curieuse de l’histoire du monde, où une grande partie de la population cherche en vain du travail pendant que l’autre en a beaucoup trop. C’est probablement par manque de temps que tous les gens avec qui j’ai partage ma joie de lire un livre dans la paix et la tranquillité peuvent en faire autant.

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by ANDREW McALISTER

Foreign Investment (2)

Last week we looked at some of the postured economic disadvantages of Glendon with the United States to confiscation of American interests through the purchase of at least fifty-one per cent of the equity or voting stock of foreign firms’ operations in Canada.

There are, however, numerous problems with this. First, the acquisition of fifty-one per cent ownership of an enterprise is not an effective form of control. There are countless ways by which the foreign investor can exert control, such as influencing the hiring of management and employees. Second, there would be a tremendous physical difficulty in purchasing profitable enterprises whose factors of production are directly owned by foreigners. Such purchases would clearly involve an extremely high and perhaps unworkable cost.

Third, many foreign-owned branchplants could be developed in Canada. These high-cost, inefficient, but profitable operations which exist only as a result of the foreign parent company’s incomplete structure. They are generally not large consumers of energy, thus are not subject to the high-cost, inefficient Canadian electric utility. And they cannot compete on the world market and are therefore unable to engage in exports. In any case, it is not clear how the foreign investment to stum Glendon’s economic growth. It would also be unwise to buy back and continue these operations.

Moreover, Canadian business does not operate in a manner that is qualitatively different from American business, and thus, transferring ownership to the Canadian private sector, would not be tantamount to economic suicide. Nationally, like the United States, Canada has experienced a general inflation of expenditures. This week, however, I want to examine the more legendary means by which the “buying-back” proposal and the nationalization proposal entails the surrender of control of foreign investment in this way. It would also be necessary to gather for recreation and discussion would be enhanced.

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We have seen David Slater finally come to the realization that Glendon residences are not just a little piece of heaven, but are run down, dingy, poorly equipped and only two-thirds of full occupancy. The residence council must press for immediate improvements while Slater’s heart is still in his hand. If and when Glendon residence fees are lowered, York may not be so closely tied to PROCHE. Hence, the condition of residences is clearly required.

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You shouldn't miss Sunday Bloody Sunday

Is there anyone out there who still hasn't seen 'Sunday Bloody Sunday'? Anyone who is still waiting to see it. 'Oh no, not another of those depressing meaningful movies about rich British wierdies?' It seems unlikely - word has got around, there's a whole lot of them.

But on the off-chance that one of you is obstinately refusing to go and see this movie, keep reading. (Last ditch because the people In Charge have been wondering discreetly if something a bit brighter might not do better overseas.)

'Sunday, Bloody Sunday' - Escalibur to the contrary - is the first of a string of recent films that may well turn the sub-plot, or the deepest, just the best. It is finely drawn, like a very delicate etching; it is quiet; it is human; it is - God save the word - intelligent.

The screenplay, by the New Yorker's film critic Penelope Gilliat, epitomizes everything she has been pleading with the film industry for 'in her columns: if she can do it, why can't we?'

Well, obviously because they haven't her discernment or wit or gifts with the English language. Perhaps there should be some kind of exam or test for would-be movie-makers. Any of any of these qualities at all. Certainly Miss Gilliat has set a very high standard for her colleagues to meet (or not meet, as the case is more likely to be).

Glenda Jackson and Peter Finch and Murray Head as the sides of a dead-end triangle are all good, excellent, whatever you like. Miss Jackson is the first actress since celluloid was developed to play a real, live woman, let us grant, with bad skin and sleep in her eyes. Mr. Finch almost the first actor to portray a homosexual without flashily clothes or a limp. Mr. Head conveys perfectly the shallow charm of the utterly self-absorbed, who will do anything to avoid a scene.

And Anthony Newley playing typically good, particularly the appalling children of an appalling 'Liberal' family, and Dame Peggy Ashcroft as Miss Jackson's, dried-up mother.

Do you remember when they still put 'Adult' labels on certificates certifying that you were a good enough person to see a film? Miss Jackson's mother is not so.