

# PRO TEM

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## Student government non-existent Fees increase rejected, council resigns

By Andre Foucault

"Une réaction d'enfant, mais a quoi peut-on s'attendre d'un gouvernement representent une population enfantine." This is one of the many comments gathered from the student body on the day after the mass resignation of our Student Council.

The seven members of the Student Council of Glendon College resigned en masse October 20. This coincided with the resignation of the editor in chief and managing editor of PRO TEM, the Glendon College newspaper of York University.

A \$10 fees increase had been placed before the Glendon student body on October 15. A 50% turnout at the polls was required from which 2/3 must vote in favour of proposed change. 69% of those voting supported the fees increase, but the issue failed to draw the necessary 50% of the voting electorate.

This climaxed the issue dealing with the relevance of the Student Council to Glendon students. "What's wrong with this university?" exclaimed a baffled Frances David. "No communications! no cooperation!"

Since September, the Student Council felt a growing rift between itself and the student body. The defeat of the proposed fees increase was considered as a confirmation of this suspicion.

A joint statement, signed by Council president Bob McGaw, and councillors Toby Fyfe, Bruce Kidd, David Klein and Paul Johnston explained that since only 37.7% of the students had voted on the fees referendum it had "effectively shown that they (the students)

do not consider the issue of importance to councillors, to be important to themselves."

When asked what he thought about the resignation, David Roote said that "It is quite justified since the council did not have the support of the students and consequently, had in the past, operated on more or less dictatorial basis."

The council expressed the hope that the resignation would "spark some kind of interest and action on the part of the students."

About the timing of the resignation, Lorraine Weber commented: "It was irresponsible for the council to withdraw from the scene without setting up some kind of system which would allow new elections to be held."

The councillors stated that "Any action will have to be taken by the students themselves. If they want an election, channels will have to be set up. If they want a new constitution, it will have to be formed. With no Council members, and no officers, the council and constitution are effectively in a suspended state."

The chief returning officer, Paul Scott, and the speaker, Don Walker, resigned. The business manager Renault Marier, and the secretary, Fran Kately also resigned and signed the councillors' statement. "It is a childish move," said Tim Anderson, "we talk about student apathy, well this reflects the council's apathy, not being willing to deal with this problem, as complex as it may be."

The only parts of the council bureaucracy still functioning, are Glendon Forum,

and 'L'Association Culturelle Artistique'. The former invites speakers to the Campus while the latter arranges social events on campus.

Graham Muir, editor in chief, and Andy Michalski, managing editor of PRO TEM both resigned for 'personal reasons' from the campus newspaper.

Pro Tem which had asked for \$2 of the \$10 fees increase to pay off its debt, has been placed under a severely curtailed budget. The rest of the \$10 fees increase was to pay for expanded activities on campus and a bursary fund. Present student union fees are \$17.

As the situation stands

presently, Glendon Students are without a government and the channels of setting one up.

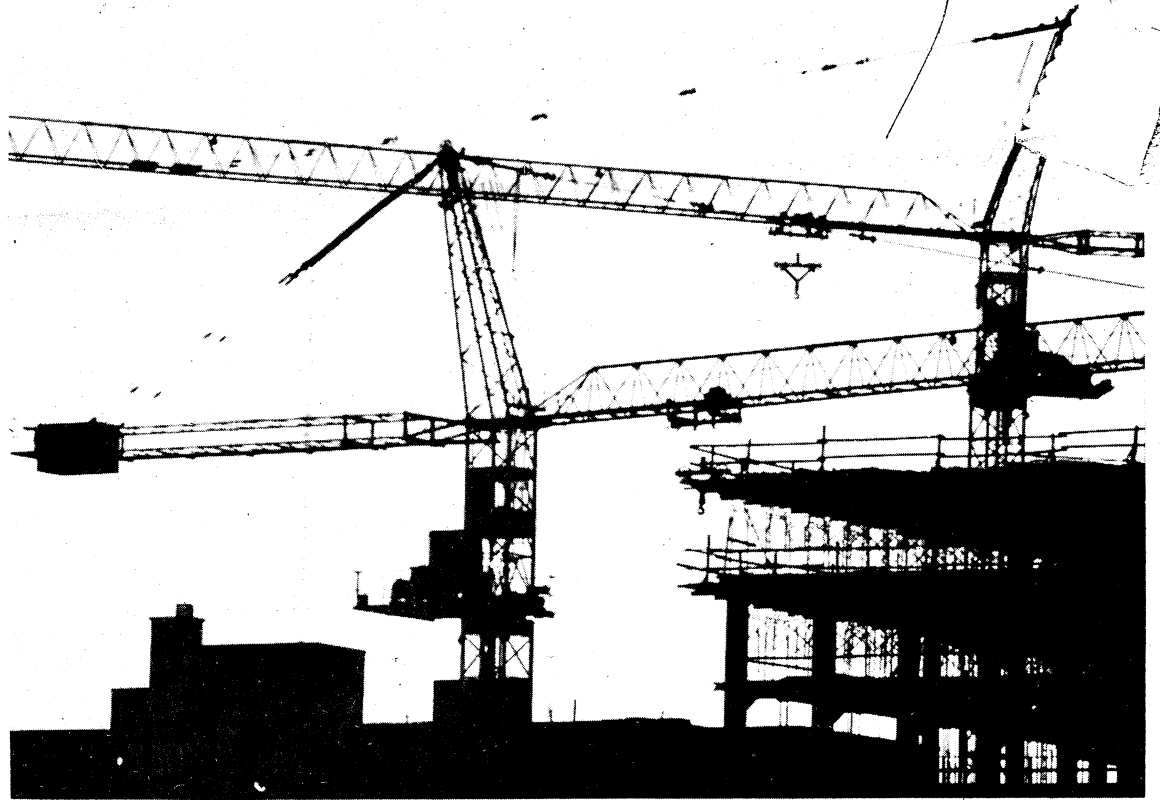
In order to set up a student council, a new chief returning officer must be appointed. The person appointed to this position must be chosen by the student council. Since the student council is no longer in existence, and made no provision for this situation before its resignation, it is technically impossible to form a new governing body.

One of the major responsibilities of the council was the distribution of funds to the various organizations on campus. Without those funds, most of the organizations and

clubs will not be able to exist. Others will find themselves seriously handicapped in their operations, PRO TEM, for example, will be publishing most of its issues on a four page basis.

This crisis will also postpone any attempt to implement Roy Hanna's Communications Report, submitted to Student Council a few weeks ago. And, many Glendonites feel that the communications were at fault for the poor turnout at the polls.

However, the councillors restated that "What students do now is up to them. We hope it will be more relevant and democratic than in the past."



Government superstructure disappears - reconstruction needed.

## 'Barricade' emphasizes education

By Dee Knight

'Year of the Barricade' is here! After months of planning and weeks of activity by the friendly radical organizers, Glendon is host this week to what just may be a significant radical conference. We could certainly use a chance to discuss issues, tactics and perspectives outside the stultifying environment of redbook-waving factionalism. This may be the place.

Topics of the conference have been left creatively vague, but the line-up of speakers promises a complete coverage of the questions of the left, from the liberation of western women and definition of North American perspectives to following up 'les evenements de mai' in France, communism in Italy, and the Legacy of Ho Chi Minh. Speakers have been chosen well on all these matters, and it will be nice to know exactly what's up at Simon Fraser and in Quebec, as well as in France and Italy, where the left demonstrated new-found strength in 1968.

### 'BARRICADE' WILL NOT CORRUPT ANYONE

But the non-communist, no-nonsense liberal majority student should not fret that there is subversive conference taking place whose host's parents warned him about. 'Year

of the Barricade' will not corrupt anyone's precious bodily fluids, except upon explicit permission from the fully conscious victim. The purpose of the forum is to allow us to become aware of the fast-moving changes in today's world, so that we will be in a better position to understand where we ourselves are at.

Last week we were given a preview of things to come in the excellent films (reviewed elsewhere in this issue) about Columbia University, Czechoslovakia, etc., and a fine summary by Tariq Ali of the British Socialist Movement. A Trotskyist of third world origin (Pakistan), Ali looks at last year's eruptions and revolutions around the globe as unified struggles in the world revolution -- each taking their strength from the others and leading eventually to a global victory for a progressive socialism which will ignore political boundaries in returning power to the people.

Important in Ali's Trotskyist analysis was the comment that 1969 was the year the 'barricades came down,' and the year in which 'romantic activists' have realized that they need a coherent political theory, and that they must apply this theory, and that they must apply this theory to practise in realizing final victory.

This was the lesson in France last year, where the students were 'betrayed' by the Moscow-directed Communist party, which has

aligned its aspirations with the status quo. It was also the lesson at Columbia, where gains could not be consolidated because of the strength of the opposition, but also because of the lack of unity on the left.

All these will be major topics this weekend, in addition to broader questions of non-violence vs. violence and countrestucture vs. confrontation tactics.

### TOPIC: CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE

In a preview to this topic last week, NDP left-winger Melville Watkins commented on his recent Manifesto. He said there is a lack of leadership among the Canadian political elite in regard to economic independence, and it's a void that can and should be filled by the left, since the key to economic change is change in the entire political structure. But, ironically enough, this change is tied to change in the United States itself.

So, there we have the unity of the liberation movements around the world, and the relevance of this week's conference. And certainly, for regardless of our present political position, these questions are inevitably important to each of us, because they are happening. Or, as Eldridge Cleaver puts it: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

# Call for moratorium

There is no student government at this college. Council has resigned, as have the top echelons of the civil service -- secretary, business manager, and electoral officials. We have no representation on the Board of Governors, and only a token voice in the Senate and Faculty Councils.

Our lives are not disrupted - classes continue, as do Versa food and parking tickets. The real government of our daily lives is not affected, because that government is not in any way dependent on student participation in legal structures.

This is the major flaw in student council - and this fault is reflected through the structure of the ex-council. Council was acting as a company union - with compulsory membership, and no real structuring power in its dealing with the administration. It acted as a buffer between the administration and the students, and clouded many of the real issues of government such as university financing, not merely student finance. It was, as the lack of response to the fees referendum has shown, unrepresentative of students' real interests.

Furthermore, it was structured as a negative delegation of responsibility - councillors were elected, not to carry out their constituent directives, but to construct policies.

We commend the ex-council members on their ability to face and act upon these criticisms. The object of discussion at this point is how the students wish to structure a new government.

There are at least three alternative forms of organization.

We can return to some variant of the old council structure. This has been rejected by both council members and students.

Students can attempt to set up some form of provisional government, immediately curtailing the necessary debate on this issue. It would be a most undemocratic and unimaginative move, based on a slightly disreputable totalitarian model.

The third alternative is a structure developed to allow the fullest extent of participatory democracy. This could be modelled after the course union structure - with general open meetings once a week, notice of motion required, a chairman responsible for a flexible agenda. Officials would be elected if and when the people decided they were needed to carry out specific directives from the plenum.

This structure, as with any other, will only be completely legitimate when it includes all members of the Glendon community - through staff, student and faculty plenums linked to a general plenum of all people decided they were needed to carry out.

We would urge that no action to structure a government be taken for at least a month, to allow time for thought and discussion. We call for a moratorium on all committees of governing structures - Committee on Student Affairs, Faculty Council, and any departmental committees which have not been structured through open plenums. Such a moratorium would facilitate the necessary discussion and re-examination of all government in this college.

PRO TEM will remain an independent body, outside of the control or participation in any government. PRO TEM will provide space, both on the wall and in the press for all expressions of opinion on this subject to be heard.

- Delores Broten

# Changing the guard

Both editor Graham Muir and managing editor Andy Michalski have resigned from their positions on this paper. They have a long history of struggling through press nights, deadlines, and technical hassles, with only the occasional "what-am-I-doing-here" sigh. Their resignations were not linked with the fees referendum, but are for personal reasons.

Graham made giant strides in the direction of the democratic running of this newspaper and we hope to continue his work. Andy is highly competent in all areas of production, from writing to photography to changing justowriter ribbons.

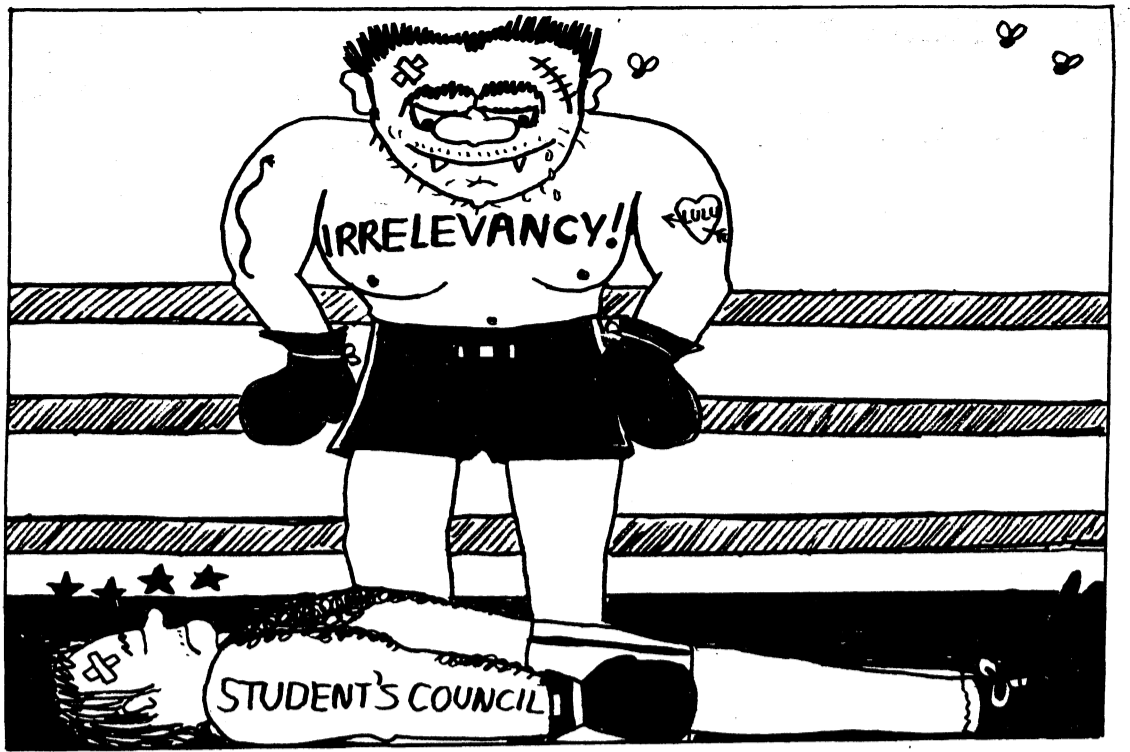
They will both be sorely missed, and we are glad that they will remain with the paper staff to help us carry on.

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# Voice of the People

## Life is a participatory democracy

Participatory democracy at Glendon College is long overdue. There is no reason why everyone at Glendon cannot vote on every proposal concerning the college.

But meetings do not belong with participatory de-

mocracy. Meetings are an anachronism left over from that myth called 'representative democracy'.

The idea of open student council meetings where any student who comes can vote is dangerous. It would not

be difficult to 'pack' such meetings.

Mass meetings are either unwieldy or frightening. Only the aggressive get to speak at large meetings.

It is also quite easy to turn one thousand people into a mob.

Meetings destroy participatory democracy.

A proposal requiring a vote should be announced one or two weeks before the vote is to take place. Then all sides (and I mean all, not just the mythical 'both') should be given access to all information distributing media. (paper, posters, PRO TEM, lecture rooms, etc.)

And everyone should discuss the question. Not once at a meeting but many times with many people. While they're standing in the lunch line; while they're standing at the urinal, while they are making love.

Participatory democracy becomes a dynamic part of life.

Then everyone votes, using the computer student cards. Hell, if we had a connection with a computer, at this campus, it would require no time at all to count the votes.

This proposal would reduce student council to an information focal point (though there is no reason why proposals must be initiated solely by the student council). The council would no longer have policymaking power, and would no longer be an elite. These are the conditions student leaders are asking university administrations to accept. Dare they expect more for themselves?

Vianney Carriere

John Maly

## Memorizing not educational

I am very angry. Not only are we forced to take courses that we don't want or need. Not only do we have memoranda on discipline handed down to us as fait accompli. Not only do we have to put up with endless outer structures.

Now, I find out that we are being asked to memorize textbooks and accept the theories of insecure professions. In a certain Sociology course, the students have been asked to spend a full year memorizing one textbook. It was pointed out

that any of our ideas are not wanted.

Are we mindless? Can we accept this insult to intelligence? Just because a professor is too lazy to arrange seminars or conduct discussions or mark any essays, shall we sit back and say, "Okay, if that's how you want it?"

I did not come to Glendon to memorize textbooks. I came to think and to learn. It seems apparent that I am being denied the right even to do that.

Disgusted

## Re-run referendum?

At the time this edition goes to press, PRO TEM will probably once more be licking its wounds and wondering whether or not it's all worth it.

But, lest the defeat of the fees referendum be the cause of still another relapse into the chronic disease of philosophical introspection which has characterized and immobilized student activism at this college since its inception, I would like to make the simple point that the defeat of the fees increase was an entirely predictable thing.

In my old age, I find it amazing that the simple problem of communication is one that has never been solved or even attacked on this campus. When I went to vote on this question early Wednesday afternoon, I predicted that the turn-out would be less than 40%. I don't know if I was right, but everything had been done to assure it.

The student council had circulated, in its usual circuitous way (it is really RELEVANT) a fairly good rationalization for the fees increase. How many students it had reached, or how many had read it is problematical, but the fault lies not with the students, but with the presentation of the material. All those figures were designed not to be read!

PRO TEM had come out about 18 hours before with a front page whose lay-out defied comprehension. It had been distributed in the afternoon before the voting day, and again, God only knows how many people it reached, or how many people bothered to read the cryptic front page.

The voting itself was confused with the advance poll of the student faculty councillors (who at least had a fairly legible sign advertising themselves) whereas the sign outside the card room advertising the fees referendum was illegible from ten feet away.

**Washington peaceful**

# 100,000 march in moratorium

By Graham Muir

It was the respectability of it all that was most distinctive. Over 100,000 people marching past the White House with glowing candles late into the night, with hardly a peep of even 'We Shall Overcome' between them. A quiet and dignified, if it is possible, demonstration against a very unquiet and undignified war. That was Washington last Wednesday night, the night of the first moratorium on the Viet Nam war. When we decided to go down to the modern day Rome for a two day trip I only expected a small demonstration that would probably flop before it started.

But when we crossed Constitution Ave. over to the Washington Monument grounds where the crowd had listened to Mrs. Martin Luther King we saw the dark outlines of the bodies on top of the large hill and the glittering sea of flickering candles and swaying blackness all over below. The most common estimate of the crowd was 100,000.

For those used to hotter times in Chicago and Columbia and Berkeley the demonstration would have been very liberal and dull. Everybody moved peacefully and nobody was busted. Only 200 Washington police lined the route of the march.

But the march was distinctive almost because of that and its nature showed up many things that might be wrong with the 'revolutionaries' and their movement. The marchers were of all ages and walks of life. There were a number of children with their parents. The majority of the crowd seemed about as prone to revolutionary slogans and Maoist doctrines as Rene Levesque would be to sing 'God Save the Queen'.

### TRouble AND CONFRONTATION

The only possible time of trouble and confrontation with the cops came at first when thousands of people were bunched up waiting to begin the march. There was a long delay and impatient people began shouting 'The streets belong to the people' as intermittent groups burst across the road to the sidewalk on the other side.

To try to pack 100,000 people into a three-abreast march along the city's sidewalks was just too much to expect and the march marshalls finally opened up another sidewalk to the thousands waiting on the slopes of the Monument grounds.

## Student Faculty Councillors elected on third recount

By David Starbuck

A small turnout was the only highlight of the Faculty Council elections last Friday. Only 30.7% of the eligible voters emerged from their apathy to turn up and vote. Only 5.4% of the F.A.S. students at Glendon voted. Fourteen student members were elected to Faculty Council. The resignation on Monday of David Cole resulted in the election of the fourteenth candidate. Bob Gibson led the polls with 160 votes, followed by Charlie Stedman with 156 and Doug Newson with 145. The

indecision of the voters was shown by the fact that there was only ten votes difference between the seventh and the sixteenth finishers. The following is the unofficial election results, subject to recount:  
Elected Members:  
B. Gibson ...160  
C. Stedman ...156  
D. Newson ...145  
R. Beadle ...138  
O. Kent ...137  
V. Delbuono ...130  
D. Masicotte ...125  
D. Varty ...125  
D. Phillips ...124  
D. Moulton ...122  
A. McAlister ...121

D. Walker ...119  
J. McKinnon ...118  
A. Golding ...117  
Non-elected Members:  
P. Flynn ...115  
T. Minton ...115  
B. Rowe ...103  
E. Allen ...90

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The moratorium was 'mainstream' people, the SDS radicals and the Yippies. That only places them about two points left of centre, which is about where they are. They are people simply asking to be allowed to live their own individual lives free of economic degradation, police harrassment, and the fear that their children might be sent off to die in some Viet Nam type war.

It was these kind of people that lined the White House with the burning candles that they had carried from the Washington Monument grounds. By 11:00 p.m. the fence was completely aglow from one end to the other. Peaceful, liberal America showed its indignation.

When we passed in front of the White House, the CBS camera truck passed by us and the marshalls all began shouting, "Show the V sign! Let them see those V signs!" A small point perhaps, but it made for better film footage and the CBS news would have been all the more interesting for it. And if it wasn't interesting, its Neilson rating would drop.

### WASHINGTON APPROPRIATE

The second moratorium will be held in the middle of next month. It will hopefully go on for two days. A third moratorium is planned for December that will last for three days. Organizers are hoping to bring a million people into Washington next month to march on 'the nation's capital' as the highlight of the next moratorium. The 100,000 last Wednesday were just from the Washington area alone, by and large.

Washington is the most dramatic place for such a march not just because it is the seat of government but also because of all the things that have grown up in the city because it is the capital. One can also see the thousands of white tablets stretching all over the Arlington hills 'as far as the eye can see' - markers of the war-packed history of a nation that some would call triumphant.

Everywhere one is reminded to be grave and reverend, to honour the dead who have fought for the country. The generals get the big stones, the privates the small ones that extend off into the distance anonymously.

### "PAY ANY PRICE, MEET ANY BURDEN"

In the John F. Kennedy gravesite part of his inaugural address was inscribed. It said

that America would pay any price and meet any burden to defend the call of freedom anywhere.

While we were up there we had to stop for a small funeral. Six soldiers were carrying a silver metal casket to a newly dug grave. There were only four mourners. One of them had a camera. Other graves had been dug as America's war dead continue to grow daily.



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# sports

## GFL nears final hour: Allstars soon

By Nick Martin

The D House Animals continue to lead the GFL as the season nears its close, but B, E, and the Sophs are hot on their trail. The Axeman, with two games in hand, have a good chance of chopping off the Animals' lead. "I am very excited over this pennant race," the fan told us.

E House took the Sons of B 38-29 as Mike Eisen tallied troisly, Lightning Lederer once, and Meteor Michael Horn will go down in history with a major and four converts.

Ye Greene Machine doubled the score on the Sophomores 26-13. Al Hamilton scored twice and Dave Stone and Jim Martin once apiece for one team, while Fraser McTavish and Terry Irie scored for the other team; guess who plays for whom from the mathematical clues. -- this is not our contest question.

The Animals chopped the Frosh 37-33. Gobby Cohen earned a chapeau for D, while Ralph Trodd, and John Pearce added to the Roote of 1st's problem. Craig Donovan picked up 14 for the frosh (eat your heart out, Trudeau).

The Sons of B knocked off the Methuselahs 45-33, as the oldtimers forgot to take their proton energy pills. Geoff Scott troisated for B, Gary Fleming got the dozen and Bob Stanger and Jim Daw (Marjory's brother) also scored.

The defences were underwhelming as E House edged the Beavers 58-51. Doug Street led E with 15 points. Renault ('Mangez les castors') Marier scored twice, and single TD's went to Mike Eisen, Jeff Love, Tom Lederer, Tim Anderson and Vinecker.

Second year picked up two points when the Oldtimers failed to show for their game. The Octogenarians fell victim to the Serpent after being lured on by the beautiful Sirens of the Don, tempting maidens who sun themselves on the banks of the Don

THE MASKED BEAVER  
c/o The PRO TEM Sports  
Editor  
Glendon College

I would like you to inform the Masked Beaver that my sandals cannot be given a Christian burial because they are of Indian (like India) origin and therefore must be given a proper Hindu burial. I hope that the Masked Beaver is informed of this before he strikes ruin and destruction on the PRO TEM offices. However, perhaps he was never meant to know.

David Moulton

P.S. I would like to thank you for the prize I won in last week's contest. The year's supply of strawberry mung will serve me well as my mother recommends it for any type of occasion when you are hosting a group of beavers.

## Evil defeated on the Don

By Nick Martin

The Masked Beaver has uncovered evil doings in the recent intramural cross-country. The Champion of Justice declared Larry Scanlan winner of the race after the super sleuth learn-

ed that the former winner was in reality a pinko subversive in the employ of the treacherous Viet Squirrel, and besides that, he was also a student at St. Mike's.

Glendon zapped York in the intercollege crosscountry, as Terry Kelly, Charlie Traynor, Larry Scanlan and Bruce Kidd swept the first

four positions.

The good guys continued their route as the Red Guards socked it to McLaughlin (to coin a phrase) 1 - zip.

The local heroes placed second in intercollege golf, with Bruce Berdock of 1st Year coming 2nd in the individual standings with a 79.

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