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# Pierre E. Trudeau calls it quits

by Brian Anderson  
CUP Exclusive

Pierre Elliot Trudeau announced suddenly last night that he has resigned from his office as Prime Minister of Canada to become a postman for the elite Canadian Post Office.

When asked why he quit, he replied that he was growing weary of running through the same old process of botching up the country's political system. (Sources close to the former PM, however, reported that the confiscation of his roulette wheel by the Attorney General had irretrievably retarded his decision-making ability, especially in the area of economic affairs.) He claimed he felt himself ready for a challenge and that the Post Office was only a "logical choice".

Trudeau justified his action by pointing out that Canada Post has already fumbled up the entire nations mail service in the course of 7 short years while it had taken him double that time to create the same level of confusion in government. His admiration grew progressively with each timewasting strike and every lost letter until he knew he had to join. "There was nothing I could do, I became obsessed," he stated.

Pressed, Trudeau admitted that he wanted to climb up the ladder of status and wealth and felt this move was the only way. His financial dissatisfaction stemmed from the fact that he was unable to furnish his cramped 84 room public housing unit with 2 indoor pools, a small casino, an ice rink, and a monolithic video screen. The former Prime Minister's interest in technology's latest gadget has intensified tenfold ever since CBC began airing "Three's Enough", a political sitcom loosely based on the Canadian Parliament.

Whatever his reasons for resigning, Trudeau's credentials are impressive, making him a likely candidate for quick advancement to the upper echelons of the postal union.

His consistent stand on the

national unity for example, culminated in the Constitutional talks which produced nationwide lethargy and disarray. His creation of PETROCAN (Pierre Elliot Trudeau Rips Off Canada) and resulting high gas prices made him a household name among dart and trap shooting clubs everywhere. And finally his six year duel with Rene Levesque over who could offend more people ended up with the latter pulling a trump card by enacting Bill 101, which effectively alienated La Belle province's economic sector. Most Quebecois are just surviving now due chiefly to the sales of maple sugar and urea formaldehyde insulation.

"The Post Office is different though", asserted Chairman Michael Worn, "he'll have to meet our standards now." Worn claims many candidates are misled by the sight of posties lounging in the park on sunny afternoons, "they're there for a purpose," he claims, "many of our less fortunate citizens get mail too, you know."

Compulsory requirements for admission into the Post Office includes a course in postal history, a thorough versing on self-defense, and some pointers on physical fitness as well. "Our guys have to be prepared to face the rigours of their job," said Worn.

The history segment of training involves a tour through the postal museum. Notable exhibits include a pair of government issued heavy gauge army boots worn to the sole as a result of extensive strike duty and rare film footage of a postman refusing a winning Wintario cheque in favour of his bi-monthly Canada Post allotment. A test is then taken by all postie hopefuls and those attaining a passing mark proceed to the field house where self-defense tactics are taught.

"Let's get something straight right now," said Worn, "despite all you may have heard, delivering mail is not an easy task! Every day our

fellows go through a living hell, especially in those damned industrial malls!" It is here that armies of anxious, crazed businessmen besiege unprepared and frightened posties for old bits of paper that even faintly resemble mailed cheques or money order. Thus "proper instruction in self-defense methods is essential".

Trudeau gained a headstart on the competition (for jobs in the Post Office) in this department. While still Prime Minister he engineered the purchase by Canada Post of the latest, most sophisticated weapons from the Canadian Armed Forces. "Radar-equipped pea shooters with heat seeking paper projectiles ought to do the job quite nicely," declared a proud Worn, "although it's too bad the deal with (U.S. President) Ronald Reagan didn't click."

Reagan had earlier offered the service of army surplus flame throwers but cancelled the loan when an aide reminded him of the upcoming Roy Rodgers Memorial corn and wienie roast/jamboree.

Worn, though, remains optimistic. "They (pea shooters) are lightweight, easy to conceal, and provide us with the kind of arsenal we'll need to deliver mail efficiently."

Physical fitness completes the training program. "Candidates have to be able to take the long haul of a 5 mile trudge on moist lawns and shaded walkways" said Worn. All trainees are thus given tailored exercise sessions.

Pierre Trudeau for his part has been toning and toughening his muscles at a local YMCA for the past month. With a good attitude and a balanced diet, he claims he should soon be able to harness onto his body (with the help of 3 other hefty brutes) the cumbersome 2.5 lb. mail bag of last year's birthday cards and month-old letters. Trudeau is looking forward to joining the Canada Post national indoor soccer team as well. Already he's been practicing daily dropkicking box-



'I'm tired of botching things up!'

es and parcels marked "Fragile" or "Be Careful", and stopping on "Raggedy-Maggie" dolls. "I want to prove to Michael Worn and the brass that I belong!" Trudeau proclaimed.

Ironically enough Jean Jacques Parrot, the former postmaster General, (now serving a prison term for continuing to protest while his fellow strikers were on coffee break) is ready and willing to

accept the office of Prime Minister vacated by Trudeau after he gets paroled. Odds are that he'll secure it as Trudeau hinted as early as last night that he needed a back-up man with a background in complete befuddlement.

Parrot stated that he will take on the task if chosen because he needs a bit of spending money.

# notes

Les compagnons de vins de France

Les Compagnons de Vins de France will hold their next wine-tasting meeting on Wednesday April 14th at 6p.m. at the Centre francophone, 435 Queen's Quay West (at the foot of Spadina).

This club organises wine-tasting sessions enhanced by commentaries, conferences or audio-visual presentations. Pamphlets and leaflets giving detailed information are also distributed during the 2 hour sessions. Professionals as

well as special guests present a thorough background of the 6 to 8 wines featured at each meeting thereby highlighting a particular wine-producing region as well as comparing vintage years and vineyards. French cheeses are also featured.

Membership fees to this club are \$15.00/year and this session will cost \$16.00 / members and \$18.00/ non-members. All reservations must be made by April 7th. Our invitation is extended to all wine lovers!

Ben Wilson to Speak at Glendon College, April 1st  
Toronto, March 23, 1982: Ben Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Province of Ontario, will speak on the topic "The Fisher Report on the Future Role of Universities (and the Future of Bilingual Grants)" on Thursday, April 1, 1982 at 3:15 p.m. in Room 204, York Hall, Glendon College. Glendon College is located at 2275 Bayview Avenue (at Lawrence).

Law Students could turn Bad Grades into Money

Law students in Ontario may soon be able to turn their bad grades into cash.

Under the terms of a bequest left to the Law Society of Canada, \$500 a year is to go to the student who graduates from the bar admissions course with the poorest marks.

In his will, lawyer Samuel Weir recommended that the prize winner use the money to "take his wife, husband, fiancee or serious female friend out for a gay evening."

the late Mr. Weir explained the odd bequest by saying, "many with very low standards at examinations have become illustrious members of the bar by keeping dark their lack of legal knowledge."

The Law Society admits it's a bit perplexed. "Why should we be rewarding someone at the bottom of the class?" asked the financial secretary. "You might get a lot of competition."

The Honourable Roland Penner to Speak at Glendon Friday, April 2, 1982  
Toronto, March 23, 1982: The Honourable Roland Penner, Attorney General, Province of Manitoba, will speak at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 1982, in room 204, York Hall, Glendon College, on

the topic *The Charter of Rights-Opportunity or Albatross*.

The lecture, sponsored by the College's Canadian Studies Program, is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. Glendon College is located at 2275 Bayview Avenue (at Lawrence).

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For more information: 367-1950

En français S.V.P. is a way of life.

April 1 may be April Fool's Day for most Torontonians, but for the French community, it's "poisson d'avril", a day of good natured antics to throw off winters inhibitions. And while fish are not necessarily eaten that day, they do figure prominently.

To celebrate poisson d'avril, En français S.V.P., a group of francophiles and francophones will be meeting at Harbourfront's Centre Francophone on April 1, to do what the group has been doing regularly since it was launched last fall—enjoying conversation, dining, dancing, singing and general revelry just as the French do—en français. On April 1, some special poisson d'avril surprises are planned.

En français S.V.P. is a group of about 200 Torontonians who love to speak French. Mainly former students of the language, and a number of francophones who don't get

to speak French at home or at work. For anglophones in particular, En français S.V.P. is a far cry from academic French courses where grammar and pronunciation are constantly being corrected, and where literature studies convey the impression of the existence of a small French intellectual elite.

Instead, En français S.V.P. provides a French experience that is more typical of the way "ordinary" francophones live. Participants in the group socialize and speak French at the level which they establish for themselves depending on their ability, self-confidence, and the mood of the moment. Corrections and vocabulary are forthcoming only when solicited, and when the conversation threatens to revert to English, participants gently and spontaneously remind each other, "en français s.v.p."

On Thursday, April 1, En français S.V.P. is inviting interested members of the public to join them in celebrating poisson d'avril at the Centre Francophone, 435 Queen's Quay W., beginning at 6 p.m. The admission price of \$8.00 includes a buffet dinner, some poisson d'avril surprises, and adding to the En Français band. Wine will be available. Reservations are necessary.

April 1 will also mark the start of the En français S.V.P. membership campaign. Until now participants have had to pay only for the events they attended. However, to cover administration and mailing costs, a membership fee of \$3.00 for six months will be levied. After April 1, membership cards must be shown at all En français S.V.P. functions, and can be purchased any time.

For more information about En français S.V.P. or to reserve a place at poisson d'avril, contact any one of the people listed below. Find out how to live French in Toronto, regardless of your language level. Ce serait bien amusant!

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## Emploi d'été pour étudiant bilingue

Le ministère de l'Environnement de l'Ontario est à la recherche d'une personne bilingue qui fera partie cet été de l'équipe du programme d'exploration de l'environnement. La personne choisie devra se déplacer dans toute la province pour enseigner les matières se rapportant à l'environnement dans les écoles, les camps et les parcs; elle devra diriger des ateliers de perfectionnement professionnel à l'intention des enseignants et des moniteurs de camps, et promouvoir les programmes du ministère au moyen de diaporamas et de films. Elle recevra la formation nécessaire pour faire ce travail.

**Exigences:** Les candidats doivent avoir suivi au moins une année de cours se rapportant à l'environnement (par exemple, biologie ou sciences environnementales) dans un collège ou une université, posséder un permis de conduire valide, s'exprimer couramment en anglais et en français, et faire preuve d'enthousiasme. La préférence sera accordée aux personnes qui ont de l'expérience dans l'enseignement ou dans le domaine des relations publiques.

**Durée du programme:** du 3 mai 1982 au 20 août 1982

**Salaires:** versé par Expérience 82

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## Torture and Repression

by Louise Massicotte & Guy Genois with ENG 231.3

"A thousand children have been massacred in Addis Ababa and their bodies, lying in the streets, are ravaged by roving hyenas." Children are killed and tortured regularly throughout the world, sometimes to pressure the parents and sometimes because authorities suspect them of anti-government activities. Such repression is meted out not only to children but also to men and women who are killed or held in prisons, often without trial or charge, because of their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion. Political prisoners are believed to be held by nearly half the 154 governments of the United Nations, in spite of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Amnesty International was formed in 1961 to help these prisoners of conscience and to highlight the torture inflicted on thousands of people. In its fight for human rights, this group aims at the release of such prisoners and the improvement of prison conditions. It also works for early and fair trials for all political prisoners.

Amnesty sends letters to governments as well as to the prisoners. The governments are thereby pressured to release the detainees, who, for their part, get moral support from the interest that foreigners take in their cases. Amnesty also helps prisoners' families by sending money for such things as survival, medical care, necessary travel or rehabilitation.

While repression in Central and South America has only recently been making headlines in Canada, Amnesty has been pushing for change and improvement in the region

for years. "The most ruthless oppressive regime in Latin America", reports Jonathon Power in "Against Oblivion" is found in Guatemala. "Over three thousand people have been killed and another six hundred have simply disappeared since 1978, most of them victims of government-sponsored death squads."

Despite the difficulty of getting information, many stories do come to light. One concerns Reynaldo Cruz Menjivar, a peasant organizer in El Salvador, who escaped from incommunicado detention in 1978. He had been tortured and held manacled in "a dark and filthy cell which was so small that he was unable to stand up in it." He was fed only twice a week for ten months and eventually lost so much weight that he was able to squeeze through the bars of his cell.

A shocking aspect of violations is "repressive technology"-the instruments and know-how for torture traded between countries. There have, for instance, been reports of North American advisers aiding torture in various parts of the world.

Alongside its work for individuals, Amnesty is conducting four special efforts: against torture, capital punishment, the inhuman treatment of children, and the "terror trade" of arms and means of torture.

Amnesty is making people aware of the cruelty in our world: it needs your support, and on way is through joining the "Urgent Action" group at Glendon.

For a very readable account of Amnesty, see *Against Oblivion, Amnesty International's fight for human rights*, by Jonathon Power (Fontana, 1981.)

## Accessibility: Ontario poor still not attending university

TORONTO (CUP)—Students from low-income backgrounds continue to be under-represented in Ontario's universities, according to a recent provincial education ministry report.

The report states that social inequalities are transmitted through existing education structures and reforms are necessary before post-secondary education access for low-income students can be improved.

"We wholeheartedly agree with those who argue that money matters in the decision to pursue a post-secondary education," the soon to be released report states.

The report, authored by Paul Anisef, a York University sociology professor, states that financial assistance programs must be publicized in high schools and government programs should be introduced at the stage where children and parents begin to discuss future educational and career options.

Ross Perry, Ontario Federation of Students researcher, agrees that tuition and financial barriers exist at all levels of educational decisions.

It is a combination of economic, social and cultural factors that prevent low-income families from sending their children to post-secondary institutions, he said.

"If the Ontario government really wants people to pay their 'fair share' of university costs, let low-income people go free as they do not use the system which their tax dollars support," he said.

Perry said the provincial government should not expect families with an after-tax income of less than \$7,700, to contribute towards the Ontario Student Aid Program

The report's reform recommendations include:

- head start and summer learning programs for the poor, beginning in kindergarten.
- a registered education savings plan rewarding high sch-

ools that place students with low-income backgrounds in post-secondary education, and -improving guidance counselling in high schools

"Many of these programs could be implemented by the extension of existing programs," said Perry.

He added the report lays the groundwork for future accessibility studies with a methodology to monitor the participation rate of socio-economic status groups in universities and colleges.

But the provincial government made only 400 copies of the Anisef report and according to Perry, this decision is "giving a limited run to a study which should be given a maximum run."

He said the government should distribute thousands of copies to high schools, the federal government, parent-teacher organizations and other interested groups.



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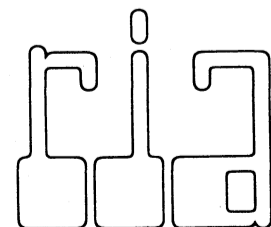
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This is it. It truly is the last issue. Pro Tem has made it until the very end, which means 23 issues. It means a helluva lot of work (hard work). Since I have already thanked everybody in number 21, I would like to express my personal feelings on this school year and the coming one.

It has been a tough year for everybody. The G.C.S.U. has had to pay off all sorts of debts. The books were left in such a state last year that this year's accountants ended up with a lot more work than they should have had. All these problems (and they are worse than you can imagine no matter what I can say to describe it) have put the student council in an awkward position. How can anyone do anything if he (she) never has any money?

## Letters

Dear Nicol,

It's three o'clock in the morning and I have insomnia. As it often happens with insomnia, recent unfortunate events plague my mind...

Event number 1: *Working hard one Wednesday evening to make a deadline on Roy Romanow. Putting everything I have into making it sound like a real news report ... then finding out the next day, that it was accidentally put into print without proofreading correction. It was the only article in the showpiece issue that looked like it was written by someone who didn't know how to write. It made me look stupid. Bad Luck.*

But, I say to myself. It's unfair to criticize. Those people were up until 2:00 in the morning putting out the issue. I should have been there helping them. I turn over in my bed and try to sleep. No luck. More unpleasant thoughts pester me...

Event number 2: *working until 2:00 a.m. the next Wednesday, to avoid the nightmares of the week before. Going to sleep for 3 hours assured that my tiredness was not in vain. This would be my showpiece issue to make up for the last one... then*

Radio Glendon did not have it easy either. Like every other organization, it did not have much of a budget.

And I believe that you all know by now that Pro Tem was not in the best of financial situations.

So, I guess that I could sum up most of this year's problems in very few words: **HELP! WE NEED MONEY.**

But we all more or less managed and next year will be a lot better. Next year's council will have money to work with and not as many debts.

Which brings me to talk about our council elect. How it is going to deal with the other problems. There will still be cutbacks. Even though the students will be pay-

*finding out that I had been foiled again by fate and printers ink, the same Roy Romanow article-unintelligible.*

O.K., I say to myself. How much bad luck can one article have. The powers of Central Canadian supremacy are conspiring to silence the voice from the West. Bill Davis's Blue Machine sets up a cone of silence around the Westerner's point of view. Psychic censoring of Ontario's sins against the hinterland... I turn over, with a cynical chuckle and try to conjure up dreams of Roy Romanow riding off into the Western sunset. Somehow, he doesn't look right on a horse... I substitute a Mercedes Benz. It suits his Harvard Law School image, but I still can't sleep. More disagreeable thoughts jar my mind...

Event number 3: *being told by a friend on March 19, that he'd read in the March 12 issue that the Pro Tem staff, including Kim Levis, was requested to attend a very important meeting on March 15th. As I have no classes from Thursday morning, to Tuesday afternoon, it is rare that I'm at school between Friday, when that issue came out, and Monday when the*

ing higher fees, services will be reduced (the same way they have been over the past few years). The student body has decided to remain with OFS. The G.C.S.U. must therefore get more involved with the organization. How will it do it? I do not know, but after telling the council to remain members of OFS, the students should make sure that they make the best of it.

The G.C.S.U. also has a brand new constitution. It is the first time that it applied to an election. It means that every member of the newly elected executive has to show interest in French, if this language is not already spoken. The new chairperson will have to be bilingual. This is because francophones already have to learn English when they come to Glendon, but anglophones are not forced to learn French.

*meeting was held. I feel bad that I was not at the meeting. That no one thought to call me.*

This getting bad... I'm starting to feel that more than fate is against me. Midnight paranoia sets in. I feel alienated, here in the West end of the city. (I must confess, I was born in Calgary. I have an inbred distrust of Easterners.) I start to imagine the mighty metropolis of Glendon conspiring against me... no better not sleep with those thoughts, the nightmares would be too terrifying. I get an ice pack for my head, and try to concentrate on pleasant thoughts, sing Rita Marley's "just wanta get high" and pretend I have a some good sensemaella... It doesn't work. I can't sing. More suspicious thoughts invade my mind...

Event number 4: *this is getting really subjective. My friend has told me that the last issue of Pro Tem included Thank You notes of all the Pro Tem staff. My name was not included.*

"Steady", I say to myself. Why should I feel more upset about that than about the closing down of Pro Tem. (I must

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I'd like to finish my last editorial by talking about Pro Tem. I'd like to thank everybody for supporting the \$6.00 increase. However, it may not be implemented next year because it has to be O.K.ed by the Board of Governors. One thing for sure, Pro Tem will get that increase, if not next year then the following one. It will do the

paper much good. It will save it and give it the needed financial independence from the G.C.S.U.

My last words as editor-in-chief will be "Good Luck Baudouin and thank you to all those who helped (especially Francesca, I would have never been able to make it without her). I am leaving the paper happy and proud."

admit to very selfish thoughts at three in the morning.) Actually, it's more like four in the morning by now. I've given up all attempts at sleep. This is ridiculous. What can I do? What can anyone do? Nothing, I conclude. Fate is fate and my fate is to be jinxed by Pro Tem. I hope this is no warning about my career in journalism. Should I take up electrical engineering instead? No, I'd electrocute myself. Besides, on a bad day, I have enough trouble trying to figure out how to engineer a door knob. No better stick to writing. On correctible paper, so I can correct spelling mistakes...

And so, Nicol, I decided to write to you and tell you how I feel. I know there's nothing you can do about all this bad luck, but at least I have something to occupy my mind. In ancient magic, the only way to dispell demons is to name them. So here's all the demons of my insomnia... I think I'll go to sleep now.....

Kim Ellen Levis

This letter would have been in last week's issue, but it got delayed in the mail.

Dear Sir,

Concerning the article "The Nestlé boycott: Why must it continue" (is that a question or a statement or a question?); the article in question is an excellent example of trying to make a general statement without committing facts or statements to paper.

Controversial, and perhaps slanderous statements such as "dumping" instant formula; the "cunning tactics" in advertising; and especially, the claim that INFAC and IB-FAN "claim, and rightly so, that Nestlé's use (sic) subversive advertising techniques" (italics mine). Now, I'm sure that they have proof for these allegations somewhere; why then didn't they show it to us uneducated readers, and allay all our doubts and fears. I cannot accept a single word printed in that article unless I am given some proof first; just like Thomas, I too must see "the holes in His hands" and "the wound in His side" before I believe.

"The Doubting Thomas alias David Olivier

# Enlightenment and endarkenment

by John Maxwell

Wanted: Quantum mechanic. Must be good with spare particles.

Can someone explain the scientific mind to me? Scientists always seem to be changing the rules. What's a simple layman to understand?

These anguished questions and many more sprung to mind after reading an article in some or other scientific journal recently. The item dealt with a reawakening of interest in quantum mechanics. A precise definition of quantum mechanics would leave no space for my other penetrating remarks, and I would probably botch it anyway, but it is basically a theory dealing with the interactions of matter and radiation.

The theory was first expressed by a character with the unlikely name of Max Planck, around the end of the last century. Until Planck started tinkering around with light energy, it was believed that light was a tame, predictable, reliable phenomenon. Back then, everything in nature was considered predictable and reliable, perfectly willing to jump through the hoop of scientific theories when asked politely. This concept was known fondly as the Newtonian Universe.

Then along comes ol' Max Planck, who proves that light, that most basic of natural energies without which we couldn't see to good, is really not predictable at all. It doe-

sn't always travel in waves, as was previously believed, but can sometimes move in sudden bursts. Nobody knew why. The beginning of the end for the Newtonian Universe - enter Einstein.

Einstein, in between playing the fiddle and concocting the theory of relativity, found that light actually acts as a bundle of particles under certain circumstances. But not always. In spite of this further evidence of disorder in Mother Nature's works, Einstein (along with most other men of science) continued to treat this as a tidy, orderly universe. In that respect, the Einsteinian Universe differs from its predecessor only in its emphasis on atoms and their components. Until his death Einstein searched for a Unified Field Theory, by which we could predict anything from sub-atomic flight patterns to baseball scores.

But the miracles of electromicroscopy keep revealing these unpleasantly inconsistent bits of data. For example, it has been found that 2 sub-atomic particles travelling at unimaginable speeds in opposite directions, can, with equal rapidity, change courses and begin travelling parallel to each other. This shouldn't happen, but it sometimes does. And not even the cleverest of the white smock set can figure out why.

This is all too confusing for me. Back in the good old days, Ptolemy and Aristotle

had a vision of a universe centred around Earth, which was cradled in an inky, velvet blanket called the firmament. This concept was a nice, cosy one, one that I could live with quite nicely.

Not only was there a place for Man in the Ptolemaic Universe, but it also gave rise to some nifty myths. For example, a good many ancient Greeks, even the smart ones, believed that our planet was held up by a giant named Atlas. This idea was comfort-

ing for adults and fun for the kids.

It's not surprising that people were angry at that young upstart, Galileo, when he began messing with their universe, introducing weird concepts like infinity. An infinite universe can obviously have no centre. Earth lost its special status. Furthermore, it was felt that God had no place in an infinite universe, which prompted the Catholic Church to take away old Galileo's membership card. The

intention behind that move was to deny him admission to Heaven.

Only recently did the Church decide to make up with her old rival, Science and reinstate Galileo as a member absolving him of heresy. But if Vatican officials get wind of this new evidence about the schizophrenic behaviour of sub-atomic particles, they just might decide that science was wrong after all and send the hapless astronomer back to Purgatory.



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# Student Aid: program inflexible

WINNIPEG (CUP)—Students are being left out in the cold by the federal government through its neglect of the existing student aid programs, says a student leader.

The biggest problem with the student aid program system is its inability to adapt to students' problems, according to Dean Dacko, the University of Manitoba's Student Union communications director.

Student aid does not properly calculate the real cost of education and is not keeping pace with inflation, said Dacko.

The lack of assurance results from mistakes in filling out forms that slow down assessment, gross income calculated instead of net as a fair assessment of summer earnings, and low summer wages, he said in a report to education minister Maureen Hemphill. These factors create an inaccurate picture of student needs, he added.

Although assistance for part-time students has been available for some time, no concrete recommendations have emerged from the federal and provincial governments.

A federal task force commented favourably on the possibility of part-time assistance, according to Rick Kleiman, director of the local student aid branch. But Charles Henry, director of the on-campus student aid office at the U of M, said, 'They've been thumping away at it for some years. I wouldn't hazard a guess as to when it would be implemented. Who knows the ways of the government?'

Student aid has seen some improvement this year for native students although part-time students are not pro-

vided for. Until this year, full status high school native students living off reserves were not eligible for assistance.

There are about 12,000 applicants for student aid annually in Manitoba, according to Kleiman. Applicants begin at the grade nine level and Kleiman estimated that 80 per cent of these applicants receive assistance.

At the U of M, about 3,000 receive student aid, according to Henry. Dacko says that if the system is to improve, 'a lot depends on whether the federal government has its way in channelling funds di-

rectly to students and using student aid to offset tuition fee hikes.'

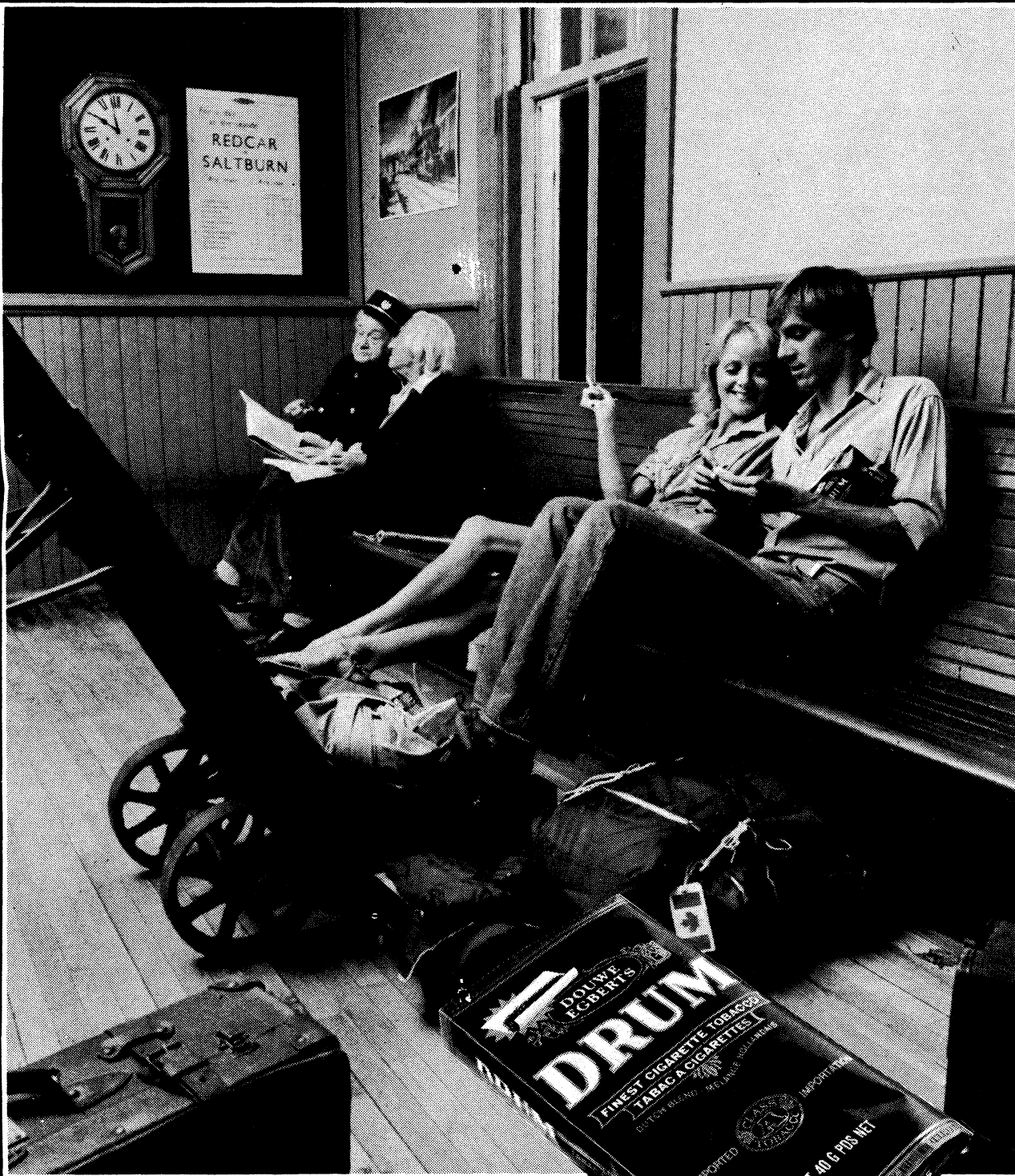
He said this could cause the student aid program to drop behind meeting students' needs another five years. 'They wouldn't be able to meet the massive needs,' he said.

Dacko said the way to pinpoint problems in the system is by establishing a file on students appealing their requirement assessment.

But he said he has been hindered by confidentiality binding these appeals.

'They won't release the minutes of appeal meeting, even the ones I've attended,' said Dacko.

He will be taking questions to the student aid committee instead. The committee is composed of government, university administrative and student union representatives. Kacko said he hopes the report he will prepare from these questions will be open to the public.



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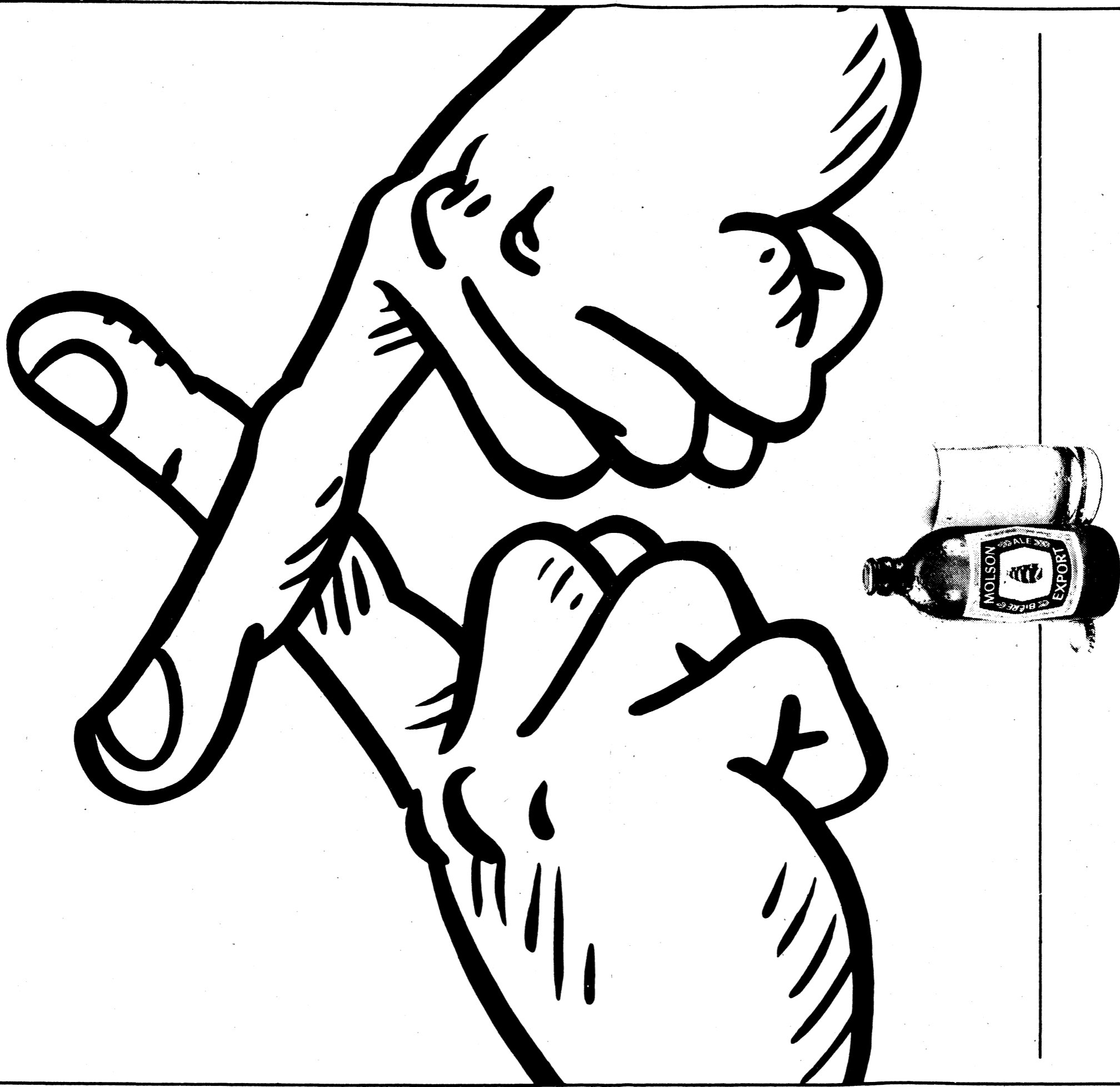
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# High School track meet

11th Annual York University High School Indoor Track & Field Meet  
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The York meet, possibly the largest gathering of high school track athletes, has set yet another record this year for race entries. Meet director Dave Smith, Department of Physical Education and Athletics, has tallied more than 1600 race entries to date. In fact, since the ever-popular meet moved to the Metro

Track Centre in 1980, Smith has had to turn away applications— more than 1000 entries this year alone.

Entries represent practically every area of the province and include many metro Toronto and area schools.

The meet starts Friday, April 2 at 6:15 p.m. and continues until 9:30 p.m. Saturday's action starts 10:00 a.m. and concludes with a 5:30 p.m. awards presentation.

**Athletes to Watch:** World-ranked Canadian junior record-holder Angela Bailey, 60 metres, Canadian national team member... Woburn Collegiate's Nicole Ali in the 60 metre race and long jump, also a national team member... Junior national team hurdler Karen Nelson from Dr. F.J. Donovan (Oshawa)... Michael Power's Rudy Bantic, junior national team pole vaulter... and more...

# The Flower of Romance — Public Image Ltd.

by Nik Erickson

I have always thought that the best record reviews were those that avoided technical language, and instead concentrated on putting into words the feeling which are elicited by the music. To this end, I have included everything that I wrote down as I listened to this latest album by Public Image Ltd.

Heavy, echoing drums are the most obvious feature. Monotone vocals by John Lydon (ex Johnny Rotten) lend a sense of urgency. Layering of skitterish and distorted guitar with rhythmic synthesizers complete the background. Several songs set up what at first glance appears to be an impenetrable maze of noise and nonsense. The inner sleeve, covered in lyrics, proved to be the invaluable key to the meaning of the Songs. For example, the sad truth of 'Go Back', a song

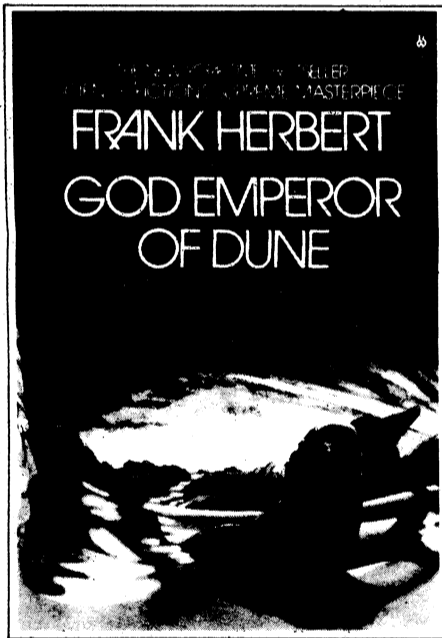
dealing with the way in which people have convinced themselves that atrocities such as WWII and the KKK are bygones, can only be called from amongst the steady beating and invocations by acquainting oneself with the frame of mind in which it was written. This is true to form for P.I.L.; 'Carreering' on their Second Edition album sounds like just so much rhythmic pounding and plucking, until all is revealed after a few closer listenings.

Which brings up another noticeable thing about P.I.L. - one cannot expect to appreciate their music immediately. It has been called everything everything from repetitive to anti-musical. If one considers limp-noodle mainstream rock as emblematic of music at its zenith, then this last criticism is definitely true. P.I.L. seems to reject not only the typical subject mat-

erial chosen by other groups, but also rejects, wholesale, their methods of presentation. They do not stop short of borrowing rhythms and styles from Arabic, African and Oriental music, all of which increase the effectiveness of their bass-heavy songs. In terms of content, the lyrics do not match the fine satirical nature of, say, the Dead Kennedys, or the social relevance of the Gang of Four; but these are unfair comparisons. The beauty of a group such as Public Image Ltd. rests not only in its musical accomplishments, but also in the very fact that it exists - commercial rewards are not the goal of all musicians.

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