

pro blem

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Editor's Note

The following three pieces were brought to my attention by three concerned members of the Glendon community. Given Pro Tem's lack of adequate human and financial resources to produce an issue for election week, I have agreed to loosely edit and fund the production and distribution of pro blem. Pro Tem equipment was not used for its layout and design.

The opinions expressed in these pieces are not my own, but the opinions of three concerned members of the Glendon community. Although I disagree with the use of a pseudonym (especially when a political opinion is being expressed in a "free and democratic" (at least in principle) society), I believe STUDENT AT LARGE and Papa Mezz, being in relatively prominent positions at Glendon, choose to remain anonymous due to the possibility that their opinions may result future conflict. JJ O'Rourke on the other hand, being a Pro Tem columnist on commentary, has the luxury of belonging to an organization which affords public criticism of student governments.

I truly believe that their concern for Glendon, the future of Glendon, and the future of the Student Union, is one of sincerity and candor.

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So, partisan politics strikes Glendon in a flurry of yellow-shirted, hot-dog flogging, supper-for-your-vote, vote for me 'cause I'm nice, orgy of blatant politicking. What did Marie Antoinette say as the French peasants set upon Versailles demanding bread? "Let them eat cake!" she exclaimed! A few hundred years later we have the auspicious members of the "G-Force" political platform shouting from the rooftops "let them eat hot dogs!" The only difference is the peasants aren't yelling for bread, they're yelling for accountability.

So when you decide to cast your vote, remember that although you may owe them a hot dog or two, you can always vote with your brain rather than your stomach.

By Pappa Mezz

It's that time again my friends, time to vote. But then again with an average of about 400 students voting in previous elections, I'm assuming that not many of you will care. This article is for those of you who do care about Glendon. This article is for those who take at least some interest in your own day to day life her at Glendon. Let me ask you a question. Do you know what the GCSU has done for you this year? I have asked several individuals not associated with this year's council if they were aware of any of the GCSU's activities, and if so, whether they could let me in on this secret. The responses were mostly blank stares. My primary concern is that students might vote based on popularity because of certain events that took place over the last couple of days. With that in mind, it appears that some flowers were not so spectacular at the highlight of their "blossoming". So unspectacular were the results of this year's president of the GCSU's activities in fact that I shudder at the thought of having her back in power for a second, stale, static term. At this point I would like to encourage every voter to look at how this year's council members have used the power entrusted to them by the Union of Glendon College Students.

That power, just for reference, was received through a proper electoral process, during which the notion of slates was turned down and shunned upon for the inequity it causes and the unfairness associated with it. Had the free barbecue at the Café de la Terrace been paid for by the GCSU instead of the G-Force, it could have been passed off as a way to promote voter turnout. However since it was sponsored by G-Force, its only possible motive is promoting voter turnout in favour of G-Force.

I have had the pleasure of speaking with the other candidate, the one running independently, on several occasions throughout my year at Glendon. I have formed an opinion that this person is dynamic and enthusiastic. If we are to look at her track record with the Women's Centre, we would see that it is anything but lacking of events. She is constantly pursuing issues that are important to the Women's Centre. That is to say that the president of the UGCS should always be pursuing issues that are important to all students. Not the case this year. At least not that I or any of the many others that I have spoken with this year, know of. The council is accountable to students. It seems that this year's council is not aware of that. I will not ask the president about her accomplishments for the students during her term, as I'm sure she knows what they are. I believe that the new UGCS has one responsibility above all else. That is to act in the student's interests.

What is stated herein is only the opinion based on information acquired or not acquired in most cases by one concerned Glendon **STUDENT AT LARGE**.



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Mythinformation about the CFS Referendum?

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so here we are, the spring electoral races; familiar faces, some. every colour leaflet you can imagine, the sentiment finding that spot in your heart that longs for autumn's diverse foliage here at the glendon college campus.

the big referendum question is whether we, the students, want to join the CFS. I don't know, man, but I don't think that the GCSU did their research before they let someone set up an info booth in our school. have they asked themselves the question of why other schools across the nation have left this extra level of bureaucracy? there happens to be a myriad of universities in the Atlantic provinces that have left the union because of differences in philosophy. a group of BC institutions claim that the CFS doesn't really serve student concerns, they're just out

to save the world. as a matter of fact, in conversation with the president of the CFS, he revealed to me that meeting students and going into the schools isn't really his bag. "I would rather spend all my time at Queen's park", he says.

to join the federation, all it takes is one referendum, but to leave, is much more difficult. referendums to opt out can only take place every two years, we get locked in; and if we don't want to pay the membership because we want to leave, they have a big, corporate-like legal team that will force the money out

of almost empty, hard-working students' pockets.

while we're on the topic of money, the CFS has all these subordinate companies that, just like the CFS itself, happened to be 'not for profit' companies. what I'm wondering, and I've asked their prez, is why the profit that these companies make does not go back to the student members that make up the organization? he tells me that the money goes back into the CFS to help whatever research is going on, but it won't help to alleviate the membership fees. all this seems very self-serving. aren't they

supposed to serve us? the students? and not themselves. I mean, these people have paid positions, they are not volunteers. isn't there a conflict of interest going on there?

I can't tell you how to vote, or which position to take. all that I know is that people on campus are getting VERY biased information regarding the CFS, and that the views need to be evened out. so before you say yes to something that you don't know about; or something that you only know one side of, please think again, this is serious.