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such an obligation. Duty is proportionate to one's status and ability. One person's duty may be higher than that of another but no one can opt out of doing what his place in life requires of him.

Let us all act upon this recommendation and purify our language lest we gring about the Fall of Our Civilization.

Will Olenski

st. jean

Pendant l'année scolaire 1972-1973, j'ai eu la chance de participer comme étudiant en 3ième année es arts à la vie du college St-Jean. Ayant fait expérience de la vie estudiantine de l'Université de l'Alberta, je voulais étudier dans une ambiance plus personnelle et sympathique ainsi que prendre avantage de l'occasion d'étudier en français. Je fus déçu non par le système mais par un corps d'étudiants ingrats et paresseux jouant aux politiques.

Pendant mon séjour là, j'ai vu un effort plus précieux de la part des anglophones de parler le français que de la part des canadiens qui ne semblaient pas intéressés d'améliorer leur sort, soit émotivement, soit culturellement, soit intellectuellement.

J'aimerais préciser que je crois que c'est cette mentalité qui détruit le bien que le College puisse faire; que c'est le silence de la part de ceux qui sont contents d'avoir étudié au College, qui ont grandi par cette expérience, qui se sont épanouis en face des attaques méritées et non méritées contre le College, que c'est la lâcheté intellectuelle morale, emotive, et culturelle des jeunes adultes (une maladie très contagieuse de notre temps) qui vont détruire le College, et non pas l'administration de cet organisme. Alors si nous perdons cette chance de s'épanouir comme bilingues ici dans l'Ouest, c'est de votre faute et de votre faute seulement et, étant américains inférieurs, vous en souffrirez toujours.

Claude L' Desnoyers
Bacc-ès-Arts



Students who come to College St. Jean don't ask for and don't receive Mickey Mouse kid-glove treatment! They do receive, though, personalized treatment advice and exposure to the French culture of the faculty.

Mr. Piaumier, in his Reader Comment of January 10, 1974, refers to the French spoken here as "quite ear - wrecking". Mais, les étudiants ici essaient de parler français - plus que les autres et nous desirons de devenir bilingue - Something to receive admiration rather than condemnation!

Oui, en general nos classes sont petites mais nous en avons aussi quelques unes qui ont vingt ou vingt - cinq étudiants, mais, est - ce un crime d' avoir cette personnalisation? Certainement pas!! I personally hold the opinion that this personalization is much better in absorbing the culture and learning a class subject taught in French. After all, it is a more effective educational tool than being one in a class of two hundred - odd bodies in a lecture hall.

It appears that Mr. Piaumier uses the term "Remnant of high school" in reference to the college out of geographical situation rather than out of consideration for that which is involved in the process of bilingual post - secondary education at College St. Jean.

Deb Cermak
College St. Jean



THE GENTLE POLICY FOR COLLEGIANS

At the beginning of the academic year, the controversial question was whether to bring the students to a political and linguistic consciousness through active leadership, or to allow them to realize their own potential unaided. They were to find themselves, as serious students, faced with a situation created expressly to give them an opportunity to learn another language. Student leaders remained silent in the hope of gently encouraging the usage of French. The policy of a certain student leader was put into practice. There was to be no political movement to push

French - it was to appear of its own accord thanks to the good intentions of the students.

We find ourselves at the beginning of the second semester. This year has not seen as much controversy about French as last year. However, it is evident that the students are less sensitive to the question than ever. The simple fact is that most collegians don't care about French as a language, as a working atmosphere, as a cultural activity, or as an academic study.

Our ears are abused by the English music played by the student radio. Only five people are engaged in journalistic activities (La Fouere). Our student government is a caretaker body; the students do not know how to direct their own future.

Collegians, you have decided to come to CUSJ. You are paid to learn French. Yet you are not up to the task. This institution should be called St. John's kindergarten. Yes, I am attacking you. However, I am not afraid, for, what will you dare respond?

It is said that Canada is a sleeping giant. University students, the giant's head, are the most profoundly asleep.

Col Sissons
Editor of "La Fouere", CUSJ
Due to space limitations, we are unable to reprint the French version of the above editorial which appeared in the Jan. 11 issue of La Fouere

council

I feel I must take issue with the letter written by Greg Perreault in his peurile attempt to explain his absence from Students' Council meetings.

In view of the fact that Mr. Perreault is a second year Law student I find it surprising that he would consider a letter appointing a summer alternate, as a "technicality". Am I to assume that Mr. Perreault views the Students' Union by-laws as "technicalities" and to be treated as such any time it is convenient to himself.

I should also point out that statement contained in the 5th paragraph of Mr. Perreault's letter referring to Mr. Conrad's attendance at Council meetings is incorrect. In fact Mr. Conrad attended one meeting of Students' Council during the summer months.

In view of the fact that many other councillors found it possible to appoint summer alternates as required by the Students' Union by-laws, I find it difficult to understand why Mr. Perreault should find it inconvenient. It should be pointed out too, that Mr. Perreault received the minutes of Students' Council meeting of March 19th, 1973 when the method of appointing summer alternates was explained in detail.

As a member of Council, I feel aggrieved that Mr. Perreault as chairman of our By-Laws and Constitution Committee would consider provisions in these by-laws to be "technicalities."

Yours sincerely,
Patrick J. Delaney
Vice-President, Academic

FED UP

I've had it! I've had it with the snow, the hitchhiking, the traffic, and the Transit Union. I've had it with the extra money, the Campus parking tickets, and the attitudes of the "striking" bus drivers (or are they cab drivers).

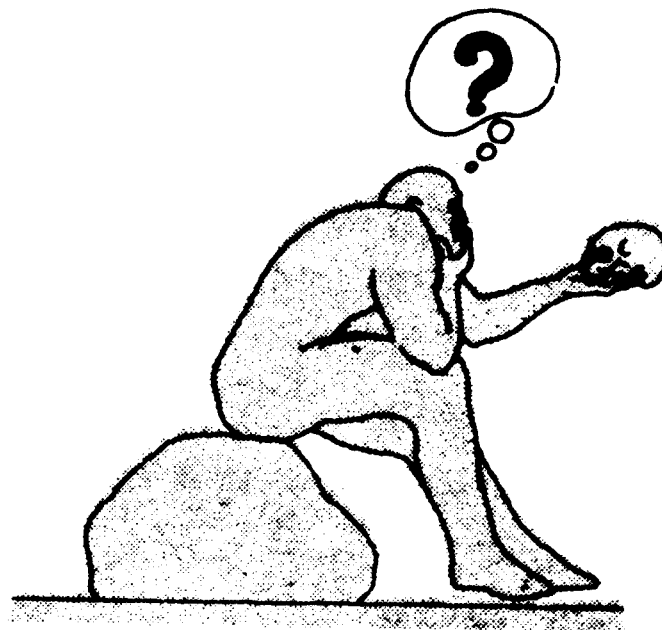
I'm not against collective bargaining. Hell, I don't even mind unions - but sonovabitch, this is going too far. I don't think citizens were aware of the two positions in the bargaining before the City's latest offer - but now the greed and selfishness of the Transit workers is beginning to show.

\$5.80 an hour by June 1975 - what's the matter with that? Contrary to what the "other" campus newspaper says about the "immense responsibility" for human lives and "sheer physical exertion" required to drive a bus, I have yet to hear of an ETS bus overturning. I have also yet to see an ETS driver straining as he turns the wheel of his machine to cut off an unsuspecting motorist behind him.

Sorry boys, but I'm on the City's side. I can't even begin to consider a bus driver a skilled worker. A grade 10 education and a driver's license doesn't entitle someone to squeeze enough money out of me (yep- money is yours, and mine, folks - think about it!) to provide them with \$11,500 per year *without* overtime - and they could have overtime coming out of ears if they wanted it.

I wasn't sure before, but I'm giving my full support to Dr. Dent and the City Commissioners. If the bus drivers don't want the offer Ivor, fire them somehow - or hire new drivers. Let them strike for the rest of their lives (or maybe I should say "drive cabs"). There are lots of unemployed men (and women) who would love to make over \$4.00 an hour. I'm sure you could even convince some of the real professionals, like nurses, who really *do* have responsible jobs, and who are making a lot less than \$4.00 an hour, to work as bus drivers. If it comes down to it, I'll even help willing workers to cross what's left of the picket lines.

Carl Kuhnke

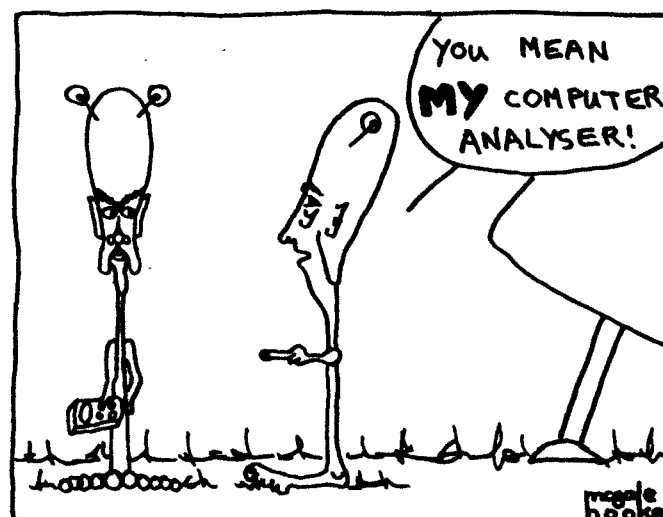
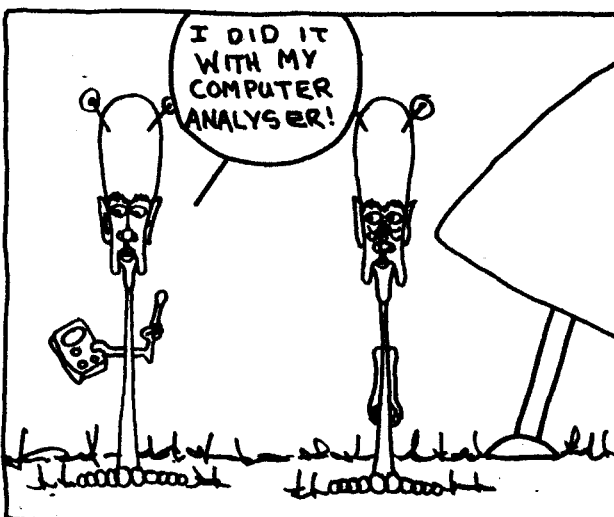
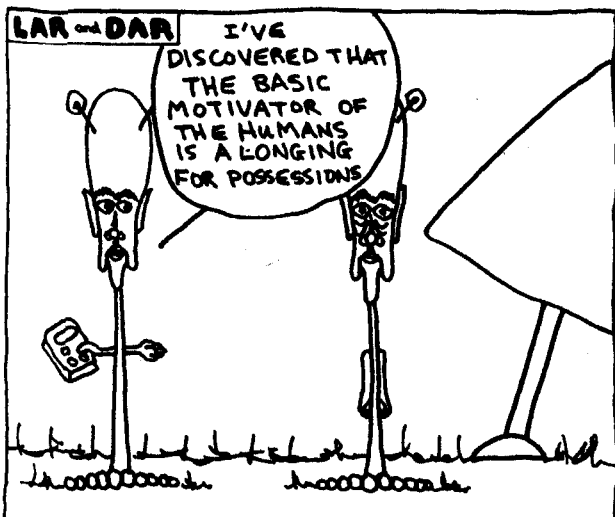


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