

EDITORIAL

JP Superstar

Despite his massive personal popularity and appeal, Pope John Paul II's message is very out of touch with the way most Canadian Catholics live their lives.

The huge adoring masses that turn out everywhere the Pope appears attest to the genuine affection and respect most Canadians feel for John Paul II.

However, just because hundreds of thousands of Canadians are turning out to see the man does not mean they are listening.

The reality is most Canadian Catholics ignore the Pope's doctrinaire preachings and live their lives the way they want; practising birth control, getting divorces and procuring abortions.

And while 55,000 young people may turn out to see the first pop Pope preach against pre-marital sex, many of them feel the Pope's ideology defines behaviour better suited to their parents than themselves.

It is becoming increasingly evident as the Pope's visit to Canada continues that John Paul II recognizes many Canadians are not following his teachings.

The Pope has been curiously quiet on two issues that usually form the cornerstone of his preachings: birth control and abortion.

The Pope may be conceding that Canadians have not accepted his position on these issues and will make up their own minds. The same message that may work in older societies will not wash in Canada.

There exists an important paradox to the most travelled Pope ever. His status as John Paul Superstar is confirmed: there is no rock star that can turn them out like John Paul II. And as an Ambassador of peace and brotherhood, the Pope's symbolic message carried a heavy moral authority. The same can not be said, however, for this teaching on contemporary issues that affect the average Catholic. Indeed, it appears these messages fall largely on deaf ears.

Someone is out of touch.

Neal Watson

**Vigilante ethics:
The friendly alternative**

The world, as most people observe, is rapidly going to Hell in a handbasket. The bobby soxers and flower children their minds reduced to pulp from their casual use of mind expanding hallucinogens and bennies, have become penurious, brutal thugs in their fight to survive the world they helped create. All that freedom, and the flight from responsibility and reality has left us with a world filled with adults who find pleasure seducing children in front of video cameras, frustrated young people who see violence as the only way of life, and bureaucracies that breed incestuously.

Bureaucracies. They're the systems that permit the Clifford Olsens of the world to live in luxury, at taxpayers expense, while serving life sentences for the murders of children. If the Olsens of the world are criminals, then we need to find a term to describe the systems that permit such conditions to exist — obscene seems appropriate.

The response of the public is becoming clear. The public is circumventing the law of the bureaucracies and returning to the law of the jungle. If you have any doubts on the matter, consider two recent American television depictions of justice as it should be.

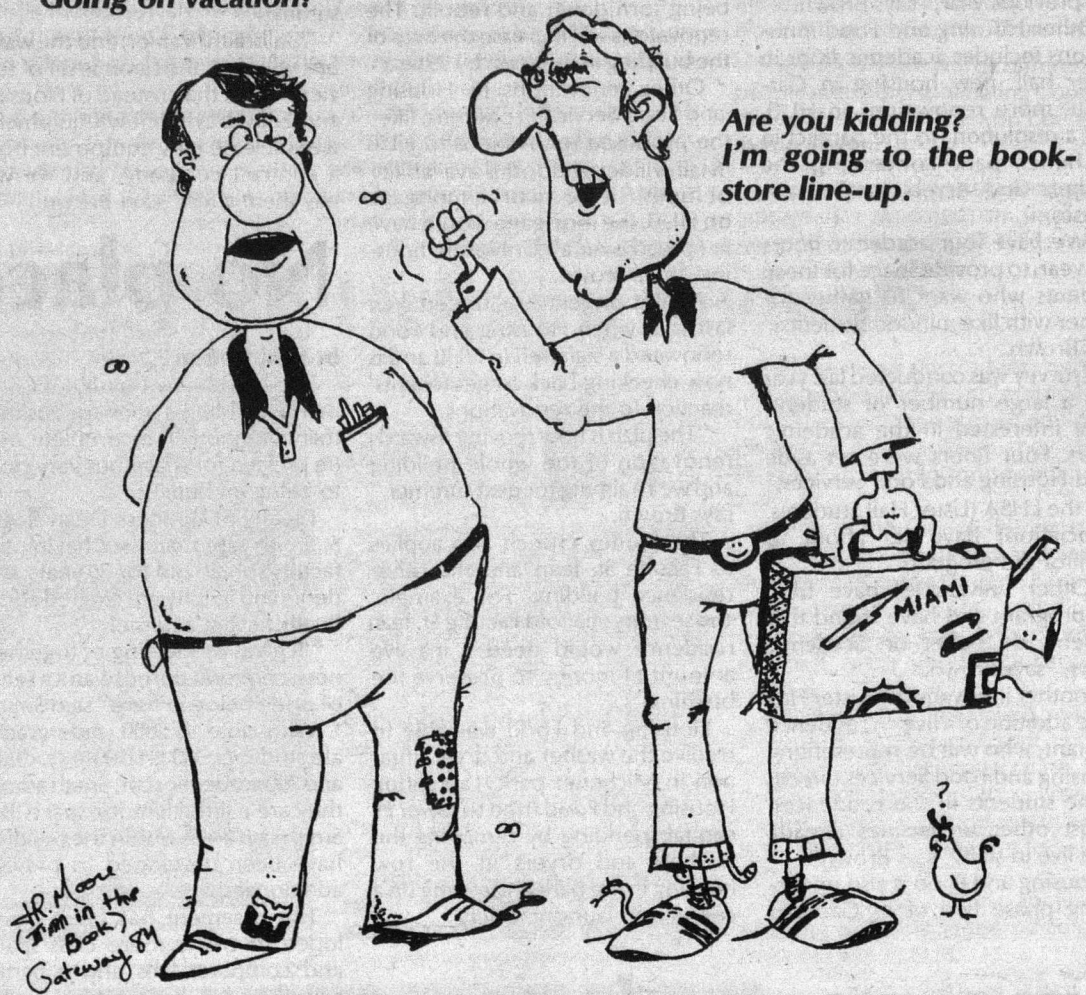
Both of those all-star American heroes, Thomas Magnum and Matt Houston encounter villains who intend to use the system to protect them. Alas, both Magnum and Houston blow away the bad guys, in private showdowns with their opponents. And both heroes deliver eulogies over the fallen victims, with words to the effect that decent men will stop the slime of the world, law or no law.

The clamor for an end to the orgy of uncontrolled excesses at all levels of society is growing in intensity. The unemployed are frustrated; the victims of violence are frustrated; we await our Savior. Germany chose Hitler; Italy adored Mussolini; Russia served Stalin; and America elected Reagan. Canada...?

John Algard



**What's with the suitcase?
Going on vacation?**



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Impeachmenteer Club

Originally, it was my intention to remain neutral on the Impeachment campaign. However, the events of Tuesday have changed my mind. I was witness to the Impeachment Booth being shut down by Gord Stamp and Campus Security.

Has our Vice-President something to hide?

A group of students concerned and fed-up with the men at the top of the Students' Union has decided to take action. While some of the details documented may be slightly inaccurate, far more impressive is the seriousness of the real issues that they are raising. These impeachmenters should be commended, not shut down. They are fighting against: the campus press being threatened by student politicians; a students' council that is closed to students; and Executive members who without democratic direction, have sold out to the provincial government regarding students' concerns.

I say that students who are demanding accountability from their elected officials should be applauded, not taken to court as Mr. Strong has threatened. We should support this impeachment campaign in any way possible. I urge you to sign their petition.

Tod Rutter

Students' Council Rep from Arts

Crisis in parking

Angry about the parking situation on campus?

Here are the facts:

- Stadium Car Park closed until February - 1000 spaces lost (almost exclusively to students)
- With few exceptions, NO students living in the City of Edmonton (or in surrounding communities with transit service to the City) will receive parking permits.
- Visitor parking has been all but eliminated on

weekdays to accommodate permit holders.

- The Board of Governors is NOT meeting its own objective of providing 300 parking spaces per 1000 full-time winter session students.
- If you reside out of town during the school year and applied for a permit before the deadline, you should receive a permit
- Compared to last year, the numbers of students receiving parking permits is almost cut in half
- Police vow to tag and tow vehicles in the University areas parked illegally

Here's what I'm doing about it:

- Meetings with Jim Carroll (manager of Parking Services), Gord Bulat (Director of Physical Plants), and Prof. Brian McQuitty (Associate V.P. Facilities & Services) to discuss:
 - more parking in Garneau
 - "phased-in" parking in Stadium CarPark as work is completed
 - parking in field South of Corbett Hall
 - shuttle service from University Farm
 - more parking in Jubilee lot
- Pressuring for increased transit service to campus (esp. late hours)
- Pressuring City to relax parking bylaw enforcement in University area during this "crisis" situation.
- S.U. parking registry to be re-established
- Pressuring the administration to change its parking allocation priorities so that students who NEED parking permits will have priority (many staff members who live just a few blocks away from campus have priority over students who live out of town; these students have no option but to bring their vehicles).

Here's what you can do:

- Come and see me (or phone 432-4236) so that we can indicate to the administration just how serious this problem is
- write a letter to President Horowitz with a copy to us

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The operation begins, headed by Dr. Nate LaRoi. Geoffrey Jackson obediently hands him the kitchen knife and an incision is made in the abdomen. Oh yeah, here comes the anethetist Anna Borowiecki, tardy as usual, with the sleeping gas. Don Teplyske, the patient, has stopped screaming now ('bout time too), but Kevin Kaardal doesn't like Don much, so is understandably upset. Brian Receveur and Hans Beckers stand by prepared to play Taps if need be. Jens Andersen hasn't heard a good dirge in a long time so he hires Shane Berg and Sheila Barry to sabotage the operation. Linda Derksen and George Onwumere look on interested as the evil pair pull out the plugs. Brenda Waddle, Janine McDade and Gail Brown shriek, as the patient leaves for "a better place." Bosco Chang now won't get the twenty bucks he is owed and Warren Opheim contemplates a Zip column logo...