

Bovey is ludicrous: Rae

By S.D. GOLDSTEIN

Bob Rae gave a standard political speech last Wednesday to a packed audience in Osgoode Hall's Moot Court, and during the question period, Rae's answers were as familiar as the NDP buttons decorating the largely partisan audience.

On the topic of the Bovey Commission report, released the previous day, Rae said, "Any answer for the problem of education that reduces accessibility and increases the tax on students is ludicrous. To go after the federal government, which has nothing to do with the report and is in another jurisdiction, is a classic case of blaming the victim. The responsibility for funding education is in Queen's Park."

When asked where an NDP government would get the money to put into education, Rae answered, "We can afford to put money into the universities. I reject these bogus arguments that we do not have the money for them."

On the same topic, Rae criticized the Liberal party's plan to sell shares of Suncor and give that money to the universities. "I can't remember how many times David Peterson (leader of the provincial Liberal Party) has sold Suncor," he said. "The province will not receive a huge windfall from selling Suncor. This is generally the case when you try to sell something nobody wants. Any money from Suncor will give you a one year addition on your balance sheet. What we need is a healthy revenue picture and that means fuller employment."

Dean resigns Fine Arts post

By DAVID TEICHMAN

The Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts since 1980, Lionel H. Lawrence, has resigned. Lawrence, who was offered the position for a second term, is headed for Perth, Australia, where he will aid in founding a professional training school for the performing arts.

In an interview, Lawrence listed among his accomplishments the balancing of the Faculty's books, and raising the number of incoming students to the highest average of any York University faculty. He said one of his favorite projects was the refurbishing and maintenance of sculptures around the main campus. They are important, he said, because of the controversy they cause, and the color they add to the otherwise drab university environment.

other campus

By ADAM BRYANT

Cat women Spanish-style

At Dalhousie University in Halifax, some students have criticized one of the Spanish Department's textbooks for promoting degrading images of women.

"When you are learning a language, you do things by rote and repetition as a method of teaching," said Rosanne Biocchi, a graduate student in Social Work who examined the text. "I'm worried that the negative images of women, as portrayed in the text, will be reinforced by repetition."

Biocchi said one of the most blatant examples is the first dialogue from the text:

Javier: "The ideal woman? And what's the ideal woman like?"

Frank: "Well, she's a good and generous soul. She's intelligent and sincere."

Javier: "No. That woman isn't ideal. She's hypocritical and bad."

Frank: "But why?"

Javier: "Because women aren't sincere. They're opportunists. And they're not generous. They're egocentric like cats."

But Sonia Jones, the book's author and chairperson of Dalhousie's Spanish department, says the complaining students are taking the characters too seriously.

Campus rags CIA approved

An American organization with ties to the Republican Party is funneling money and guidance to several new student publications which have sprung up at Ontario and Quebec universities in the last 18 months.

The Institute of Educational Affairs (IEA), a non-profit foundation based in New York and directed by William Simon, one of the Republican Party's most successful fundraisers, gave grants to at least three Canadian student publications: the *McGill Magazine*, the *U of T Magazine*, and *Liberatas*, a new publication at Queen's University in Kingston.

McGill Magazine and the *U of T Magazine* run many of the same articles. Last year, the *McGill* and *U of T* magazines printed features attacking the European peace movement and criticized students for being "anti-American" without referring to the activities of any specific organization.

Seven other publications identical to *Liberatas* appeared last November on Canadian university and college campuses and are all published by Ranci Willers, a 24-year old *McGill* student. With minor exceptions, each publication contains exactly the same articles, including an interview with US Vice President George Bush, though each was given its own cover

and name. Since 1980, the IEA has funded 69 student publications in North America.

None of the publications reveal their connections to the IEA in any way.

—The Gateway University of Alberta

Turbobusters get tap rap

At Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, two students have been suspended for tapping into the school's computer system containing the school exams and student marks.

Derrick Zinck and Chris Rizzuto, both second year computer science majors, used their classrooms training to gain access to private files stored in the university's main computer.

The two students denied they were trying to access faculty files, exams or student marks in the system, saying they only wanted to prove someone could break into the system.

They also said they turned down offers of money to obtain certain exams.

When the students cracked into the system, the words "security breach" appeared on the screen. In response, they typed in, "and we're proud of it," and then signed themselves, "turbobusters."

—The Martlet University of Victoria

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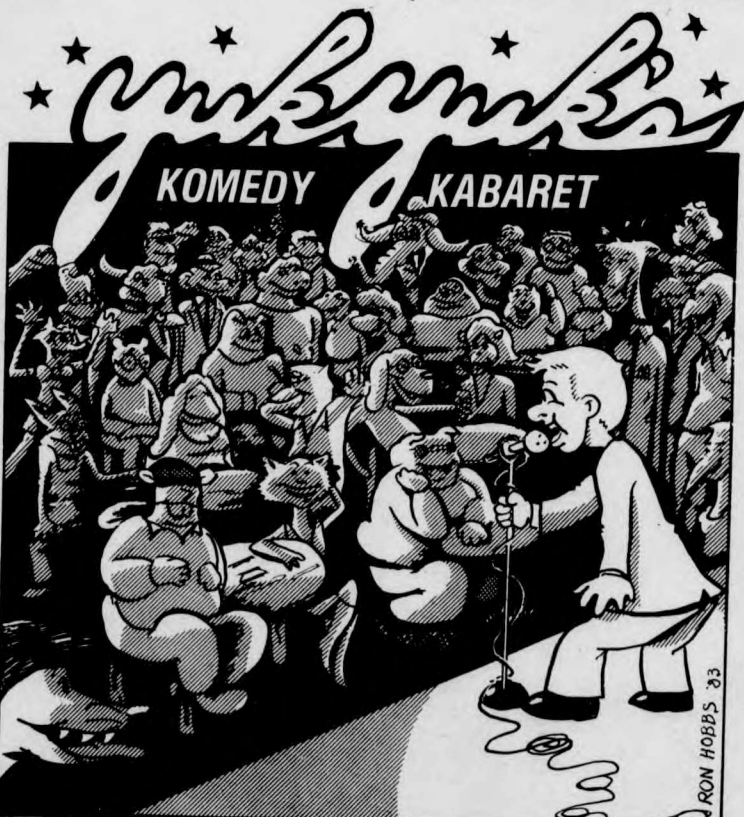
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