

truth, and I realized that the students were not only being misled, they were also being SCREWED by the people who were supposedly acting in our best interest.

So give the students a chance to make their decision after hearing all of the facts, I had to take the CFS referendum to DIE Board. If the students decide in February to accept CFS, I will apologize to the people who worked on both campaigns. If the students reject CFS, it will prove that I am right.

Gordon Stamp
Science III

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He's got the Dinwoodie Jailbait Blues

I was at a Dinwoodie cabaret two weeks ago and I wish to complain about the number of underaged girls that were there. I had the misfortune to pick-up a 15 year old girl (she told me she was 18) at the dance.

My friends, the girl and I left early and went for drinks at a popular lounge nearby. At the lounge my "date" was asked for ID; I was horribly embarrassed when her true age was exposed. I am now the laughing stock of my friends.

In future, would all clubs holding cabarets in Dinwoodie and the Bass ticket people please refrain from selling tickets to underaged girls!

Name withheld by request

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CFS: Life after DIE

In light of the recent CFS Referendum — DIE Board issue, at this time it becomes appropriate to inform the students on the campus that an appeal has been filed concerning the decision to overturn the referendum. Upon a detailed examination of the DIE Board's written findings, we feel that several integral and very important errors of fact, principle and constitutionality may indeed have occurred with respect to both the proceedings during the hearing and with the decision rendered subsequently.

Although we realize that the appeal process is a tedious and time-consuming one, we nevertheless feel that because of the large amount of money spent by the Student Union, the great time and effort put in by all those who were involved in the referendum (both pro and con), and, most importantly, because of the severe difficulties we have with regards to the potential illegalities of the DIE Board's decision, we feel that an appeal should and must be launched in order to serve the referendum and the students fairly. Decisions which affect issues of student will in general, and the manifestation of such through referenda in particular, must be treated with the utmost respect, care, and detail, and, through an appeal, we feel that this can best be achieved in regards to the CFS referendum.

Don Davies
Robert Lunney

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Who do you think I am, Dear Abby?

I have a unique problem that no one in the University Administration has been able to solve for me. I have even discussed this issue at great length with Rob Greenhill. He was very understanding and sympathetic but also could not help me.

The problem is that I am transexual and have only had the first of three operations, and I am not sure if it is proper for me to use the Men's or Women's washrooms. I feel out of place and awkward in either washroom. Who would I go see about this problem?

Donna (Don) Smith
Arts I

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CHOPPING BLOCK



by Jens Andersen

In his "What's Left" column last Thursday Mike Walker said, "NATO was formed before the Warsaw Pact even existed, to create a permanent state of war between the socialist countries and those friendly to U.S. interests."

A statement of truly staggering idiocy! As every schoolboy knows, the NATO Pact was signed in April 1949 after four years of post-WWII Soviet land grabs, their brutal imposition of puppet regimes across Eastern Europe, Soviet-sponsored insurrection in Greece, their bullying of Austria, Turkey and Iran, the Berlin blockade, etc., etc.

To quote a reputable socialist, George Orwell, from his essay "Burnham's View of the Contemporary World Struggle" written two years earlier: "Unless the signs are very deceiving, the USSR is preparing for war against the western democracies. Indeed, as Burnham rightly says, the war is already happening in a desultory way."

But the virgin Mike may say, "The Russians were merely responding (nice euphemism!) to U.S. aggressiveness."

Were they indeed? To quote Orwell's essay again: "...at present no great country except the United States is physically able to make war, and the United States is not psychologically prepared to do so." In fact, in his essay Orwell still talks of U.S. aid to war-torn Russia.

As to the laughable assertion that the USSR and its puppet states are "socialist" — only terminally naive liberals or right-wing cement-heads like our

campus Old Boys would use such a word. "Totalitarian" and "oligarchical collectivist" (Orwell's terms) are much more precise. They also reduce confusion when talking of things like the Soviet execution of Polish socialists after the war, or Orwell's statement that "Communists hate Socialists more than they hate Conservatives."

And to Mike's even more hilarious charge that NATO "has helped stifle the growth of socialist movements in the NATO countries by making socialism the enemy" — why then did socialist Denmark, Norway and Great Britain sign the pact? Hmm?

To quote Orwell again (from his introduction to the Ukrainian edition of *Animal Farm*): "...nothing has contributed so much to the corruption of the original idea of Socialism as the belief that Russia is a Socialist country and that every act of its rulers must be excused, if not imitated."

How do you define socialism, Mike?

I just overheard a newscast in which some anti-metric dingbats once again tried to pawn off their crusade as — not an anti-metric crusade — but one against arbitrary law-making by the government (as if King Henry, or whoever it was, consulted the peasants when he decreed that his smelly foot was a unit of measurement!).

Why is it, then, that these dingbats are more concerned with their right to "express" themselves in imperial measurements, or with the wording of the metric law itself, as in the recent Ontario gas-station decision? I have yet to hear any of these promedieval-measurement types doing anything about the law-making process itself, except indulge in a token amount of snivelling from time to time.

And keep in mind that this is the same gang of twits that ten or fifteen years ago were trying to say young people had no right to express themselves by wearing long hair.

P.S. My definition of an anti-metric dingbat is a person who thinks it is easier to multiply 3 x 2 x 8 x 4 x 4 than it is to move a decimal point up or down a few places.



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