

Sly accusation

I don't understand the logic behind recent events concerning Floyd Hodgins. Apparently, he wrote checks to himself from *Grind* funds inappropriately. If he were an executive officer of any company and were caught doing the same, with full knowledge of the illegality of his actions, he would be charged with embezzlement under the criminal code. Why is this case any different? Because Hodgins is a student and the *Grind* was a student paper is insufficient cause for leniency.

As a student, I have been concerned with Hodgins' use of my money since he was elected.

I sincerely encourage the SU executive to consider my suggestion: charge him.

Dan Sly
Arts I

(P.S. It should also be remembered that the *Grind* virtually absconded with \$2,000.00 from the Lister Hall Students' Association.)

Buses now!

Dear Editor,

It's reassuring to know that there is an escort service on campus. The one thing I need to feel secure on campus is an adequate after-hours bus service. If women really want to take back the night we should start with public transit.

C. Strong

Help science

Open letter to the members of the Faculte Saint-Jean executive:
Gentlemen,

At the FSJ S.U. general assembly of January 31, you were presented with a petition, signed by 55% of our student population, demanding that you resign. This was followed by a motion of non-confidence, carried with the support of 63% of those present at the meeting.

Barring FSJ S.U. constitutional formalities, how do you justify your continued presence on council?

Andre Belzile
Faculte St.-Jean II

Harassment hoax

Re: Billie Dziech's *The Lecherous Professor*

As a female student who has been sexually harassed both on and off campus, I went to hear Billie Dziech's lecture on the "Lecherous Professor." Although Dziech was invited and paid to speak at the U of A it became clear during her lecture that she is on a publicity tour for her book. She has appeared on the Phil Donahue Show and Sally Jessy Raphael and has spoken at many University campuses. As she herself said, she would have spoken at U of A for free.

Dziech stated that sexual harassment by professors has reached epidemic proportions. An epidemic is "the occurrence nature, clearly in excess of normal expectancy" (Benenson, 1980). She also stated that 30% of female college students have been sexually harassed. Her definition of sexual harassment is any behavior or comment which the professor would not make to a male student. Behaviors range from touching a woman's shoulder to spending time in bed with her. Comments can range from that's a nice necklace you have on to remarks about menstruation. Under these criteria there is not a North American female who has not been sexually harassed. Her statistic that 30% of college women have been sexually harassed by professors indicates, not that sexual harassment is an epidemic in universities, but that universities are a puritan haven.

Dziech said that it is time that we cleaned up the universities and that for as long as she can remember she has been touched, felt, and subjected to sexist comments. What female has not? The point is that because women have been touched and propositioned for as long as they can remember, most learn at an early age to tell obnoxious males to take a hike, where to get off, and generally that they do not want to be bothered. I'm not suggesting that it is right or

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Consumer zombie

by Greg Whiting

While watching a football game the other day, I saw an ad for Duracell batteries. As the little stuffed animals without Duracells died off, the announcer stated that their batteries lasted several times longer than "regular carbon batteries." Naturally, I ran over to the corner store at halftime to buy some Duracells for my Walkman.

I was soon standing in line behind a guy who wanted to pay for a bag of taco chips with his brother-in-law's Diner's Club card. While waiting, I started to think about how much we can be influenced by advertising. For example, Miller Lite is the best selling light beer in the U.S. Did it reach that position because it tastes great? Or did it reach that position because Miller paid Rodney Dangerfield and a bunch of retired athletes a lot of money to tell everybody that it's less filling? After all, Lite ads are more popular than a lot of prime time television programs, and that must account for some of the beer's success.

As I was thinking about that idea, I looked up at the rack behind the counter and noticed some Grecian Formula. "Say," I said to myself, "if that stuff can make Rocket Richard's grey hair look so good, imagine what it could do for my brown hair."

I continued to look around the store. To my left, there was a rack of supermarket tabloids. The head-

line on one of them read: "EXTRATERRESTRIAL PSYCHIC PREDICTS EARTH TO COLLIDE WITH GIANT TOMATO." I wondered why anybody would buy garbage like that and then realized that those papers advertise heavily. I certainly can't think of any other reason for them to sell so well. Maybe they employ aliens to sneak up behind people and tell them: "GO BUY A SUPERMARKET TABLOID. NOW!" No, it must be their advertising campaigns.

By now, the clerk was telephoning Diner's Club. "Gosh," I thought, "that's probably a long-distance call. It can't be ignored and will get quick results. Unless she somehow gets connected with Sigmund or Albert..." I continued on this line of thought for another few seconds, but then I noticed that the guy in front of me had finally decided to pay cash.

Pleased that I might not miss the last half of the fourth quarter after all, I quickly moved to the front of the line and put the batteries on the counter. However, as I reached for my wallet the volume of the radio in the background suddenly increased and I heard Phil Esposito saying those immortal words: "You can save hundreds of dollars in one year alone..."

I turned to the clerk and said, "I don't think I'll take these after all. But does this store carry Dynacharge rechargeable batteries?"

The Comic Zone

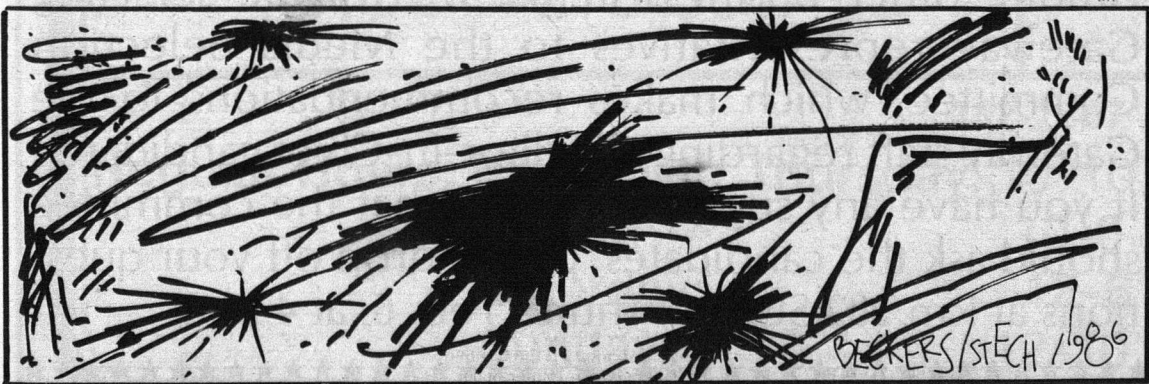


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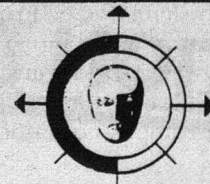
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