

RIDDLER



By David Gardner

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Well, well, well, I should wager that most witless wonders were whipped by last week's puzzling perplexities. If by blundering luck you bested The Riddler in that initial battle of the brains, I boast these three boating beauties will nulify even my most notoriously nautical nemises. Luck be with you, you lowly land lubbers...

Riddle me these:

1. The H.M.S. Confounded is lying in the harbour. Over it's side hangs a rope ladder, with it's end just touching the water. Rungs of the ladder are one foot apart. The tide rises at the rate of eight inches an hour. At the end of six hours, how many rungs will be covered?
2. Rachel and her two daughters, Amanda and Paulina, came upon a river. They had to cross the waterway, but the boat supplied could only handle 100 lbs. at a time. If Rachel weighed 100 lbs. and Amanda and Paulina each weighed 50 lbs., how did they all sucessfully reach the other side, considering the boat could never travel empty?
3. Sister ships the destroyer U.S.S. Peacenik and the destroyer U.S.S. Love-In left dock at the same time. The Peacenik headed upstream at full speed and the Love-In headed downstream, also at full speed. As they leave the dock, a preserver falls off one of them and begins to be swept downstream. After three hours both ships receive orders to reverse course. If they continue sailing full speed in these new directions, which will reach the preserver first?



Solutions to Volume I (Oct. 23rd, '91):

1. There is NO earth in a hole 1ft x 1ft x 1ft, it's a HOLE!
2. The pieces do not have to be equal size, nor must they be straight cuts, therefore the pie might look like this:



3. If Kevin were to be clever enough, he could pour: The 3 ounce glass full, then empty it into the 5 ounce glass. Fill the 3 ounce glass once again and pour it into the 5 ounce glass, so it's filled to the top, and 1 ounce is left in the 3 ounce glass. Next, pour the full 5 ounce glass back into the dispenser, and pour the remaining 1 ounce from the 3 to the 5 ounce glass. Fill the 3 ounce glass full one more time, and add it to the contents of the 5 ounce glass, and Kevin has 4 ounces of Shirley Temple in that glass!

Speaker says social change is not censorship

By Sam Putinja

In recent months the mainstream media have come down hard on what they perceive to be attacks on freedom of speech on university campuses. Groups of students and professors are being labelled "thought police" who curtail individual freedom. Even George Bush has thrown two cents into this debate.

The people being labelled "politically correct" are most often activists fighting for social change. It is their challenge to power and privilege that has caused the media's backlash.

This was the message delivered by Susan Cole, a senior editor of *Now Magazine*, at an October 12 Canadian University Press conference in Toronto.

"I think the backlash is not against being politically correct," Cole said. "It's against being political period."

And, according to Cole, the battle is over some of the most important issues facing students today.

"One of the main reasons why this has become such an important issue for people to deal with is because the term ("politically correct") is applied

to various areas of politics that are intensely personal and intensely overwhelming and all-consuming."

Women and people of colour have been excluded for years from positions of power, Cole observed. This discrimination is not limited to the corporate sector but is manifest throughout all of society — including campuses.

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If women make up 60 per cent of university students, Cole asked, why are they not similarly represented on faculty? If a student body (like York's) is cosmopolitan, why does the course curriculum not reflect this?

The backlash has not stopped at issues of representation. The very words we use have been subject to

fierce debate. The use of proper terms to describe people of different races, genders and cultures is especially important for the media, Cole said.

"Language is like the air we breathe. If you feel excluded from your language then you feel excluded from life in general." The language used by the press should therefore respect the differences between people.

In many cases the media's use of the word "censorship" rests on shaky foundations, Cole said.

"When a man sitting in a room doesn't feel like he can make a sexist comment that isn't censorship. That's social reality making him feel that maybe what he's thinking isn't appropriate.

That is not censorship. Silencing maybe, censorship no."

This debate over language and representation is occurring against a background of great social change. What once was considered acceptable no longer is. People and groups who promote social change find that in many cases the very foundations of society must be scrutinized for

progress to occur.

Simply targeting corporations will not get rid of problems with sexism or the environment, Cole said. Individuals must examine their ideas and habits and see if they conflict with the lives of other people.

As a result, "people feel the privileges they used to have are slipping away. They're panicked by that, because all the assumptions they could make about what kind of behaviour was appropriate seem no longer to be the case."

Cole told the student journalists in the audience that the alternative press should keep up the fight for change in society. "The alternative press is engaged and it participates in the world around it. I don't think we really have a choice to step back and decide not to be politically engaged."

At the same time Cole indicated that it is important for the alternative press to be fair. Research should be accurate and people should be given a chance to respond to what is said about them. And when contradictions do arise, she added, the alternative press should face up to them.

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Myth: I can't get credit at York.

Fact: Courses you pass abroad can earn credit towards your York degree.

Myth: Study abroad will delay graduation and my career.

Fact: Study abroad contributes to the value of your degree—at university and in the job market.

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