

# Collecting for a cause

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As I was jogging around the campus, I noticed many empty pop cans and bottles around over-filled garbage containers. What a waste of resources!

I understand that the Alberta Environment has put up posters appealing to people to bring empty tins and bottles to the depots, and at the same time to help keep Alberta beautiful. Yet, why were all these containers thrown away?

In Malaysia, all empty tins, bottles and paper products are also recycled. Used newspapers are sold at about twenty cents a pound and bottles and tin containers are sold according to their size.

The Malaysians are admirably frugal in spite of the fact that they produce the world's largest supplies of tin and rubber. Nothing really gets wasted — worn-out rubber tires, metal scraps, etc. are being recycled everyday.

Granted that Malaysia is a poorer country, but what right has North America to be so wasteful?

Consider MacDonaldis, A & W, Dairy Queen and other fast food businesses. Look at the huge amount of paper plates, cups, etc. that are being used once and thrown away every day.

I realize that labour here is rather costly and that it is perhaps more economical to dispense with dish-washers, but what about the future?

As everyone probably knows,

world resources are already dwindling too fast for our liking.

An idea struck me. Instead of lamenting and criticizing others for being wasteful, I should be constructive and contribute a little to help alleviate wastage. I went around collecting empty cans and bottles around the campus, and to my pleasant surprise, I collected some 80 pop cans and 9 bottles within 25 minutes!

Money raised from returning these containers to the bottle depot would go to the Canadian Save the Children Fund (CANS-AVE).

One could not fail to be touched or haunted by the hungry and melancholy looks of those deprived children which CANS-AVE serves.

I phoned Professor N. J. Parker-Jervis of the English Department who is involved with the CANS-AVE on campus, and put forward my idea for raising funds. I would put up posters around the campus, and inform people that they could deposit their empty cans and bottles at my apartment in HUB. All proceeds would go to the CANS-AVE Fund.

From the last three rounds of personal collecting alone, I gathered a total of 260 cans and 29 bottles. Professor Parker-Jervis has arranged for someone to collect these containers from my apartment and to take them to the bottle depot.

The late John Lennon was right when he said that even if he and the Beatles were to help raise

two hundred billion dollars from one concert, the money would only be enough to feed the poor for one day, and the problem would not be eradicated.

The whole solution lies in teaching people to make the most use of their resources and to seek ways of replenishing them.

P.S. All containers can be deposited at 3-B, 9001, 112 St. (HUB).

If there is no reply to your knock on the door, please leave the containers outside the apartment.

For any further info. please phone 439-2344.

Or if you wish to sell bottles on your own, there are collectors who will call and pick up your bottles and pay cash, and you may, if you like, donate the money directly to CANS-AVE. You need to have over \$10 worth to make it worth the trip for these collectors. The one we use is: Quasar Bottle Depot on Wheels, Home Pickup Service, Phone No. 424-9446.

## PARTY TIME!

Friday, September 25  
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## Objection to IRA acts

Sir,

When Bobby Sands died last April about 10,000 people appeared for his funeral, including many media representatives.

When Peter McNab died the next day about one tenth of that number attended his ceremony. Media coverage was correspondingly less.

The difference was that Sands was an IRA member who had starved himself to death, while McNab was a policeman who was shot.

Sands had earned himself a martyrdom. McNab had earned his family a bereavement pension.

Of course no one can doubt the courage and resolution of a Bobby Sands, and a long, protracted, self-inflicted death will always be more curious to the public than the simple sort suffered regularly by the likes of McNab. But courage and resolution do not qualify the intent; there are many determined people in the world, rather less who put that determination to a good cause.

One need only look at some of those enjoying starring roles in the history books: Hitler had lots of strong views.

In light of this I think it important, when dealing with the Northern Ireland situation, to look at the issues objectively, instead of working over the emotional pulp one more time.

Consider for example Sands glorious election as MP for Fermanagh — South Tyrone. Anyone familiar with democratic procedures will know that the views of a particular area are not representative of the greater region, and therefore, it means little that Sands could win 30,000 votes in that almost exclusively Republican district.

But the IRA has never been concerned with the finer side of democracy as we know it.

It is not democratic to even contemplate the assassination of Earl Mountbatten as a publicity

stunt, in the same way that it is not democratic to intimidate the other side by killing as many of them as possible. Because the British Government is a democracy, it cannot give the IRA the political status it wants. And because the Republicans in Northern Ireland form a minority, and because the IRA would take over the minute the British pulled out, they have to stay — at a very high cost in life.

While it is pretty easy to find some former criminal with sad eyes and a name like Fra who can stand up and recite IRA propaganda on demand, it might be a little more rewarding to investigate Ulster's real tragic stories; those of the innocent people who the IRA have blown up or shot to death in shops, cars, pubs on the streets or simply at the breakfast table in front of the children. Unlike Sands and the others, they were never asked whether they wanted to live or die.

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## Reader in residence

Dear Gateway,

Congratulations on not only putting forth an excellent and informative paper, but also for reaching the dubious status as newspaper in Lister Hall — this may be old news to you but our maids use your printed pages (last spring's to be sure) to line our garbage cans — maybe one day it will even be used for wrapping fish in the tradition of all the best tabloids!

Again, my heart-felt congratulations to you!

Monica Taylor  
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A penalty of \$15.00 will be charged on any payment received after these dates. If payment has not been made by October 15 for First Term fees and by February 1 for Second Term fees, registration will be subject to cancellation and the student to exclusion from classes.

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