

Correspondence

Oh Give Me A Holmes

As you all know, elections for CYSF are being held this month. As you may not know, Glendon College is also holding elections. Well! A strange series of events has occurred at Glendon around the elections, which I feel should be drawn to the attention of all York students. The editor of the Glendon paper, *Pro Tem*, took it upon himself to try to make the elections into a three ring circus, by cajoling as many Glendon students as he could to run for president of the GCSU/AECG. So it was to everyone's shock and amazement to find, upon the opening of the nomination box by the CRO Friday last, that there were only two nominations for president in the box. One was for Joseph Holmes, the other for Perry Mallinos.

Mr. Holmes subsequently wrote an editorial which he printed in this week's *Pro Tem*, on the theft of the 30-odd missing presidential nominations. He proceeded to accuse Mr. Mallinos stating that "that candidate was seen, late Friday night, slyly creeping into the room where the nominations box was kept. Two hours later, the box was opened and, of the 30-odd nominations deposited in the box, his name was one of the only two remaining names". He failed to mention in his editorial that the other nomination was his.

Based on his extremely circumstantial evidence, Mr. Holmes proceeded to accuse Mr. Mallinos of being the only possible thief, and stated "Perry Mallinos, you have a lot of explaining to do".

Sorry, Joe, but your detective work can be more likened to Inspector Clouseau's than to Sherlock Holmes'. First of all, Mr. Mallinos had every right to be in the GCSU office Friday night, since he is a member of the GCSU and was working at Friday night's dance. But, more importantly, there is much stronger evidence that the box was opened on Thursday, NOT Friday night. If Mr. Holmes had checked any of his accusations before printing them, he would have found out that there should have been two nominations for Perry Mallinos in the box.

Mr. Mallinos was nominated by GCSU Chairperson Marshall Katz.

Mr. Mallinos thought that he had mislaid his original nomination, and left a message for Mr. Katz to complete another one, and put it into the nomination box. Mr. Mallinos did not have a chance to check with Mr. Katz to verify that his nomination was deposited, and when he relocated the original, he placed it in the box, Friday at 2:30 p.m., with two witnesses present. At 4 p.m., Mr. Katz came in, and stated that he had put in the other nomination Thursday night at 10:30 p.m., with two witnesses present. Now, at this point 4 people other than the nominator and Mr. Mallinos knew that there should be 2 Mallinos nominations in the box. When the box was opened, there was only one, and it was verified as being the one deposited on Friday afternoon. It is much more likely that whoever broke into the box on Thursday, not Friday, night, stole all of the nominations except for Mr. Holmes', probably to discredit him more than he has discredited himself.

Many of his editorials are badly researched; he often has no basis for any claim he makes. This time, however, he has gone too far. Mr. Holmes stated that he "cannot help but see the election as a farce and a sham". Perhaps if he no longer interferes with GCSU/AECG elections, further catastrophes will not arise.

Valerie Hart

Being There

In a March 12 letter to the editor R. Keith Gardiner, the McLaughlin representative to the CYSF, states that to the best of his knowledge I was not present at a March 4 council meeting and that an article about the meeting, attributed to me, was in fact written by a member of the council. Evidently, the best of Keith Gardiner's knowledge isn't very good. Really, for Monsieur Gardiner to say I wasn't at the meeting, he has to be less than informed or less than honest. I will let Gardiner and his council friends decide the category in which he belongs.

Gardiner also questions my choice of subjects for the article. Gardiner is entitled to his opinion but he should bear in mind that space limitations sometimes prevent a writer from describing everything that he wants to. For example, as a supporter of the

Nestle boycott I would have liked to have described the callous attitude that some council members displayed towards the death of third world babies. With regard to an earlier meeting, I would have liked to have written that Gardiner's council, (McLaughlin) wrote a letter to the CYSF in which they described Tory education cutbacks as good fiscal policy.

In fact there is quite a bit that I would have liked to have described, but all that happens at a council meeting isn't news.

Michael Monastyrskij

Election Correction

It was drawn to my attention that the ballots for the upcoming Board of Governors election were to state my name as "James Charlebois". My name is written down as "James Brian Charlebois" at the top of the nomination form and signed at the bottom as "Brian Charlebois".

As I have been campaigning by the name of "Brian Charlebois" and always referred to as "Brian Charlebois" I have requested to Mr. Steadman that the ballots be changed to read as "Brian Charlebois".

Mr. Steadman has agreed to this, and I anticipate no problem having found him most agreeable. However, I feel it prudent to inform you of the steps I have taken.

Brian Charlebois

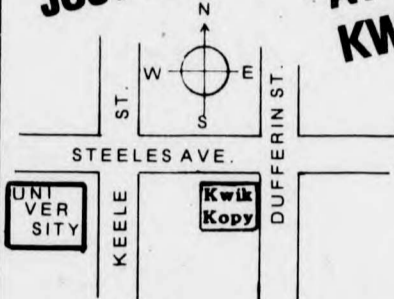
Rose Reply

The Information Committee on Political Prisoners in Quebec has received widespread support in that province for its demand: the immediate and unconditional release of all Quebecois political prisoners, and a general amnesty for all those in prison, on parole, or exiled. In particular, strong support for the immediate freeing of Paul Rose has come from many sectors, including Quebecois labour leaders and members of the National Assembly. The initiative to bring this issue to the attention of English Canada has been disparaged by Paul Truster (*Excalibur*, March 12).

Truster's letter requires responses on two levels. Firstly, he suggests that the demand for amnesty for Paul Rose and other political

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