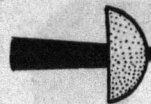


En Garde!

by John Roggeveen



En garde, Savard: John Savard's letter of March 10 contained a section addressed to me and Jim Miller. In this section, Savard said: "...what the Women's Liberationists want is a society where men view sex very much differently than they do now, and thus Pay-TV ought, as the government regulates it, to promote right-thinking, patriotism, religious faith, clean healthy living, world peace, and equality for women." Since right-thinking can be taken two ways, I will attack both. If Mr. Savard means conservative thinking, his world view conflicts with the new society which he seems to support since conservative thinking will not lead to the new society.

Secondly, if right-thinking means thinking correctly (which is what I think he wants it to mean), I will argue that the government claims to be doing that now, Mr. Savard. And, I don't think there are many people who will disagree with the idea of the government promoting correct thinking. However, and unfortunately, people have argued for centuries over what exactly correct thinking is and no one, to my knowledge, has been able to come up with a definition acceptable to a large enough proportion of the population such that the issue isn't in great dispute. (This assumes also that a majority of the population would identify as correct thinking what was actually correct thinking and not some distorted concoction of incorrect thinking. This too, Mr. Savard, has been in hot dispute for eons.)

I don't wish to discourage you from your quest, Mr. Savard, but many people also say the ideals you wish to have promoted are at variance with each other. Take *patriotism* versus *world peace* for example. *Religious faith* versus *equality for women* is another good one.

Also, whereas world peace is likely to be supported by the vast majority of people, I would like to know just how you think it should be promoted. Some say you promote world peace by disarming, while others say you promote world peace by maintaining superior firepower over your enemies. Clean healthy living is another *nolo contendere* issue. But, again, no one has yet been

able to successfully define it. Please, Mr. Savard, no more platitudes.

• I heard **Bryce Mackasey**, Liberal MP, say on the radio, "Who would want to sit in the House of Commons as a dishonest Member of Parliament?" Is this a joke, Bryce? If it is, you'd better try to hold onto your seat in Parliament, you couldn't make it in Vaudeville. There are too, too many people who want to sit as dishonest Members of Parliament.

• **Robert Greenhill** (you know, the President of your Students' Union), assures me his seemingly smarmy letter of March 8 was motivated by genuine concern for the state of student politics. In his letter, Robby said "In an attempt to bury the hatchet, the Greenhill team has decided to drop all its charges against the Therrien slate."

How nice. Of course, the charges were only dropped after Therrien's charges were deemed unfounded, so I have a difficult time trying to convince myself Greenhill's regime would have dropped the charges if Therrien's charges would have been upheld. The move probably involved more political considerations than Greenhill will admit, and the hatchet was likely buried where it can be found easily, if he needs it. We'll find out in due course of Robert's term. (I am very suspicious that he wants to run for a third term though.)

• Imagine how people in Florida would feel if Cuba had medium-range nuclear missiles aimed at the States. You don't have to imagine, if you can remember the history of the Cuban Missile Crisis in the early '60s. I trust you know, or can imagine, Foridans wouldn't feel very good about it. In fact, they would feel quite upset probably.

Now, imagine how the Soviets and West Germans must feel about medium-range missiles right across their borders. Imagine how the Soviets will feel if those nukes were of the American's still-experimental breed of "stealth" weaponry that are supposed to be undetectable by either radar or heat sensors. Wouldn't it be just grand to live in the USSR or FDR?

• **Dear Sandi Kirby**, Re: your letter. Say *WHAT?* Je ne comprends pas. Expliquez s'il vous plait.

undesirable), or of inferior nutritional quality.

All governments are at best corruptible and Third World states are no exception. Foreign investment provides politicians and bureaucrats with luxuries that they have never known before. A great deal of foreign investment revenue is spent on monuments and projects which self-glorify politicians, but help the general population little. More money is appropriated for military purposes, thus denying the populace basic human essentials, and furthering the power of the state to suppress all opposition.

Regularly, foreign investors withdraw their investments. There are a variety of reasons for this. Often a world glut can occur on a particular crop or product, resulting in the foreign investor no longer being able to maintain his lucrative profit margin. Therefore, he heads for greener pastures, where a greater profit can be guaranteed. This can destroy the Third World state's economy. Often the soil has been so badly depleted that it is impossible to return to growing the crop used prior to foreign investment. If the investment was related to industry and problems will be much the same as agriculture, with a few additions. Many people will have come from the countryside to the city in search of employment in the new industry. More individuals will have come than there was employment for in the first place. When this industry folds up, massive urban unemployment will ensue. This will result in both an increase in crime, and urban slum sprawl.

Help and aid from the North is still very much needed. However, it must be help which is geared towards true self-sufficiency, without regard to the personal interests of the Northern sovereign states. Charity is not the answer, nor is foreign exploitation. A fundamental change must take place through the re-distribution of the earth's wealth. Only when we learn to live in a spirit of co-operation instead of competition will global social justice be possible.

Bruce Grant, Arts IV

Outfox them thieves

Re: Security - University Buildings

From time to time we learn, too late in fact, that staff and students have encountered doors that do not properly function as a consequence of which buildings or offices are left insecure.

It is urgent that should a situation be encountered, a call be made to the Locksmith for assistance. Telephone 432-4833, providing a description of the problem and the location of the door.

By so doing, buildings/offices can be made more secure from unauthorized intrusion.

Re: Theft of Purses and Wallets University Area

It is essential to again remind students and staff of the possibility of thefts of wallets and purses from unlocked/unattended offices and desks.

Again we are experiencing a number of such thefts due mainly to the fact that persons have access to offices and unlocked desks during even short periods of absence by the legitimate occupants of those premises.

It is requested that should suspicious persons be encountered in any of the buildings that Campus Security be notified immediately. A good description should be obtained and, if possible, the person requested to identify himself and inform as to the reason for his presence in the area.

It is only through the cooperation of the University community that a preventive program can be effectively established.

W.F.G. Perry, Director, Campus Security

Sacred ballot blasphemed

Re: Recent Arts Rep Elections.

The attitudes and actions of the executive of the Arts Students' Association during the recent Arts rep elections cannot pass without comment. Not only should the Association's lackadaisical attitude towards the elections, or their reluctance to hold the elections in the first place, be questioned but as well we must express our displeasure regarding the way affairs were conducted on the day of the election. Generally, any notion of the sanctity of the ballot was ignored. Some polls were open for just a few hours while other polls were allowed to remain open past the closing time. There was very little control over the staffing of polling stations and the possession of ballot boxes. The list goes on.

What this all adds up to, is that the executive of the Arts Students' Association have shown a certain disdain for democratic process. They have insulted all those who took time out from their studies to put together tough, hard-fought, energetic, campaigns. As well they have insulted those students who were responsible enough to vote. The actions of the ASA frustrated those who lost and tarnished the victory of those who won. The running of Arts rep and GFC elections are one of the few things the ASA is responsible for. If they cannot take this responsibility seriously, it is hard to justify the continued existence of the ASA.

Bryan Becker, Arts II, Ritu Khullar, Arts II
Judith Hutson, Arts III, Tony Brouwer, Arts III
Anne Stephen, Arts II J. David Cox, Arts V

Exorcise ASA demons

I would like to remind all Arts students that the Arts Students' Association will be having a general meeting on Monday, March 28 at 4:00 in HC 2-11.

I think that it is very important for Arts students to support the ailing ASA, despite the incredibly rude and condescending attitudes that have been conveyed through recent ads and posters from the ASA. I realize that the current ASA executive is discouraged and frustrated, however I don't think that the snarky cynicism that taints everything that comes out of the ASA helps involve and interest Arts students.

So overlook the advertising and come out to support the faculty association that is badly needed in the Faculty of Arts. I look forward to seeing all the candidates, newly elected Council and GFC reps who held those ASA banners high during the election period. Even those who did not gain seats should be there — now you have even more time to help build a stronger ASA. It is now time to put your efforts where your promises were.

Dawn Noyes, Arts III

Zealous spirit coming

Every so often the U of A campus is fortunate enough to have a person of national prominence appear before the student body as a guest speaker. It is, thus, with great interest that I note the forthcoming appearance of Iona Campagnolo, President of the Liberal Party of Canada, to the campus on Monday, March 28th. Since her election as president, Mrs. Campagnolo has worked diligently to pursue the call for reform that was put forward by the Youth Wing of the Party at its National Convention in November, 1982. So zealous has she

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