

# BLOOD AND THUNDER

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## Open Displeasure

Dear sir,  
Please print this open letter to CHSR.

I am writing to express my displeasure at the technical difficulties which occurred during each of the AUAA hockey games broadcasts over the weekend. The game between St. Thomas and Mount Allison on Sunday was interrupted for approximately a half hour and replaced by a classical music program. Those of us listening to this very important game missed half of the third period before the game returned. Although I am unaware of what kind of technical problems are plaguing these broadcasts, (problems which, I might add, do not seem to occur during other radio programs), I would hope these difficulties will be avoided in the future.

May I also take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed being able to listen to these otherwise entertaining broadcasts. Those of us who are unable to attend these hockey games appreciate the broadcasts. Both announcers, Tony and Dave do a great job. I look forward to the playoff games they will be doing this weekend.

Mo Bear  
A Hockey Fan

## Pleasant surprise

Dear Sir,  
The OCSA recently held a Chinese New Year Banquet. Initially, the only performance by students was the Lion Dance, because we didn't think we had the time and resources for anything else. However, when we decided to involve more students, we really antici-

pated many obstacles. The very first was: Who would be willing to spare the time and effort, and to go on stage?!! A fellow committee member and I armed ourselves with all sorts of persuasion tactics when we approached people, but, we didn't really have to use them! Many were actually enthusiastic about participating, or to help in any way. On this note, I must say that I feel very touched and really appreciative towards these people. Some of them have six or seven courses to handle, mid-terms to think about, and some have nothing to do with the Association at all. Yet, it was these people who had helped make the event a success, and I couldn't help telling those guests who have complimented the occasion that we really have these participants to thank for. So again, a big Thanks to you people out there!!!

Linda.

## Christ and the War

Dear Editor:  
In response to James Clifford (Bruns, February 15th), I would like to agree with nearly everything he says. I agree that ends do not necessarily justify means, that populations are deceived about the justness of war, that innocent civilians bear the weight of the fighting, and that the very reasons for this war are questionable.

I also agree that Jesus is the "greatest humanitarian example the world has ever seen," and I remember and try to live by his words - blessed are the peacemakers, love your enemies, and turn the other cheek. However, I have also heard that Jesus

said that if you haven't got a sword, sell your coat and buy one (Luke 22:36). He also warns us not to think he came to bring peace on earth, but a sword (Matt. 10:34).

I could mention all the wars that Israel declared at God's command, but some might argue that was in an earlier and different time, not part of Christianity at all. I will, though, mention St. Paul's words on rulers: "(A ruler) does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoers. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience" (Rom. 13: 4-5).

Finally, another February 15th letter has drawn my at-

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tention (CPT Wiggins), and I contend that Jesus did not die because of his pacifism. He died as a blood sacrifice to redeem the lives of his fellows. To me, this sounds remarkably similar to soldiers giving their blood for the lives of others regardless of the name under which they fight, be it Bush or Saddam Hussein.

Sincerely,  
Alice J. Pitre.

## From the closet

Dear Sir,  
Hi, I would like to do something I have never done before and am very apprehensive about doing it, but I'm going to anyway. I want to applaud the article entitled "coming out" in last week's issue of this paper. I too am

one of those people in this university community who is Gay, but am not standing in line to get a ladder to scream it from the top of a building. I agree with the author that it is my business and my business alone and I think that columns like "In the Pink" and "Gay Forum" only hinder people from coming out, it gives "straight" (and I use that term loosely) people ammunition to attack gays verbley (sic), whether they mean to or not, during casual conversations, and it keeps the topic of homosexuality in the lime light every week, and frankly I'm sick and tired of hearing about it, and it's about ME! it's not informative and I really find it repulsive!

I have been gay my whole life, nobody knows who doesn't need to know. I too have told some very close friends and as aspected [sic] from mature university students it was readily accepted and dropped. It's not an issue and it shouldn't be treated as one. What I do behind closed doors, whether it be with a man, woman, cat, or pile of rocks is my own business and know one elses.

I too will probably be attacked for not signing my name but... If 90% of you out there knew who I was, and you do, you would probably die of a heart attack you see and talk to me every day. Now, does it really matter?

Signed,  
Someone you know

**Luis is not amused either**

Dear Mr. Burns:  
While I do not question your right to response to the remarks I made concerning you in the Mugwump of 8 February 1991, in light of the manner in which you chose to respond, I do question your integrity.

First, you have attempted to distort the reality of the situation and cloud the real issue by questioning whether

I had spoken to Mr. Cumberbash, the promoter of the Gregory Isaacs tour. Mr.

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Burns, all I have to do is show you my February telephone bill when it arrives to prove that in fact I had no fewer than six telephone conversations with him before you had established any contact with him whatsoever. During the latter of these conversations he expressed his frustration with you, and marvelled that someone in your position could be so negligent in responding to his telephone calls.

Second, you resorted to dragging unrelated issues into the discussion by accusing me of being upset because, as you claimed, this would have been a great opportunity for my band. While I cannot deny that Ujamaa welcomed the prospect of opening for a reggae act of Gregory Isaacs' stature, I nevertheless find your remarks extremely offensive, especially when it was you that had expressed a desire to have Ujamaa open for he Gregory Isaacs show if that show should happen; you were worried about the recognition factor of Gregory Isaacs, and you were banking on Ujamaa's established reputation on this campus to get people out to the show. You yourself admit the fact that Ujamaa agreed to play this show free of charge: who would that benefit if not you?

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