

## Editorial

Have a *geebly* Christmas

Well kiddles, 'tis that time again, the time when thoughts turn to how much money we can get people to spend on us without spending much ourselves. Oo, oo, capitalism is despicable!

Therefore, we here at *The Gateway* have decided to publish our list of gifts for some of the more prominent people of this, the global village.

We hope you get a kick out of these suggestions. If not, well, there's a hanging tree in quad. But it's not for us, really.

Floyd Hodgins: An advancing hairline and a whole heap of credibility.

Mike Nickel: a new scarf and a gift certificate for Klein's Hair Care Center.

Don Getty: personality.

Dave Hunter: a car with venetian blinds.

Peter Sesek: the hope he gets more than a conversation for his next fifty dollars.

Hans Beckers: a citation from Victims of Violence.

William "The Refrigerator" Perry: an expense account at Northwest Tent and Awning.

Robert Bourassa: Right Guard.

Mikhail Gorbachev: a jumbo jar of Porcelana.

Peter Loughheed: a lifetime membership at Karl Wilde's nudist camp.

Joachim Andujar: assertive obedience training.

The Ghermezians: Laurence Decore's next child.

Don Johnston: a beard that stops growing at one-quarter of an inch.

P. W. Botha: a photographic negative of Nelson Mandela

Arnold Schwarzenegger: a line more memorable than "Fock you, asshole!"

Mary Hart: valium.

Jerry Falwell: a flat tire in Harlem after midnight.

Peter Pocklington: exclusive rights to Porky Pig and his offspring.

Nancy Reagan: a tin of chewing tobacco so she can scratch in public (like a baseball player).

Sylvester Stallone: understanding and compassion from Sasha after Brigitte "The Viking" Neilsen leaves him, four months after their impending marriage.

Mila Mulroney: a jar of vaseline to keep her lips sliding off her teeth so she won't develop facial cramps when smiling in public.

Mordecai Richler: permanent reservations and his own table at Barry T's.

Students' Council: collective amnesia.

The Brat Pack: a fire extinguisher and longevity.

Stacy Keach: reassurance the recent Colombian volcano disaster will not affect price or supply.

Brooke Shields: a second date ... with anybody.

Michael Jackson: a celebrity guest spot on "Where are they now?"

Prince: hormone shots of his choice.

John Crosbie: a reason to resign.

Pierre Trudeau: the good sense to remain a private citizen.

David Suzuki: an audience that realizes *The Nature of Things* was not made for PBS.

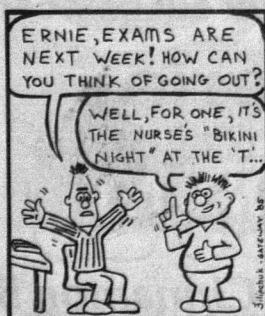
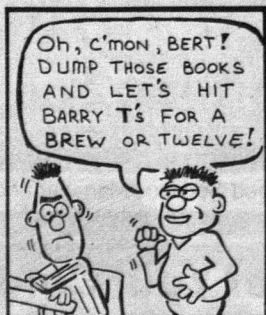
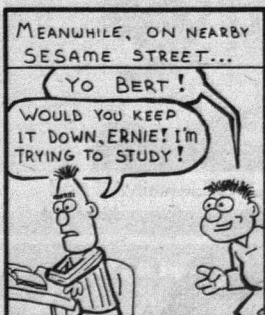
Brian Mulroney: more knives, fewer backs.

We hope you enjoyed the preceding *geebly*. If not for you, it was fun for us. Best wishes over the holidays and we'll see you next year.

*The Gateway*

## The Comic Zone

by Filipchuk



Forget it! I'm on vacation this year. Ho-ho-ho!

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## Letters to the Editor

## Illiterate ambition

Up until this point in time we have been violently opposed to the Writing Competence Test. Now it seems that we have made serious errors in our judgement. The recent plethora of more than *marginally unsatisfactory* "Impeach Mike Nickel" literature has forced us to seriously reconsider our position on the W.C.T. issue.

The author(s) of this masterpiece of the English language undoubtedly have political aspirations. These people may become future executives of our Students' Union. We feel that since these students intend to represent the University to the community at large they should at least possess rudimentary skills of communication. We wish the author(s) of the pamphlets all the best in their political endeavours, but feel it our duty to point out a few *minor* errors in their grasp of our Mother Tongue.

1. Proper nouns such as: Tory, Nickel and Federal Government are CAPITALIZED and *not* spelled as: tory, nickel and Federal government.

2. Apostrophes are used to indicate possession or to indicate missing letters in a contracted word series.

a) The "it's" in: "The student body has the RIGHT to know where *it's* money is being spent," means *it is*; making this sentence pure unadulterated nonsense.

b) "Mike Nickels loyalties..." does, however, show possession and demands, nay screams for, the use of the apostrophe.

c) The phrase: "WHAT'S BEEN DONE..." not only requires an apostrophe but also a change in tense. As the attempted sentence stands, it reads: WHAT IS BEEN DONE. Even we lowly Arts Students know that this sentence don't make too much sense.

3. The word "supposed" is to be spelled with a "d" on the end and not as "suppose" as was done throughout this pamphlet.

4. Contrary to popular belief, incomplete thoughts and run-on sentences do not make a coherent argument.

Students should expect and demand that those who intend to represent them possess adequate language skills. Perhaps those students who have not passed the W.C.T. or who have not been required to write it, should be required to pass it before they are permitted to run for office.

Respectfully submitted:

The Action committee for the preservation and continuation of the implementation of the W.C.T.

PS: Who the hell is Mike Nickel anyway??

## Beep beep

Dear Faculty of Arts,

As one of your elected representatives to the Students' Union I would like to throw some light on the last council meeting. The most controversial topic was the motion by Watz to give *The Grind* 10,000 dollars guaranteed advertising space. (The money would be payable Dec. 7 and Jan. 7/ Watz did not show to support the motion.) So another councillor, caught in a fitful sleep, supported the motion.

Mr. Peter Sesek and Mr. Gordon Stamp spoke in

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The weather forecast said rain, so Mark Olyan and Ashram Mustapha built an ark, well-stocked with John Watsons, Gilbert Bouchards and Suzanne Lundrigans. Tim Hellum was strapped to the bow as figurehead, where Audrey Djuwita fanned his brow, Pernel Tamowski fed him saltine crackers, and Roberta Franchuk combed and styled his hair. "Lo," cried Tim, "a vessel approacheth." And indeed one did: the *Louise Hill*, a pirate ship so vile, it was powered solely by the poor slaves, Edna Landreville, Kabir Khan, Rob Schmidt, and Alex Miller, blowing bubbles in the ocean with straws. The ships collided and onto the ark sprung the pirate captain. "Arrgh!" wheezed he, "I'm captain McHarg. Greg McHarg. Give me your pairs of animals." But, unfortunately, all the animals had gotten into a blowtorch fight and burnt each other up, so he had to settle for Hans Beckers and Don Filipchuk dressed in a pantomime horse outfit.