

## The continuing saga of Quebec vs Canada

Canada is falling apart at the seams.

Our nightly news reports are plagued with information concerning a tentative Quebec separation. The newspapers have polls, individual provinces have discussions, and most every law abiding Canadian citizen, however few, have discussed the Quebec situation with another. One must consider, for all of the time wasted on the subject,.... Who is getting all of the publicity from this affair? Well, Quebec is, of course.

So, why doesn't Canada get a little publicity of its own? We must consider Quebec's social donations to our country and ponder whether they should actually be a part of our system. Suppose, that after intense governmental investigations, Canada discovers that it would prefer to be without Quebec. What do we do? Well, we just boot Quebec out of Canada before the Quebecers have a chance to vote on the subject. Now, wouldn't that be a dirty trick to play on Rene Levesque?

We may now consider Quebec as a new country. It would normally retain its provincial name as the name of the newly formed domain. Then again, "Lower France" has a nice ring to it, but we can let the Quebecers name themselves.

As we progress through time, worldwide ignorance and Canadian negligence, plus exceptionally high tariffs placed upon them, cripples the Quebec economy. As Canada is as happy as hell to be rid of the Quebecers, the country must go south for the amounts of economic assistance that it is in need of. One thing may lead to another and Quebec may tentatively become part of the United States of America.

Of course, the Parti Quebecois aren't as stupid as they look. A sizeable contribution to the size of the United States should only be paid back with an equally beneficial contribution to Quebec. So, perhaps we could expect forced bilingualism on, maybe,

North and South Dakota, a French minister in Plains, Georgia, and the implacement of "Exit-Sorti" signs in every state. However, do the Americans know what they are getting into? We can expect scores of difficulties to a rise in such a situation. Black and white English people may show an apparent dislike to Quebecers, a new prejudicial

fiasco may develop, and the Yanks are bussing Quebecois all over the countryside. The Quebecers

scream about persecution and American governmental policy must be altered every time to suppress time these complaints. St. Jean Baptists day may become an American holiday and Jimmy Carter will take French lessons from Bob Stanfield. Then the Quebecois complain again as they discover that the U.S. has given them only 1/2 of an electoral vote. Once again, policies are realtered, Quebecois given 3/4 of an electoral vote and a French television network is developed in America.

One complaint leads to another, and finally the Americans discover that the benefit of Quebec in their system must be considered. Of course they will find it similar to a historic situation which had occurred in Canada years before. So instead of copying Canadian policy, which is an insult in itself, the rest of the United States votes and the U.S. separates from Quebec.

Once again Quebec is alone, now being the United States of Quebec, which, of course sounds stupid, but that seems to be the way that some politicians are. Well, where do the Quebecois go now? Why to Russia, of course. However, Russians are communists, and everyone knows that

Commies are shifty. So, he Russians imprison all of the top notch French hockey players and proceed to breed them with some of those big ugly Russian women that we've all heard about. They push Quebec aside, and what do we have left? Why, we have a crippled country without a hockey team, that's what.

Of course this article is extremely exaggerated and such a situation will most likely never occur. We must not consider Quebec as being totally radical or of being totally unstable in standing on its own feet as a separate entity. If Quebec feels they would be better off without the rest of Canada, they are entitled to think this way. It is Quebec who must consider the benefits and losses of their separation. Our political system is organized in such a way that Canada cannot rid itself of Quebec, although Quebec has the right to separate if they so choose. However, if we did have the power to rid ourselves of them, would we? Presently there may be a lot of tired Canadians sitting around questioning Quebec's worth.

Should these people try to make Canadians out of the Quebecois or

are they fed up with the Québec-Canada cat and mouse game?

Perhaps a lot of these people are saying "Oh! Piss on Quebec!" now, and are their numbers increasing? If so, they have ascertained the point of this article.

C. Wash

### Thanks chief!

Dear Sirs:

I would like a letter to thank the security people here at UNB. I've had two instances to go down asking for their help and they have been very willing to give all the assistance they can. And in fact, they have gone out of their way to do so. So, to Chief Williamson and the rest of your staff, Thanks.

Joan Clogg

## Gone to Africa

Dear Editor:

My successive letters to your paper might suggest the Aitken Centre needs a regular column, but with any luck, this may be the last for awhile.

As the first Director of the Centre, I bear some responsibility for its shortcomings and there seems to be enough of these, according to the complaints which have appeared in your paper. I would like to think there are students wandering around this

Campus who think the Aitken Centre has done a few good things and even improve as time goes by.

For the record, I want to state my appreciation to the staff people here; Roy, Mel, Doris, who have helped so much and as well Timmy, John, Jon, who help keep the place moving and I hope they will give their good support to Roy.

There are many students who

who are great people and many others -- Ewan, Trevor, Keith and some of the girls -- Ann, Wendy -- there are simply too many to name but I thank them most sincerely.

To the people who break our chairs, steal our flags, wreck our washrooms, throw-up on our Rinktex, steal our Exit signs, break beer bottles against the building; I forgive you all but I hope that the Aitken Centre will command your respect someday.

To the ubiquitous J. David and the shy but wonderfully competent Douglas B. for your help to the Centre and particularly for the marvelous sounds you created here, my thanks, and you were absolutely right to insist on the best.

Despite number of opinions to the contrary I think the Aitken Centre will do great things as time goes by and alot of students, present and future, will be happy that the President took the gamble in creating a place like John Meagher with his ideas and Eric Garland, who quite literally built the place, will get the credit that is their due.

If anyone of the UNB Campus Community over the next couple of years happens to be in an airplane that, through bad weather, is diverted to Johannesburg, you are only 500 miles from Manzini and if you take the trouble to drive about twenty miles to the Luyengo Campus of the University College of Swaziland, ask the first person you see where the Bursar lives. I might even be home that day.

Sincerely,  
D.G. Sedgewick

## "Get it together UNB"

Dear Sirs:

What is this university coming to? Teachers missing more classes than students.

This letter concerns particular B.B.A. course which is being offered at UNB. The subject in question is BBA 2302 supposedly

being "taught" by Ms. Brenda

Dunbar.

As of January 11, 1977 to February 17, 1977 Ms. Dunbar has attended only five out of a possible twelve classes for that time period. Her students on the other hand have attempted to attend as many as possible of the same.

My question is: What the hell is going on here? It seems to be writer that a student has a right to what he paid for, that is, two(2) lectures a week in this course instead of an average of .833 per week.

A rather important problem here is the fact that an exam has been scheduled for February 24 on 13 chapters (259 pages) in the course. The students were not informed of this test until February 17. Up to February 17, Ms. Dunbar had attended only four (4) classes.

What are we, as students, supposed to do in such a case? We have not had the benefit of adequate teaching by Ms. Dunbar. It seems such a stupid waste that the University would put up with such absenteeism by a hired lecturer such as Ms. Brenda Dunbar.

Hopefully this will be looked into by the University.

Signed  
A Student Who Wants His Monies Worth

## Coffee crunch

Dear Editor:

As most people are aware the wholesale price of coffee has been skyrocketing over the past few months.

We have been absorbing this increased cost, however, recent additional increases have made it impossible for us to continue the current retail price.

We are forced to ask the consumer to off-set a part of this increase by raising the price to \$.25 per cup. Of course tea and hot chocolate will remain the same.

This will be effective Monday, March 21st.

Sincerely,

Frank Gillett  
Director Food Service  
Howard Goldberg  
Director Student Union  
Herbert Convery  
Manager Food Service

## Stand up Canadians!

Brunswickan:

All right, Canada, let's stand up and be counted! Why should we sit back and pretend that

Levesque & Trudeau have our country to dispose of like some fiefdom in Aquitaine or Italy.

I am a Canadian, not a French Canadian nor an English Canadian. Strictly a Canadian. I was born in New Brunswick on the Miramichi River. I do not ever intend to ask permission from some mini-Hitler if I can visit my birthplace, so -

Let's rifle in hand and ask who stops me! My ancestors shed much of their blood for freedom and the soil of France is well watered with Canadian blood (vive Le Gaulle). Let us remind Mr. Levesque that this is Canada, not his Quebec but our Canada.

I was five years in the RCAF, fortunately I never had to kill anyone, but at 65-plus I am not afraid to die or to kill, which I hope is not needed, but am quite prepared to do so to keep Canada together.

Will some one please speak for Canada?  
H.N. Harris

## History 77-78

Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, 16 March the Department of History will be sponsoring an information session and reception for students who are interested in taking undergraduate courses in History in 1977-78. The meeting will begin in Tilley 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Information about courses will be available, professors will be on hand to answer questions and refreshments will be served. All interested students will be welcome.

Thank you for help in publicizing this event.

Sincerely,  
Gillian Thompson