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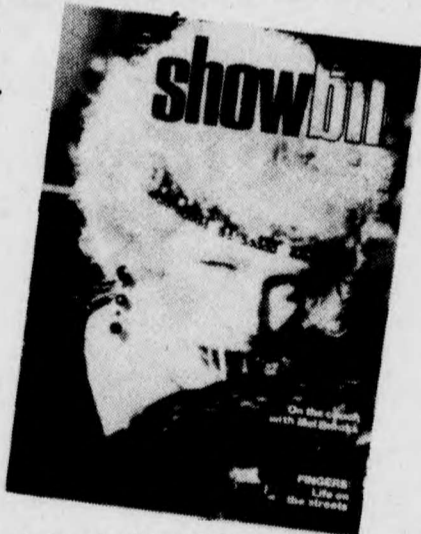
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**Impeachment gave her indigestion**

I have been reassured that Bethune College council lacks humanitarian feeling. Certain petty politicians at Bethune aim to satisfy their own ego, doing so through any action. I fail to see how a council such as this can sit and tear apart a "colleague" in her presence on a minor matter of the constitution, a constitution they have broken on numerous occasions. It is ugly and shocking to discover

one's "colleagues" of the previous year-and-a-half become viscous enemies overnight. I say a year and a half, for that is the time I have served the college council, never missing meetings before these three which dealt the fatal blow. Two of these meetings found me out of the country and one, out of town.

Furthermore, the chairman had been notified of my intended absence before two of these meetings

were called. Therefore, I left the country with the knowledge of missing only one meeting. I returned to a true Canadian welcome, with the cold harsh winter sitting deep in the souls of some council members. Deep enough to freeze all acts of humanity, thus enabling them to easily "count me out".

This action was taken in spite of the chairman and some other humanitarian members who considered the issue petty. For the sake of my vote and presence at possibly two more warm, cohesive council meetings I must run in the by-election in two weeks. The alternative is not to run and take the opportunity to decline nomination much to the pleasure of some "colleagues".

Fortunately for me, this is my last year on council. I have experienced petty politics and discrimination until it gives me indigestion. I hear Bethune is sinking, well this rat is leaving the ship.

Norman Bethune, a known humanitarian, must be turning in his grave to see his namesake bastardized by certain bourgeois individuals who think nothing of throwing around money for ski trips, but make an issue out of their vice-chairman's physical inability to attend their heavy decision-making meetings.

I can only say with regret that the college council has lost my support and the support of two other people who could have made Bethune college council true to the Bethune name. I take the liberty of naming Lillian Allen, ex-editor of *Lexicon*, and Ivor Picou, ex-residence chairman, both of whom resigned for reasons which need no further debate.

Naomi Laird  
(ex-vice chairperson Bethune college council)

P.S. A week following the submission of this letter, Bethune College Council had the good sense to review their reasons for my impeachment and subsequently, I was reinstated to my position.

In light of this occurrence, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Griffith Cunningham as well as the other council members for their immediate action on this incident. Furthermore, I hope that their action is an example of the community spirit which may develop in council.



**Something fishy**

Re: "Shrimped Fish" in last week's Happy Cooker

Whitefish ≠ sole or perch.

Although they may be generally described as "white", sole and-or perch are not whitefish which is a term customarily used to denote another kind of fish (Whitefish).

Incidentally, whitefish does not have to be violated with canned shrimp to provide an easy elegant dish. Try broiling with butter and almonds (sliced preferably) or braising with cream and a light sprinkle of emmenthal.

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**Forest's notion**

It is an absurd notion on the part of Mr. Forest (vide *Excalibur*, 19 January 1978, p.2) to imagine that the lifting of his suspension represents, as he stated, "a victory for the Marxist-Lenninist (sic) progressive and democratic students, faculty and staff."

It means rather that the logic, decency and perhaps even sentimentality of a far older and not yet extinct civilization do indeed survive within the York community. It seems necessary to stress that those ideas are visibly shared by the university administration. Previously published and circulated correspondence from Mr. Forest does not suggest that the principles of academic freedom—not in my opinion abridged in his own case—would be likely to be honoured were he and his friends in charge of the situation.

Those who seek and provoke debate may only expect to be permitted to continue the privilege of doing so if debate is seen as a process involving not less than two sides, each or all of which deserve the floor. Whether the arguments should receive serious attention is the point of their being brought forward, that their merits may be judged.

We all, including Mr. Forest, may

well look to other places than the York Campus for true examples of repression common and consistent enough to represent ways of government and of life. There is a profound difference between those who truly cherish democracy and those who would make use of it only to subvert it.

(Prof.) T.A. Heinrich

**Disgrace**

I should like to say that I consider the reinstatement of Jeffrey Forest a disgrace to the entire York community and a blot on its reputation.

Considering this man's actions, dismissal should have been immediate. I, in no way, consider it tyrannical or dictatorial for the university administration to expect certain standards of conduct from its employees. In my opinion Mr. Forest has fallen well below these standards.

Political considerations aside, a university which prides itself on social and human endeavor can not sanction violence on the campus. I greatly fear that by reinstating Mr. Forest you have done just that.

Andrew Harris