

Let's hear it for morals!

by Greg Neiman and John Kenney

"Strike the banner of Morality! Let all those sinners out there (we know who you are) be swept away in a holocaust of hellfire and damnation. We beseech you, listen to the voices of decency so you too can hold your head high treading the path towards a life of virtue and honor." This speech is what we expected at a lecture on moral education.

Our soap opera vision of the lecture was cruelly shattered. Instead, speaking before about 70 people in the Tory lecture theatre, was a dapper English fellow, John Boyd Wilson.

For two hours Tuesday evening he paced, smoked, and lectured about the place of a

moral education in the age of the "new morality."

Wilson, a lecturer and tutor, in the department of educational studies at Oxford, said "It isn't the purpose of the teacher to sell a line, and to turn out good little Christians...but to make people good at morality."

He said "good morality" is "having the ability to make one's mind and to do something about it." This includes knowing that people are equals, how they feel, and being alert and determined in moral choices."

He doesn't want a morality course "where the answers can be looked up in the back of the book," but one that would teach people these concepts of

equality and empathy and most important, one that would teach people to act on them.

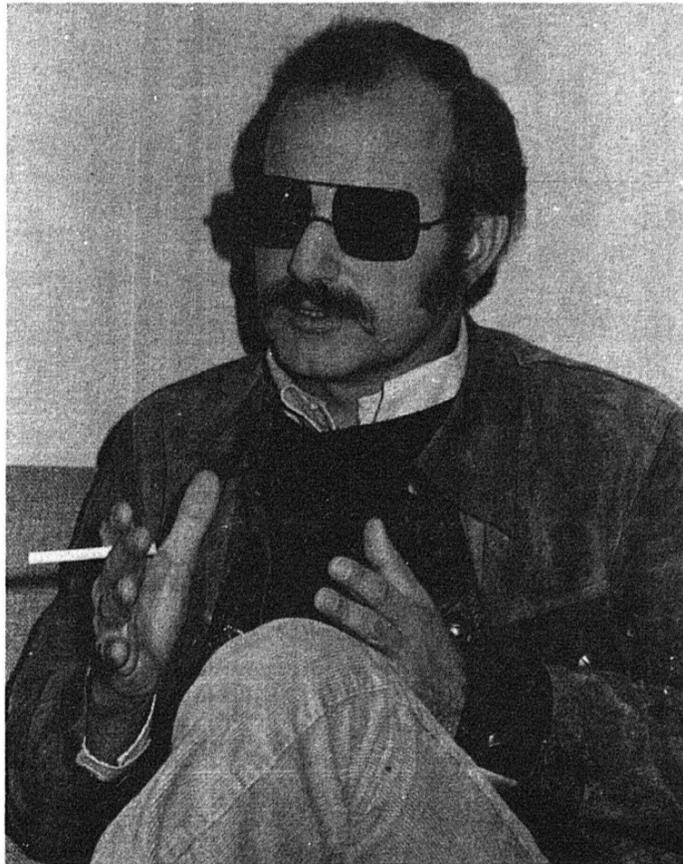
Using mathematics as an analogy, he said the important thing is not necessarily the answer, but to know how to use the math procedures.

Wilson said this could be accomplished in the class by reading novels, role playing, and simulations.

A question period followed the lecture. Most of his answers reiterated the premise of the lecture, stressing the methodology, and not the "moral" end result.

Wilson discussed the idea of the universality of the concept of a "moral person". He said that it is probably just as well that the concept of "Morality" differed from place to place, because teachers could possibly be wrong.

As Wilson commented, "...one is here to educate people, not to turn out respectable citizens and good chaps."



David McTaggart recalls fateful Mururoa trip photo by Balan Matthews

Legislation suffers from "indigestion" says Hellyer

by Bernie Fritze and Nadia Rudyk

People are getting uptight because new legislation passed by the government "is suffering from indigestion," Paul Hellyer, Conservative MP for Toronto Trinity said Tuesday.

"The government is not making a responsible effort to inform people of new laws," Hellyer told political science students in Tory.

Hellyer has been taking advantage of a lull in activity in parliament to tour campuses across Canada.

He said the government should get rid of a few of its policies before implementing new ones.

"They are doing too many things at once."

According to Hellyer, there is no set formula defining the power of a cabinet minister. His efficiency as a decision maker depends on the cabinet minister's seniority in the pecking order of government hierarchy, the minister's connection with the Prime Minister, his portfolio, strength of his political base, his

personality, and his capabilities as an administrator.

"New blood and fresh ideas" would be the result of Hellyer's proposal to replace long-term higher echelon civil servants who have lost enthusiasm and their spark of imagination. After 30 years in the civil service, without exposure to the outside world, many senior officials lose contact with advancing technology and the social problems it causes. Hellyer suggested that the top three echelons be replaced as needed after a change in government occurs.

Hellyer said opposition of controversial policy by some senior civil servants can seriously hinder a minister. Momentum for the opposition is often achieved by a leak to the press, which often causes a public outcry to the proposed change of legislation.

The current process of re-educating civil servant's mentality is double edged: they

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Greenpeace skipper wants to be left alone

by Satya Das

David McTaggart is a happy man. To the casual observer, he may appear to have little cause for happiness.

McTaggart is the Canadian citizen who took a 38-foot sailboat called the Greenpeace Three into the South Pacific to protest the French atmospheric nuclear tests last summer.

He and his three crew members were allegedly beaten up by French commandos who boarded the Greenpeace within a 12-mile area around Mururoa Atoll. David has photographic evidence to back this up. Stronger evidence is apparent in the fact that he has lost 30% of the vision in his left eye. Permanently. His navigator, Nigel Ingram, has a spinal injury.

McTaggart says that his ship was in international waters, and the International Court of Justice at the Hague concurs with his claim. The French, however, maintain that the area can be legally classified as French territorial waters.

The French government is holding McTaggart's boat in Mururoa, aboard the boat are the crew's personal belongings.

McTaggart has repeatedly requested the Canadian government to intervene on his behalf, but there is apparently little that can be done.

His boat and his clothes are in Mururoa. He is several thousand dollars in debt. Yet David McTaggart is a happy man.

He lives in Vancouver now with his girlfriend, a New Zealander who was part of the Greenpeace crew. They support themselves with David's guest

appearances on TV shows, and the yet to come royalties from a book, *Ourtrag*, to be released this month.

His girlfriend also works. David just wants to pay off his debts and go back to the lifestyle he led before, the life of a sailor living off the seas. He wants to be left alone.

Several years ago, McTaggart was running a construction company in California, making more than \$100,000 a year. Then, his world literally blew up on him.

An explosion demolished his head office, crippling several employees. David decided he was fed up with the whole system and went to sea, living on \$5 a week.

He is a man of medium stature, radiating a natural friendliness. Dark glasses protect his damaged eye. His face grows sombre as he reminisces. He is soft spoken, believable, and has an aura of authenticity about him. When he talks about the boarding of the Greenpeace, the intensity radiating from the man is tangible.

Right now, all David wants is to get his boat back, pay off his debts, (he admits frankly that he wrote the book because he needed the money), and go back to his life on the sea. He is fed up with the "flimsy" excuses he gets from the Department of External Affairs.

He wants no hassles from the French.

He wants to be left alone. There is no way he wants to go back to a desk job. But the way things are going, David McTaggart may have no choice.

Here's to cold brew in RATT

For those who complain about warm beer in RATT, forget and drink up.

The Students' Union is building a walk-in cooler on the eighth floor of SUB that will hold more than 300 cases of brew.

A lack of beer refrigeration facilities was about the only problem that arose since RATT opened for business a little more than a month ago.

"We're doing far better than we anticipated," says Darrell Ness, business manager.

Tried as an experiment, RATT made a profit of about \$3,000 in September. And the customers and revenue are increasing steadily, say Ness.

Ness said he was concerned over a lack of business after the first few weeks of operation but that it seems to have picked up. While it appears that the RATT will make money, there are no immediate plans for expansion.

"I understand that University of British Columbia is building a \$250,000 pub," said Ness.

"Expansion is costly. We'd have to have better information than what we have to justify



On to the fifth.....

photo by Alex Taylor

that kind of expenditure."

Ness added, however, that HUB is a likely site for another liquor outlet.

The Students' Union sunk about \$5,000 into RATT of which \$3,000 was spent for sound equipment. Music is brought in from CKSR and there is live entertainment on Saturday nights.

Meanwhile, students are ripping off their union for about

\$15 to \$20 a week in beer glasses. RATT charges 45 cents for a bottle of beer.

This isn't peculiar to RATT and it seems to have decreased somewhat, said Ness.

So far, the Gitther report's contention that a small bar is friendly bar seems to apply to RATT.

They haven't thrown out anyone for drunken behaviour.

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Feminist to speak on campus

Linda Meissenheimer, a prominent Canadian feminist, will speak Friday in room 142, SUB, on the topic "Women in Revolt: A strategy for liberation."