

## Tenure

If a professor is awarded tenure on the basis of an evaluation of his research abilities, the tenure should apply to a research career. If tenure grants him a secure teaching position, he should be evaluated by his teaching abilities. Donald Ross, dean of Science, thinks student representation on tenure committees should include only a student who has taken courses from the professor. Is he suggesting the other committee representatives be similarly qualified? Could the committee include any student who has taken the prof's courses and wishes to participate in his evaluation, i.e. rotating student representatives? Could the professor's classes mark him on a stanine system and submit his mark to the committee? Could there be an elected student representative who would be responsible to voice opinions the professor's students had indicated to their committee representative?

Look, no-one likes to be evaluated, particularly if there's a possibility the evaluation will be negative. And asking students to evaluate professors is quite a reversal of roles. But isn't it reasonable to allow student feedback in a decision that they are most qualified to speak on,

## reader comment

### A beginning. . . ?

"I do not wish to seem over dramatic, but I can only conclude from the information that is available to me as Secretary-General, that the Members of the United Nations have perhaps ten years left in which to subordinate their ancient quarrels and launch a global partnership to curb the arms race, to improve the human environment, to defuse the population explosion, and to supply the required momentum to development efforts. If such a global partnership is not forged within the next decade, then I very much fear that the problems I have mentioned will have reached such staggering proportions that they will be beyond our capacity to control."

- U Thant, 1969

Politics is decision-making by compromise.

Politicians, who, by definition must try to appease all of the people all of the time, are constantly resolving the complexities of any argument by scampering up and down the full spectrum of solutions until they can find the position that is most acceptable to all people concerned. This diplomatic, and oftentimes expedient, practice has, until recently, served the people of Canada reasonably well, but the time has now arrived when the critical problems of global ecocide, exponential population growth, and the stresses of societies undergoing continual change, demand more than politically advantageous compromises.

Government, particularly within recent years, has adopted the practice of implementint 'short-run' measures in an effort to curb certain undesirable trends in society and the economy. Such policies are temporary and flexible, instituted in the hopes that the irritating ailment will miraculously disappear within the allotted period of time.

Unfortunately the policies of 'short-run' compromises will no longer serve Canadians to the best advantage. As Andrew E. Gibson, Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, said in October 1971:

"Short-run improvements can eventually burden the system with long-run depressants, so severe that even heroic short-run measures will no longer suffice."

This method of administration is quite popular with the politicians for understandable reasons. Such measures can be hailed as 'experimental' or even 'revolutionary,' thus virtually requiring that everybody, including the Opposition, grant the Government the courtesy of patience and, who knows, maybe even leniency.

But all good things must end.

The problems that this planet faces within our childrens' lifetimes deserve bold and systematic, long-term planning.

It is proposed that the Federal Government create an Advisory Committee that would be responsible for co-ordinating the policies of the various Government departments, within a framework designed to guide us through the next 100 years (or 50 years; it matters little).

The formation of such a framework should be a task of utmost priority, to be assigned to the proposed committee as its primary objective. The expertise of the world's 'futurologists' should be tapped by means of a series of interviews and seminars, organised by the committee. There is an endless list of people who would be qualified to contribute to such a project, many of whom would be more than willing to aid a nation that was dedicated to solving tomorrow's problems, instead of seeking the solutions to yesterday's plights. (Futurologists would include; sociologists, biologists, psychologists, science writers, conservationists, diplomats, etc.)

The scope of such a committee would, of necessity, cover such areas as resource allocation, international co-operation, foreign aid and global (as well as national) environmental improvements.

The sooner that such committees, in all countries, are established and begin to function effectively, the sooner that the solution to the world's predicament will be visualized and achieved.

It must be realised that no longer can 'short-run' measures and compromised decisions handle the delicate task of manoeuvring a nation, or planet, through the white water of U Thant's next decade.

Political expediency must give way to the far more meaningful pursuit of a gentle tomorrow.

Tim Kemp  
Arts 3

and which affects them more than the professor's colleagues?

George Baldwin, dean of Arts, comments that students might not volunteer as committee representatives. Well, leave open a seat for the student who does instead of telling him he won't.

Oh, and GATEWAY, don't print any more penis pictures. I was offended too.

B.E. Sylvester

## Help

Duggan Social Services are requesting volunteer help in two programme areas in the New Year. The work falls under two headings: a) Juvenile Probation b) Family Friends.

Juvenile Probation involves casework under supervision and would be of great practical benefit to students of criminology or sociology. Voluntary involvement would give them direct experience of courts, supervision, and supportive services to the juvenile generally.

Family Friends is more varied work and the problems centre around family breakdown. Again, the one-to-one relationship is necessary. This kind of volunteer activity could well be of interest to sociology students.

We also mention at this time the Canadian Mental Health

Association "Life Line" service, designed to help emotionally troubled people needing friendship and support. Psychology and special education students might be interested in this field.

The Child Guidance clinic desperately needs volunteers to work in their Big Brother programme, working with emotionally disturbed boys of various ages and backgrounds.

We suggest that, if people are interested in these voluntary areas, they should contact us by phoning 482-6431 or by calling on us at the Volunteer Action Centre 11011-Jasper Avenue. Our programme workers will give further information at interview.

These are urgent needs and the positions require a commitment and sincere interest.

Yours Sincerely  
Chris Fairbrother  
Director  
Volunteer Action Centre

## Beer

The Students' Union being a great institution, and managing large business affairs such as HUB so well, should be able to handle facilities as trivial as RATT and related activities very well. However perhaps a minor oversight has occurred because Students' Council Members, with their \$80 per month entertainment allowance don't need to drink at RATT.

RATT is incapable of accommodating all the student bodies that wish to fill it on Fridays. RATT could be two or three times as large and still not handle all the available patrons.

Early in September, Dinwoodie was used Friday afternoon for a social. It worked well. Perhaps the Students' Union could provide for some of the needs of the students and arrange for Dinwoodie to sell beer on Fridays. The profits would perhaps cover the council's recent pay raise or even allow a further raise.

Ted Bentley  
Ed. 4

## Bits

At this time, I would like to commend reader John Savard for his most appropriate letter which appeared in the January 3 issue of Gateway.

Yes, Mr. Savard, it is indeed utterly repulsive that the Gateway insulted its readership by publishing a photograph of male genitalia, but to add a further insult, I'll wager those sunglasses did not have polarized lenses. Nor was Mr. Horne particularly well endowed.

You are very right with your well taken point about communism. However, you did not mention the whole truth. You neglected to mention that the so-called 'comet' Kohoutek, 'discovered' by a COMMUNIST astronomer is no more than the latest weapon of the forces of antichrist devised to annihilate the world as we know it!

It only Joe McCarthy were alive, he'd swiftly cut through the heaps of 'red' tape and get to the truth of the matter!

Worst of all, the Gateway has become flippant in its approach to key issues! In a recent announcement about a special edition of the Gateway the author (unnamed, as all these pinkos are) chose to ridicule the Frisian Freedom Fighters, who have been seeking independence from the Dutch for centuries.

Let us not forget the infamous character Alf the Whip, who seeks to lower the standards of this great paper with his flippant articles about 'Duck Fights.'

We must unite in an effort to rid this university of those who would destroy us!

Stuart Donovan  
Arts 1



## editorial

### 1984?

Here we are. Ten years away from 1984. As we slowly count down to that ominous year, we will find a rapidly growing cult of Orwellists snatching upon every sign and trend in world society and interpreting it to fit the mold of Big Brother, Telescreens, The Great Revolution, Eurasia, Eastasia, Oceania, and what have you.

Orwellists are a generally pessimistic lot, and they often ignore the fact that the innovations predicted in George Orwell's 1984 can be used for the betterment of mankind.

TIME magazine recently published a feature on a device very similar to a "Telescreen", being used in Times Square, New York, to cut down on crime. It contains a coordinated system of six television cameras, monitored at a prominently displayed central trailer, where police officers on duty spot potential crimes and stop them. TIME reports that the crime rate has decreased substantially as would-be criminals realise that their actions are being observed. This has, predictably, brought about a hue and cry from citizen groups constantly in fear of a police state.

On the scientific front, artificial insemination in humans is being used already, it may grow in popularity as the career woman who wants children but wants to continue her career as well might use it. Of course, this may sound a bit inhuman, but as time goes on, in this rapidly growing age of automation, the joys of motherhood may well be conceived in the test tube.

The whole idea of mechanization of our lifestyles, for better or for worse is becoming a fact. When this society makes single people so lonely that they have no choice but to resort to a computer in order to find the "ideal mate", as evidenced by the business boom among computer dating companies, it is quite possible that in the future a majority of matches will occur in this manner. Strange, isn't it? That cliché about history repeating itself. Remember the arranged marriages of the Victorian era? They are very much in vogue in Asia, and computer dating is nothing more than a gimmicky variation.

Earlier on, I mentioned that some of the things we can look for in 1984 would be for the betterment of mankind. I see I was somewhat mistaken in my hypothesis. The Orwellists are right. Big Brother is just around the corner. The European Common Market will become Oceania. Asia will become Eastasia. And the Warsaw Pact countries will become Eurasia. The African nations will remain as the peripheral territories where battle constantly ravages, with North and South America remaining as they are. Ruled by corrupt, power hungry leaders who will eventually be overthrown by their people.

Satya Das

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