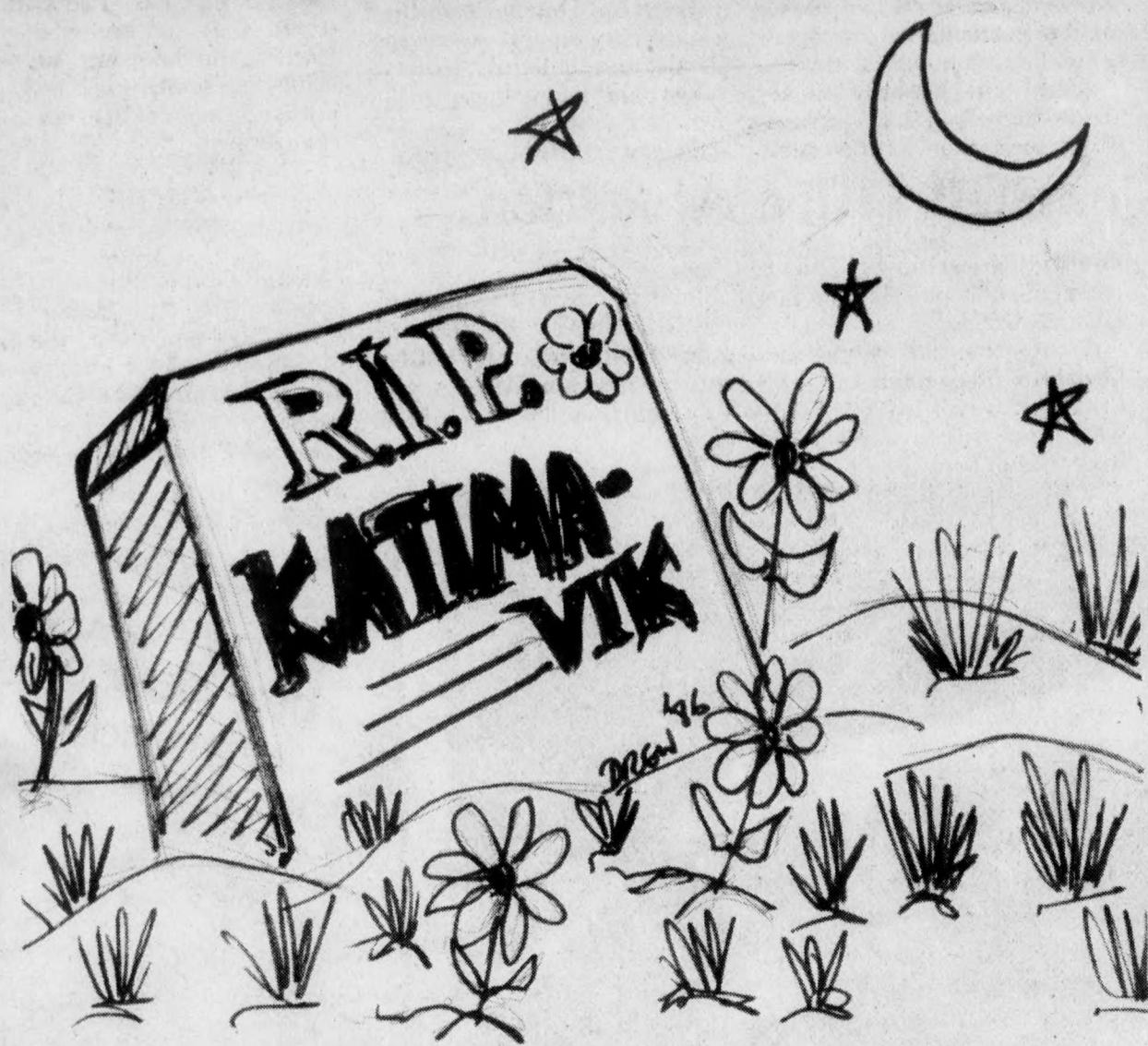


EDITORIAL



As much as the government in power has been maligned for its coldness, apparent impersonal inapproachability and heartlessness, it could always take solace in at least one entirely beneficial program; Katimavik.

It's helped 20,000 kids ranging from 17-23 years of age, to find some direction in their life, develop useful skills as well as improve social interaction.

Crossing the country, earning one dollar a day, meeting people from every culture, race and ethnic background, helps these young people develop an empathy and appreciation for people different from themselves.

A lesson not easily earned.

In regards to its practicality, the employers I've talked to have always reacted positively to those who have "Katimavik" on their resume.

The government cancelled the program three weeks ago. They claim the money can be better spent training people in specific job skills.

Mulroney's administration saw fit earlier in their term to go after the pensions of the elderly.

They met with stiff moral opposition. And crumbled back. They made the mistake of attacking something relevant in everyone's lives.

They apparently feel safer in this attack as opposed to the one on the elderly. There have been only 20,000 people involved.

The product of such an effort is very ambiguous and thus easily refutable. This does not assist Katimavik in its survival.

What the government in its train like mentality seems to have overlooked is that the work force is composed of people, not machines. The simple logic that employers insist on meeting and talking with all their prospective employees seems to suggest that personality and social interaction attributes carry significant weight in whether or not people get hired and stay hired.

It's a pity that so many people must suffer due to the government's moral near-sightedness.

by KEN QUIGLEY



By the time you read this column I'll be on the road heading back to Toronto where I'll spend the first two days comparing the differences between the beds there and here.

I'll get back to you on my findings.

Well, they're heaping the coals back on the fire; the near inferno-like battle between our SRC and the dreaded, black hat bearing Administration is gearing up to its full intensity again. But I spent long enough writing the details to that on the front page so I'll move on.

I was not impressed with our SRC organizing a punk night, consisting mostly of high schools kids. Even if the resulting broken window did not occur, the SUB was like a drum that night, making it unbearable even to play bridge in the Blue Lounge.

Dumb move John!

As well John, we here at the Bruns like to think we can be an effective agent of social change. However this does not mean blind hatred towards the administration and its policies. In fact we're beginning to find that to serve such an ambition, we have to temper over zealous ideology-oriented organizations like the one you endeavoured to impose.

In short, if you haven't already surmised, I do not subscribe to those suggested philosophies of yours. We will not compromise our ethics to serve any cause. Least of all one such as ambiguous as yours.

Pragmatic we stand, pragmatic we will continue.

