

# Reader: remember 'privatization drive' at polls

I read with great interest the article by Paul Kellogg "What happens when they sell all the Provincial Parks", about the Queen's Park Tories' privatization

drive. I agree fully with Kellogg's sentiment that it is a sneaky, undeclared policy, about which its initiators must have some misgivings too, or else why be so

furtive about it? We all know they stand for free enterprise, but of course it would be politically unwise to draw attention to the fact that there are different kinds of free

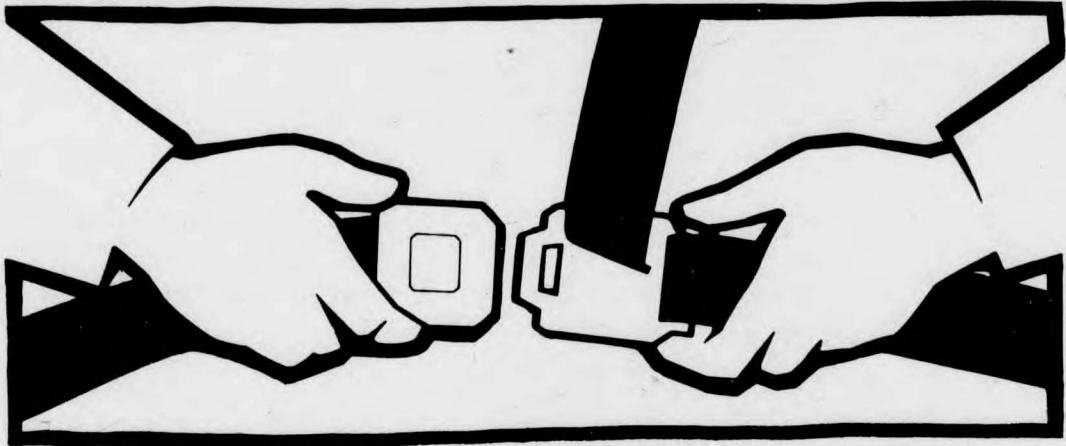
enterprise.

Supporting small business is one thing, but letting foreign-controlled enterprises take over vital services is another. As Kellogg observes, only profitable services are concerned; nobody is rushing to take over notorious money losers like the TTC. However, the "money-losers" are often the most essential services for progress in the quality of life for all of society.

The same people who scream about too much government spending and too much government involvement often forget that a government is elected to serve the people, all of the people. Which is something private enterprise can not be expected to do where there is no profit to be made. And there is no profit to be made in the three areas most vital to our survival in this land: Communications, Transportation, and Environment Control. We have to trust our

governments to manage these three areas in a thoughtful, progressive manner, and the Conservatives in Queen's Park have forfeited this trust. The alienation of the northern half of the province bears witness to that. We have a separatist movement in our own province, but that doesn't seem to worry the Queen's Park government. They are busy thinking of various ways to make life more precarious for the average wage earner in this province, by closing hospitals, constricting transportation, and making even more of the land "private". A few more years of this could make Ontario a very uncomfortable place to live for anyone with an average and below income, and I think it's time we did something about it. At the ballot box. Let's not forget.

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### it's up to you.

## Ceramic chicanery

I write this letter to bring certain matters to the attention of the York community. As a member of the Ceramics Club of York University, I must strongly protest the actions of the present executive of this club. I attended a meeting of this club on Saturday February 5 1977 which I believed was called to draw up a constitution for the club and to elect officers to manage club affairs by democratic processes.

This appeared to be what most persons present believed, in good faith, to be the purpose of the meeting and indeed, the first part of the meeting seemed to be achieving such a purpose. However when the issue of allowing proxy voting came up, the true intentions of a select few became clearly apparent. On the issue of allowing voting by proxy, the motion was defeated

when placed before the members present. At this point Geoff Hunter produced a list of twenty signed proxies which clearly outnumbered all persons present. This gave him sole authority to dictate club policy irrespective of any opposing consensus. Hence any further discussion became futile.

I feel that such a manoeuvre seriously undermines the whole foundation of the club by weighting the voting in favour of one person with unlimited powers, thus destroying the whole process of democratic vote. Throughout the remainder of the meeting voting on issues became merely a formality.

I regard this as a serious injustice to persons present at this meeting and to the pottery club membership in general. I appeal to all members of the pottery club to seriously question such procedures and to any member of the York community to decry such injustices.

Paul Woodall

## If potential were everything in life, Suzanne would have it made.

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Suzanne's become quite the social butterfly. Everything she does, she overdoes, including drinking beyond her limit too often. She doesn't realize there are equally good reasons for self-discipline now as there were when she was a student.

Suzanne's at the crossroads. She can protect her future by opting for a moderate lifestyle, including the sensible enjoyment of beer, wine or spirits. Or she can gamble.

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