

Simon says

TORONTO (CUP) — The way to get ahead is to work hard, right?

Not according to students surveyed recently at the University of Toronto. Fifty-five per cent of the U of T students sociology professor Stephen Hawkins polled said the way to get good grades is by repeating what the professor wants to hear.

Students believe that they are "assessed against an arbitrary academic standard which is not related to the outside world," concludes Hawkins.

"One would think that stu-

dents who have gone so far in the educational system would have a more positive orientation towards it."

To arts and science students union executive member Howard Law, the cynicism comes as no surprise.

"There's a certain game to be played, a student must know how to present material the way an instructor wants," said Law.

Representative Richard Balnis agrees with Law. "The university is so competitive that students prostitute themselves for marks."



Rusty & Dave

See you in San Diego

Rusty & Dave are not writing this last column as their contract ran out last week, and they refused to write their last hurrah. Scoffing at the word "obligation," they neglected their readers and harboured themselves in the warmer climes of southern Cal. I am Dave's dog, Fritz, and have been asked by Rusty & Dave to put together a finale for the year. Although my legs are three inches long I am still unable to stoop as low as they usually do. What I have come up with is a sampling of the mail sent in by you, the reader:

pair (thank goodness) Rusty & Dave claim that their column is "one of total nonsense." I couldn't agree more. They further go on to say that their "harmless letter taking a satirical view of MSVU should be taken lightly"... Might I suggest to our two would-be wits that the art of satire is most effective when applied with a rapier as opposed to a bludgeon.. Perhaps they might be more comfortable with farce.

name withheld
(What the hell's a "bludgeon"? -R&D)

Dear Dave & Rusty:

Let's just say we are two "frustrated freshettes" attending another university. We are wondering: 1) Will there be a "Rusty & Dave Home for Solicitous Sophomores", 2) Can students from other universities apply?

Looking For Something Else

Dear Rusty & Dave:

I am afraid that your column has taken one step over the bounds of good taste. Your suggestion of a monthly sex ritual at Mount Saint Vincent University astounds me, especially since one of you is a Mount student.

Any rumours to the effect of the Amazonian nature of certain nymphomaniacs at the Mount have certainly been perpetuated by... your tasteless column.

A Mount Saint Vincent Student

Dear Rusty & Dave:

With regards to the "Gazette sucks" edition (Nov. 19), thank you for another brilliant and witty column. It once again displayed your unusual talent for objective journalism. Me and Gloria read the column all the time. We often discuss the contribution you make towards the struggle for female supremacy. Anytime you're in town, we'll attend a "Nuke the Whales" rally and I'll darn your socks.

Jane Fonda,
your most humble servant

Dear Rusty & Dave:

In your November 19th issue of the Gazette, that inimitable

Dear Rusty & Dave:

I is a Honours student in sociology and am quite concerned with the airs you boys put on with respect to your irrespectfulness.. My thesas is on the... Frequency of Eskimo Masturbation in Whitehorse, NWT... Now, can youse or can youse not tell me where I can gets someone to do it for me?

R.E. Noakes
President for life and
Rusty & Dave Fan

Rusty & Dave would probably have ended their column like this: Special thanks to all readers and to Tim Shovellor, Steve and Allan (turkey innards expelled from the nose), Sherry (use the Dartmouth library) and "Donald Whitehead" (keep up the good work, Don). Rusty & Dave have received tons of mail which are enthusiastic concerning their return next year. However, they have disregarded it and are coming back anyway. You are the "now generation" and Rusty & Dave is where it's at. They feel that their mission is not complete until every student can look himself in the mirror and honestly say to himself as an individual, "Why, let the stricken deer go weep, The hart ungallied play: For some must watch, while some must sleep: Thus runs the world away."

Quote of the Week: "Those who live in dog-houses should not throw bones."

Fritzicus, 530 B.C.

Computer runaround

(RNR/CUP) -- In what may be the world's first case of justifiable computercide, a West German bookkeeper has been acquitted of charges of malicious mischief for attacking his computer with a chair and then setting it on fire.

The judge in the case said he decided to come down on the side of leniency after the book-

keeper explained his patience had been exhausted when the computer broke down for the fifth time in five hours.

In handing down his verdict, the judge noted that the defendant had been forced to work long hours of overtime because of the computer's repeated malfunctions.



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