

LETTERS

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the gall to try and halt the creative choices of an artist at a university. Beckett Theatre has no right, especially in the moral sense, to censor one word of any play. One observing only the surface of this issue may not see any harm in limited or mild censorship. However, we are dealing with a fundamental principle. A principle that if not followed can lead to tragic ends such as the suppression of expression.

According to the article, Miss Thompson says that, "Anything that had explicit scenes or anything like that would probably be controversial." Who are we to judge what is controversial? The individuals that run the theatre cannot impose their morals or judgements on others. In essence there is no difference between censorship at Beckett Theatre and the dictatorial pleasure of burning books and killing artists.

If the universities of the world do not rebel and pursue change then who will? We must not permit others to interfere with our individual freedom of choice and expression. If the people at Stong become offended at trivial things and begin to censor they should get out of the theatre scene and make Beckett Theatre into a classroom. It would then serve a more valuable purpose. For a theatre that is in any way censored is not a theatre and censorship equals suppression.

Gregory Danakas

Marxist Linder duped Shinder

Dear Editor:

I found your full page particle on Ben Linder to be quite interesting. Fiction often is. However, you might

be interested in the facts about Mr. Benjamin Linder.

Linder, who at the University of Washington founded a support group for the Marxist guerillas fighting against the democratic government of El Salvador, was in Nicaragua to support a Soviet-backed dictatorship.

While in Nicaragua, Linder was never seen without his Soviet AK-47 assault rifle. His landlady, Alejandra Lopez, claims he ALWAYS carried it.

On the day Linder was killed he was working on a dam with a group of uniformed Sandinista soldiers. He was carrying his assault rifle, according to survivors, when the Contras attacked. Linder was not executed, as reported in *Excalibur*, but was killed by a fragment of an exploding grenade. He died instantly. This story was supported by surviving Sandinista soldiers and by the examining doctor, also a Sandinista.

There are several interesting aspects to the story. First, under laws of war sanctioned by the left-wing United Nations, Linder was a combatant and therefore a legitimate military target. He was not an "innocent civilian." Second, until Linder's funeral, his supporters and the Sandinistas agreed that he had been killed by a grenade fragment. Conveniently, it was only after he had been buried that the Sandinista version (that Linder was executed while he lay wounded) was released. This version directly opposes statements originally made by surviving soldiers, the examining Sandinista doctor, Linder's supporters and the leftist group Witness For Peace.

Clearly, this is just one more Marxist attempt to twist reality in order to propagandize their cause.

In reality, the death of Ben Linder is just one small step on the road to true freedom for the people of Nicaragua.

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blue jeans

By CHRISTINE GOMES

With the chill winds settling in and the frost starting to cover the ground, thoughts of summer are probably far from students' minds. Do you find it hard to recollect those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer? Well, here is something that might jog your memory: mosquitoes. (Yes, mosquitoes! Not quite what you were expecting, was it?)

According to *The Ontarion*, research is being done at the University of Guelph on those carnivorous insects. Dr. Susan McIver, who has been researching mosquitoes and blackflies since 1977, is director of the project which hopes to gain better understanding of the neurological basis of mosquito behaviour. At present, she is trying to unlock the mystery of the mosquitoes' peripheral organs and systematic fine structures. Further research has yet to be conducted before reconstruction of the female mosquito brain is possible.

The male and female mosquito are different in a variety of ways, according to McIver. For example, the female mosquito must feed on blood to provide protein for her eggs. Research on the behaviour of mosquitoes also indicates that they respond favourably to body heat, carbon dioxide from exhaled breath, moisture and body odour. They also prefer blue jeans and rough textures, she said.

Based on the research gathered to date, *The Ontarion* reported, a few conclusions could be drawn to ease

human sufferings at the mouths of these insects: (a) try to keep your body as cool as possible, (b) try not to exhale too often, (c) use anti-perspirant, (d) use deodorant, (e) avoid wearing blue jeans, and (f) avoid anyone refusing to adhere to (a) through (e).

Classes carve
Laurier turkeys

By CHRISTINE L. GOMES

Many students live for the long weekend. In the school year, Thanksgiving is the earliest holiday in sight for most students in Ontario universities. (York students do, however, get Rosh Hashanah off.) After the shock of returning to school in September, the Thanksgiving holiday in October is not only welcome, but necessary.

However, students at Wilfred Laurier University would have preferred to say "no thanks" to this Thanksgiving's holiday schedule, *The Cord* reported. For students at WLU, the holiday on October 12 was somewhat diminished by the fact that an official day of classes was held the following Saturday. As expected, the complaints were vocal and widespread. Many felt that the enforcement of the Saturday classes eradicated all meaning which the term "holiday weekend" evoked.

According to *The Cord*, three factors (determined by Senate regulations) contributed to the decision to hold Saturday classes:

1. Unlike previous years, when the amount had varied, the Senate had set the class days per semester this year at 60.
2. The exam period had been leng-

thened to a minimum of 12 days to prevent, as much as possible, conflicts in students' Exam schedules.

3. The need for two days between the last day of classes and the start of the exam period.

Other options, such as tagging a Monday to the end of the semester, or starting school during orientation week, were discussed, *The Cord* stated, but none seemed as viable as the Saturday classes.

Waterloo staff
90% maleby Ralph Zuljan
Imprint Staff

A report supporting a discriminatory hiring practice for the University of Waterloo was presented to senate on October 19.

Doreen Brisbin, an advisor to UW vice-president (academic), defended the proposal, saying the plan would increase female representation of faculty. Women currently represent 10% of Waterloo's teaching staff.

Some senators expressed concern that the proposal, tabled by the Advisory Council on Academic Human Resources, might compromise Waterloo's objective to recruit faculty members based on their academic excellence.

The "top priority," according to the report, is the recruitment of qualified women with the goal of increasing the proportion of female faculty. New hiring policies are already being drafted. Another direction the council has taken at the request of President Doug Wright is a review of salaries for female faculty.

The council aims to encourage females to "enter male dominated areas" through various projects, states the report . . .

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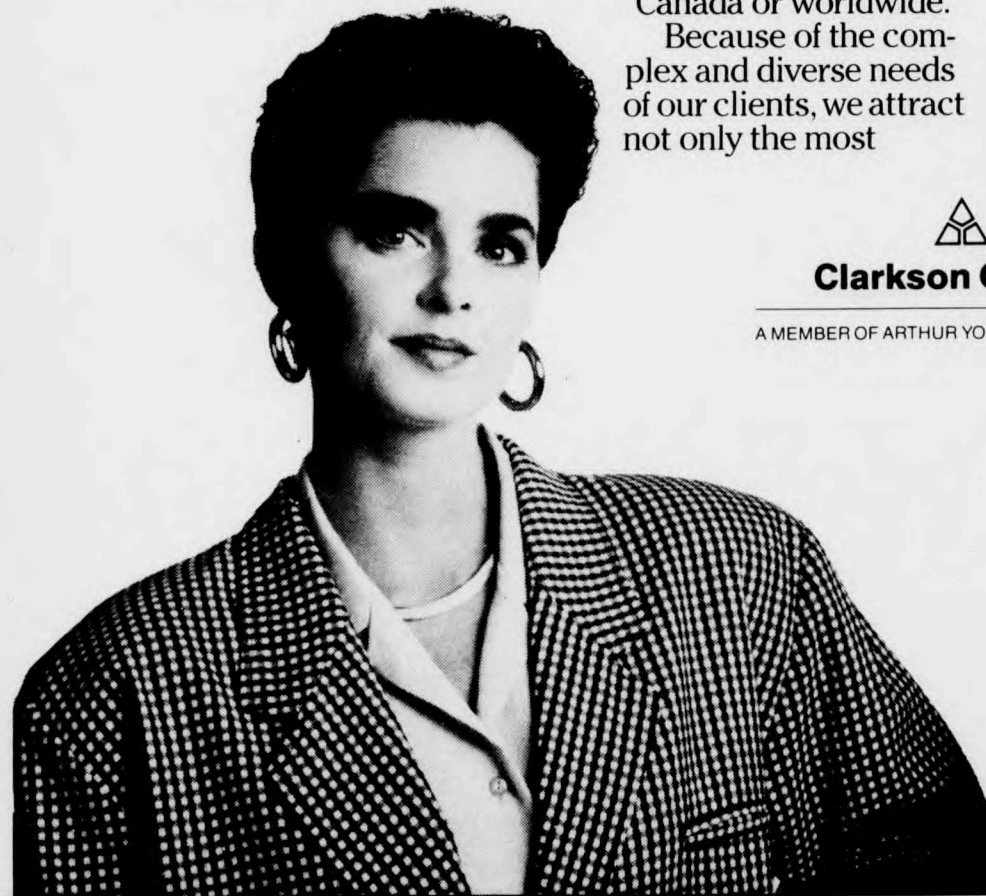
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