



by Brett Gellert

Just when we thought the world was going to be like the Walton's Family Christmas because those evil nasty communists finally realized that the way of life in the West may not be ideal, but it certainly has toilet paper, the crazy wacky dictators around the world started coming out of the wood work. The race being led of course by Iraq just out of an exceedingly long war with Iran, another big Middle East favorite. Don King would probably call it The Wait in Kuwait.

I'm not taking it lightly, but I want to avoid thinking about conscription. I'm not going to start talking about all that 60s stuff, about peace and wearing paisley because I think that George "Skull Crusher" Bush has things well in hand. I also think that if Canada announces conscription I'll become Swiss.

I guess I should analyze the problem for those who haven't read the newspaper, most likely because they either had a hangover that made the digestion of news impossible, or they've been imitating Brian "Mr. Invisible" Mulroney. It seems this guy named Saddam "Nut Case" Hussein decided that Iraq needed some cash. The suggestion was made to Kuwait and a slight misunderstanding occurred. Kuwait said no, which understandably hurt Iraq's feelings.

I mean, it's a custom all over the world for neighbors to borrow power saws, lawn mowers, and several trillion barrels of oil. The problem was, as Iraq tells it, that the oil was on their property, or Kuwait was at one time their property, or something like that. Anyway, they said they were allowed to take what was theirs, they had seen it on an episode of The People's Court with Judge

"Bad Attitude" Wapner. With that respectable legal advice, and Saddam's strong belief that God gave him the go-ahead, Iraq invaded, and then had the nerve to look surprised when people got upset. Go figure.

Now the surprising thing is that almost everyone agreed with the Americans about what to do. The Americans sent ships, the British backed the blockade, and the French surrendered (old habits die hard). Now there's more tonnage sitting in the Persian Gulf than in Roseanne Barr's bath tub (even I think that's a cheap joke, I'm starting to sound like Bob Hope).

Hussein has said that he will beat the Americans in a war without much problem. That may seem funny because one American ship, let's say the Eisenhower, has more firepower than Canada as a country. The Americans like to feel safe, that's why people in Detroit sleep with bazookas under their pillows.

Yet, I think I can see Saddam's angle. The Americans don't have any big time movie stars to win the war for them this time. It is a well known fact that without Errol Flynn they would have lost WW1, without John Wayne they would have lost WW2, and without Sly Stallone they would have lost Viet. . . whoops. You get my drift. I think they are going to have to recruit someone tough, someone who isn't worried about his hair getting dirty, maybe Jack Nicholson. I just hope it isn't someone like Patrick Swayze. I can see it now. Patrick Swayze dancing his way through the enemy lines doing pirouettes over land mines.

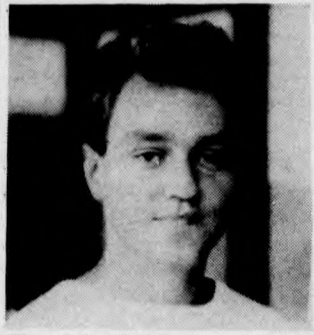
Wait a minute. Ronald Reagan was an actor, maybe there's some hope. As long as he doesn't forget who he's fighting. "Well . . . didn't we hate those pesky Iranians a few years ago?"

# Question Engine

by Lewis Brown  
and Patricia Holabun

1. Did you see any clowns at this year's Registration Fair?

2. Do you support the natives' actions in fighting for their rights?



Dave Suttaby  
4th Year Political Science

1. I'm crushed! How come UofT has clowns and we don't?  
2. No. Canada is the nicest country in the world to its aboriginal peoples. Everyone down the line screwed up: the government, the Quebec police and the Mohawks, but we shouldn't negotiate at gun point. The army are the only people who handled this well (and the woman on the four-wheeler too).



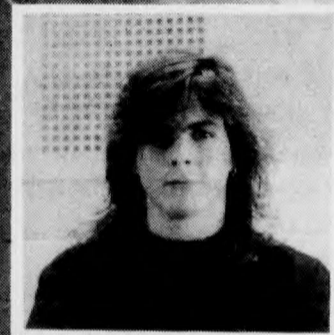
Carla Villalta  
2nd Year Arts

1. No!  
2. Yes I do, because I think they are finally sticking up for their rights. I'm behind them 100 per cent.



Shannon Sloan  
3rd Year Science

1. No, though clowns might have made it more interesting and enduring.  
2. I support peace and understanding.



Chris Naylor  
1st Year Business Admin

1. Not any real clowns, except maybe YFS VP (External).  
2. Yes. They've been taken advantage of for too long now. They may have taken it too far, but they should stand up for what they believe in.

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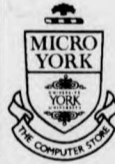
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