

# Advice to the Anonymous



## THE DEFERENTIAL APPROACH



By Tracy Teeple

Dear Sir:

Two years ago, my life was happy.

I hadn't a care in the world. Then, one fine day, my wife was hit by a train. Our twelve daughters and fourteen sons had always depended on the income she earned as a brain surgeon.

Still, I continued to manage my business, a small but tiny shoeshine stand on Bloor Street, and I somehow managed to make ends meet. Things were fine until the tornado hit, and we even survived the fire and the flood, but when we were evicted from the phone booth

in which we were living, things got rough.

My two eldest sons, almost working age, died of scurvy, and my dog, who would have made a delicious repast, ran off with a French poodle. The meteorite shower was the last straw.

I made an appointment with a lady from children's aid, hoping she could help. For three long months I sold pencils at night, saving to buy a roast pheasant under glass to impress her when she came to discuss the care of my children. Tonight she comes, and I lay my life in her hands.

My question, then, is this: what goes good with pheasant, red wine or white wine?

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Dear Des:  
It depends. What colour is the tablecloth?

Dear Advice-Giver:  
What is the proper way to address a professor when you meet him in the hall?

Proper.

Dear Proper:  
It depends on whether you prefer the 'friendly' approach or the 'deferential' approach. If you would like to become chummy with your prof, it often helps to greet him with a hearty, "How's it goin', pal?" and a playful punch on the arm.

If you would like to have good marks, on the other hand, it is helpful to address a prof as 'Your Professorship', while touching your forehead three times to the ground. The most successful scholars, you may have noticed, always have dirty foreheads.

# How you voted

By Scott Clayton  
A better than average turnout in last Thursday's CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation) by-

election brought seven new members from three colleges and environmental studies to the council.

Seven and one half per cent of the eligible voters cast their ballots, an increase from four per cent in last year's CYSF by-election. This compares with the 20 per cent who voted in the CYSF general election last spring.

Ninety per cent of the ballots were cast in the polling booths in the colleges and at environmental studies, and only ten per cent at the central square polling station.

The only political coalition participating in the election, the ULS (United Left State), was soundly defeated in favour of independent candidates.

Constituency	Candidates	Elected
Environmental Studies	Pat Anderson (26)* Brian Casselman (26)* Brian Clarence (15) Dan Daniels (39) Barry Sookman (29) (2 spoiled ballots)	* Run-off within 14 days. Dan Daniels Barry Sookman
Founders College	Linda Blanchet (ULS) (13) Steven Muchnik (36) Herman Yamagisi (44) (1 spoiled ballot)	Steven Muchnik Herman Yamagisi
McLaughlin College	Robert McMaster (ULS) (11) Robert Steadman (56)	Robert Steadman
Stong College	Brian Hayden (93) Ian Kellogg (ULS) (12) Leon Mitchell (93) Joanne Pritchard (ULS) (11) (2 spoiled ballots)	Brian Hayden Leon Mitchell

# Support for Quebec independence recommended at debate

By Hugh Westrup

Keeping Quebec in confederation can only lead to mass disillusionment within the province, deteriorating into a culture of passivity or violence.

This was the prediction of Maurice Chevalier at last Thursday's debate over the resolution that, "the only rational course for Quebec and Canada is separation." The debate was the second in a series sponsored by the Faculty of Environmental Studies.

Chevalier, a member of the faculty, described the situation in Quebec as one of increasing polarization between those for and against independence. To heal the split, he proposed that all Canadians support the Quebecois' demands for "independence with some form of interdependence."

"If you work toward interdependence and make it your national priority, the process of separation can be tempered, recast to create some new and viable Canadian form. A great new Canada could emerge," said Chevalier.

Opposing the resolution was York University President H. Ian MacDonald. He described Quebec's social split as one between as intellectual elite and the remainder of the province's citizenry.

"On the sociological analysis," he said, "it may be true that the professoriate of the University of Montreal is strongly in favour of separation, but this has not been my impression in talking to farmers or machinists or many other people in all walks of life."

MacDonald supported the referendum idea, but only if all sides of the argument are voiced. He also proposed several alternatives such as a reconstituted federation, special status and a new constitution for keeping Quebec within Canada.

"It is not necessary to be separate in order to be independent in a cultural and linguistic sense, nor is it possible for the province of Quebec to separate from the reality of its existence as part of the North American continent amidst 220

million English-speaking people," he said.

"The best of both worlds for Quebec is to find those solutions for the preservation of its language and culture within a reconstituted federation and a single Canada."

A second speaker in favour of the resolution and also from the faculty was Eric Trist. He spoke of the cultural survival of English and French-speaking Canada.

"The only resurgence in cultural nationalism has been in Quebec. I

want the rest of Canada to affirm itself and I think the best way of doing that is to let Quebec go."

Replying to Trist was Peter Cumming of Osgoode Hall, who sees evidence of an emerging cultural nationalism.

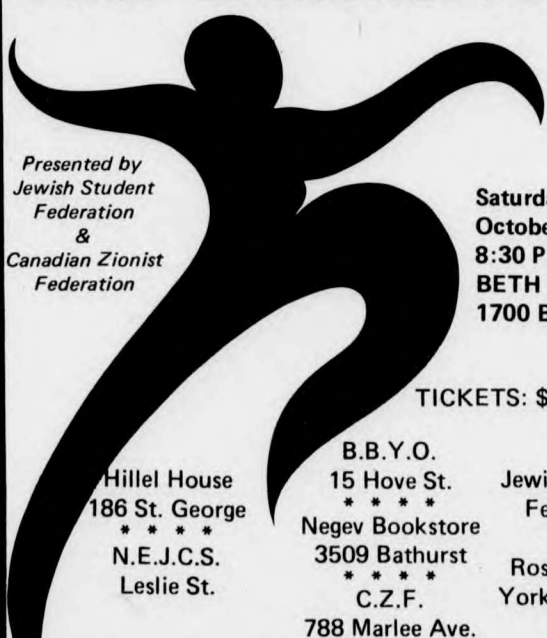
"It is not nearly as visible or conscious to us that we are a cultural entity but it is slowly resurging because of a loyalty to tradition and to the realization that we as a country have the greatest opportunity in the world."

"We have the size, the resources, a transcontinental nation that can do anything in terms of the development of the individual and as a society," said Cumming.

"It's the only country in the world that has two cultural nations, that are as pre-eminent in terms of the entire lifestyle of the country."

"Find me another country that has that and that has the economic advantages that we have today. That's the vision that slowly we may be coming to."

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