

YENDIK SKI CLUB

St. Patrick's Dance

WHEN: Fri., March 11, 1983
 WHERE: Calder-Hall, 12721-120 St.
 TIME: 9:00-1:00 AM
 MUSIC: by the band *Fantasy*

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obscurity, as without our consent (i.e. through taxation), the world's nation states would be unable to finance this.

One could argue indefinitely that it is the "other guy's" fault, that if it weren't for those "Goddamn Commies", or the "Imperialist Bourgeoisie", none of this would be necessary. The reality is that there is more than enough food for everyone to live healthily, but not enough for anyone to live in affluence. Sufficient teaching personnel could easily be trained to bring about global literacy. The World Health Organization eradicated smallpox (one of humankind's greatest killers) worldwide for the sum of 100 million dollars. This amounts to what the world spends on war preparations in less than one and a half hours.

We interrupt this gasbag of a letter for an unpaid editorial announcement:

Letters to the Editor should be under 250 words. Letters must be signed, and include faculty, year and phone number. No anonymous letters will be printed, although we will withhold names. All letters should be typed or very neatly printed. We reserve the right to edit or delete letters for reasons of space or libel. Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Gateway.

The whole point of this matter is that one side (either East or West) must take the initial step, and if the West, as it so often claims, really does stand for truly noble ideals, then it must lead the way.

However, it is rather doubtful that our "leaders" will ever adopt this view as they stand to lose a great deal if it ever comes to fruition. The capitalists who profit greatly from the arms industry are not going to help re-elect any government who would destroy their livelihood (and without the assistance of these and other "like minded" industries, no Western government could ever take power). The communist state is even less likely to give up its military stance, due to its highly structured state of authoritarianism.

Therefore the following is proposed: the propagation of global NON-VIOLENT insurrection, combined with total unilateral disarmament by the West. Disarmament must be total (i.e. of all conventional, nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons) for two main reasons. Firstly, it makes little sense to take away a warrior's sword and leave him with his club, as his mentality will have changed little. In fact, he would far more likely become totally paranoid, keeping his club at his side at all times, waiting to swing at anyone who passes in his general direction. Secondly, the general population would still be under the impression that they were using military means for their defence. Like the warrior, their mentality will have changed little.

Total unilateral disarmament would confuse the hell out of the Soviet government. How would they be able to continue convincing their people of the dangers of the "imperialist capitalist reactionaries"? The Soviet propaganda well would soon run dry.

Critics of this view would vehemently retort that the Soviets need no justification, that they would promptly invade and enslave us. This response has one central fallacy. Neither a ruler, nor any system (democratic or totalitarian), can govern without the consent of the people under its control. Rule is only possible through the acquiescence of the population.

Without it no ruler, no matter how brutal, stands any chance of success.

It is totally illogical that the vast majority of people willingly co-operate with a military system which will inevitably lead to their own self-destruction, as well as the extermination of the planet. These are the same people who fiercely denounce non-violent strategy as being unrealistic. "After all", they claim, "how can an unarmed individual protect himself/herself against an armed one?" "The result would be suicidal!"

In the short term, their criticism may be quite correct. This course of action may lead to the deaths of tens of thousands of individuals. However, for every non-violent martyr, who, rather than kill, dies willingly, the violent spirit of the aggressor will diminish. To quote Mahatma Gandhi: "If all of the mice of the world held conference together and resolved that they would no more fear the cat, but all run into her mouth, the mice would live". Hate and fear are very difficult emotions to maintain when they are not reciprocal. The number of people martyred may be significant, but it would be nowhere near the number killed in a nuclear exchange. Furthermore, such a policy would lay the foundations for a truly peaceful world.

Finally, Mr. Shipka seems to hold the widespread misconception that the world is currently "at peace". Peace is not simply an absence of war. Besides, since 1945 there have been over 100 wars and major armed conflicts. Millions of people have been killed, either in battle, or as a direct result of war (i.e. famine, disease, etc.). True enough, there hasn't been a major conflict between any of the superpowers. But so what? Why bother destroying your own property and having your own people killed, when you have the whole world at your disposal?

Mr. Shipka claims that a strong military deterrent is essential for peace. People of his ilk are strong believers in the old Roman saying: "If you want peace prepare for war". After all, they should know. Who else took part in as many wars as the Romans?

Bruce Grant, Arts 4



You should come to the staph meeting, darling— there'll be a coccus on whether Gateway humor is really as bad as some people say.

Rm. 282 SUB, Thursday, 4 p.m.

**Student Vacancies
 on General Faculties Council Committees**

The following committees will have vacancies for members whose terms of office will commence on 1 April 1983 and be completed on 31 March 1984.

	Undergraduate	Graduate
GFC Executive Committee*	2	1
Academic Appeal Committee	2	1
Academic Development Committee	1	0
Admissions and Transfer Committee**	3	0
Campus Law Review Committee	2	1
Computing Committee	2	1
Conference Funds Committee	1	1
Facilities Development Committee	1	0
Library Committee	2	1
Nominating Committee*	2	2
Planning and Priorities Committee	1	0
Special Sessions Committee	2	0
Improvement of Teaching & Learning Committee	3	1
Undergraduate Scholarship Committee	2	0
Undergraduate Teaching Awards Committee	2	0
Writing Competence Committee	2	1
University Disciplinary Impanelling Board	8	4
Native Studies	1	1
Parking Appeals Committee	1	1

* Must be Members of GFC

** One student must be a transferee from a college in Alberta

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For further information or nominations, please contact the Secretary of the Nominating Committee, 2-1 University Hall (432-4715), or Wesley Sawatzky, Vice-President Academic, Students' Union, 259 SUB (432-4236).