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Petty thief strikes in Cameron; leaving books can prove costly

When will I learn not to leave my books unguarded in Cameron Library for the short duration of a ten minute coffee break, as once again I have fallen victim to a foul plot of petty thievery? I can find irony in the fact that my trustive nature has cost me a second copy of *Othello*, with all of the "hot parts" painstakingly underlined and annotated. It is, however, a pity that such pettiness

can be found to exist as I ponder the words "Quaecumque vera." The same thief made off with my copy of John Stewart Mills' *Utilitarianism* and I find his words quite appropriate and gratifying.

"It is better to be a human being dissatisfied than a pig satisfied; better to be a Socrates dissatisfied than a fool satisfied."

Barclay Johnson
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Casserole's Crossroads Africa article did not represent all of Sierra Leone

Some objections have been raised that the Nov. 7 Casserole article on Crossroads Africa gave some false impressions about the social conditions in Sierra Leone.

My experiences in Sierra Leone derived mainly from a small isolated village which does not represent the country as a whole.

My many very positive experiences while in Sierra Leone were not brought out by the writer of the article. I wish to express my regrets and those of the Crossroads chairman over the misunderstanding which has been created.

Dec. 10, 1969
Judy Fisher

A reaction to a payne-ful letter smacking of inequality and bigotry

I would like to say, in response to the letter by Thomas Payne, I am in wholehearted approval of the action of the students' council regarding their decisions to remove (as The Gateway so adequately calls them) "Doo-bee-ous" buttons, alias Gold and Silver Key awards. I only wish they had gone further with their rings, but they have at least made one step in the right direction.

Payne, you must either have an overinflated image of yourself, or a terrible inferiority complex. The need for you to be recognized for your "achievements" shows me

that you are unable to decide your own personal relationship to your "achievements" and, as a result, must have outward materialistic symbols to keep reminding yourself (and society) of what you feel you have accomplished.

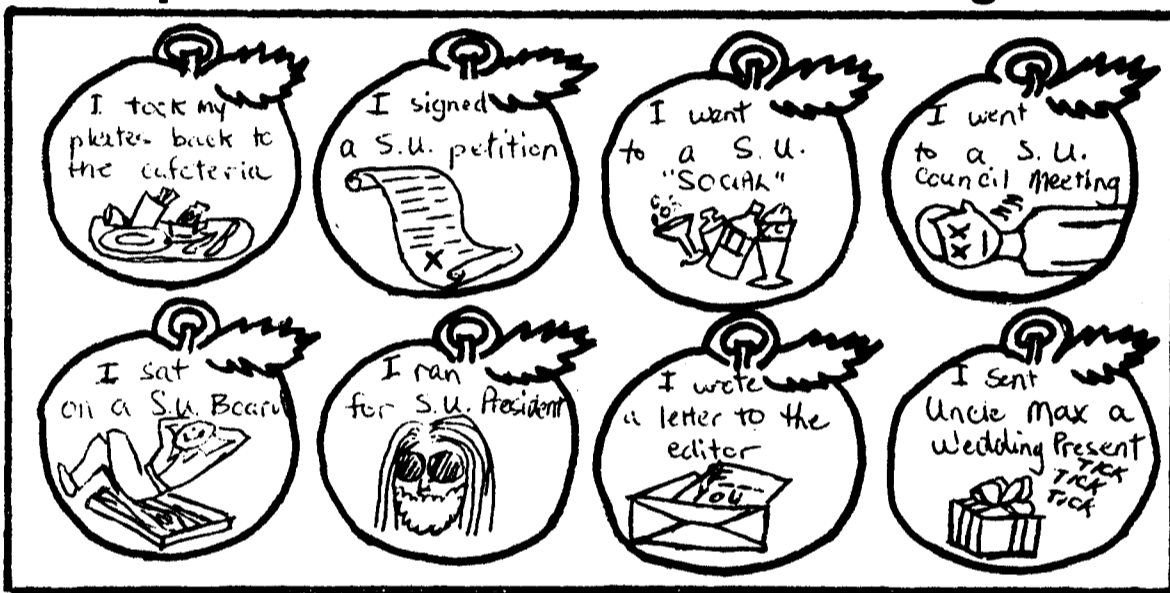
"Your 'Ethic' smacks of inequality and bigotry. You sound to me horrendously reminiscent of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, John D. Rockefeller, and other famous 'Robber Barons.' Andrew Carnegie, in a 'pang of conscience' (?) gave donations to libraries to perpetuate a favorable image, rather than be shown in

his true light, in terms of his callous steel trust dealings, in which he deliberately screwed countless numbers of people to achieve his ends.

I suggest Payne, that you take a hard, close look at the cartoon in the Dec. 9 issue of The Gateway. To refresh your memory, it involves two young boys, one black, in poverty, and one white, pulling a wagon-load full of toys. The caption reads: "If ya got somethin' it's 'cause you're good, if ya got nuthin' it's 'cause you're bad."

Chris Gardiner
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Replacement medals (color silver and gold)



House debate pits medal mongers against beer bash

OTTAWA (WOW)—Debate on a private member's bill put before the House of Commons three days ago is expected to continue full farce today.

The motion to replace Order of Canada medals with an annual Parliament Hill beer-bash may rank alongside the great flag debate.

Opposition leader T. Pain said he stood behind the private member, though critics say his support is sagging.

Government Leader Pete Trudy said before entering the House today that he could see the money going to much more worthy causes.

"I think the money would be better spent on educational research, improved liaison with people, better housing, and similar projects," he said.

"I also think the federal government should take a closer look at day-care centres, but don't quote me on that. The students at the U of A would get so up-tight they'd bust a mainspring."

Informants within the government ranks say a major party split may be brewing over the debate.

Most of the major figures in the party either voiced approval or refused to comment

on Trudy's statement, but Senate Leader Paul Markin put his foot in it by saying that he would prefer to see the medals remain.

"After 25 years of loyal service, I think it is a nice gesture to give Parliament Hill cleaning women a little something," he said. "After all, we don't give them a pension or anything."

Mr. Markin is expected to turn in his resignation shortly.

Opposition member Gorge Hers said he felt the awards should be retained, but that they should be made more exclusive.

"When they give medals to cleaning women and janitors I think it's a little useless. Next thing you know, they'll be giving them to Indians and members of the press," he said.

He said he would comment further in a press conference, but that he was in a hurry to get to Washington where he will be attending a Spiro Agnew speech-writing seminar.

Several recipients of the medals have said they would rather see the practice of giving medals discontinued if they were invited to the beer-bust.

"The Trudy government is presently involved in an anti-inflation battle," said one re-

ipient opposed to the idea, "and I can think of nothing more inflating than beer."

"I think that anyone who can live in this country, let alone serve it, deserves a good drunk every now and then," said Hinry Stillfox, Canadian expert on the mating habits of sawflies and winner of last year's Arachnid of the year award.

By
Charles
Lunch



There was some agreement that the beer-bust would probably be cheaper than the medals, and considerably less likely to be pawned, but some of the senior members of Parliament, whose doctors have ordered them off beer have complained that they find ceremony more fun than partying.

On this level the debate continues, and with people like Pain, Hers, and Markin in the house, it could go on for a long time.