

Canada: Supposedly Civilized

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As Canadians we should be proud of the fact that we are the seventh richest nation living in the second largest country. We have come from diversified backgrounds, each of them contributing towards the creation of Canada. Unfortunately, many of us have forgotten this diversity. We have embodied ourselves in a little "ME" forgetting the millions who are less fortunate than we are. Many of us have become concerned with ourselves and have worked to achieve the most comfort that this Earth can afford. We usually complain if we do not have our own way. We become furious if anyone even thinks about limiting our personal

freedom or infringing our privacy.

In our comforts, we usually forget about the millions that have no shelter or place to call home. We have become desensitized about the matter. If we see them on TV, we change the channel. If we are generous, we may comment sympathetically or suggest cures for the problem of the homeless millions. After all, they are "over there" and are a threat to our consciences.

Those are the refugees and they are not "over there" any more. They are here and knocking at our door. This is a sensitive issue, and everyone has given their opinion. This "influx" is considered to be one of the most crucial issues in our

present politics. Amidst all of this talk, some of us have missed a basic virtue of humanity, compassion. It is shame that we live in a supposedly civilized and rational world, yet there are 12 million humans without a home or even a country. We have become excessively concerned with ourselves and our future. Some of us want to preserve Canada against this "tide" from the Third World. Some of us have become paranoid of the threat of changing the Canadian identity and colour.

Since we are so fortunate, let's not forget those who have nothing. There are no easy solutions to the Refugee problem, but let us not close the door to those whose last hope is Canada.

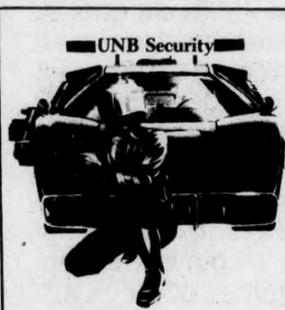
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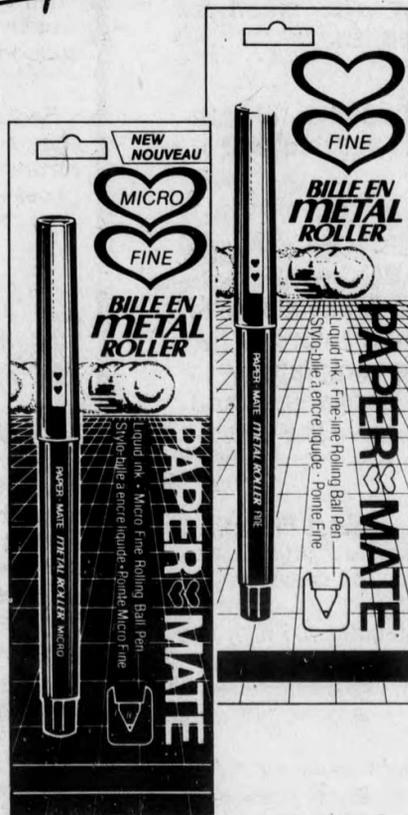
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This maze is sure to baffle you. If you don't like it, call security

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By Kim Doyle

Looking for adventure? Forget Europe, forget Africa, go to the SUB parking lot. This maze is sure to baffle you. Getting in and out of the lot is a big problem, and trying to find a parking spot is an even bigger problem.

If you are at your wits end because you cannot manoeuvre your vehicle due to improperly parked cars, then you should call the Security and Traffic Section. According to the Motor Vehicle Traffic and Parking Regulations, any car improperly parked in any parking lot is subject to "tow away, installation of an immobilization boot or a fine of \$10.00." However, according to Traffic Patrol Officer, Constable Montgomery, "immobilization boots are no longer used at the Fredericton campus."

Due to lack of funds, the University has gone from five persons to one person for traffic patrol of the 50 different areas allotted for parking. This one Patrol Officer patrols as

often and as frequently as he can. Although the lack of efficient patrol is not a serious issue, the real problem lies with those who park improperly in the first place. Just because there is snow covering the lines, it does not mean people can park randomly.

The SUB parking lot is classified as "Student Parking." Therefore those vehicles parked there should have a student sticker. The Security and Traffic Section encourages students, visitors, and STU students to park there. Because of this encouragement many vehicles in the parking lot have no stickers or permits, therefore we end up with a confused patrol officer perhaps thinking "Eeny, meenie, miny, moe, which car will be the next to go?"

If one has a problem with the above then they should send their complaints to the chief of security. With more complaints, the probability of restoring adequate up-keep of the rules and order to the parking lot should arise.

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