

Editorial

Illiteracy eh?

A typical *As the young and the restless world turns* script:
 Chanel enters cozy, quaint tearoom (that looks a bit like the operating room in the last scene). Lays a significant glance on Rex, the macho bus boy. She drifts over.

CHANEL: Tell me everything you know.

REX: I just love beer cheesecake.

CHANEL: We're history, baby.

REX: Hey, grumpy in the morning, grumpy all day.

CHANEL: You'll regret this. (dramatic exit)

This is a typical example of the dialogue in a soap opera. What it really is is two people throwing words at one another that don't have anything to do with anything. The most informative point in this non exchange is probably the fact that beer cheesecake exists. (It doesn't)

So the script was dumb. So why not switch the box off and bake cookies? Because soaps are subversively influencing people to talk that way! Does this conversation sound familiar to you?

MOTHER: Clean up your room

DAUGHTER: I'm doing drugs, I'm pregnant, and my GPA has slipped to 6.5

MOTHER: Oh no, not your GPA.

Do you find yourself asking someone an incredibly simple question like "What are you reading?", or "Are you going to Europe this summer?", and you end up having to answer five questions from them before they trust you enough to answer? Or you get that deadening "huh?"... or "what?"

Well this is the fault of soap operas. People are beginning to believe that the non-communication that exists in soaps and soap offspring like *Dynasty* is natural. Do not be conned. People are equipped to communicate. We have the capability! We have the technology! We just have to shout a bit louder over the T.V. set.

Ann Grever

More letters

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Phillippine government and military, who are funded by the C.I.A.); American military bases will surely remain in the Phillippines.

Indeed, American government officials have admitted Aquino is more likely to agree to American military presence than Marcos. Obviously, the U.S., not Marcos, would most likely want to manipulate the recent elections in their best interests, which is to fight the spread of Communism.

If you have doubts about this last statement, then consider this question: How is it possible that the U.S. media could have tagged the name "evil Communists" to a small nation like Nicaragua, where 80 per cent of the people are devout Catholics?

name withheld by request

Cheesed off

Dear Craig

Alright you mutton head, I, W.J. Camembert (P.I.) received your letter in the Gateway (special delivery). After a long (5 minute) deliberation, I have come to a verdict: GUILTY of being a thespian of a gentleman. How long have you had this lachrymose condition and deigning attitude? I screeve your condition, you saturinely good looking hloke. As a punishment, you are to be jettisoned into the ranks of those "smarmy" little excuses for human beings who lustily roam campus.

Have a happy!
 W.J. Camembert (P.I.)
 Education I and Fine Arts too.

Burnt chemist

I am a graduate student in the department of chemistry and a frequent user of the vending machines located in CAB. Several times I lost money due to mechanical errors of these machines and I always completed a refund slip as the operators have asked

to do. But I never received a refund. Last week, I inquired from the lady who looks after the machines about a refund slip I completed some days ago. She asked me to get the slip from the box. But it was not there. Somebody must have picked them up because I remember that there were about five slips at the time I put my one in.

I asked the lady whether she picks up these slips every day. She said "yes but there were none for several weeks" and closed the door of the little room she was in, apparently shutting me out.

I wonder whether anyone has got a refund by completing a refund slip, if no I would like to know whether they got it in mail or whether they have collected it personally.

Frequency of breakdowns in these machines are quite high. So if someone has access to refunds which he or she doesn't deliver to the clients that person is making at least three or four dollars a day.

Isn't it worth an investigation by one of your staff writers?

Angelo R. Fernando

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