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Quiz on Canada

by Dave Allen

The following questionnaire is designed to test your knowledge of Canada. Pick one answer.

If you hail a taxi, get an Italian driver with a Portuguese driver's license what city are you in?:

- a) Rome
- b) Lisbon
- c) Toronto

Newfoundland is:

- a) true
- b) false

Prime Minister Trudeau wants one thing more than any other:

- a) an election
- b) another swimming pool
- c) to be English

Dalhousie University is:

- a) a large Nova Scotia university
- b) a real estate company
- c) an optical illusion

Billion Dollar Babies was written by:

- a) Alice Cooper
- b) Jean Drapeau

The Head of State of Canada is:

- a) the Queen
- b) the Prime Minister
- c) Imperial Oil

The RCMP always gets:

- a) their man
- b) their horse
- c) the trots

The CBC's best program is:

- a) The National News
- b) Hockey Night in Canada
- c) National Research Council official time signal

If a Canadian swam the Atlantic Ocean and came within 100 feet of Newfoundland he would most likely:

- a) get caught by a Russian trawler
- b) drown
- c) give up
- d) turn back

Toronto's new CN Tower is an example of:

- a) Canadian engineering skills
- b) Torontonians trying to see past Toronto
- c) penis envy

All in the Family was a spin-off from a British show, what spin-offs could the CBC sell:

- a) Hockey Night in Uganda
- b) Police State Story - East Germany
- c) Starsky and Hutchsky - Poland

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half-truths.

Fielding sponsors a defensive; Canada should practice retaliation against those countries which do not encourage applications from Canadian students. What is to be accomplished by this stalemate, I do not know, but the assumption is inaccurate. The majority of our visa students arrive from those nations which have not the facilities to educate their own people, never mind international visitors. Among the developed nations, Austria charges a differential fee only to students from those countries which themselves differentiate, namely, the U.S. While American universities charge an out-of-state fee, there is no penalty specific to visa students.

If Canadian universities levy a differential fee, this will not be an act of retaliation, but the act which invites retaliation.

If Fielding's true colours do not yet glow in the dark, read her last paragraph.

"Why should Canada invest capitol in foreign students, they just desert the country after their education is complete."

The moving hand writes on, with the turn of a sentence or two, Fielding's position has entirely reversed. A justified concern for the plight of Canadian students at home and abroad is one thing, an attack on the fundamentals of the student

exchange programme is quite another.

I hoped, at this stage, we might arrive at some sort of agreement that the purpose of the exchange programme should not be to drain away the educated persons of underdeveloped countries who, properly, would return to their homelands where their skills will produce very tangible results. Regardless, foreign students do not desert the country, as of 1974, they must return home in order to apply for landed immigrant status.

I point out that in Canada, foreign students are declining in numbers. Until 1968, Canada exported more students than she received. Our discriminatory measures will exclude students from those third-world nations which are lacking in the facilities of post-secondary education.

My own suspicion is this: it is always easy to find a scapegoat. Foreign students, with a high degree of visibility, provide the obvious choice. But think twice, will the exclusion of 4.6 per cent of the student population ease the strain on the job market to any significant extent? Will tuition fees go down while educational accessibility goes up? It is the quality of education at Canadian universities which is at stake, therefore we cannot afford our attentions to be diverted by this onslaught on foreign students which has the overtones of bigotry and the undertones of political bluff.

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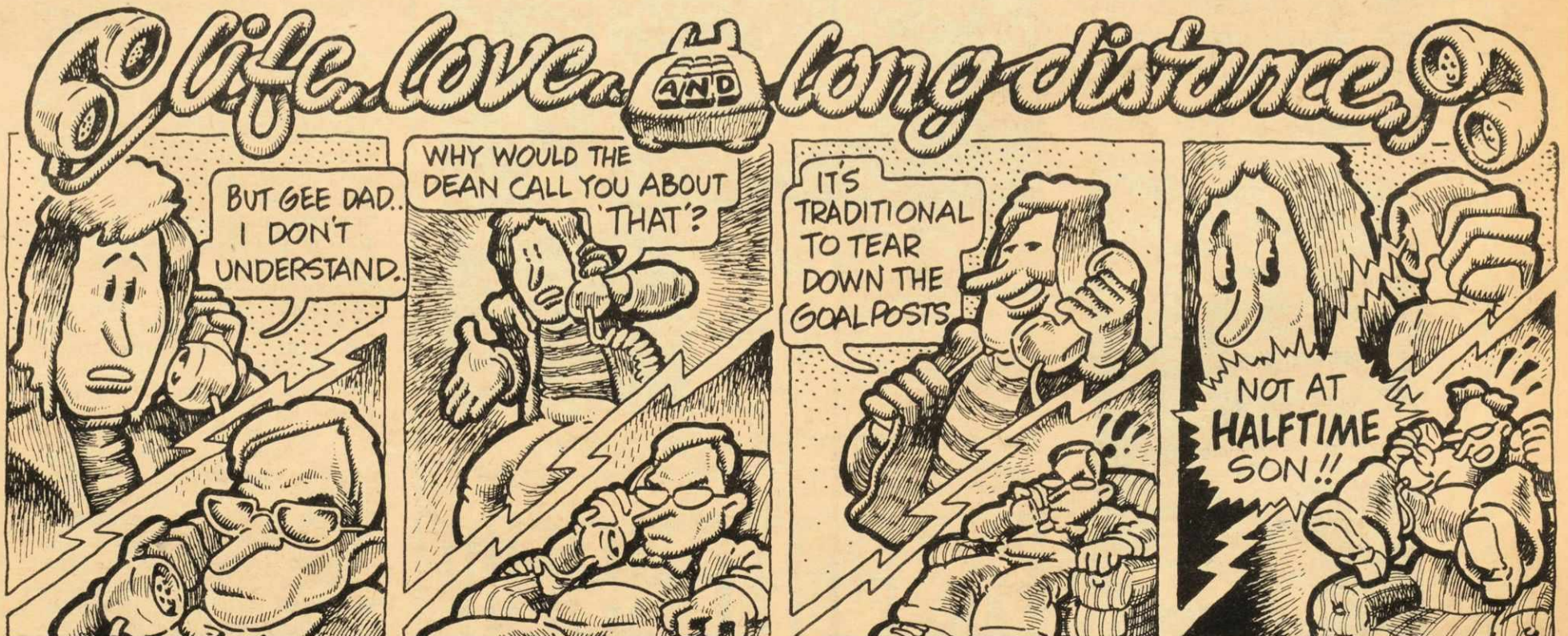
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