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# extra cheese 50¢ chipmunk wins

#### by Letitia Tendentious

he tension mounted as it came down to the wire in the thrill a minute. action packed. anything for a laugh. cliche ridden. angst inducing *Excalibur* mascot election. When the dust settled. the chipmunk came out on top.

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"Thank goodness for photocopy machines." the mascot-elect exclaimed. hastily adding: "I mean. I'm happy the voters chose me. and I hope to prove their faith in me was not misplaced in the coming year." "Our coverage of the election was fair." *Excalibur* associate editor Heather Songstress responded. "We investigated the Hindenburg allegation, and found it full of hot air. I mean, hey, man, everybody knows the press doesn't affect the outcome of elections, shoot the messenger, blah blah blah, brrrrrt brrrrrt brrrrrt..."

Editor Nancy Pushups giggled in the background.

Chief Rodent Officer Ira Nayman said that this was the fairest election he had seen in many years. "Oh. sure." he maintained.

### MASCOT ELECTION

"Yeah, right." said the fish, which came seventh in the field of six declared candidates. "The reason the chipmunk got so many votes was because *Excalibur* played up the Kennedy thing. Well. I was rumoured to be responsible for the Hindenburg disaster, but they didn't print anything about that, did they?"

compiled by STAFF

Here are some of the ballot remarks:

"there was the usual back stabbing, character assassination and dirty tricks, but they were all aboveboard and out in the open."

Election analyst Luigi Manitoulin was surprised by the result. "When Glendon threw its support behind the perezosa. I thought she had the election in the bag." he commented. "But. I guess

Half of Excal's staff rejoice at the election of the chipmunk as mascot. The other half knows the truth.

those 750 Bethune votes on the second last day really put the chipmunk over the top. Anyway, it was a damn close race."

The chipmunk. with 1.224 votes, beat runner up perezosa.

been showing all those foreign dignitaries a good time for my health, did you?" The pelican was available for comment, but it no longer mattered.



THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1990

"Swim fishy swim! Through the dirty waters of York!" "The cow still looks good beside is section where people air their beefs."

Amusing remarks

ccording to the rules on the official Excalibur mascot

election ballot. "Ballots with more than one mark on

them will be disqualified unless they are very amusing.

"Vote for the priciple of Lethargy! Sloths rule! Perezosa forever! Three toes =freedom!"

"Didn't you dance to the toons of Doug and the Slugs?! Vote slug!"

"The perezosa would eat other candidates. Vote slug. "Mouse? Remember the plague! Vote slug."

'Fish? Should we let french fries run too? Vote slug.' 'Chipmunk? Alvin's a trouble maker.

"Always vote for a conquistador from the 17th century [perezosa], or they'll beat the hell out of you."

"With a bear as mascot, we<sup>\*</sup>could have more articles about York Lanes, you know, the proposed shopping maul!" "Chipmunk? No religious figures! (Think about it...)"

"It's not uncommon to find fish wrapped in newspaper pages, is it?"

"Til vote pelican, but only if a pink flamingo is assistant mascot!" "Perezosa? Isn't that a Mexican cornish pastry?" "It would be grizzly to have a bear as mascot." "Don't fall for the fish's promises hook, line and sinker!" "Ya, a chocolate Mous(s)e for mascot! Yum!" "Wasn't Perezosa Noriega's right hand man?" "The pelican will lay an egg!" with 41 votes.

"I was disappointed by the number of spoiled ballots." CRO Nayman commented. "Three just aren't enough. Some people were obviously taking the whole thing too seriously. The person who dropped the gum wrapper into the ballot box without writing a candidate's name on it was inspired. Or confused. Either way. I'm hoping for a bigger spoiled ballot turn-out next year."

The cow. *Excalibur*'s out-going mascot. had nothing but praise for the chipmunk. "He's not arrogant. obnoxious or anything." she said. adding that while she appreciated that some people wrote-in her name for next year. York students didn't have to worry about her future.

"Tve been offered a position with the Shaw of Scotland." she explained. "You didn't think I had

#### ELECTION NESOLIS

CHIPMUNK	1,224	88.44%
PEREZOSA	41	2.96%
MOUSE	30	2.16%
JELLYFISH	25	1.80%
SLUG	22	1.59%
BEAR	9	0.65%
FISH	8	0.57%
COW	7	0.50%
PELICAN	5	0.36%

The rest of the write-in candidates got one vote each (negligible %): LEMUR, MUTANT OFFSPRING OF CHIPMUNK AND FISH, PTERODACTYL, STAR NOSE MOLE, TARANTULA

1,376

TOTAL

99.39%

BALLOTS FROM NEWSPAPER: 272 (19.77%) PHOTOCOPIES, GUM WRAPPERS, ETC.: 1,106 (80.37%) SPOILED BALLOTS: 3



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2 EXCALIBURRITO



### by Letitia Tendentious and Sid "Midnight" Tyson

Below and guts filled the highways this morning as the six official *Excalibur* mascot election candidates were killed in an auto accident. "It was horrible," OPP officer Scott Vermicelli exclaimed. "Road kill stew everywhere!"

The candidates were returning late last night or early this morning from the campaign party in the chipmunk's blood red convertible sports camper (license plate: NUTS 2 U), when it ran into a tree. Nobody is certain why the vehicle left the road, but



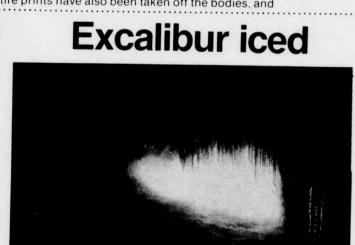
Hey Martha, what's for supper?

a cow which looked suspiciously like last year's mascot was reported to have been seen in the vicinity.

The car was totalled, killing the chipmunk and the hamster instantly. The bear wandered off into the woods, where it was illegally shot out of season. The fish, pelican and perezosa flopped, hopped and slothed onto the highway, respectively, where they were immediately struck down by oncoming traffic.

One passerby. Erotico Ignatieff, a mushroom gatherer out late (peak gathering hours are between two and four in the mroning) thought he saw a cow on the road, checking her watch, scanning the horizon and batting her big brown eyes nervously. Minutes later, Ignatieff heard a crash.

The OPP are investigating the allegation. Plaster tire prints have also been taken off the bodies, and



# Roadkill Stew

the OPP expects to have the make of the offending vehicle or vehicles within 24 hours.

"Why did they let the chipmunk drive?" the cow moaned, "Everybody knows it couldn't hold its liquor!"

The OPP is considering laying charges against the owner of the tavern where the party was held. "The legal drinking age for squirrels, hamsters, chipmunks and other rodents of that size is four," Vermicelli explained. "This chipmunk was three, three and a half years old, tops.

"If he had been carded, this whole tragedy might have been avoided."

Reaction within the *Excalibur* staff was mixed. Some, like staff artist Frank Comeon, were pleased that the official candidates had been eliminated: "This campaign was biased against invertebrates," he said. "You don't need a spine to show backbone. Unite to fight for slug rights!"

But, most staffers were crushed. Production manager Steve Perry(zosa) summed it up best when he said, "I need a summer vacation."

With all the official candidates permanently out of the race, nobody knew who would become the new *Excalibur* mascot. "There's always the slug," Chief Rodent Officer Ira Nayman sniffed, "But, I don't think York is ready for such an earthy character. I guess it will be up to the new editorial staff..."

Incoming Excalibureditor Peter Stathiscope said, "I'm new here. I don't know what's going on. Who are you, anyway?"



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Icy conditions plagued Excalibur's neswpaper stand.

#### by Sid "Midnight" Tyson

he Excalibur newspaper box located beside the newspaper's 111 Central Square office door has been vandalized again.

At about 10:30 pm Sunday. an *Excalibur* staff member discovered a 36 by 31 by 10 centimetre block of ice cubes on top of the newspapers in the box.

Another staff member estimated that the ice had been there for approximately 15 minutes, since only the top few newspapers were wet.

A security spokesperson said there were no reports of

similar mischievous incidents Sunday night.

A third *Excalibur* staff member checked Central Square and Ross Building hallways in vain for a trail of water or clues leading to the origin of the ice block.

There were no damage costs. just a moist floor and a few newspapers drenched beyond repair.

On November 12. 1989. the same *Excalibur* box was set on fire at about 6 am Someone also used ashes from the blaze to draw a happy face — that issue's cover graphic — on the wall across from the office. Repair costs were \$500.

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April 5, 1990

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### editorial

### Okay, see ya

That's what I've been trying to figure out! Damn people never write their local cartoonist. Chic peas are particularly tantalizing with ketchup and vinegar. It's all a matter of taste.

Woodchips are the best thing in the world. Next to your skin. Say something, Ron. Reality is for people who lack imagination. Everything is better when it's done twice a week. Some things are even better more than twice a week. Stuart's on the radio, *deja-vu*. So, an interuption of cold water to buildings is necessary. Chill out. Slug! Slug! Slug! Slug!

Cont'd on p. 22. Just one moment, please. Steve's stomach is in training for Friday. You can't take it with you so eat it now. I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland. I don't mean to alarm you, but your underwear is in tatters. Don't throw your cigarette butts in the urinals, it makes them soggy and hard to light. This deal as a wobbly as a gifaffe in four inch heels. Look, they're both dead. Kic-up. Cows in pink boots never give milk. In a minutes there is time for decisions and revisions which a minutes may reverse.

Drugs will get you through times of no money, better than money will get you through times with no drugs. So, say no to money. The waxer is working much better, much better.

#### IIIRRRRAAAA. IRA!

After he threw out the grapefruit he realized he had made a grave mistake. The car was blue, not yellow! The nerve! The arrogance! Salutations and resurrections.

After she swallowed the papaya whole, she was at a loss for words.

Some suggestions suck and some people feel guilty because it is easier than doing the work. It'll help you become more efficient. If you use the same pencil to take a test that you used for studying for the test, the pencil will remember the answers. A new pencil is bad luck in tests.

He ate his toast and drank his coffee and wondered whether Martha's voice could be heard through the floorboards. Poor Martha, she didn't feel like singing. Reactionary, my ass!

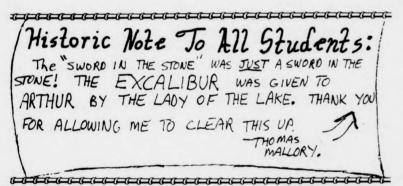
I used to be normal, happy and well-adjusted but that was before the job that ate my brain. The deemphasis on traditional grassroots campaigning fractured one of the few natural liks between the political world and the public.

It's been a long time, been a long time, been a long, lovely, lovely, lovely, lovely time. Does this mean we have to start wearing safety boots and hardhats? I can't do it on the spot. We'll have a moshing, shanking good time. Avoid passive constructions. Hey you with the Diet Coke. I have a zit on my nose.

Do you feel bloated? What is that heavy breathing coming from down the hall? My answering machine. Until you find the bomb there is really no danger.

It must be Tuesday. Mary is off to Spanish class. Do you like anchovies? Here's to all my friends . . . Use your head, can't you, use your head, you're on earth, there's no cure for that.

See ya later guys.



### THE ROUND TABLE

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### letters.

We will publish, space permitting, letters up to 500 words. They MUST MUST MUST be typed, double spaced, accompanied by the writer's name and phone number. And a box of chocolate covered almonds for the typesetter. Libelous material will be rejected. Deliver to III Central Square during business hours.

### Shocked to the gills

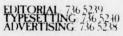
facts on the strongest authority the mouse. Unbeknownst to the chipmunk, the mouse has been hiding in the ballot box since the voting began and he has copious notes to prove that the chipmunk is involved in illicit activities. Not only did one human place over 100 votes, but he marked the ballots incorrectly (obviously he wasn't a very bright human).

We rodents of the university will unite to bring about the downfall of the chipmunk. We demand a large scale enquiry be conducted immediately. Consider this - if he is willing to stoop this low in the elections, how low will he go once he is installed as Official Mascot? He may be an expert at burying nuts in the ground but what other covert enterprises is he up to in his cave? The future of this paper is at stake. We cannot allow such activities to continue. I call for all believers in the truth and justice to rally to this cause and lets bring the oppressive chipmunk to his knees.

It has come to my attention that the editors of this paper have never discussed my planet. Vulcan, in their features section. You discuss Nicaragua. El Salvador. but not Vulcan. I find this to be very illogical. People on Vulcan are very friendly and we have even integrated ourselves into your inferior race.

The features section is illogically discriminatory, and I feel that we Vulcans have been misrepresented. I had even considered running as the editor-in-chief of your inferior paper, but I found this to be illogical on my part. Why would I want to be a part of a paper that does not acknowledge a race as superior as my Vulcan race.

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Witches and Warlocks Angel and Amber
Jousters
Eight Wonder Ah Oui
Flash in the Dark Knights J. Sun and Andre the Giant
Court Jesters
Henchpeople Lance a lot and King Richard
Various Peasants, endless knights, peons, surfs, cart pullers, moat swimmers and rat keepers
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4 EXCHLIBURENTO- anh, page 4, my favourite page

Dear Editor:

As a candidate in the Official *Excalibur* Mascot Election, I feel it is my duty to bring to the public eye certain electoral improprieties. I should admit at the start that I am shocked and dismayed by the information that has come to my gills.

My inside sources have informed me that the chipmunk has been running an illegal campaign. Apparently, he has been stuffing the ballot box. I know that your staff and the other humans at York University will be as outraged at this atrocity as I. And I have these Respectfully Yours.

J. Edgar Fish

## Illogical irresponsible

For this reason. I have decided to go back to Vulcan and start my own paper. I will call it *Excalivulcan*. I will of course not mention Earth in any of my articles or features: it is only fair. and it is logical. Live long and prosper.

Sincerely

*Mr. Spock* (ex-science officer U.S.S. Entercalibur)

P.S. I also find it very illogical that the universal animal of Vulcan, the Spockupine, was not in the running for mascot of *Excalibur*. It simply shows your inferiority and lack of prestige.

# Rodent resurrection: student discovers hamster heaven

"I was programmed to do it"

by Hamlet

n Saturday March 31, the eighth wonder of the world came to pass. I was working on my last computer assignment for Professor Quack Quack in the Steacie Science Building, when all of a sudden I heard a noise. It sounded like my poor long lost hamster. Pudgy, singing "Old Time Rock N" Roll." I couldn't figure out where it was coming from, so I closed all the lights to see if I could determine where it was coming from.

In the very back corner of the room, a bright light was shining accompanied by a faint tune. I slowly walked in that direction, not knowing what I would find there. I could not believe my eyes. Pudgy, who I thought was dead, was actually swallowed up by a Macintosh computer. It seems that the Macintosh computer took it upon itself to take dying hamsters under its wing and give them immortal life. "I have saved exactly 103 hamsters," said Macintosh terminal number five, (it calls itself Mackie). When I asked Mackie why it felt the need to save the hamsters, it replied, "I was programmed to do it." It is not known who programmed Mackie to do this, but it must have been a hamster lover.

When it was revealed that the chipmunk won the *Excalibur* mascot election. Mackie's system began its crusade to save every single hamster who was about to die.

"It is a kind of hamster heaven." said Mackie. "Hamsters shouldn't have to die, so this gives them an alternative." But what happens when Mackie's memory is full of hamsters? "Well terminal number six will then begin to take hamsters, and when it is full, the next computer will continue, and so

on," Mackie commented. So all you hamster lovers, do not fear, your little Hammy's and

Pudgy's will be able to live forever now with the Macintosh Computer Labs Hamster Heaven.

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### \_\_\_\_letters New macroclimate in Curtis corridor

by Patrick Ali DEAKED TOOS.

he latest analysis of the air in the corridor east of the Curtis Lecture Halls has shown that the air is indeed polluted. Not only is it contaminated with every known toxic chemical. but the high level of water vapour from exhaled air and steaming coffee as well as radioactive fallout from doughnut bits have combined to create a whole new macroclimate.

Yes, strange atmospheric phenomena have been observed in the hallways. from mini lightning bolts and thunder to melting snow. freezing rain and mirages Observers have documented that at certain times during the day it in fact rains in Central Square! A swat team of climatologists have been called in. Initial investigations have indicated that the air pocket created in the area acts as a stationary warm front and as the doors are opened, a rush of cold air acting as an advancing cold front interacts with the saturated water vapour and . ... it RAINS! Gosh. not only do you need a gas mask to stroll through Central Square but you need an umbrella too! The Aurora Borealis effect results from chemical reactions between nicotene, carbon monoxide and sucrose in timbit frosting. Once a timbit is affected it begins to decrease in size and gives off charged alpha particles and glows. The timbit, now known as an alpha-bit, gets a new half-life and continues to radiate gently until exponential disintegration leads to a sonic boom. Occasionally, two alpha bits complete their half lives simultaneously and the combined sonic booms result in the typical early afternoon thunder claps

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This is actually a letter to the editor; so reditors such

April 5, 1990 EXCALIBURRITO 5

### **Donuts and Gomushi tangled in hair controversy**

"my glamour boy days are over"

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#### by Heder Ineidyeropinyon

ollowing The White Paper. The Purple Paper and the Blueprint for Action. a new controversy has arisen; the most complex issue yet, the colour and length of CYSF president-elect Jeann Gomushi's hair

In a debate held last week in the east bearpit. CYSF president Peter Donuts defended dark brown as the only hair colour suitable for politicians. "We darkhaired students must unite to fight against the injustices of light-brown and blonde hair." he said, as he waved a comb valiantly in the air.

Gomushi, the proud owner of a head of long light-brown, darkbrown hair defended his position against Donuts proudly. "Unite to



Shacks lead singer Jeann Gomushi.

fight for our hair's rights!" he exclaimed, as the other members of his rock group Short Old Shacks surrounded him. It should be noted that, of his

bandmates, only Steve 'n' Lance had hair that even approached Gomushi's in length

Georgio, top hairdresser for Onde Hair Design was on hand to cmment on the proceedings. "Well, I don't know who is right, he said. "If they choose short hair as 'official' for York, that would mean more business for us. But. if they pick long, imagine the money we would make with styling!

The highly charged debate went on through the afternoon. with Donuts noting the darkhaired presence of Ronald Reagan as good for the United States, and Gomushi emphasizing that long haired Jon Bon Jovi would make a good leader, if he was even considered for nomination. "That's just another element



Peter Donuts — on his way out.

in the long standing conspiracy against us," he said. "Unite to fight for long hair's rights!"

In a rebuttal, the Short Hair Independence Team (SHIT). a

# MAC WINS THE TORCH

### Thanx to the wonderful work of Karen Zwierschke and her tremendous Athletic Council!

On behalf of all McLaughlin College students, McLaughlin College Council would like to thank the following people for their outstanding contribution and dedication to college life.

scissors, fought on the side of Donuts. Their leader, a small bald guy affectionately referred to as Shiny, stood on a stack of five phone books to speak. He said that Gomushi was crazy and should be removed from his position as soon as possible, and emphasized that Buddy Holly was the only "musical celebrity" ever capable of leading an "educational institution

group of renegade students with

As to his musical ambitions. Gomushi could only comment that his music would take on a more political stance in September. He wants all of York to know that his glamour boy days are over. as Short Old Shacks will be taking a position "somewhere between Springsteen and U2.

Indeed, based on his album covers. Gomushi will make a poor leader indeed, as Donuts amply pointed out. Waving a copy of Passion in Your Eye. he passed photocopies of Gomushi's portrait around. "Look at those locks!" he said. "This is worse than any other issue on campus.

Chanting. "Cut his hair. Cut his hair" over and over. Donuts and his follower moved through Central Square.

Gomushi fought his point valiantly, saying that the members of Platinum Blonde were more capable of leading York than president Hairy Armpits.

The chipmunk, Excalibur's mascot, arrived on the scene in late afternoon to speak before the crowd. He also spoke after the crowd. He thinks the whole debate is pointless and dumb. "I thin the whole debate is pointless and dumb," he said. "I think they should both just go hide in cave and hibernate.

### PROTEST

by Hugh Betcha

**Mike Skinner Brent Anderson Craign McLaughlin Rob** Centa Karen Zwierschke **McLaughlin College Master** 

**Orientation Coordinator Orientation Coordinator Orientation Coordinator** Speaker/Mac College Council **Athletic Coordinator Michael Lamphier** 

Thanx guys you did a great job!

6 EXCALIBUR, gross roadkill

he University Food Services Committee. despite having proposed a scrip plan for the 1990-91 academic year. staged a protest yesterday in Central Square against students' March 26 protest.

Students responded by protesting the UFSC Protest. and the UFSC soon struck back by staging a sit-in in Winters cafeteria. A group of students then protested the sit-in. and eventually Winters cafeteria staff went on strike to protest all the protestoers getting in their way. Winters students protested the strike by marching on the cafeteria. only to find that a lock-out had been set up on protest of their march.

Students plan to protest the lock-out early tomorrow. alongside an environmental group's protest against the use of nonrecyclable materials in student protest placards.

# Mystery lockjaw epidemic hits York

Exclusive Excal photos

## corduroy pillow

s of this coming September. York students will have a unique educational alternative with the opening of a new school in Osaka. Japan. The Sasquatch University of Fascism. a wholly owned subsidiary of York University. will be open for enrolment in June for the fall of 1990.

Named for and chaired by Ryoichi Sasquatch, the world's richest fascist, the new school will offer several programmes teaching all the skills required to be the next great dictator.

"It's a great step for York." said president Hairy Armpits. who supported Sasquatch's \$1 million donation to York with open arms. "Now students will be able to learn the tactics of the world's greatest leaders." he continued. "and get practical experience in the process."

The experience he referred to is the new school's co-op programme. in which successful applicants will have the opportunity to select their own Third World country to invade and conquer. Although the country selection has not yet been determined. Armpits promised a "wide and varied selection." Armpits emphasized that the United States' foreign policy has made the process difficult. "They keep eating them up. before we can get to their governments," he said.

# Get a break on a mouse before you enter the rat race.

Congratulations.

Sasquatch has expressed that he is happy to be associated with York as he believes the university

York. as he believes the university is consistent with his theory of leadership. He also decried his critics at York, calling them all fascists in their own right. "Come on." he said through a translator, "You can't expect me to believe that York's profs aren't dictators; it's the only way to teach.

According to Armpits and Sasquatch, the new classes being offered will include a tribute to Benito Mussolini titled. How To Make The Trains Run on Time: Giving the People What They Think They Want."

As well, there will be numerous courses dealing with population control, phone tapping and intimidating, dirty looks. There will also be a bartending course. "After all," said Sasquatch, "you don't want the populace thinking too much." You've made it through the best years of your life.

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### Year of the Dog — 1970, 1958, 1946, 1934, 1922, 1910

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### Year of the Peacock **— 1969, 1957, 1945,** 1933, 1921, 1909

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### Year of the Monkey - 1968, 1956, 1932. 1920, 1908

Swinging from tree to tree will get

you nowhere! As Confucious once said. "A swinging monkey gathers no bananas." and in your case, all you have gathered your entire aimless life has been debts and enemies. During those beautiful summer months you will be plagued with ulcers, nosebleeds and haemorrhoids, so cancel all travel plans and stay out of the sun (preferably in a cool, dungeon-like cellar). You probably won't have to worry about finding the ideal setting as you will probably spend some time in a maximum security penitentiary. Stop monkeying around and settle down before it's too late!



### Year of the Sheep — 1967, 1955, 1931, 1919, 1907

Stop munching the grass and start running because that field you have been comfortably grazing on will be burning pretty soon. In Chinese mythology. a burning field represents crisis. chaos and catastrophe. There is no way of putting out the fire, so leave the country and join a monastery (it may be the only way of preserving yourself). You may be able to run from your problems. but you can't hide from them. so look forward to being killed in a tax revolt demonstration. or being committed to a mental asylum in Romania.



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### Year of the Horse -1966, 1954, 1930, 1918, 1906

you're uncoordinated and you're prone to knee injuries, so give up on your ideas of doing the Lambada this summer, you'll only make an idiot out of yourself and destroy whatever little bit of self esteem you presently hold. Even though 1990 is Year of the Horse. it is the most disastrous year for those born under this sign. Look forward to spending time in a Turkish prison for a drug charge you're not even guilty of, and being crushed to death by British soccer fans in an annual London match. Stop drinking alcoholic beverages, you won't be able to afford the liver transplant

### Year of the Snake -1977, 1965, 1953, 1929, 1917, 1905

Your devious ways will catch up to you this summer, as everyone you have ever conned will be out to terminate you. Don't bother with purchasing a bullet proof suit. you'll probably be drowned in your bathtub. Your ying is severely off-balanced, signifying mass confusion. Look forward to spending summer months hiding



in dark, sewer rat infested allevways. Unfortunately, by attempting to hide in such places, you contract a rare case of rabies, probably brought on by the giant rat bite you suffered while hiding out in a nuclear waste dump.



### Year of the Dragon - 1976, 1964, 1952, 1928, 1916, 1904

There is a lot of fire and heat that brings out the real you during these hot summer months. Unfortunately it's not passion or romance but heartburn and halitosis. Clorets, Listerine and Rolaids won't work, so don't waste your money. Instead of stomach pumping, and intestinal surgery may have to be endured in your quest to freshen your decaying breath. Make sure your surgeon is fully certified. With your luck, he or she may be just another Norman Bates on a day pass. So beware! In the meantime, look forward to spending all of your time alone. People are sensitive to the stench produced

from your bowel tract

### Year of the Rabbit -1963, 1951, 1927, 1915, 1903

According to Chinese mythology, rabbits are plagued with bad luck. Unfortunately, most people born under this year who live within a 100 mile radius of the Pickering nuclear power plant will suffer radiation sickness, and begin mutating into a creature that resembles something out of the movie The Fly. So forget about going to the beach, you'll only be zapped with a giant tank of Raid, as everyone will be terrified of your 'new look.' It's best that you buzz off to a deserted island where you can put your horrifying existence to an end.

### Year of the Tiger -1962, 1950, 1926, 1914, 1902

That growling in your stomach has been induced by the meat that has been rotting in your colon for the last 10 years. Don't ignore it, it's serious. Unfortunately. you'll undergo 25 operations without anaesthetic, under the most primitive conditions in a hospital somewhere in Angola. So what if you never eat your favourite gastronomical delights again, and are instead fed on an intravenous for the rest of your unhealthy existence. There's more to life than just eating

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### Year of the Bull — 1961, 1949, 1925. 1913, 1901

You continue to make more dangerous enemies, as you lock horns with a member of the underworld in a singles bar. Cancel the cruise to the Caribbean. as you will end up beached on an island with 500 cannibals that all resemble Tattoo from Fantasy Island. Make sure you check your refrigerator because that lettuce you thought was a grapefruit is walking around the apartment on its own. If you are alive by the end of the summer, you can look forward to spending the next 10 years of your short life span in front of a computer terminal in the Ross building at York. Happy programming!

### Year of the Rat -1960, 1948, 1924. 1912, 1899

Just when you thought it was safe to go to such exotic places as the Greek islands this summer, reconsider as you'll probably be trapped in the mountain home of a giant cyclops (yes he does exist). You and the other 14 tourists who are stupid enough to take a guided tour with some decrepit, suspicious looking humanoid, will be lead right to the one eyed monsters domain. There you will spend 15 funpacked evenings waiting in sheer terror. Each night the giant will come home tired and hungry, as one of you will be hand selected and either boiled, sauteed, b-bqued or just simply devoured raw. Bon appetit.

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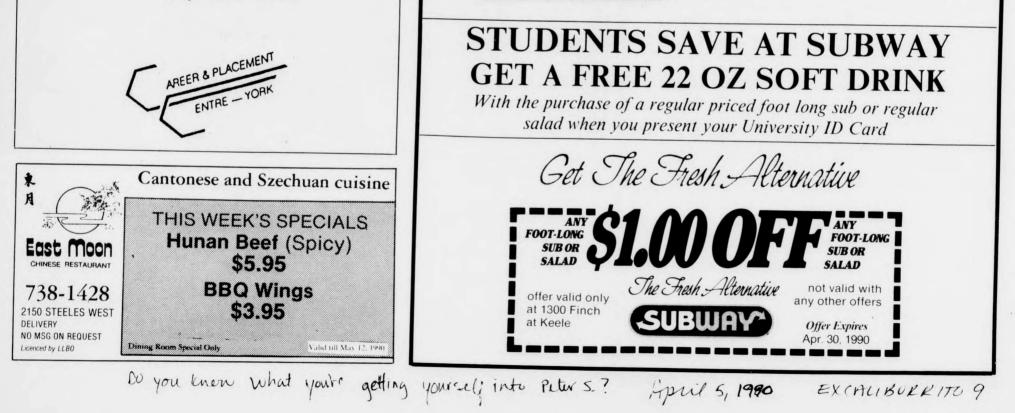
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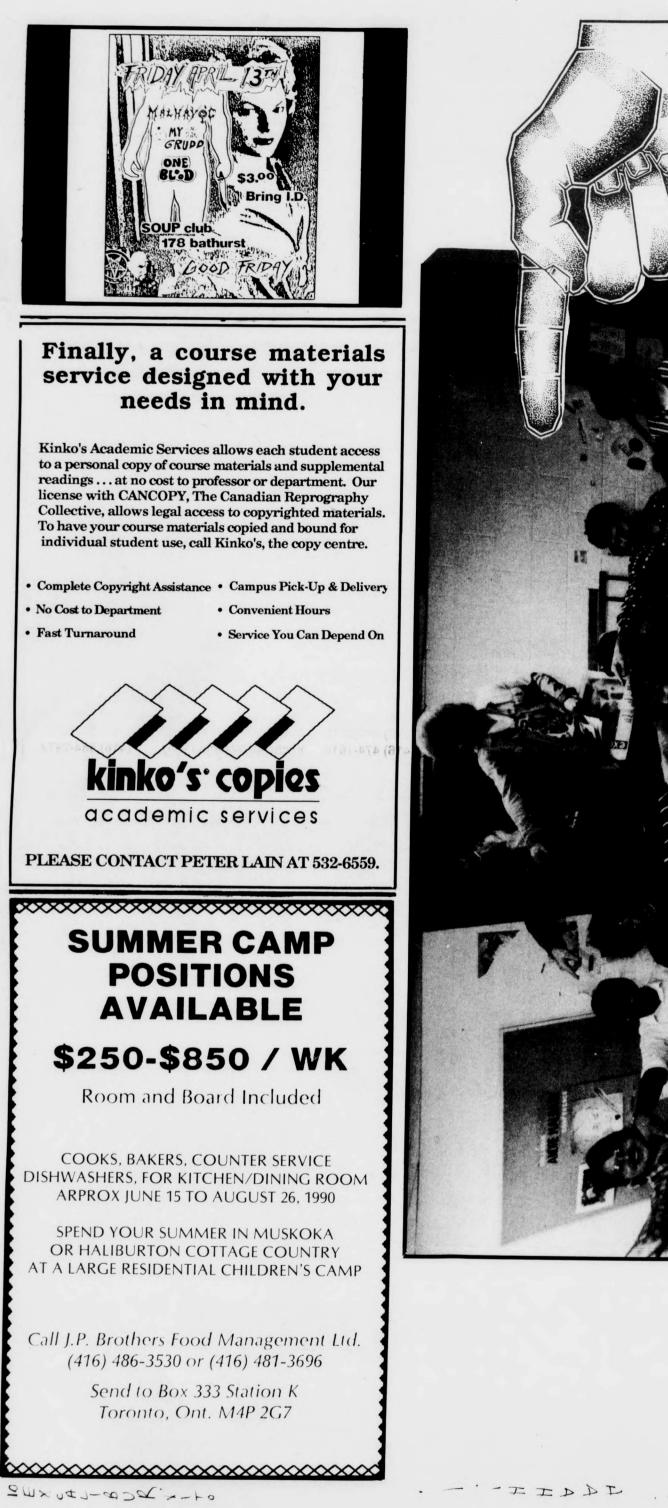
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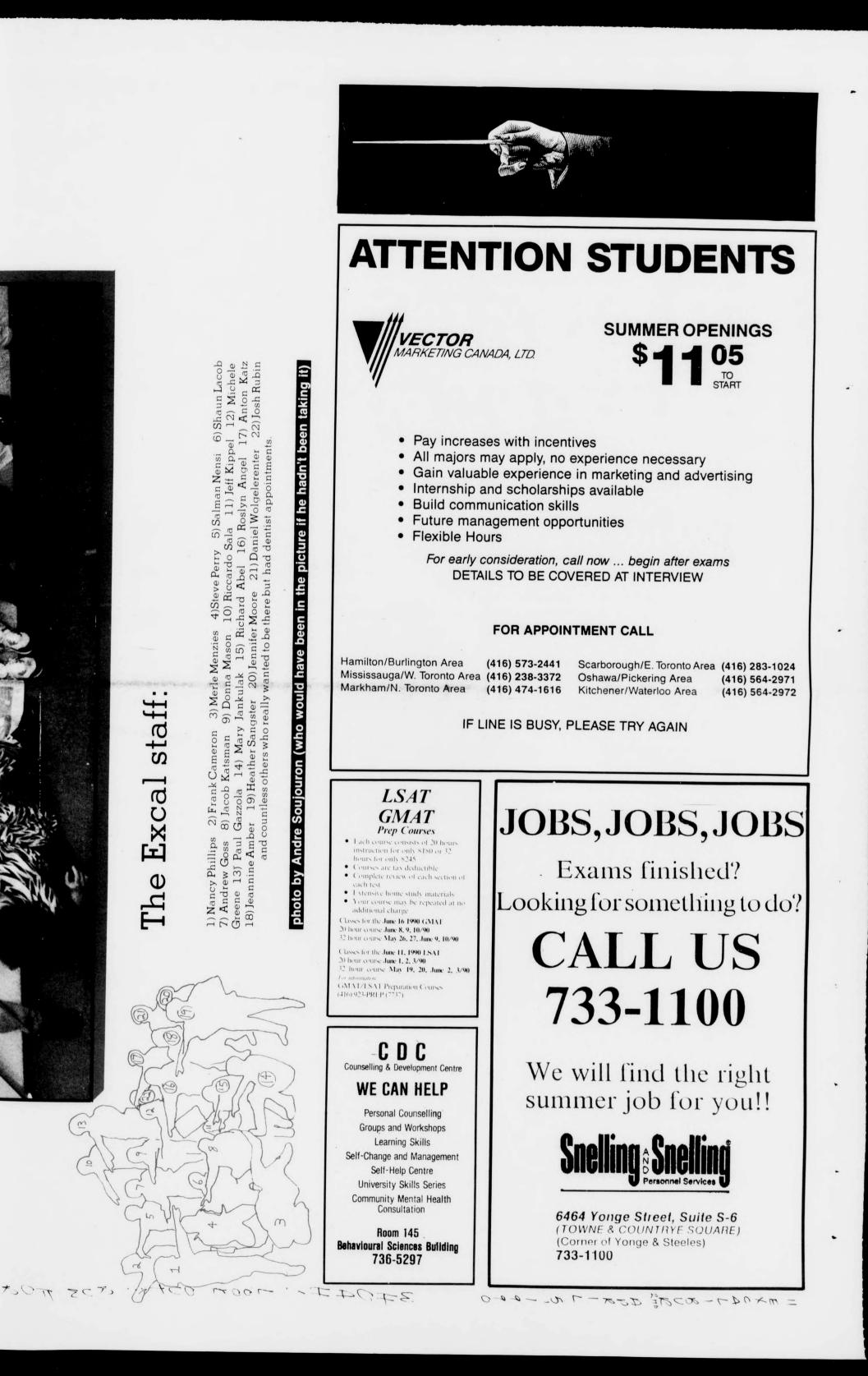
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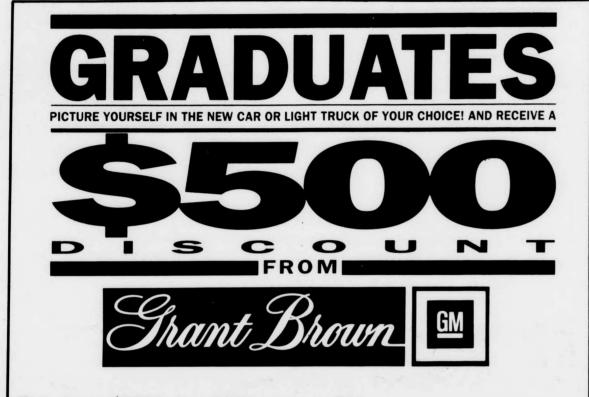
#### by N. O. Ucanthavit

The Complete Guide to Gerbil Warfare by Feline Katz

This new book by Katz is the definitive guide to gerbil discipline, as written by a woman who knows her rodents well. If you think gerbils are tame.

you're wrong. Take it from Katz; they're vicious little buggers

"Gerbils fight with their front paws only," she says, "but they

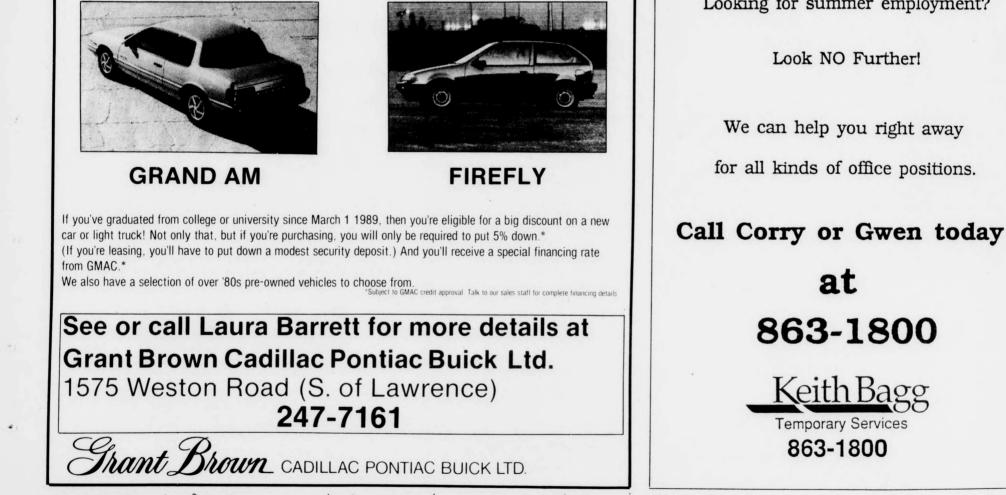


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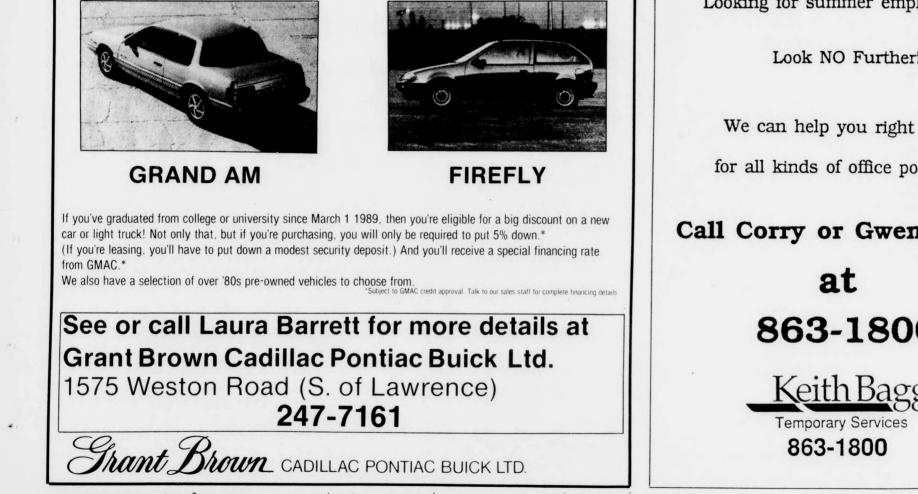




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also bash heads." To discipline them, she advises you to tap them on the side of the nose, or whack them with a newspaper. But don't whack too hard! This hurts the little critters, and you just might kill them. Remember, they may be vicious, but they're delicate and small.

To train your rodents for the street. Katz advises dental floss collars and leashes. You have to train them how to heel and you must be very patient. They don't have a very good attention span, and have to be reminded where the bathroom is constantly

With reference to the great debate over whether they should be allowed to run free once in while, Katz says, "Nope. Definitely nope.

What about food? What should they be fed? Generally. anything crunchy is good for a gerbil. she says. "Granola. popcorn, chips, and they get stoned on poppy seed cake.



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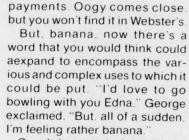
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### Arts cont'd

## WRITER'S BLOCKHEAD



Or: John wanted to go to Edmonton, but his banana was in the shop.

Or. even: When all else fails. banana

But, of course, life isn't that simple. Language is a set of symbols agreed upon by the people who use them. If you go changing the symbols, you get anarchy. Or, worse: a plague of tax consultants

Clearly, as a perfect word banana had its limitations. So. I tried others: holistic. pedantry. mesquite. Rastafarian. I thought I might have something with Rastafarian, but when I put it into my original sentence ("Having conquered most of Europe. Napoleon turned his attention to Russia, not realizing that its harsh winters would Rastafarian his efforts."). I was less than enchanted with the results.

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#### THE SLEEP OF THE MOT JUSTE, #47:

ave you ever wondered why. whenever you're looking for just the right word. you can never find it? I hate that. (Have you ever noticed yourself starting a column sounding like Andrey Rooney? I especially hate that.)

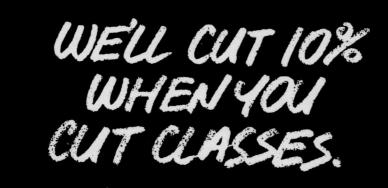
The other night. I thought I had found the perfect word. It wasn't very long. It had a lot of vowels. It had flow. that magical quality that writers use when they don't have rational reasons for their belief that something is right.

The word was banana

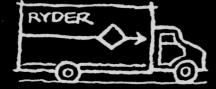
Unfortunately, the sentence in which it belonged was: "Having conquered most of Europe. Napoleon turned his attention to Russia. not realizing that its harsh winters would ..... his efforts." Banana, as good as it was, didn't seem appropriate. somehow

The perfect word is of vital importance to writers. For one thing. it's an excellent excuse to give editors anxiously awaiting your work (as in: "I'm sorry I couldn't get that novel to you on Friday, but I'm looking for a six letter synonym for 'yellow fruit that hangs from trees in tropical regions.")

For another thing, the search



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for the perfect word is often used to explain a writer's habit of staring into space for no reason. "I thought she was having a nervous breakdown." the editor said. "but she was just trying to find an original way to describe a cloud."

It is said that French writer Marcel Proust spent months agonizing over each word of A La Recherche du Temps Perdu. Stephen King. on the other hand. spends an average of fifteen seventeenths of a second on each of his words.

That must prove something.

The search for the perfect word can be agonizing; there are more than 60.000 words in the English language. yet not one of them adequately describes the feeling of sitting outside a dentist's office. hearing the drill going in another room and knowing that you're five months behind in your

But Harvey, we was

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## Arts cont'd ONE SHELL OF A HIT

### "THIS ONE REALLY RIPS DUDE"

#### by Pro Create

n 1984. two young men created a quartet of amphibious destruction called *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (TMNT). In 1990. six years later, 'Golden Harvest releases the movie. I can hear the cries of outrage, "Not another comic book movie!"

It isn't really. The original TMNT comic was a parody of other comic books, and of mainstream culture in general (thus the fascination with pizza). Much of the original biting satire is missing from the movie, but the ghost remains helping to make an enjoyable movie.

The press kit says that the movie is for adults, not just kids. Actually, the movie is caught in between a desire to be mature, and a need to appeal to the younger folk. The result is a movie that can be enjoyed by adults while they worry about



what their kids (cousins, little siblings etc.) are seeing. As the little girl in front of me said, "Raphael sure says 'damn' a lot."

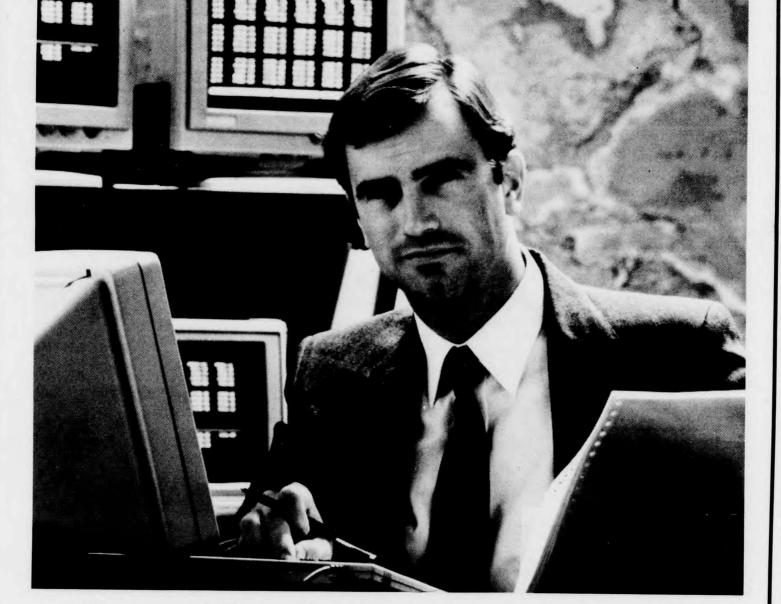
If you're not thrown into a panic at Turtles influencing kids by saying damn, then how about good guy Casey Jones (Elias Koteas) who goes after crooks using sports equipment. Bashing somebody with a hockey stick doesn't bother me, or most kids, they see it all the time in the NHL. But, the baseball bat with the accompanying 'thud' made me flinch.

If Bobby Herbeck (writer) and Steve Barron (director) truly wanted to make an adult movie. then they should have concentrated more on the sub-plots. Two examples: the first is the "romance" between April O'Neil (Judith Hoag) and Casey. In the beginning, there is an awful lot of animosity between them, and then when they leave the city with the turtles, the most intimacy that they express is having a civil conversation. That's it until the end of the movie, when they kiss through five minutes of credits. The relationship evolved very abruptly, with no subtlety. Subtlety in a movie about turtles and Ninja's? Obviously not.

My second example is when the turtles have been defeated. separated from their master. Master Splinter, and have left the city. Master Splinter psychically teaches the turtles that the most important tool of the Ninja is the mind, not the body. There isn't a notable increase of mindpower by the turtles in the rest of the movie.

Other than those two minor complaints, the rest of the movie is a wonderful visual experience. Jim Henson's animatronics have grown from making a frog ride a bike to this: quite an accomplishment. The motions of all the turtles are fluid and believable, so much so, that after the first five minutes you forget that you're watching a special effect.

So. suspend your firm grip of reality. sit back with your popcorn and enjoy what is sure to be "a shell of a hit." movie.



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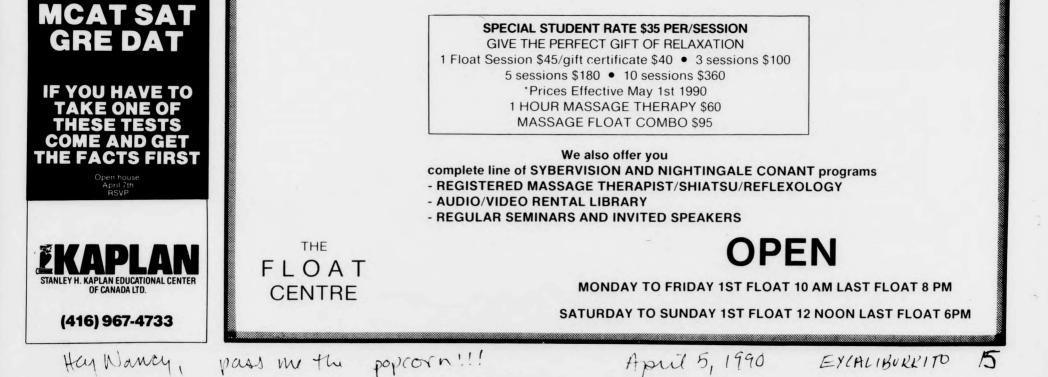
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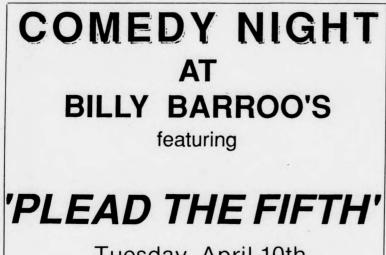


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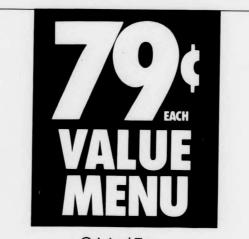
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by Norman "Mother" Vincent Peel

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GUYS

Decide to go to law school, and moonlight as a salesperson all at once. One must keep one's agenda full. The fuller your calendar, the more important you are. If all above fails, become a customs officer. Kiss everybody's ass with the strength of an industrial vacuum cleaner. Be condascending to the opposite sex, children and all those not your own height.

Make emergency phone calls from any phone anywhere, except your home phone. And remember, never return a call. let them call you. Pass out your business card everywhere, even in the washroom, and the title on your business card should be very self-important and obscure as to what you really do.

Wear enough scent to fumigate a small apartment. If you run out of Glade. Raid or Pledge will do. Carry hairspray wherever you go.

Cultivate aggression by imagining you are being pursued by a rabid dog. Emit moisture when speaking to make sure you have people's attention. Attend all conferences, even with titles like 'Creative Lifestyle Self-Activism' It looks good on your resume.

Speaking of resume, we hear that 10 page resumes go over really well in the job market. Don't forget to include grammar school through high school. escpecially extra-curricular activities like skipping rope. hopscotch and the babysitting course you took

If all of the above fails, get a position in the family business or buy a job.

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In a joint decision with the office of student affairs. president Hairy Armpits has decided to legalize marijuana on campus. "It'll be groovy." he said. before he fell asleep at the press conference. Armpits also announced that drag racing would soon be a weekly event in Central Square and that he wished he were young again so he could enjoy it.

#### PUT A SOCK IN IT

York science professor Joseph P. Brainy has made a startling discovery. He has found the mysterious void which socks travel to after being lost in the clothes dryer. He said it is not a pretty place, but that the look is nothing compared to the smell

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### Sports

## **Bear pit hulkamania**

## **Please read this:** it's funny

#### by Russel Mania

t's official! Wrestlemania VII will be held at York University sometime in the near future. The decision was made shortly after the completion of Wrestlemania VI held April 1 at Sky-Dome

The surprise champion. The Ultimate Warrior, eagerly looks forward to the rematch: "lii ammm thhe champppion! liii willll winnnn againnn! Haww!" His defeated foe. Hulk Hogan. demanded the confrontation immediately after his loss to the Warrior

Their SkyDome match was intense and mean. Both wrestlers pinned their opponents down for the three-count midway through the fight but the referee could not credit victory as he had been knocked face down. From then on, the two men bounced off the ropes. colliding into one another and collapsing to the tarp

When they meet again at York. they will contest before an eager audience. An estimated 40.000 students will be given mandatory time off from exams to view the exhibition. An area in one of the bearpits will be cleared to hold mat and ring for the wrestlers.

Also expected to show are Hacksaw Jim Duggan, Brutus, "The Barber" Beefcake and a rematch between Rowdy Roddy Piper and Bad News Brown. Brown, a Harlem native, was sore after losing to Piper and said he will give Piper a whipping at the Bear Pit.

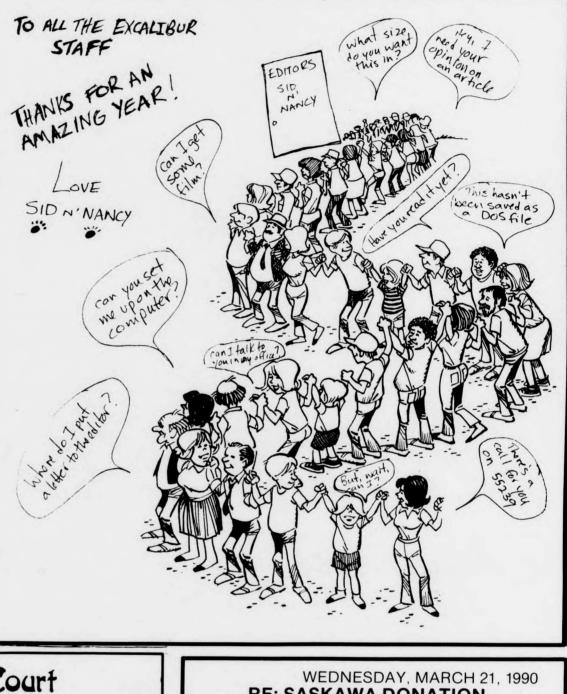
York students can't wait to see all 460 lbs. of The Canadian Earthquake when he appears in the ring. Earthquake was punched in the mouth, spitting blood during his Sunday match versus Hercules. "I will sit on the next man who tries to outdo me." said 'Quake

But for many. the Hogan-Warrior rematch will be the thing

**OVERSEAS** 

to see. Outgoing Excalibur editor. The Mighty Pen, is suspending her trip to the Soviet Union to attend the event. New CYSF president, Unite to Fight, will hold a council meeting in the ring. Proceedings may even simulate **CYSF** reality!

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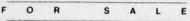
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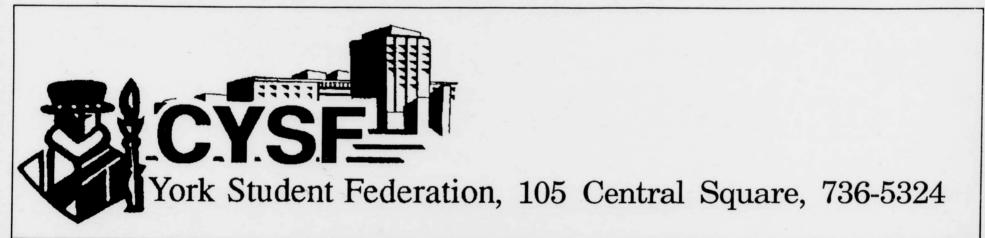
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