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NEWS

# Black History Month looks at roots of racism

by Trevor Burnett

Over the month of February, York has been celebrating Black history and culture. During Black History Month, there were many events presented by various groups on campus.

On Feb. 6, a film entitled *The Bible and the Gun*, narrated by British historian Basil Davidson was shown, dealing with the onslaught of European civilization and its impact on Africa and Africans.

Davidson said that Europeans first came to Africa to get slave labor in the sixteenth century. In the nineteenth century, the mission was to colonize Africa and "convert the heathen" to christianity. According to Davidson, it was this European imposition that destroyed much of

the fabric of traditional African societies.

Most of the missionaries already had racist notions about Africans, according to Davidson, an example being those held by the famous David Livingstone.

Livingstone said, "we come among them [Africans] as members of a superior race, and servants of a government that desires to elevate the more degraded portions of the human family."

The film also discussed the life of Rhodes scholarship founder and Rhodesia's (present day Zimbabwe) first president Cecil Rhodes. Concerning Africans, Rhodes stated, "just ponder those parts of the world that are at present inhabited by the most despicable specimens of human beings, what an alteration if they

could be brought under Anglo-saxon rule."

On Feb. 7, professor Dickson Eyoh, director of York's African Studies program, lectured on the historical impact of western imperialism on Africa.

According to Eyoh, Africa is an economic victim of the west because its socio-political structure is governed by western interests. This makes Africa a net exporter of capital and forever dependent on these neocolonialists, Eyoh said.

Arnold Minors, a race relations consultant lectured on "who controls your mind," on Feb. 11.

Minor's theme was that many Black minds in western societies have been channelled into Eurocentric modes of thinking. He believes this is the result of a historical

brainwashing that the African slaves went through in the new world.

According to Minors, the slaves were relentlessly taught to "forget you are African, remember you are Black." This has made Africans in the diaspora react negatively to association with Africa.

Minors also discussed the concept of racism, saying that racism runs deeper than just denying people housing or jobs. It is also manifested through cultural and societal norms and backed up by the educational system. Minors added that although not all whites are racist, all whites benefit from racism.

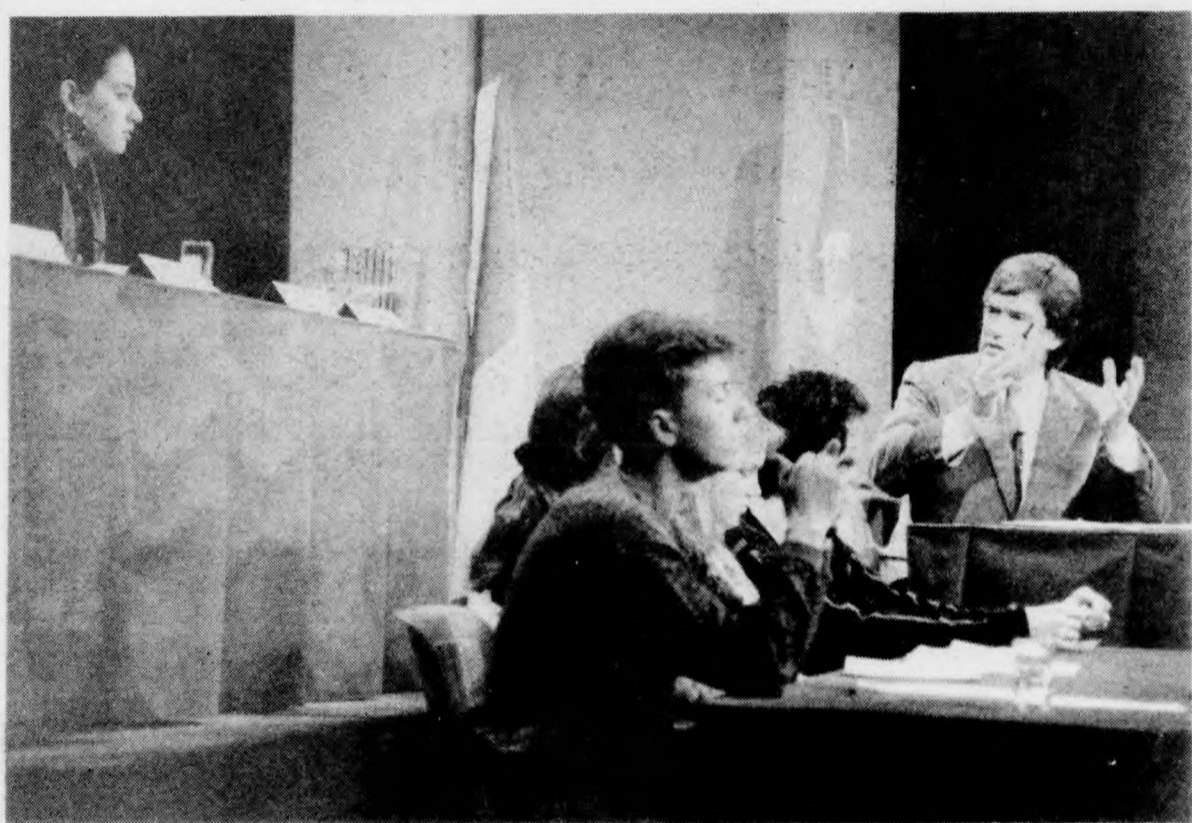
On Feb. 15, immigration lawyer Leroy Crosse lectured on Canadian immigration policy toward Black people.

According to Crosse, the present Canadian immigration policy is dis-

criminatory because immigrants are only allowed into the country if they possess special skills, or have a firm offer of a job which other Canadians do not want to fill such as domestic and factory work. The implications of this policy on Blacks are enormous, Crosse said, because they are presently the least preferred immigrants.

According to Crosse, the media is a major contributor to the problem because of its negative portrayal of Blacks. He feels that the media tells white Canadians not to let Blacks in or they will spoil the country.

The events were hosted by the Caribbean Students Association, the Nelson Mandela Law Society, African Students Association, Forum for African Students in Toronto, and York against Apartheid.



A. CLIVE COHEN

**YOUTH AND GLASNOST:** Bill Cameron, host of CBC's *The Journal* moderates a discussion between Soviet and Canadian high school students last Friday at Burton Auditorium. The 16 youths were meeting as part of a four-day conference called

*Glasnost and Global Village* hosted by York University. Part of the discussion was also broadcast live via satellite to the Soviet Union. The Canadian students were winners of an essay contest which took place throughout

Southern Ontario. The Soviets, meanwhile, were all from the Moscow area, something one organizer suggested was due to the high concentration of English language specialty schools in the Moscow area.

## Cyrano by F.W. Cameron



## NOTICE

**JEWISH WOMEN & THE NEW DIVORCE LAW**  
 Lawyer JOHN SYRTASH speaks on the impact of Bill C61  
**Wednesday, February 27th, 4 p.m.**  
**Stedman Lecture Hall 'C', York University**

**BACKGROUND:** On June 12, 1990 royal consent was given to Bill C61, the first law in any country outside Israel allowing the courts to impose sanctions against a spouse refusing to give or accept a "get" (a Jewish divorce). John Syrtash, the lawyer who created and fought for the legislation will speak on the law and its implications.

Co-sponsored by the York Women's Centre, the Jewish Student Federation of York University, the Canadian Jewish Law Students Association (B'nai Brith) and the Osgoode Jewish Students Association.

For more information contact: Menachem Neuer (Jewish Student Federation) at 736-5178.

# Campus Chronicles

by Jennifer Lim

## Wilfrid Laurier University

Strippers have been found nearly naked around campus over the last several months.

The Dean's Advisory Council (DAC) passed a policy prohibiting the activity.

One incident included a female stripper pared down to a G-string in the Dining Hall.

The council implemented a ban which deemed the activity unacceptable. If convicted, strippers could face fines or jail terms.

## University of Calgary

University safety standards have been reduced due to severe under funding.

According to Jack Berschl, manager of maintenance and operations, there is a \$12 million cut in this year's budget.

The university received less than \$8-million from Edmonton last year and calculates a yearly maintenance cost of greater than \$800 million.

According to Vice President (Finance and Services) Brian Tinker, the Alberta government provided \$7 million out of the \$20-million that was requested.

Instead, a commission was set up to study the funding problems but has yet to be conclusive.

## McGill University

About 20 McGill students studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem are back for their midterm break.

Exams had been rescheduled three weeks later so that students could leave Israel before the United Nations Jan. 15 deadline.

According to Adam Dodek, all students plan to return at the end of the break regardless of the war.

Another exchange student, Justin Cammy believed that students feel an emotional connection with the country and its people.

## University of Western Ontario

Theresa MacInnis, editor of the *King's Chronicle* was asked to resign on Feb. 7 or face dismissal by the college council.

King's College Students' Council (KCSC) President Jon Kielb found a reference letter written by MacInnis on a KCSC endorsed paper.

According to Kielb, MacInnis used the council's letterhead without permission which constitutes fraud under the criminal code.

MacInnis argued that Kielb was upset about a critical editorial published in the Jan. 17 issue about the council and refused to resign.

## ADVISOR TO THE UNIVERSITY ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being invited from the York community for the position of Advisor to the University on the Status of Women. The appointment is for a three-year term, starting July 1, 1991.

Nominees should be full-time employees of the University.

**Nominators should have permission of the nominees and are asked to send curriculum vitae and/or resumes to Ms. Birgit Langwisch, Assistant to the Provost, S920, Ross Building before 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 1991.**

Terms of reference for the position are available by calling Birgit Langwisch at 736-6275.

## EDITORIAL

## The road to peace paved by a free press

Few people would argue that freedom of the press is a prerequisite for freedom of speech.

The Second World War was apparently fought so freedom loving individuals could speak their minds.

But, today we have learned that war apparently changes everything a free society accepts as a given. How else can we explain the Canadian public's willingness to be kept in the dark about what is actually going on in the Middle East.

To say that the media is being manipulated by the armed forces would be a gross understatement.

The press reports that American missiles are hitting only military targets while Saddam Hussein's Scuds can't seem to hit anything but civilians. The allied forces have air superiority we are constantly told, yet the "madman from Baghdad" keeps firing mobile missiles at an irksome rate.

Part of the problem has been that no reporters have been allowed on the field of battle without military approval and escort.

As a result, there has been no real piece of news dealing with casualties, including numbers and where deaths took place. That is because no story can be reported without military clearance. As General Schwartzkopf has stated, "We refuse to get into the body count business."

This war is being covered by the press unlike any war in the past. It is a war run by the government, with coverage from press releases.

In both the Second World War and Vietnam, the press was allowed freedom of movement, with some censorship. However, in the Gulf War, the press cannot even get to the units.

This is censorship of the worst kind. The intention of the allied military is as clear as Saddam's attempts to drag Israel into the war.

The United States leadership knows that the popularity of this war will decline dramatically with each death reported. So the simple answer is don't give out any bad news which will undermine the "war effort."

The young people who parade around in anticipation of "kicking some butt" during Operation Desert Storm are too young to remember the grisly video footage which ultimately ended the Vietnam war.

Those images were not that dissimilar from the newsreel footage of the either the Korean War or the Second World War. The only difference was the timing of their release.

The Vietnam war was the first war during which the horrors of war were beamed into our living rooms. We didn't like it and something was done about it.

That is why it is so strange we have allowed ourselves to watch and read propaganda more often than news these days. Freedom cannot be served when the truth is denied. That is why a free press in the Middle East is more likely to achieve peace than any missile or bomb ever could.

Excalibur is having its weekly staff meeting today at 4:00 pm

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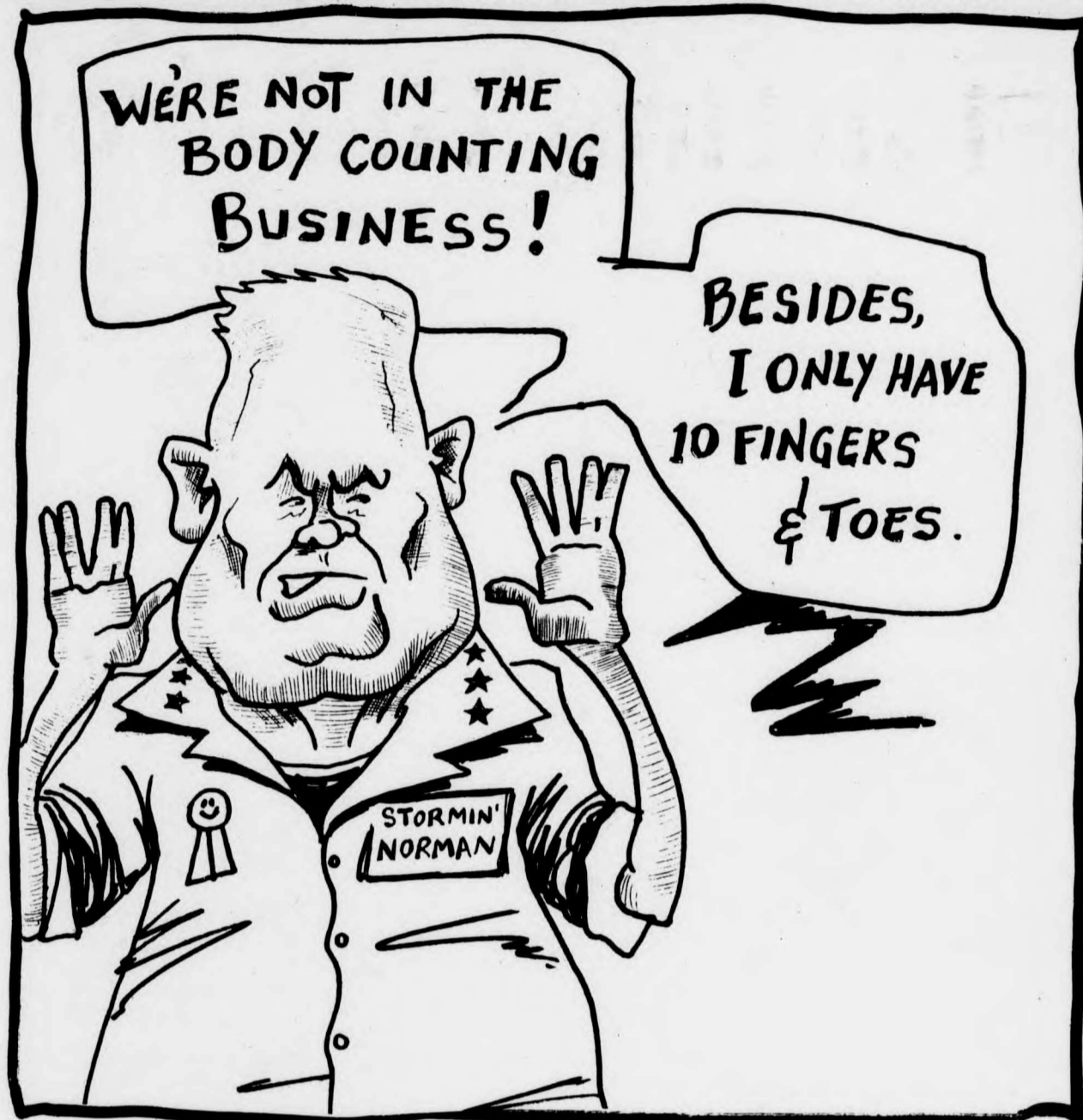
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## LETTERS

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## Excalibur feature writer treated unfairly

To the editor,

I too, upon reading the article, "Black History: the Struggle for Identity," felt compelled to write something that would express my disappointment at the manner in which the article was written. Yet anger (unlike the other rebuttals I read) was not quite the emotion.

Firstly, I would like to say that I do not think that Ms. Parris was/had been treated very fairly.

Her intentions (I think) were initially good—Blacks are definitely struggling to find a solid foundation. Unfortunately the article was written in such a way that clouded as well as took away from the issue itself.

Yes, Ms. Parris wrote in a way that depicted blacks in a negative (if not different) light. But the real problem does not (just) lie in this individual's perception of her own people, granted whites may have initiated the stereotypes that exist, but the real problem lies in the survival and maintenance of these prejudices by the very people that suffer from it.

That is the problem—how many times are we going to hear it? And what are we going to do about it? Instead of chastizing a person for pointing out (through her writings) our biggest problem, re-education of blacks by blacks should be moving into high gear, but it isn't.

No one is denying that racism, sexism or oppression exists, but how do you expect to clean up society if you can't even clean up your own house?

What also really bothered me were the labels Ms. Belasco and Ms. Rodolphe so graciously dubbed Ms. Parris—"sell-out, wannabe"—WELL WHO THE HELL ARE YOU???

I would like to know if I, as a black person, go to school, speak with a Euro-Canadian accent, wear fashionable clothes, strive for and attain a prosperous job—why am I

considered a sell-out? (And not, may I add, by the white community, but by my own).

Why is it when other immigrants to THE EXACT SAME THING they are considered "fighters" and "success stories"? How come that makes me white? Does that mean that by not going to school, by speaking with a thick West Indian or New York accent, by attending "roots" parties, and by having a job that pays minimum wage that I'm black? Does that make me MORE black? Tell me, please, I'd like to know.

When you think about it, the most profound sort of sellout is not blacks

to whites, but blacks to blacks.

Don't you think that it's pathetic when some of your own people shun you because you don't believe that by adopting a certain hairstyle, walk, accent, or slang, that that in itself will create some kind of identity?

I'm a human being, I'm a woman, I'm black and damn proud of me. But I don't sit around pointing fingers, making excuses or taking shit. I'm not stupid; of course racism exists and of course I fight to the best of my abilities. Yet my fight, our fight would be a hell of a lot easier if my opponent came at me from the front, and not the back as well.

Annemarie James

## No cheer for leftist stand

To the editor

Your Feb. 11 editorial shows clearly that military censorship in the United States is going far beyond what is required to protect genuine and legitimate security interests. It prevents coverage which would reveal the true brutality of this war.

At least one journalist has been removed from the "press pool" (which has privileged access to information) after writing a news story that didn't suit the military's public relations strategists.

A small group of radical papers, including the Village Voice, The Nation, and Mother Jones, is challenging these restrictions on the grounds that they unduly restrict freedom of the press.

To my knowledge this lawsuit has never been mentioned by the Washington Post, New York Times or any major US television broadcast.

A typical example is a comment piece by Walter Cronkite in Newsweek, reprinted in the Feb. 20 Globe and Mail, which laments military

censorship, but says nothing about the one group of journalists who are actually doing something about it.

How come when leftists stand up for liberal values like freedom of the press, liberal journalists can't even lead a cheer from the sidelines? Are the mainstream media unwilling to jeopardize their cosy relationship with the military?

Alan Yoshioka

## Abortion issue complicated

To the editor,

Initially, I felt somewhat under attack on reading Mr. Kim's letter, "Why tie in abortion rights with peace rally?" (Feb. 11) I agree that these two issues do not belong together, but it seemed the letter was more of an excuse to voice pro-life sentiment and thus support the

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# Fighting the propaganda war

by Frank Clarke

Whenever we turn on our television or radio for the news, we like to believe that we are receiving the most accurate and up to date news possible on the Gulf War. But are we really being told the full story, or rather are censorship and propaganda preventing a complete objective analysis of the events.

In his book *Behind Enemy Lines*, Edward Boehm defines propaganda as "... any ideas or beliefs that are intentionally propagated ... from selfish, deceitful, and subversive effort to honest and aboveboard promotion of things that are good ... It uses drawings, graphs, exhibits, parades, songs, and other devices."

The objective of propaganda in wartime, he continues, is to "demoralize enemy moral" and "break down their will to fight." This, he claims, is done in several ways:

- \* picture the military successes on the propagandist's side.

- \* picture the armed might and economic power that the enemy has to face.

- \* picture the moral superiority of the cause against which the enemy is fighting.

The use of propaganda is certainly nothing new to the North American experience. In World War I, the Germans were referred to as "Huns" by the Canadian media. In his study of propaganda during the first world war, Jeff Keshen argues that the Canadian authorities were determined through the use of the media and censorship to safeguard pro-war and pro-imperialist sentiment. Thus the war was presented as "a war fought for principle, not capital-

The situation was different in Vietnam, where journalists and photographers were able roam free and — much to the chagrin of US military officials — presented the war for what it really was; a bloodbath. Images of Vietnamese children running from napalm attacks or that of a Buddhist monk being devoured by flames shocked Americans. The result was a turning of public opinion against the war, a situation that US officials are determined to prevent from happening in this war.

The US invasion of Panama in 1989 provides further examples of propaganda in action. With the enthusiastic assistance of the media, George Bush presented Manuel Noriega as public enemy number one. Noriega was trumpeted as a despot, a criminal who had to be brought to justice for the threat he posed to America's security. To prove this to the American public, American troops revealed the shocking "discovery" or 23 kilograms of cocaine and "voodoo artifacts" that were found in Noriega's home. It turned out that the cocaine was actually tamale flour, while the "voodoo artifacts" were items normally found in a kitchen.

The present war in the Persian Gulf is as much a propaganda war as it is a military one. Even before it began, the propaganda machines of both sides were in full swing.

A few days before hostilities commenced, the Pentagon claimed that six Iraqi military helicopters had defected into Saudi Arabia. When pressed for evidence the Pentagon couldn't

provide any. It turned out that the claim was nothing but propaganda, attempting to demoralize the Iraqi military.

Both sides have claimed this to be a war of good versus evil. While George Bush has compared Saddam Hussein to Hitler, the latter has referred to Bush as being akin to Satan.

When the United Nations sanctioned the use of force against Iraq, it claimed that it was necessary to preserve "international law and order" in the face of aggression. This reasoning has been stressed repeatedly, and yet, it rings hollow when one remembers the invasion of Panama. For example, both Panama and Kuwait are sovereign nations and the invasion of both countries was clearly a violation of international law.

ist greed — a conflict in which few died, and always heroically, and where little suffering or blood appeared." Banned, therefore, from publication or distribution were letters or films "advocating pacifism or even peace ... war as a gruesome affair ... or any other image which according to the Chief Censor detracted from the drive toward victory."

During the second world war, the use of propaganda had become much more sophisticated. In fact, by late 1944, Allied public relations headquarters in Paris had the staff and facilities to censor, slant or occasionally pass each week more than three million words from nearly 1,000 correspondents, plus 35,000 photographs and 100,000 feet of newsreel film.

## What would your mother say



## if this dead soldier were you?

A propaganda flyer dropped by the Nazis in WWII

Where was the United Nations to defend international law when Panama was invaded? Why is Iraq's aggression subject to punishment while the United States' isn't? The hypocrisy is astounding, but it seems that it has been conveniently forgotten by those who support the war.

It is obvious that the US (I will be criticized for not saying "the coalition forces" but it is obvious that the US is in complete control of the war effort) is trying to prevent a repeat of Vietnam. Strict censorship is imposed upon the media wherein reporters must travel in military pools and are only allowed to send home film footage that the military will permit to be shown.

While some censorship is necessary for security reasons, the Pentagon is so strict in its censorship that photographers are not even permitted to show pictures of dead soldiers. The military, as General Schwarzkopf vehemently declared, refuses to "get into the body count business." This is a deliberate attempt to blind us to the realities of war to ensure public complacency and in fact, resembles the totalitarianism of Saddam Hussein.

Rather than seeing the carnage that constant allied bombing is creating, we are instead treated to a sanitized version of war with aerial video footage that shows a target being destroyed but not the dwellings or people around it as some of these targets are located in populated areas.

Similarly, catch phrases like "surgical bombing" and "sorties" also serve to sanitize and dehumanize the war. Even the reporting of civilian deaths is sanitized by the military phrase "collateral damage."

Censorship and propaganda complement each other well as propaganda serves to fill the information gaps that censorship leaves behind.

It is ironic that while allied propaganda boasts that this is a "just war" for "freedom and democracy" against the aggression of a dictator, totalitarian methods are being practiced in the United States and even more so in Britain.

In the US the comic strip *Doonesbury* has been banned because its critical view of the war was considered inimical to the war effort. This is a complete contradiction of the fundamental ideology of free

speech in a democracy.

The same can be said of Britain when it banned the playing of such peace songs as John Lennon's "Give Peace a Chance". Even more alarming in Britain was the rounding up of British citizens of Iraqi descent without formal charges being laid. Now in internment, these people (many of whom have held British passports for years) have been denied access to legal counsel and without any substantial proof against them, are subject to deportation upon the whims of the foreign secretary. Such actions raise serious questions as to whether the West upholds democracy or just the appropriate rhetoric of it.

An ambiguous piece of propaganda is that of George Bush's pledge to create a "new world order." Just what does this mean? Upon whose values and ideals will this "new world order" be created? American? Will the people of Islam have a say in this or will it be forced upon them?

Bush has said that when the war is over, Iraq will be able to participate in this venture.

That's nice of him, but by that time Iraq will have no choice but to comply with whatever the west demands.

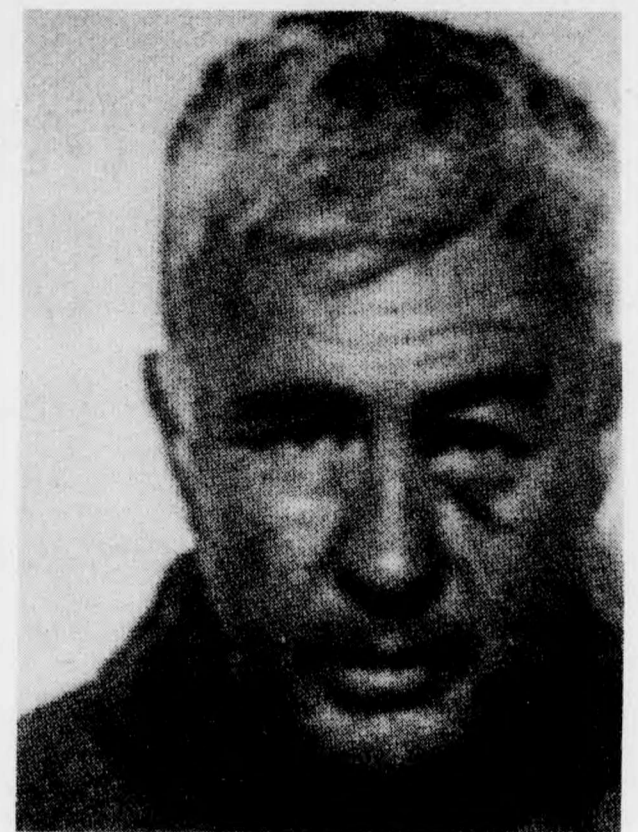
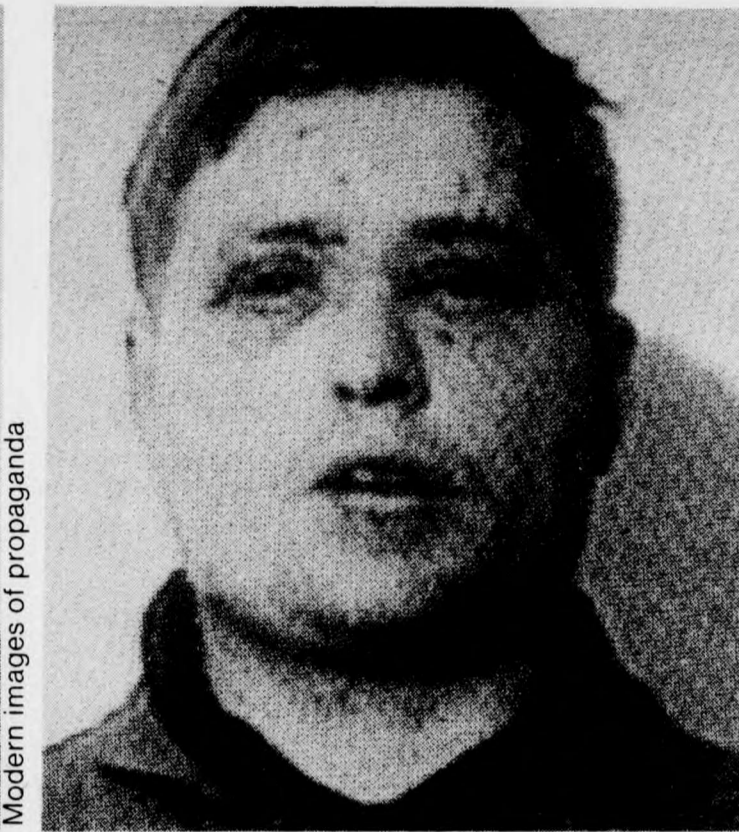
The "new world order" is based upon Western arrogance and a smug sense of superiority. The west believes that it is justified in imposing its own culture over that of other nations. The histories of India and South Africa (and more recently, Panama) demonstrate this quite clearly.

In another sense, propaganda is just as destructive as the bombs that are flattening Baghdad. It blinds us to the reality of war, a grim reality that is clearly depicted in such books as Erich Maria's *All Quiet on the Western Front*, or in such films as Oliver Stone's *Platoon* or Stanley Kubrick's *Full Metal Jacket*.

Whenever Saddam Hussein calls upon Arabs worldwide to wage a holy war against the West, he serves only to increase hatred and suspicion towards Islamic people in the West. The same can be said of George Bush when after relentless bombing of Iraq, he calls upon the Iraqi people to overthrow Saddam Hussein. Hatred begets hatred.

Rather than consider a negotiated settlement to the war by dealing with some of the root issues such as the Israeli-Palestine conflict, these self-serving leaders would rather make political gains from the pro-war jingoism that they have created than risk losing face. The result is that thousands of soldiers and civilians have been and will continue to be massacred over this madness. It will be a sad legacy indeed that the "new world order" will have been created upon such a foundation.

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Modern images of propaganda

# Iraqi military a hollow threat

NOTE: THIS WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE ALLIED GROUND OFFENSIVE BUT WAS MODIFIED ON MON. FEB. 25 IN ORDER TO BE MORE RELEVANT. THUS ANY SPECULATIONS FOUND WITHIN WERE MADE BEFOREHAND WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HAS NATURALLY COME WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE GROUND OFFENSIVE.

by Chris Honke

I am tired of hearing about the threat posed by Hussein's "million man army." For the most part, the only danger posed by Iraq's second-rate army is in the imaginations of journalists who have little or no conception of such military affairs.

True, the Iraqi army has extensive combat experience from having recently fought Iran, but the Iranian army is even worse off: ill-trained, ill-equipped and ill-led. This time, the Iraqi army is up against the United States armed forces — unsurpassed in training, equipment and leadership.

Compared to Hussein's million or so soldiers, the allied forces have mustered some 600,000. But these numbers by themselves by no means tell the whole story. For example, Hussein must station substantial forces to the north and east Iraqi borders to safeguard against possible Turkish or Iranian involvement.

Much more significantly, well over half of Hussein's "million men" are politically-unreliable draftees, many of them undoubtedly do not want to be involved in fighting what Iraqi propaganda has taught them to fear most: the American "infidels." In the absence of a ground offensive, deprived of food and medicine by the allied air campaign, over 1500 Iraqi soldiers had already defected. The allied command has believed, with good reason, that tens-of-thousands more would throw down their arms when the Allied Ground Forces moved north. (By Feb. 25, the Allies have claimed nearly 20,000 Iraqi prisoners taken.)

The fact that Hussein has placed these "second category" troops up front in Kuwait is a clear indication that he considers them expendable. By contrast, all US troops (composing the vast majority of allied forces in the Gulf) are highly motivated volunteers. How many US service people (or Canadian, British and French) have deserted or will desert? Categorically, I say none.

But Hussein does possess a hardened and politically-reliable force which he is holding in Southern Iraq as a reserve counter-attack force: the much-vaunted Republican Guards. Only these dedicated forces pose a serious challenge to allied advances but, as we will soon see, even this threat will prove largely illusory. It was

no accident that the Guards were positioned behind the draftees; they were there to "police" the forward areas in Kuwait, shooting deserters who failed to make the perilous run to allied lines.

Altogether, allied forces have no more than 300,000 troops on the ground, with another 300,000 in support positions (e.g., airforce, naval, logistical and medical personnel). Allied forces on the ground are probably outnumbered by about 2-to-1. But Iran always outnumbered Iraq in manpower during their war, sometimes by as much as 5-to-1, and Iraq was able to hold its ground using relatively superior technology and tactics.

Same situation now, except the roles are reversed. American equipment and train-

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ing is unquestionable superior in most areas to that of Iraq. For example, the American M1 Abrams tank, of which 2000 are deployed, outclasses any armor the Iraqis possess.

Another key element, which in fact was missing from the Iraqi equations during its war with Iran, is the overwhelmingly (primarily American) air power. The Iraqi Air Force, relatively ill-trained and unmotivated to fight air battles they cannot possibly win, has been largely decimated or chased into Iran. The Allied Air Force now has unquestioned air supremacy of the airspace over both Iraq and occupied Kuwait.

With such strategic targets as rail and road junctions, fuel and munition stores, major air surveillance and command/control facilities either retarded or destroyed, the Iraqi army has been substantially reduced in its ability to wage an effective prolonged resistance. More recently, allied air forces have been concentrating more upon forward Iraqi military formations themselves, further degrading and demoralizing them.

Much has been said and written about the high casualty figures that allied forces would suffer when they attacked the Iraqi fortifications in southern Kuwait. This is both unfounded and militarily naive. Allied forces are designed and trained to

employ a combination of mobility and firepower. Allied generals clearly understand that the Iraqi fortifications are among Hussein's strong point; they will attack hardest where he is weakest. To take advantage of Iraq's severe lack of night-fighting equipment and training, the allies will attack at night and already have.

Multiple narrow areas of the fortifications will be (and have been) saturation bombed and cleared of mines. At a few of these pre-selected areas, hard hitting armored columns, supported by tactical aircraft, will be (and have been) injected to strike in behind these static Iraqi fortifications, surrounding and isolating them from the support of the Republican Guards and other reinforcements or resupply.

Huge armored flanking columns (as it turns out, the US 7th Armored Corps) will sweep around the western Kuwait border in a vast flanking maneuver to link up with penetrating armor and move north to contest the Iraqi counterattacks by the Guards. Marine amphibious units will strike on the eastern Kuwaiti coast. Air-

Republican Guards which represent Hussein's only change of possibly maintaining the internal cohesion of his "government," will probably be withdrawn to south-central Iraq and a truce with UN forces will be sought.

What role will chemical or biological weapons play? Far less than the media naively forecasts. Biological weapons are utterly uncontrollable once delivered and would probably threaten the entire Middle East (along with Hussein's own troops). Not even Hussein is likely to risk the wrath of the Arab world which represents his only appreciable base of support.

Chemical weapons, whether delivered by missiles or artillery, are most effective against slow moving and static formations. But the battle will be (and is) an extremely fluid, quick moving, sharp and violent affair. Chemical weapons on the battlefield will be largely ineffective against the fast-moving, mechanized allied forces and would, in any case, be quickly dispersed in the desert winds. Initial chemical attacks may in fact be launched against rear echelon allied elements, such

as field hospitals and airfields but, as southern Kuwait is quickly overrun, most Iraqi artillery which is not destroyed or captured will be forced back out of their range.

Chemical attacks launched by longer-range Iraqi missiles will probably be intercepted and destroyed in the air by US Patriot missiles and other air defense systems. But Hussein will gain little, politically or militarily, by using either chemical or biological weapons and so I do not believe he will use them.

At the battle's beginning, Kuwaiti partisan units, led by US and other allied Special Forces elements, which were probably air-dropped in Kuwait last fall, will disrupt and harass Iraqi troop movements and resupply.

Count on upwards of 100,000 Iraqis to surrender in a battle that should take no longer than 15-20 days to liberate Kuwait. Allied forces will do their utmost to minimize casualties by shortening and successfully concluding the battle as soon as possible. But much depends on how desperately Hussein wants to hold onto sovereign Kuwait.

Despite the "play by play" aspect to the conflict, the allies are deadly serious. The sooner Hussein acquiesces to the inevitable, the fewer people need die on both sides.

By this time, what remains of the

# Gulf war imperils new world order

by Faisal Kutty

**"T**his will not be another Vietnam." These are the words repeated over and over by the U.S. administration with reference to the Persian Gulf war.

Although it is hard to believe anything from the Pentagon, we can pretty much take their word on the preceding quote. The consequences of this war will be far greater than anything that arose from the American intervention in Vietnam.

Gradually, the world is seeing the real goals of this war being exposed as each new peace initiative is "shot down" by the U.S. Over the weeks, the stated objectives of "liberating" Kuwait and maintaining "international law and order," are increasingly appearing to be a cover for the destruction of the military, economic, and industrial infrastructure of Iraq.

In short, the "coalition" is punishing Iraq for ignoring orders from its former paymasters in Washington. It is also a stark warning to the developing world to never challenge the West in this era of a "new world order."

Many armchair scholars who understand the "in depth" analysis that appears daily in the *Toronto Sun* and media of its calibre would swear that this was a fight to remove "evil." They would also agree that destroying Hussein's power will solve all the problems in the area and strengthen the United Nations.

Not surprisingly, these are the same people who tend to forget the U.S. attacks on Panama, Grenada, Libya and intervention in Central America (the list can go on and on). Furthermore, their memory fails to function when you mention the Israeli violation of countless U.N. resolutions with regards to the occupation of Arab territories.

These people are so busy waving flags and cheering for the troops, they do not realize that Uncle Sam and not the U.N. is calling the shots. How was George Bush able to reject the Soviet peace proposal without consulting the U.N.? Could it be that Uncle De Cuellar is no longer necessary to legitimize this "naked aggression" against Iraq?

Fortunately, there are also those who go beyond such "in depth" analysis and know for a fact that Bush and his buddies, cannot be trusted. More and more people are becoming part of this group as the daily bombardment of Iraqi cities continues. These people are taking to the streets and protesting this unjust war and their voices are becoming louder, especially in the Muslim and Arab world (including most "coalition" states). They are asking if it is necessary to destroy a country and its 18 million people for the sake of preserving the colonial legacy of Kuwait where 75 per cent of the residents did not enjoy full rights?

Before the ground war began, the air war was seen in the Muslim and Arab world as a cowardly attack on Iraq — instead of fighting Iraqi troops, the allies were bombing cities and towns.

Many people wonder the same thing as former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark wondered after his recent visit to Iraq. What is the military significance of destroying the civilian water supply, the power plants, the markets, or the hospitals? Perhaps, it is to ensure contracts and massive profits for Western multinationals who would be invited in to rebuild the countries as soon as puppet governments were established in Iraq and Kuwait.

The bombardment of innocent men, women and children who had no say on the policies of their government is bringing them closer to Hussein. The Muslim and Arab World is also coming around Hussein as they see their "leaders" literally selling out to the West — namely King Fahd of Saudi Arabia (more aptly named



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**“ . . . ensure contracts and massive profits for Western multinationals who would be invited in to rebuild the countries . . . ”**

Saudia America), Hafez Assad of Syria and Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

The vast majority of Muslims and Arabs condemned Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. They have also not forgotten the gassing of the Kurds nor the unprovoked attack on Iran — an attack for which Hussein was given the "wink and the nod" from the White House as a former American official put it. Neither have they forgotten that America, nor any other country for that matter, raised a whimper when the Kurds or Iranians were gassed, although the allies now find it useful as an excuse to destroy Iraq.

Hussein like any other leader of the developing world was fine as long as he was taking orders from the West. As an American official said, "Saddam Hussein may be a son of a bitch, but at least he is our son of a bitch."

Very few people, if any, liked Hussein in the initial stages of the crisis, but the moment American troops landed he became a hero for what many perceive as his attempt to fend off Western control from the Middle East.

Many in the Muslim and Arab world now wrongfully see Hussein as a new Salahuddin — the legendary Sultan who routed the invading Crusaders from Jerusalem in 1192. The autocratic Hussein is

the wrong person to elevate to the level of the great Sultan, but unfortunately this is the result of American miscalculation.

The voices in defence of Iraq are becoming harder to ignore from nations as diverse as the Maghreb (North African) states to the Soviet Muslim Republics. A protester is quoted as saying "We like Kuwait, but now because the allies have made something small worse, we don't care about it [Kuwait], If God wills it, Saddam will be strong and win."

The irony of the situation is that the greatest opposition to the war for "democracy" is coming from the Arab nations closest to democracy. In most of these nations, as gauged from editorials, this war is seen as an attempt to humiliate and subjugate Arabs — make them "submit to the will of America and the West rather than God" like most of the Gulf states.

Many in the West proudly point to the 13 Muslim states involved in the "coalition" to suggest that the war is accepted by Muslims and Arabs.

Nothing could be farther from the truth as virtually all of them are taking part against the wishes of their populaces. It is merely a logical and wise decision, particularly when the West is busy waging war with one hand and using the other hand to bribe them by writing off debts, giving aid,

and seducing them with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

- \* Pro-west Turkey is actively aiding the "coalition," even though about 90 percent of its citizens oppose it — is there a better way to realize its goal of one day gaining admission into the European Economic Community? The chief-of-staff of the armed forces has resigned in protest and there have been a number of attacks on allied interests in the country.
- \* Massive anti-American demonstrations are a regular occurrence in Pakistan. Its 20,000 troops in the Gulf have not been authorized to take offensive action. The chief-of-staff of the armed forces openly backs Iraq. There have also been reports in the Pakistani press of alleged shootouts between Pakistani and American troops, further increasing anti-American feelings.
- \* Morocco which is also part of the "coalition" is becoming increasingly pro-Iraqi, as the recent demonstration of more than 300,000 clearly illustrated.
- \* Egypt and Syria are facing trouble for their support of the "coalition." Opposition to the war is put down violently. In Egypt, universities are closed and mosques are being monitored. Mubarak may have to move to Washington to run the country.

Perhaps, once they are finished with Iraq, the U.S. and the U.N. can invade and "liberate" the people in these nations whose "leaders" took them to war without their consent.

Thirty-six hours of "surgical strikes" against Panama resulted in 7000 civilian deaths — only God knows how many have died in the thousands of sorties against Iraq. To most Arabs and Muslims, the "collateral damage" that the allies refer to are their brethren losing their lives, limbs, or shelters. They see much compassion for the animals in the Gulf as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) rushes into the area, while the U.N. places obstacles in the way of Iranian initiatives to ship food and medicine to the Iraqi people.

The resentment of the West is not only building in Arab and Muslim nations but many other developing nations. Even anti-Muslim opposition parties in India are calling on the government to support Iraq, for they feel that this is repression of all developing nations.

Although the allies win this war militarily, they will lose in the real sense of the word as they are making the situation more complex.

Anti-American speeches are already being circulated in Saudi Arabia through the underground as many of the vices that follow soldiers (prostitutes and drugs) begin to surface. The destruction of Iraq — whose military power was seen by many as the only check against Israel — will mean the emergence of Israel as the unchallenged regional power. This will further fan the flames of anger.

Many analysts predict that this growing indignation in the Muslim and Arab world will result in its radicalization, and decades of trouble for the "new world order." The war must stop and a comprehensive solution — addressing the legitimate claims of Iraq, the rebuilding of Iraq, and the other regional issues including the Palestinian problem — must be found in order to diffuse this explosive situation.

The West must realize that the Middle East is no longer their geo-political gameboard, and must place Arab interests ahead of their own in this region. Otherwise, the repercussions of this war will not simply be relegated to the veterans' hospitals, asylums and hollywood movie studios but will continue to remain at the forefront of international politics.

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denial of women's sovereignty over their bodies.

On reading the letter again, I was relieved to discover that Mr. Kim is pro-choice after all, for he writes: "My views on abortion are just that. Mine. I don't intend to push my views on anyone."

Clearly, Mr. Kim recognizes that no one has the right to control someone else's body in the name of their own moral convictions.

Again, I agree with his point that, "abortion is not a problem excluded to women," for it must be confronted by each individual faced with an unwanted pregnancy. Definitely, "it is an issue that all society must address" for with the criminalization of abortion, society would take responsibility for unwilling mothers and the futures of unwanted children.

Mr. Kim calls it a "complicated, controversial issue" and indeed it is, so much so that it appears obvious to both us that the choice must be that of the individuals affected.

But finally, I must caution Mr. Kim for he must realize that it is difficult to have a wholly "rational response" when one's sovereignty over one's own body and the validity of one's own morality is under attack.

Sincerely,  
Letitia Meynell

## Pro-choice is anti-war

To the editor

In Marcus Kim's letter to the editor Feb. 11, he states that he is not a war monger, and that he hates bloodshed "as much as any other sane human being." He also points out that the prospect of "yet another peace rally" distresses him, as does the controversy surrounding the Gulf War.

At the time of writing the letter, Kim felt he "could no longer remain silent." I find it curious that he felt so pressed to explain his original position regarding the peace movement, yet unwilling to tolerate those that wish to demonstrate their opposition to the war at an organized rally.

It is quite obvious that Kim does not only have issue with the peace movement but primarily with abortion rights.

He commented on his inability to understand why an organization for peace could be co-led by a person who is also prominently pro-choice.

He continued to state that those women that choose to fight for the right to govern their own reproductive organs demonstrate the same brutality as Saddam Hussein did when he gassed "his own" Kurds.

Kim claims that all those vicious murderers of the world (Hussein and all pro-choice women) do their dirty deeds to rid themselves of those that are of a "major inconvenience."

Kim has ignored that abortion is a necessity because so many men find it an inconvenience to wear a condom, or to pay child support after a separation; in effect, abortion rights are an absolute must because these men refuse to take responsibility for their own genetic material.

Many women have no alternative but abortion due to emotional, medical or financial situations that make motherhood an impossibility.

I find it quite interesting that, according to Kim's philosophy on human rights, the power, and freedom to a self-determined lifestyle depends on which genitalia a human being is born with.

This self-proclaimed non-sexist, non-misogynist states that he is anti-choice because he believes in "the sanctity of life." Considering the butchery and death that occurred when abortion was inaccessible and criminal, it would perhaps be more realistic for Kim to call himself a believer in the sanctity of life.

Pro-choice activists believe in autonomy; in the self-determination of one's own future and lifestyle — male or female. That is why they are so against this war.

The Kurds did not choose to be gassed by Saddam Hussein; Iraqi people did not choose to be bombed; most American troops did not choose to kill and be killed (something called the economic draft). These are the atrocities that feminists are fighting. The loss of autonomy.

I suggest that Kim stop following the mainstream media and start studying the history of oppression and its complement, imperialism, in order to abstain from further impotent crusades.

Sandra Bennett  
York Troops Out Coalition

## Fighting for a just cause

To the editor

This letter is in response to a letter written by David Camfield, "Coalition part of the Problem, Not Solution," published Feb. 13.

He began his letter by stating that "justifications of the Gulf War are simply apologies for an unjust slaughter." Well, this is where your thinking is slightly warped, Mr. Camfield. It is Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait that is an "unjust slaughter."

He only went into for his own self interests, not for any worthy cause, as he would like people to believe. He owed Kuwait more money than Iraq could possibly be able to pay back since all their money is pumped into his military machine. His method of getting out of this debt, was to take over this smaller, weaker nation therefore, abolishing his great debt.

By taking over Kuwait, he would also take over a larger percentage of

the world's oil supply. This would give Hussein the potential capability to hold the world at ransom.

He would raise the oil prices to obscene levels therefore causing a mass wave of inflation worldwide. With these capabilities and this power, I highly doubt that Hussein would stop at the Kuwait border. He would attempt to take control of the Middle East.

We should learn from history and look at the massacre that Hitler was responsible for in Europe from 1939 to 1945. It took six years and 12 million lives to stop that madman. Should we wait that long this time?

In your letter, Mr. Camfield, you explain how the United States and other members of the allied forces, supplied Iraq with their weapons prior to the war. Although this is unfortunately correct, it doesn't make it right for Hussein to use those weapons to violently take over a smaller nation.

Those issues are unrelated. It doesn't matter whose weapons he used; the fact is Hussein cannot get away with violently attacking the people of Kuwait with his selfish endeavour to take control of a sovereign state.

If Hussein is overthrown by the coalition forces, the Kuwaitis will most definitely be liberated from the external aggression of Iraq.

Maybe we cannot guarantee that there will be an end to other Middle East wars, but at least a crazy man like Hussein will hopefully fall from power.

Although he claims that he is fighting for "the unification of the entire Arab world," really he is fight-

## Reader offended by use of Canadian flag

To the editor

We attended the "Support the Troops" Rally in the East Bear Pit hoping to hear the views of the group which opposes the "Troops Out of the Gulf Coalition."

The rally was in progress when the onlookers were joined by a group with a yellow sign which read "Israel out of West Bank, Gaza and South Lebanon." They were standing at the back, but the crowd noticed them immediately as the first display of any dissent.

Members and supporters of the Troops Out of the Gulf Coalition were presented but were silent. This was an agreed upon method of action decided upon at the group's last meeting. Instead of protesting vocally, the group was handing out literature concerning the Feb. 14th anti-war teach-in.

The camera focussed on the yellow sign and, as this happened, some onlookers yelled "Go Home, Go Home" and a few others, carrying a large Canadian flag, pushed their way through the crowd and held the flag in front of this yellow sign, in an attempt to divert media attention away from the sign.

ing for his own self obsession for power.

It is not "Western Imperialism" that has caused Middle East crises in the past. It is the regional quest for total Arab control that has been the root of the problems.

Israel was a sovereign Jewish entity in this region as far back as 1000 BC and there has been a Jewish presence there ever since then.

Israel was founded as a socialist state and it still retains many of its socialist characteristics.

Therefore, your statement on Western Imperialism forming the state of Israel, falls flat on its face. *Maybe, Mr. Camfield, you should open some history books before you open your mouth.*

For all these reasons and many more, the people of the world should stand united behind the international coalition (including Arab countries) in the Gulf. They are fighting for a just cause and should be commended.

Sincerely,  
Shauna Marcovici

## U.S. aggression hiding under cover of U.N.

To the editor,

Anthony Stille's obtuse response (letter, Feb. 6) to Phil Jackson employs many of the standard arguments used by militarists and patriots in defending the Gulf war.

These pro-war hacks always use the tired refrain, "nobody wants war."

At this point the two factions divided; one group behind the flag and another behind the sign.

Both sides chanted opposing slogans and unfortunately there were some outbursts of physical violence. By this time, all attention from the organized rally had refocussed onto this clash. Organizers of the Troops Out of the Gulf Coalition recognized this violence as contrary to their aims and asked their supporters to regroup away from the rally.

As members of the Troops Out of the Gulf Coalition we were distressed by the entire incident.

First, we are offended by the use of the Canadian flag, a symbol all Canadians respect, in an attempt to suppress the right of peaceful protest and freedom of expression.

Canada is a nation which supports the freedoms of all people regardless of ethnicity, country of origin or beliefs, by doing this they disregard these principles, which are entrenched in our constitution.

Also, we were angry to see some onlookers displaying anti-Arab sentiment expressed in insults such as "Go home crazy Arabs" and other comments. These comments en-

danger the balance of the various ethnic groups on campus.

As well, we do not condone violence as a means for solving conflict in any situation, as demonstrated by our opposition to the Gulf war.

We need to clarify another very important issue, which has been widely misunderstood. Contrary to the assumption of some, those who oppose the war are not anti-Jewish, but rather are against the occupation (and bombing) of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and South Lebanon. The occupation of one country by another must not be justified under any circumstances, including the occupation of Kuwait by Iraq.

In addition, we feel that it is important to re-emphasize the position of the Troops Out of the Gulf Coalition. The coalition had not planned to protest at this rally but many of the members felt the need to support the right of the group with the yellow sign to peacefully and unobtrusively represent their views.

This letter, we trust, will clarify the incident in the Bear pit as well as illuminate our own views on the issue.

Jane Dalton  
Krissa Fay

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# TPO offers a celebration of sound

Mozart. 1791-1991

by Stanley Feldman

Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra with Claudio Scimone and Paul Badura-Skoda, Massey Hall

On Sunday, Feb. 17, the Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra, conducting its unique series of star-studded concerts, with an all-Mozart performance, featuring guest conductor Claudio Scimone and pianist Paul Badura-Skoda.

This concert signified the beginning of the TPO's commemorations to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who died on Dec. 5, 1791, at age 35.

Without question Mozart was one of the greatest composers who ever lived, and possibly the most universally beloved. His prodigious output, his combination of genius, inspiration, and the ability to write music that is both beautiful and accessible, is a testament to his greatness.

Both his life and his death are the subject of a new opera, *Mozart*, which is being performed at the TPO on Feb. 27 and 28, 1991. The music of Mozart will be celebrated

throughout the world as never before.

The "Overture to *Così fan tutte* K588" opened the concert. Composed during the year before he died, this opera, literally translated as "So Do They All" or "Women Are Like That" is one of Mozart's most sophisticated and controversial; the story revolving as it does, about the unfaithfulness of women led into temptation.

The overture sets the stage for an exciting play, and hints at the many passages of exquisite music to come.

Under the magical stage-presence of Maestro Scimone, the TPO responded with vigour and precision, its clarity amplified by the wonderful Massey Hall acoustics.

Claudio Scimone founded the famed Italian string orchestra, "I Solisti Veneti," in 1959, and is still their music director. He has led the group to concerts in over 50 countries, and has made more than 100 recordings featuring some of the world's greatest soloists. His stage presence, smiling countenance, body movements and unique conducting style not only resulted in aural pleasure, but a delightful visual experience.

The feature piece of the evening,

the Piano Concerto No.22 in E flat major, K482, introduced the audience to Paul Badura-Skoda, world renowned pianist from Vienna, who came to prominence in 1947, and who has, among many other musical achievements, collaborated with his wife Dr. Eva Badura-Skoda in writing the acclaimed book "Interpreting Mozart on the Keyboard."

This concerto was composed in Vienna in Dec. 1785, while Mozart also worked on the "Marriage of Figaro." It was during this period that Mozart discovered the wonders of the clarinet, and this was his first concerto to use this instrument in the orchestra.

From the majestic opening allegro to the reflective andante, Mr. Badura-Skoda played effectively and with total confidence. The final movement begins in a lively manner, but suddenly is interrupted by an andantino cantabile, full of romantically emotional music. The cadenzas in this performance were written by the soloist Skoda, and at the end of the Concerto, he was greeted with enthusiastic applause, to which he responded with an equally enthusiastic "encore."

After the interval, the concert pro-

ceeded with the Symphony No.39 in E flat Major, K543, this piece, together with Symphonies No. 40 and 41 were Mozart's last three. They were all written in the summer of 1788 and without commissions, which was all the more surprising because Mozart was in great financial difficulty (a constant in his short life).

It has been said that this trio of symphonies were among the greatest orchestral compositions of the 18th Century. As with the Piano Concerto No.22, played earlier, the Symphony No.39 shows Mozart's new-found interest in the clarinet consistently exposed.

The symphony is constructed in four movements: adagio (allegro), andante con moto, menuetto (allegretto) and the finale (allegro), the whole an exciting combination of majesty and mystery, reflecting the mature Mozart.

Claudio Scimone, conducting without a score, brought out the best in the TPO (minor criticism about the precision of the wind section), all combining to produce a memorable performance. Another "encore" piece was needed before the audience was prepared to let them go. Good stuff!

# King Ralph equals tiresome jokes and stale cliches

By David Weissman

King Ralph

Universal Pictures

Directed by David S. Ward

For anyone who has ever unlimbered their wallet and shelled out the better part of twenty dollars for a night at the movies, *King Ralph* presents a golden opportunity to save some money.

Although at times *King Ralph* can be good, harmless fun, it offers nothing new about the complexities of transforming an unrefined commoner into the role model for an entire country; content instead with slapstick pranks and cardboard characters to move the story forward.

The film opens with the royal family gathering atop a platform for a family photograph. The platform and electrical wiring are wet following a rainstorm however, and when the photographer snaps his camera the entire royal family is wiped out in a freak accident.

Ralph Jones (played by John Goodman) is the fired Las Vegas lounge pianist who is eventually identified as the sole heir to the throne of England.

Once Ralph arrives in England, the film quickly degenerates into a parade of stale cliches about the clash of American and British cultures; a joke tiresome enough to make one seriously consider sneaking out and watching the film in the adjoining theatre.



**King Ralph (Goodman) enjoys some soap suds mixed with beer suds in his over-sized bathroom. Unfortunately Ralph has the last laugh because this**

**movie is a stinker. Perhaps if the audience could watch this cliché-ridden film from their own bathrooms, they would share the humour. Doubt it.**

See the uncultured American bowling in the royal palace. See him ordering food at a Burger King restaurant (bad pun intended). See him playing a rowdy Jerry Lee Lewis number on the harpsichord at a royal banquet, and so on.

Peter O'Toole's performance as Willingham (Ralph's confidant and private secretary) is the unfortunate casualty of a thin script by the usually talented David S. Ward (*The Sting*, *Major League*). Willingham's actions encompass every servant

who ever lived; only when he challenges an angry and disgusted Ralph to face the difficulties of being king does his character begin to come alive.

The movie does have some redeeming qualities, however.

Namely, the repeated suggestion that being the king of England is not all it's cracked up to be. But even this idea is not explored much beyond the usual complaints about restrictions on personal freedom; particularly the warning that Ralph must break off his relationship with commoner Miranda Green, a former stripper with whom he has fallen in love.

Meanwhile, the devious Lord Greaves (John Hurt) is plotting to disgrace Ralph by exposing his relationship with Miranda with some incriminating photos for the British tabloids. During this time Ralph's unconventional style charms an African head of state and offends a European king, causing Britain to lose an important manufacturing contract.

Ralph perseveres, however, and in the end he retains his dignity by passing the crown to his servant Willingham (who turns out to be a secret heir after all), and exposing the evil plot of Lord Greaves in front of the entire British parliament. With his return to civilian life complete, Ralph and Miranda reconcile for a new beginning and a second chance at love. Sound familiar?

Combine all the above with the rising cost of theatre admission and you're left with a movie that is better suited to a dusty corner of a video store near you.



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# SPORTS



## 1 for 2 weekend for hockey Yeomen

by Josh Rubin

The Yeomen hockey squad rounded out its season in a mixed way this past weekend, getting dumped 3-1 by the Concordia Stingers then thrashing Ottawa 9-3.

With their win on Friday, the Stingers clinched a first round playoff bye and second spot in the tight OUAA East playoff race.

For the Yeomen, meanwhile, things didn't go quite as successfully, and they had to settle for a fourth place finish, one point behind the UofT Blues.

Pending the outcome of last night's one game sudden death quarterfinal with the McGill Redmen, the Yeomen will likely be hosting the UQTR Patriotes in the first of a best of three semi Friday.

If it is played, game time at the Ice Palace will be 7:30 pm.

The game against Concordia was a tough loss for the Yeomen, who outshot the Stingers 42-17.

"They took advantage of their opportunities," said York coach Graham Wise afterwards.

Concordia netminder Robert Desjardins frustrated the York shooters time and again.

The only Yeoman to beat Desjardins was team scoring leader Brian MacDonald, who capped off a pretty three way passing play that left him with the entire net to shoot at.

Saturday, the high-scoring MacDonald

added a hattrick and three goals to close out his season with an incredible 53 points in 22 games.

The weekend was a perfect metaphor for the Yeomen's roller-coaster season.

With flashes which showed their strong potential, the Yeomen have been an interesting but often-times frustrating team for their followers this season.

If they give a lackadaisical effort as they have done this year against teams such as Windsor and Laurier, their season will likely be over by the time this article is read.

But if the Yeomen play a full sixty minutes, even Dany Dubé and his UQTR Patriotes should be looking over their shoulders.

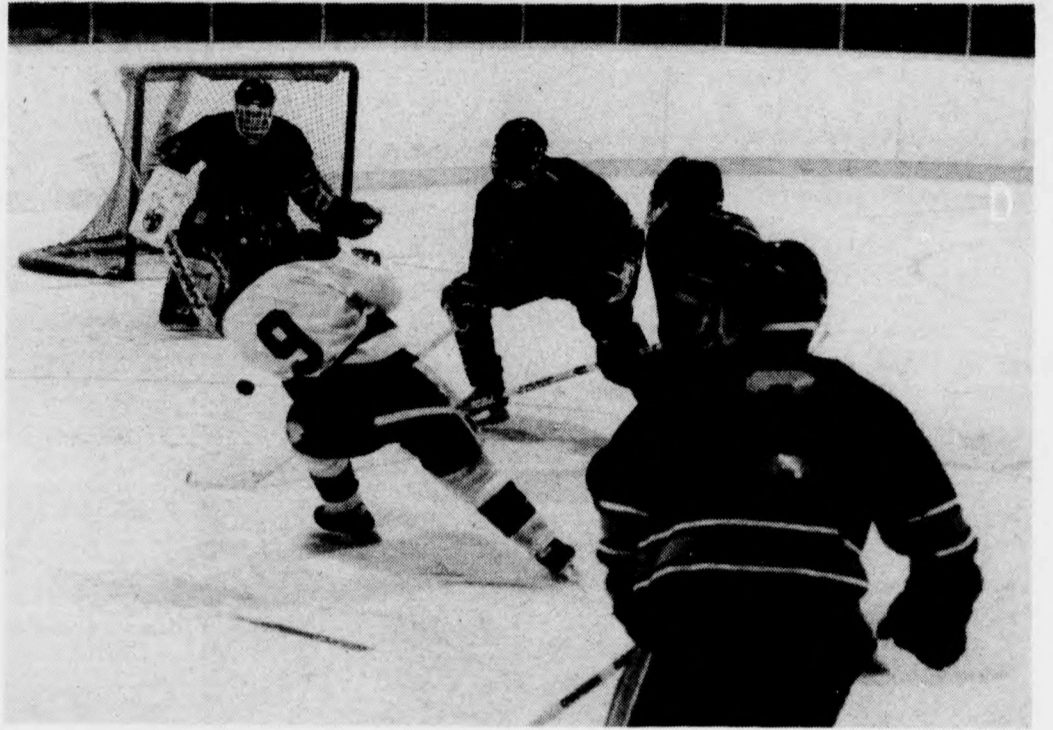
As they showed at Trois Rivières in November, the Yeomen can play with the Patriotes even in front of partisan fans and officials.

Though they came out on the short end of an 8-4 final score in the November matchup, the Yeomen dominated the Patriotes for much of the early going and stormed out to a 3-0 lead.

Friday night's potential matchup (check your other newspaper) is one of the keys to this series, as the teams return to Trois Rivières for the second and possible third games.

The daunting prospect of having to take two straight games at the raucous Jean Guy Talbot rink is one which the Yeomen clearly don't relish.

To avoid it, though, the Yeomen will have to confront their own worst enemy—themselves.



A. CLIVE COHEN

**DOWN HE GOES:** Yeoman forward Rob Miwa (#9) manages to get off a quick snapshot before being bowled over by an Ottawa defender. Miwa and his teammates had mixed success on the weekend, losing 3-1 to Concordia on Friday and hammering the GGs 9-4 on Saturday afternoon. You can catch all the Yeomen's playoff games on CHRY 105.5 FM.

## Field hockey squad bats .500 on Cuban jaunt — coach says "excellent"

by Riccardo Sala

Vinieron, vieron y les fue mas o menos.

That's Spanish (I hope) for they came, they saw and they did all right, a summary of the Yeowomen field-hockey team and a spring break sojourn in Cuba, where they played the Cuban national team.

York batted .500 for the four game tournament.

According to York assistant Cathy Broderick, it was the natural grass playing surface that kept the Yeowomen from sweeping the Cuban side.

"If it had been on artificial turf we would have won, no question."

Broderick said, a sentiment echoed by head coach Marina Van Der Merwe.

York won the first game, going into overtime after ending regular play with a 1-1 tie, courtesy of a goal from Yeowoman Sandra Levy.

The York foursome of Sharon Creelman, Tammy Holt, Veronica Planella and Levy scored on penalty strokes to make the final score 4-0 for the Yeowomen.

Creelman struck again in the second game, combining with Joel Brough to shut-out the Cuban side 2-0.

But the Cubans rebounded, handing the Yeowomen back to back

losses on Friday (1-0) and Saturday (2-1), with Creelman scoring once again in the last game.

Van Der Merwe characterised her team's play as "excellent" throughout the tournament, "especially in the fourth game."

This was York's first foray into Cuba. Also along for the ride were two Canadian referees, one of whom was present for each of the four games.

From the natural grass of Cuba the Yeowomen move to the wooden floors of indoor competition. This weekend York will be at UofT to defend their OWIAA indoor title.

## Volleyballers grab OWs

by Josh Rubin

The Yeowomen volleyball squad defended its OWIAA title at Queen's last weekend, dumping cross-town rivals UofT Blues 3-0.

But the game's score doesn't tell the whole story, as the match was a hard-fought 17-15, 15-7, 15-11 win.

In the first game, the Blues stormed out to an 11-2 lead before York coach Merv Mosher was able to settle his troops down.

Mosher admitted he wasn't entirely happy with the way his team played, especially in the third game, where they were leading 14-5, then gave up six straight points before they clinched the win.

The York side got to the final by dumping Lakehead 3-0 and then getting past Ottawa 3-2 in the semis.

The Lakehead matchup was a laugher for the Yeowomen, who are currently ranked third in the CIAU.

But the Yeowomen had to struggle to beat Ottawa, who played what

Mosher considered to be their best match of the year.

Ottawa, who finished third in the OWIAA East behind York and UofT, lead the match 1-0 after dumping the Yeowomen 15-9 in the first, but the Yeowomen took the next two games.

But the GGs tied it up at two, taking the fourth game 15-11 before the Yeowomen sealed up the win with a come from behind 15-10 victory.

For the moment, though, Mosher & co. are looking forward to the CIAU tournament, which takes place March 7-9 in Calgary.

Mosher expects the toughest team to beat at the national tourney will be the Manitoba Bisons, who Mosher places a cut above the rest.

After Manitoba, Mosher says the honors are up for grabs, adding "There's about five teams who could beat each other on any given day."

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## Faculty ice follies

by Nathan Cohen

So it wasn't quite up to varsity standards, it was still fun.

That was the overwhelming sentiment from participants in last week's faculty hockey series at the Ice Palace.

Won by a contingent from York University, the tournament featured teams from universities across the province.

In the tourney's final game, the York side edged the Waterloo "Worriers" in a hard-fought 6-5 battle.

Yeomen basketball coach Bob Bain provided much of the team's offensive thrust with a pair of key goals and an assist on Rob Martellacci's game winner.

Martellacci's powerplay marker came after Bain dropped the puck off high in the slot, allowing Martellacci to put a quick wrist shot over the shoulder of the Waterloo netminder late in the game.

But a modest Martellacci insisted on sharing credif for the team's success.

Team captain and former York president Ian MacDonald was happy his squad could overcome their fatigue.

"We just played four games in two days," said MacDonald, who himself has played every game in the team's twenty-five year history.

Though he was happy with the game's outcome, MacDonald had mixed feelings about the Ice Palace.

"It's a great ice surface to play on, but we need a real rink at York," MacDonald added.

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## HOCKEY

### OCAA Final Standings

#### East Division

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
UQTR	22	17	4	1	168	55	35
Concordia	22	15	7	0	96	76	30
Toronto	22	14	7	1	102	63	27
<b>York</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>26</b>
McGill	22	12	7	3	103	84	27
Ottawa	21	8	11	2	90	84	18
Ryerson	22	3	19	0	71	160	6
Queen's	22	2	19	1	62	142	5

#### West Division

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Waterloo	22	18	2	2	117	59	38
Western	22	12	7	2	112	74	27
Laurier	22	13	8	1	122	98	27
Windsor	22	13	8	1	100	81	27
Guelph	22	11	10	1	97	90	23
Laurentian	22	9	13	0	87	109	18
Brock	22	6	16	0	62	104	12
RMC	22	1	21	0	61	181	2

#### Sunday's results

Laurentian 4, Windsor 0

#### Saturday's results

McGill 4, UQTR 4  
Ottawa at York  
Toronto 8, Concordia 4  
Windsor 3, Ryerson 2

#### OWIAA

##### Best of Three Final

##### Sunday's result

Toronto 4, Queen's 0  
(Toronto wins championship)

## TRACK & FIELD

York at  
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York at UofT  
Feb. 22  
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1500m 1st Nicole Masil  
800m 1st Nicole Masil  
300m 2nd Nicole Masil  
60m 1st France Gareau

## VOLLEYBALL

### OCAA Semifinals

East division — Toronto 3, Laurentian 0  
(15-4, 15-9, 15-7); York 3 (15-10, 15-3, 15-7)  
Queen's 0  
West division — McMaster 3, Brock 0 (15-6,  
15-1, 15-9); Waterloo 3, Western 1 (15-6,  
15-6, 15-8)

#### Future games

Saturday — East division final: York at  
Toronto. West division final: Waterloo at  
McMaster

### OWIAA Championships

At Queen's  
Championships — York def. Toronto, 15-  
15, 15-7, 15-11  
Bronze — Brock def. Ottawa, 9-15, 15-5,  
15-12, 16-14

## BASKETBALL

### OCAA

#### East Division

##### Ottawa-St Lawrence Section

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Concordia	15	13	2	1375	1145	26
Bishop's	15	10	5	1118	1067	20
Carleton	15	9	6	1159	1132	18
Ottawa	15	7	8	1300	1259	14
McGill	15	2	13	990	1214	4

##### Central Section

Laurentian	15	11	4	1295	1169	22
Toronto	15	10	5	1191	1105	20
<b>York</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>12</b>
Queen's	15	6	9	1321	1339	12
Ryerson	15	1	14	1032	1337	2

#### West Division

Guelph	14	13	1	1200	963	26
Western	14	12	2	1302	1073	24
McMaster	14	8	6	1108	1035	16
Brock	14	6	8	1066	1084	12
Waterloo	14	6	8	1045	1098	12
Lakehead	14	6	8	983	1070	12
Laurier	14	4	10	1026	1218	8
Windsor	14	1	13	1078	1267	2

#### Saturday's results

Toronto, 86, Laurentian 77  
Carleton 68, Ryerson 56  
Bishop's 86, Queen's 73  
Ottawa 103, York 93

#### Future Games Playoffs

Friday - West Division semifinals: at  
Guelph: Western vs. Lakehead or McMas-  
ter, 6 pm; Waterloo or Brock vs. Guelph, 8  
pm; Central Section semifinals: York at  
Toronto, 7:30 pm; Queen's at Laurentian, 8  
pm; Ottawa-St. Lawrence section semi-  
finals: Ottawa at Concordia, 8 pm; Carleton  
at Bishop's, 8 pm

### OWIAA Weekend results

Laurier 58, Brock 66  
Ryerson 57, Carleton 42  
York 65, Ottawa 60  
Guelph 67, Lakehead 50  
Wester 78, Waterloo 43  
McMaster 69, Windsor 49

# Excalibur's editorial election March 6, 2 p.m.

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**TRANSLATION.** Glendon College. The entrance examination for admission to the School of Translation in September 1991 will be held on Saturday, March 9, Room 129 York Hall. To register call 487-6742.

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**"ENGLISH CANADA AND QUEBEC: AVOIDING THE ISSUE"** by Kenneth McRoberts. A lecture presented by the Roberts Centre, Tuesday, March 5, 1991, 4:00 p.m., Moot Court (Osgoode Hall Law School). Reception to follow, Faculty Lounge (2nd floor). For more information, please call 736-5499.

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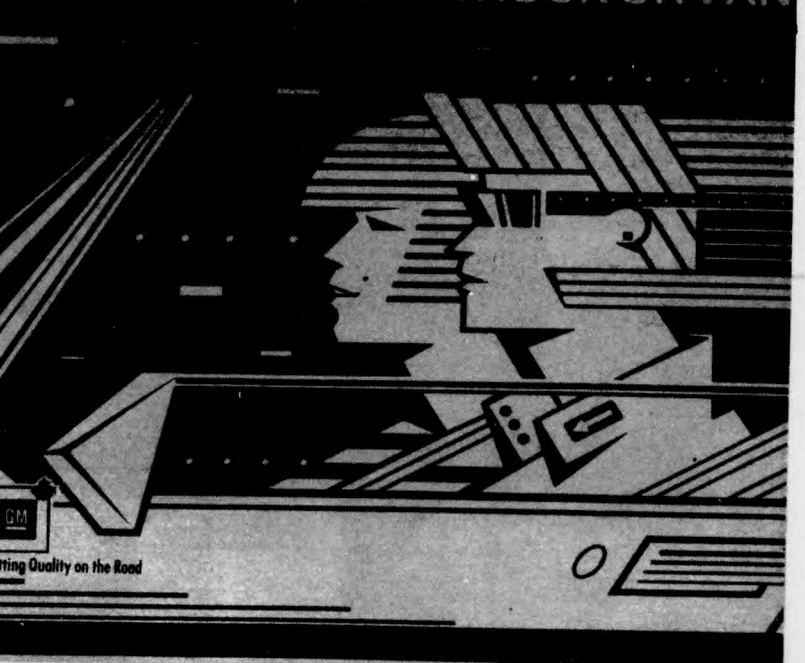
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