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WHAT IS THE QUESTION, AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The referendum, which will in effect determine whether we as Canadians can put an end to all these Constitutional Talks, is scheduled to take place on October 26, 1992. The question will appear as follows: "Do you agree that the Constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on August 28, 1992?"

In order to answer this question intelligently, a basic understanding of the proposals themselves is obviously required. If you vote 'yes' on October 26 the following changes will be entrenched in the Constitution. First, although no clear mechanism by which natives will successfully govern themselves has been achieved, the principle of Native Self-Government will be a basic tenet of Canadian law. Second, Quebec will be recognized in language and in culture as a distinct

society, with all legislation being interpreted to maintain this commitment. Third, we will have an elected Senate with six Senators for each province and two for each territory respectively. The Government is hoping the election will take place at the same time as that of the House. This newly devised Senate would have a direct veto over Commons' legislation but only if 70% of the members vote against a Bill, and with a 60% 'no' vote, a joint sitting will result to settle the matter. The Senate, by pure majority, could overturn natural resources taxation bills. Also, specifically for Quebec, all Bills affecting the French language or Culture will require a majority of Francophone Senators' votes. Fourth, the House of Commons would no longer consist of a mere 295 members, but would now house and feed 337, of which no less than 25% will represent

Quebec. Ontario and Quebec would receive 18 more each, B.C. would get four and Alberta would get 20-just kidding- we will only receive two more. Furthermore, after the 1996 census, this distribution will be re-examined for fairness based on population.

All in all, the natives, Alberta, and hopefully Quebec, all received at least a little bit of what they need to remain a part of Canada. Though Native Self-Government remains to be defined, the Senate smacks of the U.S model, and Quebec gets distinct, the partial fulfillment of all the above is by and large saleable. It is not a perfect deal but remember...you can't always get what you want, but you get what you need.

Dawn LaMothe-Kipnes
Editor-In-Chief

Bug Of The Day...



*He causeth the grass to grow for
the cattle, and the herb for the
service of man: that he may bring
food forth out of the earth.*

Psalm 104:14.

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About twenty or thirty times in the last two weeks, I have asked various fellow students: "So, have you been following the Constitutional talks?" The responses have ranged from a yawn to "What's it matter?!" I just cannot believe the complacency and apathy that my own generation exhibits toward the Canadian political scene. Do you care about your country? Do you know how privileged and fortunate you are to be a Canadian? The United Nations ranks our country as the number one place in which to live¹, in the entire world. This generation had better start to educate itself politically and get involved, or this country will fade away from lack of attention. Read a newspaper, ask a Professor, THINK about the Constitutional Package, and, on October twenty-sixth....VOTE!!! Even an educated "No" vote is healthier than a yawn or an "I don't care". If this generation does not start to appreciate and utilize its democratic rights, then those rights will wither along with the Canada that we enjoy today.

C. Leonard

From The Prez...

Sept. 21-25 is our cultural week. Watch for events & cultural giveaways that will take place as well. College nominations close on Sept. 22, so if you are running for a position on council make sure your nomination is handed in to us by Tuesday! Elections and voting will take place on that Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Come out and vote for the people that would best represent you.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT:
NO FENCE-SITTING ALLOWED

Since Capital Punishment was abolished 1976, the last execution in Canada being in 1962, the crime rate (rape, homicide, etc.) has rapidly increased. In light of the recent tragedy that has befallen both the Gustavson's and the entire province as a whole, Canadians are at a crossroads in terms of the issue of the death sentence. Though it is a question of morals and beliefs, it is also a question of protection for the innocent against such heinous crimes. How should we, as a nation committed to the protection and enrichment of all human rights, deal with this issue?

In my opinion, the government should re-institute the death penalty. Morals become a peripheral concern when innocent lives are senselessly taken. Individuals who are capable of such destruction forfeit their right to partake in this society, be it in or out of prison. If you feel that these

individuals should be indefinitely incarcerated, then what say you of repeat offenders like Mr. (I use that term loosely) Gingras?

In fact there exists no easy solution; it is the ultimate dilemma. No society would willingly choose between two lives, as the weighing of the value of life becomes an intricate ordeal. But, as Canadians, we have been forced to deal with this dilemma, and when push comes to shove, any reasonable adult would choose the life of an innocent child over that of a disturbed psychopath. Personally, I would rather see the psycho fry. Every time a heart-wrenching story such as Corinne's hits the news, all I can think of is the pain and degradation that this world inflicted upon her before she died. I say an eye for an eye!

Miranda Gittersos
Assistant Editor

CLASSIFIEDS

The Family Life Education Council provides and promotes programs which help families and individuals develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes which encourage personal development and nurturing relationships. They offer courses in: Couple Communication; Parent Education; Personal Development; and Group Leadership. For those interested in specializing in Family Life Education or Early Childhood, the Council offers an excellent Volunteer Program. Contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator at 451-6335.

HELP YOURSELF WHILE
HELPING SOMEONE ELSE

Would you like to spend a couple of hours a week with someone who could really use your help? The Edmonton Board of Health Home Care Program knows of people who need help from a caring person. They may be lonely and need someone to visit them once a week, or they may need someone to help them get to medical appointments or grocery shopping. To find out more, call Roger Laing at 482-9878.

EXPANSIONIST
PARTY OF THE U.S.

For those of you who could care less about the Constitutional crisis in Canada, here is something for you to munch on. The Expansionist Party of the U.S. is willing to visit our College and convert us to the territorial expansion of the U.S. into Canada. "XP advocates geographic enlargement of the United States by admitting Canada as seven states". Also, they suggest that English Canadians should have the right to say 'no' to Quebec's unreasonable rights. Well, the long and short of it is this: this country had better get it's act together or XP will take over! Oh no!

ATTENTION!

All 1993 College Grads. There will be an organizational meeting Wed. Sept 16th at 11:10 in the Auditorium. For more information call Gilda Staatz at 459-4947.

GORDON IS
NUMBER ONE!

If you're wondering who or what Gordon is, you have come to the right place. Gordon happens to be the new release by the Barenaked Ladies, and it is one heck of a compact disc. I have never liked their rendition of 'Lovers in a Dangerous Time' by Bruce Cockburn, but I was pleased with their newest. Gordon is a compilation of 15 songs, each of them very distinct. Most of the lyrics are lighthearted and very amusing. They seem to have a knack for poking fun at our fears, our pet peeves, events in our mundane lives, and certain celebrities.

The most amusing songs on the disc are: 'Be my Yoko Ono' (I never did like her); 'The King of Bedside Manor'; and 'If I had a \$1,000,000'. If you are more serious about music styles the best arrangements to listen to are: 'Hello City'; 'Box Set'; and 'I Love You'. But, no matter what style you prefer, it is the kind of disc that grows on you every time you listen to it. The Barenaked Ladies are at the top of the charts, and Gordon has taken them all the way there.

YESTERDAY
I BEGGED
THE DEAR
LORD FOR
STRENGTH

AND SHUDDERED AT THE THOUGHT OF EVER
SHEDDING ANOTHER TEAR. THOSE YEARS
WERE OF GRIEF AND MISERY,
TEARS OF PAIN AND SUFFERING.

T O D A Y
I T H A N K
H I M F O R
M Y T E A R S .
N E V E R
H A V E I F E L T
C L O S E R T O
H I M I N
A L L M Y
P R A Y E R S .

Zana

GONCH PULLING THROUGH LIFE
- a musical guide

I have to confess that I wasn't exactly camping out to see another one of David Lynch's movies. I, like many of you out there, I'm sure, have seen a few of his other features, and am beginning to find him a little bit predictable. His dark tales of (for the most part) the underworld, have become slightly tiresome because of the obviously calculated cryptic manner in which he presents them-and this is where his latest effort-Twin Peaks Fire Walk With Me-fails.

The film is actually light and even humorous (not completely black) for the first half hour or so, and I thought I wouldn't have to put up with another mentally draining, psychological joke (little did I know I had another two hours or so left to enjoy myself). To put it simply, I can appreciate the Twin Peaks storyline for what it is... a suspense filled thrilling account of the events preceeding and following the death of lovely Laura Palmer, but

watching him present it in a manner he does I just find frightfully tiring.

I'd have to think back to the countless Hitchcock movies I've had the privilege to take in and I can't help but noticing that I find his shows much more accessible, and therefore, much more effective and enticing than Lynch's movies. It's not easy trying to explain to someone how fresh the idea of Eraserhead (one of David Lynch's films) was, and how this came across as something new and individual when all his other movies smell of the same mold that made Eraserhead so intriguing to us originally. If Lynch wants to keep our attention, he'll have to get out of his current rut and begin to captivate us with the kind of suspense that will keep our attention rather than making us feel more tired than my Grandma after "The Price is Right".
Sidney Curvelvis

JUST-US

Families strongly united strived for survival,
together, yet together alone only nature to rival.
Smiles at birth welcomed all to earth
but never forgot the trust in life's dust.
Acceptance of limits, always a mother's pure
teaching,
kept respect alive in the elder's preaching.
Kill, clean, cure, clothes keep us aware
of a circle in harmony unbroken.

Winds have shifted and curiously lifted
joy and glory to lost seamen's stories.
With hearts and minds together in peace
we opened our arms, lives, land without lease.
Polluted ideals quickly claimed all shiny
substance

under cloak of religion branded heathens be
distant.
Prophets predicted the coming days conquer
with patience time's harness relinquishes
leashes.

Civilization they say in contract private
property way is our true trust, but conditions
must forever favour us.
Take beads.
Mark this scroll with your X please.
BE happy- over their.
Independent once, now divided, treated,
left dependent under guise of trust.
Esteem erased, pride purged, strength stripped,
a people left in the arms of Just-us

Eddie D. Kolausok.

SPORTS

Welcome Back Everyone!

This year's sport section of the Blue & White will consist of more than just scores and statistics, we will bring you a more personal and closer look at Concordia's Athletic teams. We want you to be familiar with the people, the coaches, and the athletes involved in the various athletic programs. This year's editions will include player profiles, editorials on games, upcoming events, action shots and much much more.

Concordia's Volleyball and Basketball programs belong to the Edmonton Volleyball Association and the Edmonton Basketball Association. Both the men's and women's Volleyball and Basketball teams have well represented the College in this league in past years. Volleyball has won a division title as a co-ed team and both the men's and women's teams have represented Concordia in the play off rounds. Basketball has also been successful. The women's team captured their division title last year and the men's team secured first place in their division during the season, but came short in winning the division title.

Concordia's Hockey program traditionally belonged in the Edmonton hockey association, playing against various teams in the city league. This year Concordia's hockey program belongs to the ACAC league. Therefore, Concordia will be competing against teams such as NAIT, SAIT, and Red Deer College, to name a few. Games will be held at the Agricom and at the Northlands Coliseum. Watch for posters around the school and the regular updates available the 15th and 30th of every month in the Blue & White. In addition, as member of the ACAC league, Concordia has added three new athletic programs: swimming, golf, and badminton. We wish you the best in the ACAC LEAGUE GUYS!!!!

Try outs are currently in session, and teams will be finalized by the end of September at which time we will provide you with team rosters. Just out of interest, practices for Volleyball are held at Commonwealth Stadium and Braemar Campus every Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Basketball practice nights are every

Tuesday and Thursday nights at Commonwealth Stadium from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Remember...each and every member of an Athletic team has the opportunity to win an award at the end of the year. Concordia Athletic awards include Most Valuable Player, awarded for each respective team, as well as a gold and silver medal award equivalent to major and minor awards. Naturally, the overall Female and Male Athletes of the year will also be recognized. Also, one of the newest Athletic programs, Badminton, is proud to announce that it offers a scholastic award to a lucky athlete.

The Blue & White wishes all the best to Concordia's Athletic teams and we hope that you, the students, will come out and support Concordia Athletics!!!!!!
SEE YOU AT THE GAMES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Angie Celino Sports Editor

P.S The Mustangs first exhibition game will be held Friday Sept. 18 against Leduc, and Sat. Sept 19 against St. Albert. Both will be at the Agricom at 7:30 P.M., \$2.00 for students.

(more) ENTERTAINMENT

STUFF TO CATCH

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Sept 17-19 The Watchmen (Dinwoodies)
Sept 17 Zip Gun (Seattle) with Minstrels on Speed (The Bronx)
Sept 17 The Bach Pirates (The Ritz Diner)
Sept 18 Snow Dogs (Winnipeg) (The Ritz Diner)
Sept 18-19 The Dream Revolution with Love Crush (Angelo's Place)
Sept 22 Doublebill-Love Crush/The Dream Rev (Sidetrack)

Sept 22-27 Dream Speakers Festival
Sept 22 Dread Zeppelin (Dinwoodie)
Sept 25-26 Love Crush (Angelo's Place)
Sept 29 Blue Rodeo (Jubilee Auditorium) plus guest The Skydiggers
Sept 29 April Wine (Convention Centre)
Oct 7 Def Leppard (Northlands Coliseum)
Oct 18 Bruce Springsteen (Northlands Coliseum)

POETRY CONTEST

National Library of Poetry
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MD 21117

To enter, please send ONE original poem, any subject and any style. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by September 30, 1992. \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets. You will also have a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.