

A pope for all ages

By Robert Bodrog-Goodland

This September marks a significant event for the people of Canada. For the first time in the history of mankind (not to mention that of the Catholic Church), the Pope, God's representative on Earth, the man himself, is visiting our nation. It's proven to be quite the show too, rivalling that of David Bowie's 'Serious Moonlight', or the Jackson's 'Victory' tour.

I'm all in favor of the Pope's visit; after all, it's about time Canada got some Papal attention. I mean, it's not like the Catholic faith isn't adequately represented. With about ten million Catholics in this country, they make up quite a percentage of the population, and therefore also the consumer market.

And if you've been watching television at all in the past month, it's apparent that all the statisticians know this too. It seems that every wholesaler and mail order house from Nanaimo B.C. to Armdale N.S. is trying to cash in on the tour in every way shape and form.

In addition to the flags, posters, and other memorabilia, there are Papal candles, Papal caps, Papal dolls; there are plates and other tableware engraved with the 'official Papal logo'; there's even official Papal champagne.

I'm surprised they didn't print up a special limited edition of the New Testament to commemorate the occasion. Then on each stop the Pontiff could inscribe a few copies, which could be sold as collector's items. Now that would be a shrewd marketing move.

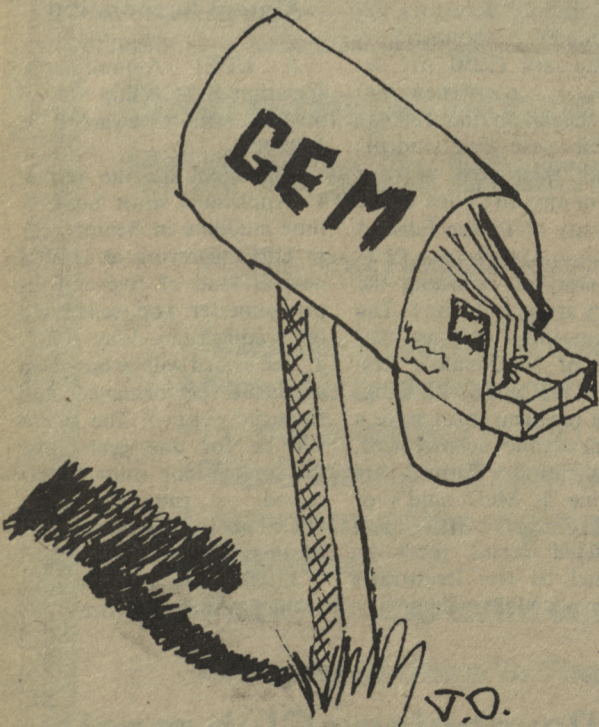
But it doesn't have to stop there. For all the trendy, well dressed clergy around town, why not John-Paul II designer robes? I can picture the ad now: "Whether you're into the sacramental wine, organizing church activities, or just hanging around the confessional, be sure to do it in your John-Paul II designer robe. Available at fine rectories throughout Canada."

Poor J.-P., such an advocate of the conservative old ways of the Church, a preserver of faith in this wretched age of disillusionment, fallen victim to the mass-marketing and exploitation techniques of the modern world. So where will it all end? After it's all over will we see the release of a live album? A follow up tour perhaps? Maybe a video-hymn? Now THAT would be an idea. Watch out MTV, John-Paul and the Jesuits are coming!



LETTERS

All items for Campus Community from clubs or societies MUST be in to our office or the Student Union office by 1 p.m. on Mondays, for the Thursday issue. Items passed in late are hated and we tend to lose and/or mutilate them. They will not make the week's edition, that's for sure.



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US Foreign Service exam

Dear Sir/Madam:

It may be of interest to United States citizens among your students and faculty that a competitive written examination will be offered on Saturday, December 1, 1984 to candidates for career appointments as Foreign Service Officers with the Department of State, Foreign Commercial Service Officers with the Department of Commerce and Foreign Service Information Officers with the U.S. International Communication Agency. Please note that this examination is offered to United States citizens only.

In Atlantic Canada, the written test will be administered only at this office.

Booklets containing an application form and further information may be obtained by writing this office. Interested students must write to us before October 1 in order to formalize their application in a timely fashion.

It will be appreciated if you will give this information appropriate publicity and dissemination.

Sincerely yours,

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Dorsey says "Thanks"

Dear Editor:

As I missed the deadline for last week's edition, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to U.P.E.I., and extend the invitation to drop by and see me whenever you get a chance (my office hours are Monday-Friday 9-11 a.m.).

The year is starting off well, and I am anticipating a busy and productive year.

For anyone who missed last week's Birthday event, I would like to extend my condolences; for those who were there, thanks for coming and making it a success. I would like to thank the following people for their help in organizing and participating in the event: Ian MacDonald, Earl Nicholson, Dean Smitheram, Joe Revell, Kent Thompson and the Froshbusters, Andy Dean and the Cafeteria staff, and last but not least Heather Love (General Manager) and the Executive.

Thank you
Michelle Dorsey

UPEI Student Union
President

Problem with profs

To the Faculty

As university students we realize that all professors are not equally gifted at teaching.

I have been very pleased with the teaching ability of all professors which I have come in contact with. However, I have noticed that the more experienced professors are usually the better teachers.

Admittedly, the more one

teaches the better one gets. I would mention, however, that the ability to become a good teacher takes longer for some than others.

The problem, I believe, is that professors are not being trained to teach. Professors must learn from experience, which must lead many new professors down a frustrating path.

If my analysis is sound, then the establishment of teachers training for new professors would create a more efficient faculty, and a happier student body.

Concerned Student

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