



Dear Editor,

This commentary is designed to suggest a venture that could save students a great deal of their hard-earned cash as well as possibly make a little bit of money for the Student Union: Why don't the students own their own Bookstore?

I would like to make it clear that in no way am I trying to criticize the current Management of the Bookstore. On the contrary, I think the people at the Bookstore are very efficient. However, the fact remains that the Bookstore is designed to make money at the expense of students. The present system simply places

another middle-man between the books and the students. I am unsure of the percentage mark-up placed on books at the Bookstore, but one thing of which I am certain is if the students owned their own Bookstore, this mark-up could be greatly reduced. The ability of the students to reduce mark-up could result in substantial savings for the student. Take the following case in point: Student X presently spends approximately four hundred dollars on textbooks at the Bookstore. The Bookstore mark-up is twenty percent (a very conservative estimate). Therefore, the books really cost 333 dollars for the Bookstore to buy. Now if the Student Union were to charge only half the mark-up (ten percent), the books would only cost 366 dollars. That is a saving of thirty-four dollars per student and a profit of thirty-three for the Student Union. With over 2800 students, that is a saving of 94,200 dollars, and a gross profit of 91,400 dollars for the Student Union.

I am sure this idea has been suggested at some point in the past. I would like to know why it has obviously been discarded by the Union. This article is not meant to criticize, but rather

to provoke an honest discussion about a possibly economically viable proposition.

Truly,
Darcy MacPherson

Most of us have identified the problems, and in our hearts we all know the solution.

The cross-Canada surveys are very encouraging. It's wonderful that 51% of us take action to remedy an unfair racial situation, but we need to reach out to the 49% who don't.

Plus, 26% of us still find racist jokes funny and laugh before we do anything. With more than half of us not taking action after a racial joke is told, we have challenges ahead for 1993.

The following is a poem written by Janna Stephenson from Westwood Collegiate in Winnipeg, Manitoba:

Imagine
The embarrassment
Being laughed at.
Ridiculed.
Jeered.

Imagine.
The humiliation.
The oh so real feeling
That you are worth
Nothing.

Imagine.
The Pain.
Not to be understood.
Not to own
The freedom.
Even you
Don't believe
In yourself

Imagine.
The Loneliness.
You are unknown.
Unwanted.
Unloved.
An outcast.
You don't belong.

Imagine.
The Disappointment.
The shattered dreams.
A loss of life.
Just for being
You.

Imagine.

Racism.

Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada suggest students create an anti-racism journal and each day, for one month, keep track of one remark, thought, or action of your own that



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