

And a happy spring break to you too!

sign of the times

From every classroom comes the muffled shout of "Midterms! Papers! Assignments! Labs! Presentations!" All who hear these dreaded pronouncements melt into a poor-postured puddle of despair and suicidal tendencies.

But there's a soft shivering whisper that sings, "Next week is February break ..."

Everywhere students hurry, late for class, late for meetings, late for appointments, late for deadlines, always and forever late.

But there's a delicious, half-hidden chortle inside you that keeps tempting you with, "Next week nothing will be late but the time I'm going to get up ..."

Puddles and muddles and ice patches and water dripping. Your sneakers are soaked or your boots are plastered or you make a fool of yourself in humiliating, because unintentional, arabesques.

But once again, "Next week I stay at home or take the car absolutely everywhere ... I will not walk."

Sneezes, snuffles, raw coughs, hacking, used Kleenex, a stubbed-up nose and jokes from your friends, "You're not contagious, are you? I sure wouldn't want to look like that!"

But you remember to smile ...

"Next week I will not have to put up with all of this and three-hour lectures too, and I will cough and sneeze on everyone in sight ..."

When you think of it, this is the perfect time of year to have a break. I don't know about you, but this though is keeping me alive ... "Next week, next week, next week ..."

Has anyone every done a study to determine the difference in drop-out rates between universities with spring breaks and those without? All other things being equal, I'd be willing to bet my next fifteen textbooks, or even their monetary value, on the answer.

Try to picture this life without a break just about now.

Scary.

Centuries ago, when a couple of representatives from whatever dead society was responsible for our calendar (around this time of year you forget to care about things like that) were discussing the month of February, an interesting discussion must have taken place ...

The wise person: But don't you see, hard work fortifies the mind and soul and all the inner essence of man, forging him/her (this was an enlightened wise person) into an image of gods —

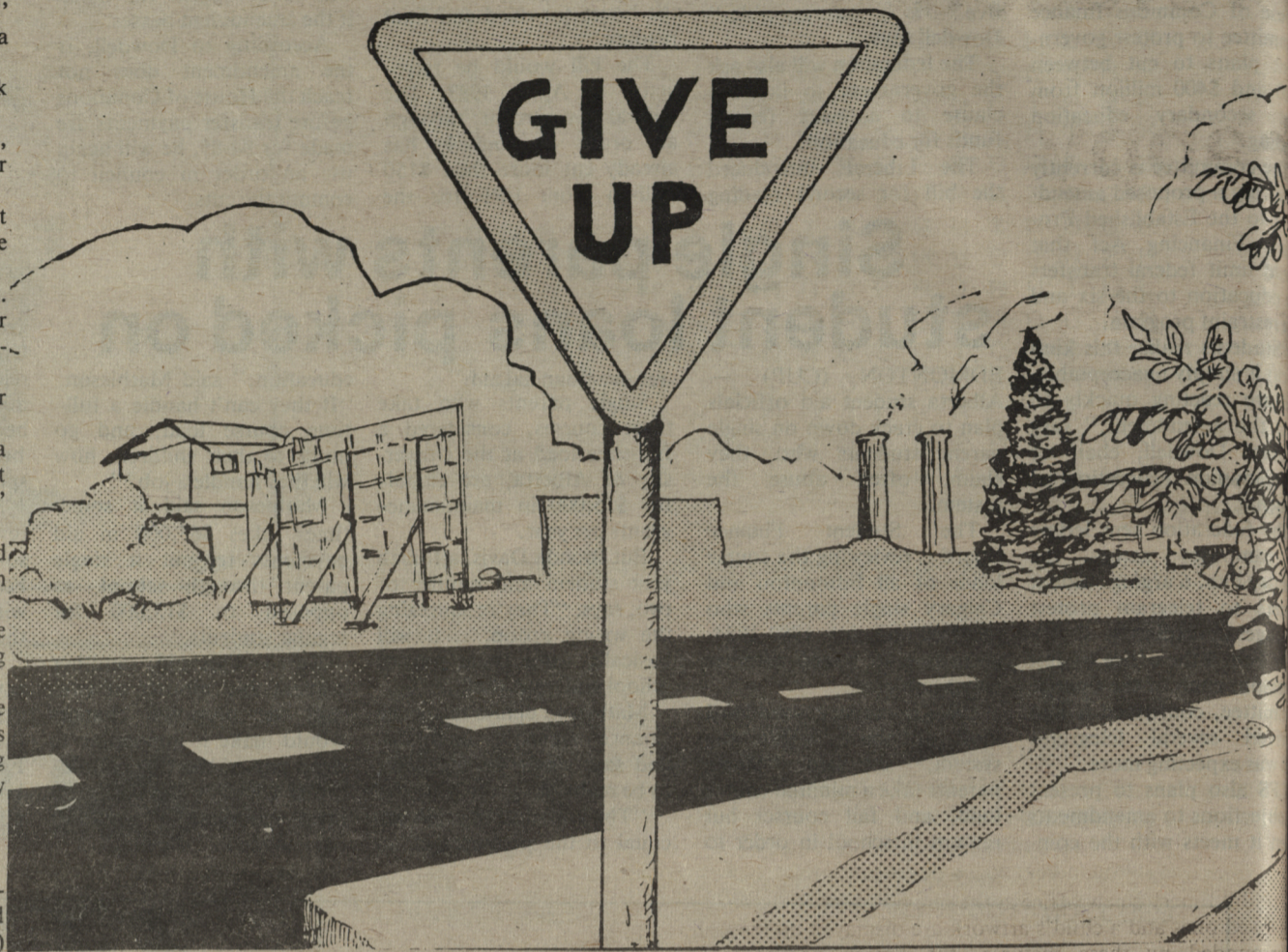
The Student (his opposite in everything but wisdom): To hell with the image of the gods, I tell you if you don't set aside the week of the 20th to the 24th as a week of rest solemn to students all across the universe, learning will perish with the miserable shells they will become. Civilization as we know it will sink beneath the sands of midterms and exhaustion of the mind ...

The wise person: (Confused) But why should they be allowed to steal a free week when the working classes, who maintain the society in all of its needs, must trudge and toil eternally?

The student: Because if we aren't given it, we'll call in the CFS and tell them we'll hold another referendum if they don't give us our money's worth as full members ...

The wise person: The 20th to the 24th, did you say ...?

Ah, next week, next week, next week ...



LETTERS

SU exec answer Griffith

Dear Editor,

This letter is being written in response to the interview with the Director of Student Services which appeared in last week's paper.

The Student Union Executive refuses to engage in petty bickering and argument with Mr. Griffith; however, we do feel that some of the comments in last week's article should be clarified.

One particular comment made in the article about the Student Union making a profit from its constituents should be addressed. The Student Union provides essential services for its membership. Besides providing representation of student interests, profits made at the Barn are used to sub-

sidize things like campus newspapers, radio stations, yearbooks and employment for students.

As Mr. Griffith pointed out, the original intent in granting the liquor license was to shelter students from high off-campus bar prices. Presently the bar prices are still sheltering students and the profit made is turned directly back to the students.

The point made about the executive having to take decisions to Council is seen by us as a compliment. Of course we have to take things to Council. In doing this we receive the recommendations and guidance from a group representative of the entire student body. It is unfortunate that Mr. Griffith works on such a tight schedule that he cannot wait for the students' decision.

Mr. Griffith also made reference to a long-term commitment. In the fall, Mr. Griffith approached Council

to sign a five-year contract that would allow a food service operation to take place in the Barn for five consecutive summers. Council decided not to sign a contract with Mr. Griffith at this time until it could see a concrete proposal stating exactly what could be expected.

At the end of the article, Mr. Griffith is quoted as saying, "We should not be at loggerheads".

We agree, we should not be at loggerheads, but what can be expected when we are left dealing with a man who displays the kind of attitude expressed in last week's paper?

Sincerely,
Jack Keefe ... President
Jim Mutter ... Vice-President Internal
Kim Gass ... Vice-President External
Stephen Bishop ... Treasurer

It stated, "During the movie, they had not only been passing out the paper products to be thrown by others, but they, the C.P., were also flinging the paper towels and toilet paper around."

For the record, no on-duty Campus Police officer participated in the passing out of any such materials to be thrown, or the actual "flinging" of such materials.

If anyone has information contrary to this, it should be brought to the attention of the Campus Police Chief (Steven MacDonald).

In the meantime, I suggest that the writer of the article in question stick to writing factual accounts and not succumb to the vice of sensationalism as was done in this article.

David Campbell
Campus Policeman

CP's want apology

To the Editor,

In reference to the article in the last issue of the *Netted Gem*. The article entitled "Rocky Horror a true riot" contained several slanderous remarks about the Campus Police.

The *Netted Gem* wishes apologize to on-duty Campus Police for a misleading statement which appeared in February 10 article on "Rocky Horror Picture Show". The CP's thrown paper products were indeed off-duty.



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We're still here. Are you still there? Strange, isn't it, that you know who we are, or at least our names, and we don't know many of you? Life is bizarre that way. Don't cry, please. We are still not resigned to that as an inevitability. Yup, we're still waiting for you to join us. And who are we? We are the "People called Intrepid", Jonathan Orlovski, Joanne MacKinnon, Parker Grimmer, Ruth Edgett, Mickey Place, Sharon Leighton, Howard Beattie, John Pendergast, John Dougan, Karen McLenithan, Leah Parker, M. U. Nchie, Gus Hillstrom and Carolyn Ryan.

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