

Renison:

mathsoc balks

You have no doubt heard about the recent trouble at Renison college. Principal John Towler at a meeting of Renison students on Wednesday, October 30, said that he would keep them informed of all matters relating to the college. The next day Towler and the other two members of the Renison Board of Governors Executive fired two popular professors, Jeff Forest and Hugh Miller. These firings were done in secrecy, the students only finding out after being told by the fired professors. In one letter of dismissal Jeff Forest was told that he would lose his job immediately instead of in six months, if he associated with students in meetings. Another professor, Marsha Forest, was told in effect to stay away from Renison after December 20, thus being as good as fired.

The Renison students were upset by this obvious lack of due process and disregard for human rights, not to mention the broken promise. On Friday November 1 they held a six-hour meeting at Renison and began their boycott of classes. Being upset at Towler's disrespect for their student-faculty council, they formed the Renison Academic Assembly for those persons who take courses at Renison.

Towler carried out these firings in secret and did not release any reasons for the firings. Towler said that the fired professors were told why they were fired, but the Forests apparently know nothing about the reasons why they were fired. Miller may have been given reasons but it is possible that he may not be able to release them because of threats from Towler. This whole dictatorial mess of Towler's goes against the principles of due process and fairness and the usual policy regarding the firing of university professors.

This Sunday the R.A.A. submitted their demands to the Federation of Students' Council asking for their support. These demands, formulated in the Friday session were supported by Federation council in a roll call vote by a margin of 16-0-1.

The Federation took this issue to the societies this week. This Renison problem affects the whole campus, because if Towler can get away with his actions at Renison similar things may happen in the Math Faculty, any other faculty at Waterloo, or at any university in Canada. The Renison demands went to Artsoc council Monday night where they were passed with little problem

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commentary

You may have noticed that this edition of mathNEWS seems like the Renison Academic Association Newsletter, that's because it's a very controversial issue on campus this week and a lot of people have strong points of view on the matter -- unfortunately, it doesn't seem as if any of the people you elected to represent you on the MathSoc Council do, though.

The whole meeting was a microcosm of a typical MATHIE behaviour - anarchy. The Renison people stood up and had their say, even the Engies (who are traditionally conservative) were there in support. And what did the MATHIEs have to say, nothing. They ended up debating whether the notion should read that MathSoc support the Renison demand 100% or morally. Nothing like missing the point. What the Renison Academic Association wants is due process

and even a prof. deserves that. If one of your favourite prof's got the axe and was given no explanation (or no explanation he could state publicly without losing his severance pay), wouldn't you want the support of the rest of the university body to find out if it was a justifiable firing? That's what Renison (an association of approximately 200 people) wanted and what do they get from MathSoc -- nothing.

When the speaker asked for comment on the issue the only people who had anything to say were your Fed Rep's, most of whom don't even have a vote on MathSoc Council.

Some people must have had opinions one way or the other as the vote was (against-for-abstain) 7-0-1, yet they wouldn't speak pro or con.

Certain members of the Exec were worried about MathSoc losing credibility if it supported the demands, but as far as the Editor of mathNEWS are concerned, they lost their credibility when they refused to take

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by a 13-0-1 vote. Engsoc passed the motion of support by a vote of 8-0-4.

The issue then came to our own reactionary (and gutless) mathsoc council. After Shane Roberts of the Federation Board of Education and Marg Telegdi, a Renison student outlined the position of the R.A.A., a motion to support the seven demands of the R.A.A. was moved to the council. A number of Mathsoc councillors seemingly did not realize the precedent setting implications of the firings nor the need for a student voice in university affairs especially regarding the firing of professors. Some of these councillors were naive enough to believe that perhaps Towler was being kind to the professors by not releasing the reasons for firing them, because Towler might have knowledge of improper moral conduct. If this were the case it would seem likely that Towler would have the decency to discuss the matter with the professors and ask them to resign in respectable manner. This theory is like the theory that the firings were politically-motivated -- only speculation.

Another interesting matter is that if the firings were caused by improper moral conduct, it is surprising that the professors would be complaining so much about their dismissals.

When the motion proposed to Mathsoc council from the Fed meeting of Sunday came to a vote, it was defeated by a margin of 7-9-1.

Being a Math rep on Fed council, I, like the other Math reps, fully supported this motion on Fed council. I also moved the motion in Mathsoc Council in my capacity as a class rep on Mathsoc. I must say that the action taken Tuesday concerning the motion was the most disgusting and disturbing action that I have seen in all the Mathsoc meetings I have attended and I expressed this displeasure to the council. Andrew Telegdi, Fed President, and a man who has taken a deep personal involvement in the Renison students' plight, has expressed his "bitter disgust" after hearing about the meeting.

Mathsoc after a time ended up not being a total loss. They did eventually pass a motion of partial support of R.A.A. demands. However, notice of motion to bring up the original motion has been given to Mathsoc council, and I, as well as other members of council, plan to fight to have this motion passed at the next meeting.

I feel that Federation - Society unity is important in this issue. I also will echo the feelings of Art Ram for the B.of.E. and Ultan Killean of Engsoc who supported these demands but felt that the Federation should be careful on this matter, not to appear too radical. Control is needed, and any action of demonstration must be calm and peaceful.

This is too important an issue to be screwed up because of a few hotheads. I hope students will stay informed on the developments that are bound to happen since this article was written Tues. night and Wed. morning. The Chevron will have further info. Renison students are asking us for our support in this important issue.

J.J. Long

MATH SOC MEETS

This week's MathSoc meeting started off with a massive rearrangement of the Agenda to bring consideration of a committee of the Renison academic assembly led by Shane Roberts close to the top.

The next hour and a half was involved in discussion of the problem at Renison and a motion to support the seven demands of the academic assembly previously endorsed by the Federation. After the defeat of an amendment to the motion, a roll call vote on the motion itself was taken. The motion was defeated 9 to 7 with one abstaining. A weaker motion supporting only five of the original seven demands was then passed 11 to 4 with one abstaining.

Under the most normal business, Social reports that Math Weekend's pubs lost about \$200 at the door, but this should be made up by the receipts from the bar. The bridge tournament was fairly successful with 42 players, as was Matheatre with about 100 people per show.

Antical is now underway under the direction of Kathy Peycha and her numerous helpers. She reported that the Antical questionnaire is almost ready to go and that third and fourth year classes will be hit next week, with first and second year courses slated for the week after. Anyone willing to help would earn the eternal gratitude of all involved, so if you like gratitude, there will be a meeting to set things up on Sunday at 8 o'clock.

The Federation reports that the Big Book is on, or at least most societies are in favour of it. For those still unaware of it, the Big Book is to be a publication similar to Antical, for all the courses on campus.

Enumeration is going poorly so far. If you don't want to be treated as a second-class citizen in this city, get enumerated and VOTE! It isn't too late until after the election. There are some students running in this election, including Bruce Woodrow of Math.

According to our Board of Entertainment rep., the Campus Centre pub will not be ready to open again until the middle of February. License negotiations are under way, but we may have a dry campus for at least a few weeks in the interim.

Under old business, the CSC showed proof that \$100 was given as a grant for the Computer Chess tournament over the summer and this was reallocated to them. Athletics also received additional funding after an impassioned plea by former Athletics director Pat Fallon.

A committee was set up to study the smoking issue. It's meetings will be posted outside the MathSoc office, so if you are interested or have suggestions, get out and ATTEND.

MathSoc by-elections for summer co-op are coming up. An election committee was formed, and the meeting was quickly wrapped up an hour later than usual.

BURLOAF

The Computing Centre recently received a new print train. This print train features the APL character set, as well as most of the standard EBCDIC set. Although it cost quite a bit, no one seems to be sure who ordered it, and right now it is unavailable for use. The problem with this train is that every character only appears once on the chain, whereas on other trains, characters are either duplicated or appear four times. HASP, as it is set up now, can only handle trains with characters duplicated, and it has been estimated it would take about a month to get modifications in to allow usage of the APL train. Right now, no such plans are underway, but perhaps someday they will be, as the ability to use all the fancy characters available for special reports would be very nice.

The Computer Science Club lectures got under way this week, after a fashion. Factors such as the ability of bookings to allow us to reserve lecture rooms that have classes in them already for the time slot needed, combined with other things like the lecturer for a 10:30 seminar sleeping in until about 3 PM, forced the cancellation of a couple of seminars. It seems now that the CSC has lost the leadership of Jim Parry, the novice executive is not having smooth sailing for all it's projects.

For the past week or so, the friendly people of 'Bunland have been trying to get system release G running. This is why, more than once, the system was down from midnight to 10 the next morning (sometimes longer). We are currently running under release F of the operating system, which was brought up a few months ago, before which we had been on D. Bringing up a new version of the system is not a task without pitfalls. For instance, under the new system, at one point, the attempt to compile a three line FORTRAN program, which was valid, met with all kinds of error messages from the compiler. One user who was granted access to the machine while testing on release G described how many of the 'U' of 'I' implemented features were not available, and that it was almost like going back to the first days of the G350 here, when getting anything done took three times as long (or couldn't be done at all) than it does now.

In the good old days, back in '72, the MFCF was quite different than it is today. There was no QED, you had to use the Honeywell supplied editor, it was a time when you had to have line numbered files, which take up about 1/3 more filespace than unnumbered files. Those were the days when your terminal typed out "600 DISCONNECTS" where 600 refers to the model of the machine, but everyone took it wrong and

thought it meant they had been disconnected 600 times. (That's why the message was changed to "CP DISCONNECTS") The system had many user oriented features. For instance, if you typed garbage at the computer, it would eat it up, until you gave it a valid command, at which point, it would print out "LINES IGNORED BY EDIT" followed by all the stuff you'd typed in. It was rather disconcerting to see this message, followed by an essay or something you had spent half an hour entering.

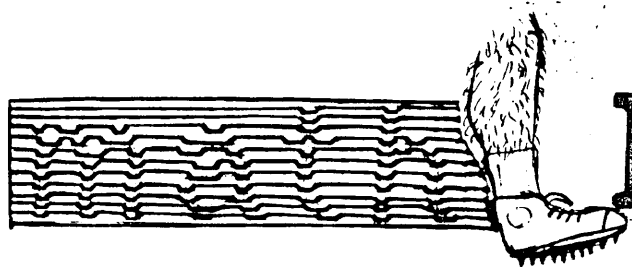
However, those were back in the bad old days. Now we're going strong, and getting better. However, this necessitates system testing time, which means now and again, one wi

Tonight, mathNEWS got a special reprieve from the Math Faculty Computing Fallacy staff, and is able to continue production while the new system release undergoes testing.

It has been suggested that the fire alarms should be disconnected. They are so loud that it is almost impossible to get any kind of work done, let alone studying. The alarms went off Tuesday night, and immediately, about half the people started to leave the building. The Fire Department arrived, but I imagine they found no fire. At the risk of getting burned to a crisp, many people ignored the alarm. It seems people have grown apathetic to the alarms around here. The elevator alarm, in particular, goes off so often, it's now not even noticed by many people. I pity the person who one day gets trapped in the elevator, as no one is liable to do anything if the alarm starts ringing.

This disregard for alarms is similar to the situation a few years ago in the U.S. NORAD used to hold regular tests of their warning system for nuclear war. Every now and again, on American TV, the regular sound would be cut, and you would hear a message indicating that a test of the warning system was in progress, and there was no need to worry, etc. Well, one day, World War III started. What happened was, the person who runs the tape that causes the test ran the wrong tape, and across the nation, electronic media carried news of the impending attack. At this time, radio and TV stations were supposed to go into the Civil Defense procedure, which includes warning the people, advising them to tune to Civil Defense stations, and then going off the air. Well, only a fifth of the stations did this. The rest continued as if nothing had happened. It seems, if the Russians were to attack, that would have been the best time.

Tidbits of trivia that may be of interest: A Chinese typewriter has about 2000 characters. If a selectric typewriter for the language were to be built, the typeball would be about eight inches in diameter, which would require quite a bit of machinery to move the thing around. A good Chinese typist can type at four words a minute.



ETICS

MathSoc is having a terrible time this term trying to get people out for co-ed events. At any given game, be it waterpolo, volleyball, or broomball the average turnout seems to be about 4, which is pretty crummy as over 100 people signed up to play co-ed sports.

If you have any desire at all to play any of the above sports, contact GARY DPYDEN c/o MathSoc and he will put you in touch with the people running the particular team in which you are interested.

The events slated for this week are: Friday afternoon Broomball (sort of like Monday Night Football) meet outside the MathSoc office at 3:30pm for a 4 o'clock game; Sunday Evening Waterpolo and; Thursday Evening Volleyball. These sports are all co-ed so that makes all of you MATHIES eligible.

Check the Athletics bulletin board today to see the exact time of the event you want to play.

And remember we want your business so we can be very friendly! The only reason Internurals were set up was to get a (not necessarily proficient) group of people together so we could go out and have a good time. So if you think you're crummy come on out anyway - chances are you're better than most.

NOTICE

The MATHletics bulletin board will be moving to a position just to the right of the MathSoc doorway sometime next week to overcome the crowding of the board that has occurred this term. So watch for it, in its all new and expanded format.

FLAG FOOTBALL

In an atypical MATHIE move 10 people actually showed up in the rain to play a Flag Football game (that had only been post-poned 4 times) for the Consolation finals Tuesday night. That was the good news, the bad news was - we lost to the Glory Seekers 21-15.

In previous action leading up to the consolation final 2 Saturdays ago we lost to the Glory Seekers in the 1st round of the play-offs 9-6, to be bumped into the Consolation round. The next Tuesday, Math decimated the CCFU's (Campus Center Fuck Up's) 52-1 in which the only players who didn't score points were the 3 linemen.

HOCKEY

Regular Math has commenced play in the 1973-74 competitive hockey "A" Division with three victories succession.

The wins were achieved in widely differing ways in a come-from-behind 6-3 triumph over St. Jeromes "A"; a 3-0 white-wash of an independent team known as the Band and then; a 1-0 defaulted win when "Nags", a Kin independent team failed to ice a team.

St. Jeromes proved a worthy opponent to Regular math as they opened up an early 1-0 lead and held a 3-2 advantage in the second period. But the highly touted rookie line of Scott Wetmore, Neil McLean and, Mark Edwards led Reg. Math to four successive tallies and a 6-3 verdict.

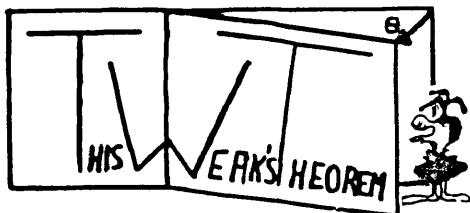
McLean led Reg. Math with 3 goals and Randy Musselman, Brian Nowak and, Dennis MacDonald each scored once. Scott Wetmore assisted on 3 goals, Pat Fallon on 2 and single assists went to Mark Edwards and Jim Barton.

In the second contest, Reg. Math literally had the "Band on their Run" as they dominated play through-out; but erratic shooting, overpassing and, lack of co-hereence around the net, resulted in an un-impressive 3-0 win. Scoring plays were Brian Wilhelm from Pat Fallon; Brian Nowak from Brian Wilhelm and; Neil McLean unassisted. Bob MacKenzie recorded the shut-out.

Next action for Reg. Math is this Sunday at Moses Springer at the prime time of 12:00 midnight. Spectators are welcome. So if you can't sleep, drop over to the Moses Springer Ice Palace to witness Reg. Math toy with the Engineers.

CORRECTION

It was erroneously reported earlier this term that GARY DPYDEN was to be shot after the MATH - APTIES game due to an irreparable knee injury. We regret to report that this was not the case, as erroneously reported, he lived on to play in the final. Well the 1st half of the final anyway. He gave his life valiantly on a flying tackle to prevent an opposition touchdown, and re-injured the previously damaged appendage. The team doctor decreed he'd never play again and summarily had him shot. mathNEWS is sorry to have inconvenienced any of his benefactors and hope that their plight has now been satisfactorily rectified.



Theorem: Every number is interesting.

Proof: Let S be the set of all uninteresting numbers. It must be proved that $S \neq \emptyset$. If S is nonempty, then there must be a least element n of S . Surely this is a very interesting element. Hence $n \notin S$, which is an absurdity. So S cannot be nonempty. Q.E.D.

This Week's Grid GLIMPSE

In our continuing tradition, once again we left out one of the clues to last week's gridword. We are not trying to make them more difficult (note that only 11 people handed in a solution this week) but are just too tired when it comes to proof-reading, to do a perfect job. If you feel strongly about it, please feel strongly enough about the matter to come on out and help. People seem to be dropping off like flies around here on Tuesday nights. Anyway, we left out "13k across", "a short sheep call". In addition, due to a spelling controversy, we accepted any answer to the last space of "1c down". Of the 11 entries, only 8 were correct.

---->This week's winner is Dave McDonald. Mention goes to Steve Thompson, who had the odds stacked against him again (still?); and to Tom Pellay who handed in the solution for two week's ago with the words, "I'd better get something for this because I'll probably fail an important midterm because I did this instead of writing it!" Well Tom, you do win something, our deepest sympathy.

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FED FOLLIES

In my report briefly I shall outline the recent happenings in the Federation Council this Sunday approved Shane Roberts as chairperson of the Board of Education and External Relations and gave him a full salaried position retroactive to October 28. In recent weeks the former President and former B.E.R. chairperson has taken a re-involvement in the Federation regarding the OFS referendum and the Renison issue. Also Marjory Loveys, a 4th year Engineering student was approved as Treasurer.

Also as far as course critiques for the Big Book will be taking place. A committee is being formed from all societies to get it going and I shall be chairing that committee under Shane's board. Any ideas would be appreciated. Shane's extension is 2358.

JJ Long

NOTICE

The student directory, published by the Board of Publications of the Federation of Students is now available in various outlets around campus.

WARNING # 1

Tomorrow, Saturday November 9th, the DEBUG terminal will be open from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm. However, it will be closed to students from UniWat from 9 am until 12 noon due to a Computer Science Day. From noon to approximately 3:30 you will be lining up for the DEBUG (what else is new?) since most of the high-school students will still be there. From 3:30 on it's all our's again.

For the same reason, the APL room will be closed to UniWat students until 3:30 pm.

FOUND IN MAILBOX

The hot chocolate from the lounge vending machine is not only whipped but the flavour has been beaten to death!!!

GRIDWORD

To submit your solution you can:
 1. Mail it to mathNEWS, MC3638,
 U OF W.
 2. Put it in our mailslot in the
 mathSoc office (MC3638).
 3. Put it in our MAILBOX outside 3rd
 floor lounge.
 A T-shirt will be given to the correct
 solution picked at random (the writer of
 the solution will be awarded custody of the
 T-shirt until the solution reaches 18).

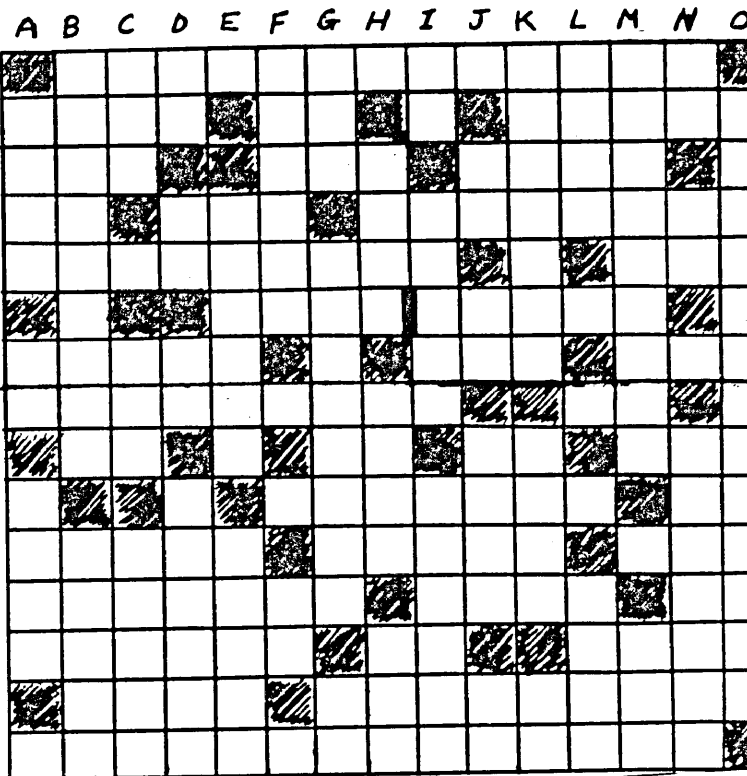
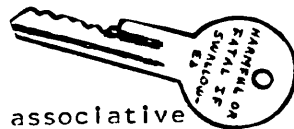
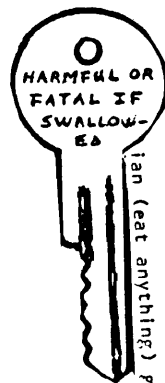
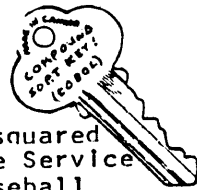
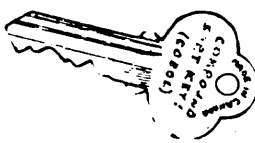
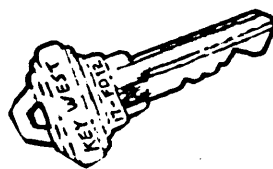


across 

- 1b they are purple and commute
 2a great distance away
 2f niobium
 2k French excretion
 3a Ripe Translucent Tomatoes
 3f catch
 3j Italian greeting
 4a General Electric
 4d former wife of Frank Sinatra
 4h eat French snail
 5a ~ (AND UNCLE CANNOT)
 5m time
 6e age
 6i songwriter Harold _____
 7a bottom of drain
 7i sunlight for Argos?
 7m Texas Tea
 8a manners
 8l gold
 8o me
 9a not she
 9g two vowels
 9j (E) quantity squared
 9m Secret Revenue Service
 10f periods of baseball
 10n All Herons
 11a types of hairstyles for Africans
 11g northern domicile
 11m and vigour
 12a variant of trepans
 12i then find
 12n selenium
 13a second oldest epoch of Cenezoic era
 13h Japanese staff
 13l General Idi
 14b say it isn't so
 14c programme for giving land
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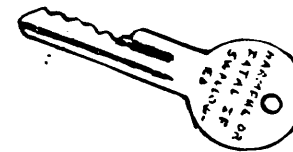
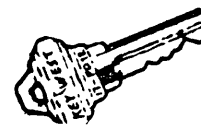
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- 1b after graduation or after war
 1c hit flying rodent
 1f inborn
 1g light fabric woven of hairs of camels
 1i Great Tomatoes
 1k I am willing, but can I do it?
 1l one fruit sounds like two of them
 1m Raquel Welch says mind is most
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 1n Semper Distemper

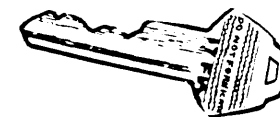


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 2o those who rule in government
 3h hit with pod
 3j Campus Center
 4d Greek letter
 4e if you do the same thing day after day
 then you are _ _ _
 4l catch with drum
 4n ~ (AND)
 5g movies: Garden of FI- I-
 6i Egyptian Sun god in Royal Army
 7a any neon?
 7c single dice perish
 7d measure of intellect
 8h drink taken to moon
 9j (EN) times ((0) squared)
 9k latin self (pl)
 9n formerly prunes
 10a the derivative is the _____ of change
 10d don't open bottom end
 10i sick single
 11b hero of "15a across"
 11c you'll get an edge from STP
 11e this company makes life's good
 things better
 12f see "7a down"
 12l work for money
 13h sound of sheep
 13m magnitude (abbr)
 14g Large Tomatoes
 14k General Issue soldier



FEEDBACK

Note: Letters appearing in this column represent the opinions of our readers. mathNEWS welcomes your criticisms, comments, suggestions, etc. All letters should be signed, but, if requested, a pen name will be used.

EXPERIENCE

On the question of smoking in the Math & Comp Building. As an innocent bystander, I feel I should relate my own experience with smoking and my personal feelings on smoking.

I was a medium to heavy cigarette smoker for 37 years, 1&1/2-2 packs daily, until I developed a bronchial asthmatic condition and was sent to a specialist who informed me that if I wished to live awhile longer, I would have to give up cigarette smoking immediately as my throat and bronchial tubes were badly infected. On arriving home I told my wife who is a non smoker, and asked her to dispose of all my smoking material. The road ahead of me was a tough one. I fought this battle for almost a year and won. After seven years, my own doctor has declared me physically fit, aside from a touch of asthma occasionally.

Now my personal feeling relating to smoking in the Math & Comp Building, such as the Lounges, Conference Rooms, and Classrooms is a matter of common courtesy first and consideration next for your fellow students and faculty who might be some of your best friends, and have not the nerve to tell you not to smoke while around you. In the case of the terminal rooms and other areas where "No smoking" signs have been officially placed, they have been put there for fire hazards and not as health hazards. In these areas, we must enforce the no smoking rules.

But until such a time as smoking is banned in the building, I personally believe all smoking, where ever you should be, in a lounge, Conference room, keypunch room, or Classrooms, if you are a student or Professor, please remember, there might be a person near or beside you, who would appreciate if you would not smoke in their presence.

So let us remember to be courteous and have consideration for others. Remember there are some who depend on you for life and breath to sustain them.

Please Remember No One Is Asking You to Quit Smoking.

Earl Bowman
Security, Math & Comp

VACANCY?

I have just completed a trip around the outside walls of the EMS Library trying to find an empty carrel so I could do some studying. I realize that this is prime time in the Library (midterms, term papers, assignments, projects, and exam schedule just posted), so I am not surprised that many people are there studying. However, I feel it is about time to make another reminder of the fact that books and coats do not constitute a reservation of that space. I would estimate that while about 95% of the spaces were occupied in terms of open books and jackets, only about 50% had real people in them. A search up and down the aisles reveals that some of the remainder of people (the owners of the books and coats) may have left the Library indefinitely, for there aren't that many people wandering around in the aisles.

I am intending this letter to serve as warning to the offenders that from now on I will exercise my right to remove the books and coats from the carrels and put them in the book-drop unharmed. It shall also be used to inform others that this is their right also, so the carrels will be used for the purpose which they were designed.

Joyce Atwell 4A

NOT DEAD YET

Well, according to the last mathNEWS, there was a consensus that an attempt should be made to have one half of the math lounge be designated as a 'no smoking' area. I hope that barring readers of this, you do not intend to let the matter drop. Let's see some NO SMOKING signs-preferably in the half of the lounge where the C+D stand is, but I'd settle for either side. We need some signs with the official MathSoc stamp, so that when we who are offended by smoke go up to the offending nicotine addict and give him/her a piece of our mind, we will be able to do so with the security of knowing that they know we have the right to ask them to take their habits elsewhere.

Oh, yes, we need some signs that are graphic (i.e. with pictures), because it is obvious to many non-smokers that smokers cannot read, at least when it comes to the signs reading N-O S-M-O-K-I-N-G. This fact is evident in halls, buses, trains, subways, lecture halls, and predictably, in the math lounge.

As I said, the matter should not be allowed to drop. It is not a dead issue, particularly in the eyes (and nose, lungs, and throats) of non-smokers. Let's see some action.

J.E Lagerwerf 4A

RENISON REACTION

As a student of this University I am very concerned about the recent happenings at Renison College. I strongly support the demands of the Renison Academic Assembly which could provide a means by which to prevent similar occurrences in the future. The R.A.A. was formed shortly after the arbitrary firing of three professors by the principal of the college last Friday.

This was done without consultation with the Board of Governors of Renison or with the faculty. In fact, some of the board members did not even know of the firings until they received phone calls from the R.A.A. inquiring as to the reasons for them.

As of yet, no reasons for the dismissal of Jeffrey Forest, Marsha Forest and Hugh Miller have been divulged.

In any case, the reasons are not the cause of my concern. What bothers myself and the Federation of Students is the manner in which the firing of these people came about.

What the principal, Mr. Towler, has done is to effectively institute a dictatorship in Renison. He seems to feel that as the principal, he has complete and unquestionable authority.

The Renison Academic Assembly, along with the Federation of Students, actively questions the constitutional aspects of this authority. It is not in the best interests of democracy and academic freedom to allow situations like this to exist.

The implications of the results of the efforts of the R.A.A. will be felt, not only across campus, but across Canada. I urge the students of this University to support the Renison Academic Assembly in these efforts. Their demands have been supported by the Federation of Students and published in the special Tuesday edition of the Chevron.

Information regarding the demands and the events of the last week are available from the Tuesday Chevron or the Renison Academic Assembly at the Federation offices.

I should like to impress upon you that simply shaking your head and saying "Isn't it terrible about the Renison affair" is not enough.

Active participation is needed from all parts of this campus. All you have to lose is your apathy and what you can gain is insurance. Remember, this could happen in any faculty on campus, Math is no exception. (In fact, a similar situation did arise last year, and went practically unnoticed.)

Janice Shaver
Math Federation Rep

RERE BUTTAL

Two weeks ago I wrote an editorial article, and as such left it unsigned. This article has snowballed into somewhat of a furor. My purpose was not to make a public complaint of one submarine sandwich, but to make public complaint regarding procedures at the C and D stand. Unfortunately this purpose was very misunderstood. Perhaps I am guilty of unclear writing, I will now try to explain what I meant.

I raised certain questions about the quality of the C and D products. Your letter explained that the sandwiches are, in fact, of high quality. As a representative of mathNEWS, I visited the establishment which supplies the sandwiches and I do concur with your observations. (I have had experience with the food processing industry, and was very impressed with the setup at Mr. Sandwich.) I deeply regret and trouble that I have caused.

Regarding my 'misinformed comments', I submit that I am guilty only of misstating the basis of the C and D stand in their decision to switch suppliers. That decision was based on both cost and quality, both of which I have found to be more than reasonable.

I wish that I could say the same about the service of the C and D stand itself. I still feel that for an operation which is run 'solely for your (the student) convenience' that it should be convenient for the student. Should not the student be able to communicate his needs and wishes to the people working at the stand? This does not seem always possible. While on the same track... As is specified in C and D guidelines, the stand is to open at 8:30. It has done so fairly well; thanks in part to the efforts of one "unsung hero" who faithfully helps out, unpaid, in the setting up of the operation. However, nowhere is it said that the coffee is to be ready at this time. The situation has been much better lately, but it has occurred this term that the students have had to wait until 9:20 until they have been able to have decent (i.e. not from the machines) coffee. I do not fault your coffee, but it is nice to be able to have some coffee to take to 8:30 classes.

You speak of contacting the manager of the C and D stand. That is, or was, difficult as many students I am sure were unaware of your identity until you wrote and identified yourself in your letter. Even knowing who you are does not really simplify the problem of trying to find you. I tried unsuccessfully to contact you in person four times this week and had to settle with the highly unsatisfactory system of leaving notes in the MathSoc office.

dave newell

STUDENT VS. ?

Dear mathNEWS:

Groups of people, be they large or small, can be united by several factors. These could be language, race religion, occupation, but historically one of the major uniting factors of any culture has been a common foe, someone to blame when things don't go just right.

Some examples of this relationship are the Nazis and the Jews, the Confederates and the Yankees, Communists and the free world (though this distinction is no longer as clear as it once was), and in Canada for instance, the sub-groups of the public and the government oppose each other on many issues.

Young people comprise a group which haws (or so many of us seem to feel it has) more than its share of foes. Among these foes are several levels of the hierarchy of government (for we are a subgroup of the public), professors, boards controlling our curriculum, and for the really young set, parents. Indeed, all of these foes represent a common element, authority.

Those who survived the hippie era were preached at about brotherly love and how young people must stick together (I'm sure that among some of the pseudo-hippie I had the dubious honour of knowing there were those who literally stuck together) in order to survive in a world screwed up by our forefathers (who, by the way, were never young).

Having consumed all of these wonderful observations, I suggest to the group of young people that we look inward. There is decay from within. We are shitting on our doorstep. Young people are ripping-off young people and when it comes to controlling the situation who do we look to but those who represent authority.

Those who took M371B last winter will remember that Auerbach reports were being borrowed from the library on a permanent basis. There is the constant problem of paper being taken from the 3rd floor terminal rooms to be used for notes (and toilet paper for those really economizing). The day of a test I witnessed a young aspiring Chinese Student checking out a 'one-hour' reserved book shortly after the circulation desk opened. He innocently took the book to a study desk only to stash it under some papers and then take off for parts unknown. Later that day the book was returned with the probably explanation that 'one-hour' is not directly translatable.

The latest thorn in the students' side is the person or persons who felt inclined to collect more than their own M352A assignments from outside MC4061 only a day and a half prior to the first mid-term. The assignment required a lot of work and anyone not having it available for study purposes was at a definite disadvantage. Obviously this was the purpose. Some weak soul having a hard time surviving in the academic environment tried to give himself (herself, themselves) the upper hand. Well done weak soul. As if student didn't have

enough to worry about with inflation, jobs, and just plain growing up, we now must stand with our backs to the wall to avoid being stabbed by one of our own.

I won't pass judgement on these people. I'm not God and I too have my weak moments. All I ask is that those aware of such misguided people have the guts to dissuade them from such dastardly deeds, and if this fails, to come forward to those who can take the proper action. It's sad if we have to resort to this, but we are supposed to be mature, young adults able to accept the responsibilities of protecting our own rights as well as those of our fellow students.

S. STINTON
4A MATH

thicker than water

That's right! Again this year we wage a bloody war against all other faculties and staff! This is, however, a morally defensible and totally painless battle so quell not and allay thy fears.

Since math professors (especially in stats) are so successful in getting blood out of stones, the Red Cross has decided to move in and try their luck. So they are coming here, right to your doorstep, for three successive days to get something from you which no one else can give. Life. The Blood Donor Clinic will be here from Nov. 19th to Nov. 21st in the math lounge. The hours will be from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. You can't say you have too much work to do. What better conditions could there be for studying than lying down, looking at the nurses... Unless you have no blood or bad blood you have no reason not to give.

Last year, Math won the blood bowl from the Jocks by the narrow margin of .15% when 13.6% of you poured out to the clinic. So lets try to do better this time. The life you save could be that of your stats prof!

COMMENT (cont'd from first page)

a stand that, although might be unfavourable with the administration, at least would be morally right. (Another case of CHICKEY GUTS? It was rumoured that in the Uncle Bill (Wadge) incident of last year, MathSoc was told to keep their collective noses out and they did).

If you feel that a small group of people like the Renison people should be pushed around then do nothing (which is the easiest way out). If on the other hand you feel it is MathSoc's duty, (along with most of the other Societies who felt they owed to someone other than their own) to support your student rights, then speak to your class rep and find out how (s)he voted. You can find out who (s)he is at the MathSoc office if you don't already know.

Remember once a precedence of this type of unethical practice has been set, it can just as easily happen here as at Renison.

ESCAPAID

RE: The Great Escape

I was pleased to hear how efficient the Major was in the face of such grave danger. I have taken on the personal responsibility to determine the best way to confine these animals called "jineers". As of last week I deployed a large number of computer experts to put the problem to the great mastermind in the pit to determine the solution.

In the meantime a squad of Math V. Antilles will patrol the exits from the Engineering Lecture and allow only authorized personnel in or out of course I have made sure they are heavily armed with HP-45's, and if any jineers try to make a break for it, they will be intercepted and exponentiated on sight. The public would be well rid of such a menace.

Sincerely yours,
Midnight Maulader

P.S. I also have a few undercover MIA's (Math Intelligence Agency, to which we all belong) tailing the missing jineers. We'll get those scum eventually, and stamp them right out!!! (HEH, HEH, HEH).

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ADS

(Note: mathNEWS will print your classified ads FREE OF CHARGE. Just jot them down on a slip of paper, take it to room MC 3038 and have someone there deposit it in the mathNEWS file. Or, drop your ad in the campus mail (a free service) addressed to: mathNEWS, MC 3038.)

APT TO SUBLET: Jan 1st - April 31st.
Ottawa. Contact 885-2924

APT. TO SUBLET: For the summer term 1975: 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, fully furnished for four people. Location is Erb st. & University Ave. Rent \$250/Month (Utilities included) Phone: 578-8500.

RIDE WANTED: To OTTAWA this weekend or next. Will share gas etc... Call Ian 743-1284 or mail iggollan.

THANKS: Mariette.

FOR SALE: Murren wood skis 175 cm., with mounted Solomon bindings and ladies Garmont 7 1/2 boots, with poles, \$150. 653-1239.

PERSONAL: User id iggollan would appreciate mail of any sort but particularly from sympathetic persons.

WARNING # 2

This is a warning that, beginning next Monday and continuing for two weeks, anti-calendar questionnaires will be distributed

BINARY:

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is a bit off...

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this has been one of those nights... we challenge anyone to try to plot the distribution of people tonight using the normal distribution... thanks to the SciSoc wine (and cheese) party who treated us to a rendition of "fire alarm"... a thousand thanks to ron hansen who kept restoring our files... the system was bouncing up and down, and alternating between G and F versions of GCOS... the only trouble with that was that not all of our files were accessible at the same time... typing this in, is one poor sucker who left early, and returned in time to be handed the whole mess... including our two front page stories if the first page is blank, you know what happened... as of 8:45 our noble editor has crawled into a hole to sleep... with luck this will be into graphic services by noon... tonight's cast consisted of the momentary (we seem to use that word a lot in the masthead) jim mantle; mark (what can you say about the guy who has everything) shields; mdillon; prray; chevalier mal fet (sorry about the raven, again); the essential (for once) Ian gollan; boff (who finally managed it with a little help from dave); jj (thanks) long; the incomparable g dryden; and of course randall (happy dreams) s mcdougall... for the last (?) time tonight c

The time is 5:00 (pm).
Special mention to
Janice Shaver and
Raywhite. The engineers
stole the pink tie, the
'bun lost two front page
articles and C&D broke
the key in their cupboard lock. help

P.S. it is now 10:30 and the system is still down... have you ever heard of the legend of the Flying mathNEWSman??

P.P.S. it is now 11:00 and the system is still down... have you ever heard of the legend of the Wandering mathNEWSman?????

P.P.P.S. would you believe... down forever with pack problems???

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FOR SALE

- one (1) one hundred foot
Pink Tie.....

or

- one hundred (100) one foot
Pink Ties!

- must sell.

- one careful owner.

- brand new, never used!

- latest style.

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- contact any Eng. Soc. office or branch office!