## SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Math Thigh-High Wine\&Cheese Party on Thursday the 29th was very successful. (I had a really good time anyway!!!) There were various difficulties but none that couldn't be surmounted. Examples are:
(1) CKMS apparently forgot to write down my booking for a dj . When they were called just before 8:00 P.M., they didn't know anything about it. They did manage to get a dj for me though and he arrived just before 9:00 P.M. Unfortunately, his equipment was not working properly and their chief engineer had to be called in. The music was finally playing by 9:30 P.M. which wasn't too bad. I sure learned that lesson the hard way. From now on, I will remember to confirm any bookings I make!
(2) The munchies didn't last too long (even the limburger cheese was eaten!) but basically there was enough to go around. l.ud miracle of miracles - we didn't run out of wine!!!
(3) I had prizes for spot dances but Int $v$. er got around to organizing any so I gave the 6 prizes away to people who were still around at 2:00 A.M. when I decided it was definitely time to end things.
(4) Someone stole a bottle of wine from behind the bar which would have caused Bar Services to stop serving, but luckily the bottle was returned by person or persons unknown.

Jan Gray won the prize for the shortest shorts and Louise Love won the prize for the shortest skirt. (The prizes were $\$ 10$ gift certificates for Pants Plus at Waterloo Square.) Jan was wearing a speedo bathing suit and had 18 inches of leg showing above the knee. Louise also had on a bathing suit but hers had some fringe on it and thus was counted as being in the skirt category although this was definitely a 'fringe' situation. She had if or so inches of thigh in view.

I would like to thank all the people who helped out with the Wine\&Cheese. especially Michael Herman who chauffeured me around in the afternoon when such things as the cheese and crackers had to be picked up.

Well, on to the next event now. There is to be a Math-Federation Pub at the Waterloo Motor Inn on Thursday, February 12 th at 8 P.M. with the band DOWNCHILD. The entrance fee is $\$ 3.50$ for Math Students and Federation Members. If you buy your ticket from the Math Society (we have tickets on sale there now), you are entitled to enter a draw for a $\$ 40$ gift certificate at the Ali Baba Restaurant in Waterloo. You get to enter the draw once per pub ticket that you buy. The draw will be held on Friday the 13th and the winner will be announced in mathNews the following week. We will also try to contact the winner by telephone if a phone number has been provided. This is a St. Valentine's Pub by the way!

Bye now... Marnie

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## CSC Flash! <br> CS250 News

On Tuesday, February 3rd, the CS Departmental meeting for February heard a presentation by Prof's Don Cowan and Wes Graham on plans to provide more resources for CS250. As mathNEWS reported last term, the resource problem for CS250 has become critical. The Computer Systems Group (CSG), who gave us WATFIV, WATBOL, WIDJET, WATMAP, Waterloo BASIC, and Waterloo Pascal, proposed a solution based on a number of PET microcomputers attached to a central minicomputer responsible for file storage. The proposal has since been revised to use a more modern processor (the MC6809 rather than the PET's 6502) and, optionally, an entirely separate computer. A committee of four faculty members (Prof's Malcolm, Munro, Cowan, and Booth) considered two proposal in the last few weeks: $336809-$ equipped 80 column PET's with bankswitched ROM's attached to a Series I
minicomputer, and 33 microWAT's connected to a Series I. What's a microWAT (actually spelled with a Greek mu )? It's a six-slot mainframe computer with a 6809 CPU board, ROM board, RAM board, IEEE 488 interface, and two serial ports, designed and manufactured by the CSG (yes, the CSG's now in the hardware business!). It's designed to work with the ubiquitous Volker-Craig terminal.

Economics and the greater flexibility of the microWAT prompted the committee to recommend that funds be allocated to its development, despite the risk that the computers may not be ready for the fall; the CSG is confident it can produce them, but it's never had such a project before. Still, as Prof. Graham pointed out at the meeting, the CSG has never failed before and the CSG believes strongly enough in them that it's going to use them for development of software.

Some project details: It will cost $\$ 292,200$, of which $\$ 150,000$ will be donated by the CSG (in equipment, manpower, and cash). Eventually, most first and second year courses would be supported by the units, though plans for this expansion are not firm yet. It is expected that WIDJET resources (minicomputers and terminals) would gradually be converted to microWAT support. Archiving has been considered: it has been estimated that the Series I can, running full out, handle the " 20 minutes past the hour" peak load.

All that remains for the time being is to find the money $(\$ 142,200)$ to fund the project. If you have any spare money that you don't really need, it would be most appreciated.
peter rowley

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## OPINION

Dumb. There are certain living objects in the universe that are so stupid that all effort on them is a waste of time. Plants. Honeyedit. Certain breeds of dogs. Maoists. The Chevron.

Of course, some of these things are more annoying than others. Even dumb dogs are charming. Plants can be ignored. Honeyedit is ignored. Maoists are nonexistent. Only The Chevron's repeated idiocies are truly obnoxious.

For that reason, people try to ignore The Chevron. Sometimes it's almost easy. I mean, The Chevron usually ignores us, since The People's Struggle Against The Oppressor in various assorted Third World nations is fascinating to them. Their concern with it is fascinating to me, too. The Chevron is the only student newspaper in this country that reads like a copy of 'In Struggle!' (the official organ of some random communist group, and the '!' really is in the title). However, the fascination soon wanes. When you've seen one red rag, you've seen them all, and The Chevron is so eminently predictable it's dull.

Well, I wandered from the point a bit. The point is that The Rag sometimes notices the UW campus and feels moved to comment. This is a strategic error on their part. When they write about the Marxists in El Salvador, or the junta in Turkey, one only suspects they're nuts. When they write about UW, brother, you know they are.

The most recent evidence of this textbook case of journalistic psychosis came in The Chevron of January 22nd, from the pen of no less than editor Heather Robertson. Miss Robertson, who presumably usually pens the Chevron's rather rabid editorials, this time wrote a signed article in which she advocated the banning of the Enginews. To let the lady speak for herself, she in fact said "women students and others who are defamed debased and offended by the sexist, racist and terrorist content of Enginews should see to it that this rag ends up in the same garbage heap as the 'Toike Oike'" (the U of $T$ engineering newspaper that recently shut down.)

Quite aside from the novelty of seeing The Chevron, for heaven's sake, calling another newspaper a rag, and leaving for your consideration Miss Robertson's evident lack of perspective, exception really must be taken to her conclusions. Ban it, Miss Robertson says. Close it down. It's "vile pornography", nothing but, and suffers from "regressive social attitudes". Personally, I've always found attacks on freedom of speech pretty regressive, but Miss Robertson is progressive. We know that. She told us so.

Why ban it? Well, it spreads venomous propaganda against women, progressive people (whoever they are) and students "of various nationalities". Besides, it advocates terrorism against "progressive people". This from a newspaper that ran a fawning article on a "militant demonstration" in Buffalo, and a long piece breathlessly extolling the exploits of the Workers' Unity Movement, which advocates the flouting of provincial law in favor of "mass struggles". But The Chevron is against terrorism. Miss Robertson says so.

Saying that The Chevron is worse, however, does not address the real issue here. The content of the Enginews, as Miss Robertson should know, shouldn't cause it to be banned. If Miss Robertson is personally defamed by the Enginews, she should sue. That's what the libel laws are there for. If Miss Robertson is merely offended by the Enginews, she shouldn't read it. She's got that choice. In fact, the distribution of the Enginews is such that she has to make some effort to get it. The Enginews wasn't precisely shoved at her, or at anyone else. If you don't like the Enginews, you have to go out of your way to pick it up and get offended. Why does Miss Robertson bother? In fact, why doesn't she simply do what the rest of us do when we're faced with a publication we don't like? Don't read it. That simple.

Well, we can't fool Miss Robertson. She doesn't want the Enginews banned simply because she takes personal offense. No. She wants the Enginews banned because we "share this campus with three or four thousand engineering students who are undoubtedly influenced by the paper". She then described several attacks against women and said that the "Enginews must bear a large burden of responsibility for these kinds of hideous assaults". Nonsense.

Attacks against women are the sole responsibility of the jerks who commit them. Period. No sane, responsible adult is going to commit a criminal attack simply, because he read it in a newspaper. If we're really dealing with people who are close enough to the edge that Enginews could tip them over, then so could a lot of other things. In any case, either people are sane and responsible or they aren't. If they are, reading the Enginews won't hurt them. If they aren't, then banning the Enginews won't stop them from insane, criminal or irresponsible behavior In either case, there is no good reason there to ban the Enginews.

And there are good reasons not to. As an editor, Miss Robertson should appreciate them. If the Enginews is banned
because "the majority of people at UW are outraged" at its content, a claim that Miss Robertson gives without proof (how could they be, when the Enginews circulates to a small minority on campus anyhow? How can you be outraged at something you haven't read?), then what happens when The Chevron is deemed offensive? Or Mathnews? Or Imprint?

Granted, The Imprint isn't likely to be banned. Or Mathnews. Or even The Chevron, though an English professor might lead the charge on that one. But who would have thought that Enginews would be in this situation ten years ago?

The principle is very simple. Freedom of the press is freedom of the press. Either you believe in it or you don't. If you believe in banning the Enginews, you only believe in freedom for the press that you like. And that's not good enough It's freedom for none or freedom for all, because attitudes can change and next, you may be found unacceptable.

That's why it's important to defend the Enginews. Not because it's worthwhile. It isn't. Not because it's not crude. It is. Not because it's popular. It may or may not be. Because these issues of freedom are never endangered for the inoffensive papers. Nobody wants to ban them. It's only in cases like the Enginews, whose content is frankly pretty blatant, that the things we take for granted are endangered.

Well, maybe it's not all that important. The fundamental freedoms of our society won't be changed in the least by what happens to the Enginews. No one off this campus will either know or care, and few on it will.

Still, we'll know. If the Enginews is banned, then we've choked off somebody's freedom to speak for trivial purposes. That's really why, if people don't like the Enginews, they should do nothing but ig. nore it. Not because they owe that to the Enginews. Because they owe it to themselves.

Rick McGeer

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## THE HOSTAGES

A Different Viewpoint

The long ordeal is over. The American Hostages (prisoners of war if you prefer) have been released in return for Iranian assets seized in the early days of the 'crisis'. Now it is time for recriminations, second guessing and analyses, including this one. I call this a different viewpoint. For in articles dealing with the hostages the word humiliation is almost universally used, but I do not think it applies.

The remarkably superficial analyses usually go something like this, "and how the mighty have fallen, when what was once the most powerful nation in the world can now be humiliated by any two bit country". But when has it not been true that powerful countries are subject to certain types of attacks. Hostage taking has always been primarily a weapon of the weak against the strong, and especially it is a weapon of the unscrupulous against those with a concience.

The victim of a hostage taker has four basic options. He may give in to the demands. This would be humiliation indeed as well as an open invitaion to disater! Anyone with an imagined grievance and no scruples would immediately grab a few hostages themselves. Wisely, the United States did not take this insane course.

The second option is to attempt a rescue with a minimum of bloodshed. This, naturally depends on circumstances and is not always possible. Even when possible a rescue depends on a large amount of both skill and luck. In their rescue attempt luck was very much against the Americans. But this does not mean they were humiliated! (Some would claim that skill was also absent from the attempt, a very moot point. But even if true a failure in an honest and honourable attempt is not humiliation.)

The third option, brute force. Send in the Marines! The hostages may be killed but by God (a lot of things are done in His name) we'll make sure that the Iranians never try anything like that again! This option does have the advantage that is discourages others from taking hostages. But not all people are reasonable. Brute force cannot remain forever as merely a threat, the bluff will be called at regular intervals. I will not try to explain the horrors of war. Better writers than me have tried and I would guess not succeeded. War degrades both sides, even a "limited" war. The specatacle of the Ameiricans raising their bloody hands in victory at the hostages funeral is one that invokes no thoughts of humiliation, to be sure. But what a price to pay!

The fourth option is perhaps the hardest. To refuse both the easy defeat and the easy 'victory'. To take what actions you can short of violence, limited as they may be, demand release, and then wait patiently. This course has its difficulties. The accusation that you are doing nothing will invariably be made. More siginificant is the fact that the hostages, innocent victims, will suffer during this period. But when one considers that the alternative may well be death of the hostages and many other innocents this option becomes much more acceptable. In the end this last course of action, as I believe the Americans have shown, gives the greatest hope for a resolution of the conflict with no bloodshed and least harm.

I do not understand where the humiliation is supposed to have occurred. True, the Iranians made many gross insults against the Americans while they held the hostages. But is a man humiliated when insulted by a child hiding behind a fence? Who is to be more honoured, the man who ignores insults or the man who uses force to end them? America was not humiliated merely because she did not choose an immediate and bloody end to a crisis.

I do not defend all the American actions in Iran. Their support of the Shah is especially suspect. However I believe that they acted correctly, if sometimes somewhat ineptly, with high and honourable motives during the hostage incident. They refused bloodshed under extreme provocation from those who counted on those same honourable motives. Far from being humiliated I feel the Americans have reason to be proud! William Hughes

##  <br> FACULTY NOTES

1. Freshman Math students interested in transfering to a Co-op Math Programme may pick up an information sheet/application form from the Math Undergrad Office (MC 5115).
2. The deadline for dropping winter courses and/or withdrawing from the university without academic penalty is Friday, February $13 / 81$.
3. Fall/81 - Winter/82 pre-registration will be held during the week of March 2$6 / 81 \ldots$ more details later.

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## Galumphing Gourmets

Alas, the vicissitudes of finance have precluded us from visiting a place sufficient times with a varied enough group to produce a rating.

In addition to reviewing restaurants. we do intend to publish favourite receipes, and interviews. Letters to the column will also be published if they are sane and not profane. We reserve the right to edit letters to fit the space available.

Here are a few words on last week's Thigh High Pub. There wasn't enough cheese, as was clearly evidenced by the fact that it was all gone, except the limberger, by the time we got there. After we arrived, the limberger was opened, and it too lasted quick. The chocolate cream cheese was a nice surprise, and everyone remarked on how good it was.

With respect to the wine(?), we were sorry to learn that bar services limits you to selection one or two. Actually, the Szeksardi Voros was reasonable. Especially after one of the bartenders put some in the fridge. For those of you who believe red wines should be served at room temperature, this is a reminder that no wine should be served at the temperature of the room you are in, but at the temperature of the wine cellar. In this case, 18 degrees Celsius is about right.

We come now to the music. Someone should tell the DJ's that the fact that no one is dancing is not a signal to increase the volume. Clipped speakers do nothing to enhance the quality of the music, nor do they increase the terpsichorean inclinations of the attendees.

On the whole, it was a good party Keep up the good work, Marnie!

## Previously Rated.

## The Stone Crock <br> St. Jacobs

Reasonable family-style dining. All you can eat for a fixed price. Scrumptious soups, salad bar and boarding-house style table service. Desserts a la carte. No licence, major credit cards. \$10-12.00 per person.
2.1 bunnies.

## Shin Shin

105 Victoria Street S., Kitchener.
Very good Szechuan dining at a reasonable price. Excellent desserts. No licence, no cards. $\$ 6.00-10.00$ per person.
2.0 bunnies.
jcwinterton

# FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS 

DEAN'S HONOURS LIST

In recognition of outstanding acedemic achievement during the fall term, the following students have made the DEAN'S HONOURS LIST (Fall/80).

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## feedback

January 26, 1981
MathNEWS
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Waterloo, Ontario

## Dear Mr. News,

About two weeks ago I arrived on the third floor of the Math building and I realized that something was not quite right in the way the universe was unfolding. It did not take long to discover the cause of my malaise. Some person or persons had painted the MathNEWS mailbox a virulent day-glow pink. Gone was the serene and unobtrusive grey mailbox we'd all come to know and love so well.

My first thought upon being confronted with this appalling breach of good taste was "Oh my God, MahtNEWS has gone New Wave!". (Actually, my first thought was "Stomach, don't fail me now!".) But then i realized that if you had truly gone New Wave the mailbox would have to be wearing a skinny tie (or at the very least a safety pin) and MathSOC had deep-sixed the tie quite some time ago.

Well in that case maybe you'd gone Old Hippie. Like right back to the Sixties man. But no, said I to myself, it's already been done. Remember those perple who occupied the Federation office last year? (Gee folks, I thought that sort of thing had gone out of style when the war in Viet Nam ended.)

The third explanation for this affront to common decency was that MathNEWS, desperate for printable copy, was trying to attract attention. Perhaps you thought that if you could get
people to notice your mailbox they might write something and send it in (those who didn't throw up that is), or even join your staff. And you may think that your idea was correct since I've actually bothered to write this. (Oh dear, how am I going to get myself out of this one?) Before you jump to conclusions, allow me to point out that if you want to get people to work for you, you have to be nice to them. You're not supposed to upset their digestive systems. This is called "good public relations". Being obnoxious may get you letters like this one, but hate mail doth not a newspaper make. (There, I did it.)

Therefore, I appeal in the strongest possible terms to all that you hold sacred, to paint the mailbox grey once more. By the Bit and the Chip I beg you. In the name of Hollerith I beseech you. PLEASE!!!
hskatz

## Dear Mr. Katz,

Our deepest apologies for disturbing your digestive system. You are correct in what you say. Your's is the first letter decent enough to print concerning this nauseating issue. Now that you have pointed out what doesn't make a paper coild you help us find out what does?
$-\mathrm{Hd}$

Our STATs prof is not to be vexed.
He expounds without hindrance (or text); With the flick of his wrist
LST is dismissed...
Maybe Lawless convergence is next!
bwitutek

## Council Elections

Despite the rumours that have been flying around there does not seem to be any possibility of an exciting Federation Council election in the Math Faculty. The two regular seats have been filled by acclamation. The council members for Math Regular $81 / 82$ are William Hughes, a second year Applied Math student, and D'Arcy Emery, who is enrolled in first year Computer Science. As of last report there were no students running for the three co-op seats.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let's talk politics. Not something starry-eyed and far away (like Brad Templeton's Monologue), let's talk about something we can get our mits on. Last week there was an election on campus (whether you realize it or not). It was for the president of the Federation of Students, the head of our representative body as students. Many people said that the Federation had no effect on them and hence didn't care and didn't vote. The results of the election will allow that feeling to continue.

For those of you who hadn't noticed let's see what happened. The winning candidate was Wim Simonis, a political science major and member of the Young Liberals, who espoused the idea that students did not want a political Federation. Mr. Simonis was the former vicepresident of the Federation and carries with him a very handsome resume of boards, committees and councils. He now adds to that list the position of Federation President.

His platform was to keep the Federation in its service role as it had been over the past few years. Along with maintaining existing services, he plans such things as adding a patio to the CC. This would seem a continuation of the $\$ 10,000$ worth of renovations done in the summer, and anyone who has gone there will testify to how 'astounding' those changes were Basically he was running off of the record of the past administration and protecting us from the other candidate.

The other candidate was Maggie Thomson. She was touted as being a front person for Leonid Brezhnev's handpicked brigade to overthrow all that is sacred on campus, The Chevron Club. She was not. (I do not understand why there is so much Chevrophobia, it could be that some of what they are saying is true ). She was favoured by the Chevries because a) she promised to take action according to the students wishes, and b) she wasnt Wim Simonis and a member of the last administration's clique they disliked.

Anyone who noticed the election will likely tell you there were two issues of major concern. The first was action related to the fee hike and cuts in government spending on education, and the second was Enginews. Maggie Thomson proposed a one day walk out on classes and/or a fee hike strike to counter government action (or inaction), only if the students supported these actions. In other words she had ideas that were planned and ready to go if there was support. Mr. Simonis proposed passive activities in the same vein as past administrations. He said he would consider stronger alternatives if enough students came to him with a proposal. For the most part he wishes to avoid political activity.

## the sixth estate <br> A program of journalistic bluff \& bluster.

Today we examine in more detail the anaemic state of ES2, now under construction on the west Ring Road. The day the Gazette printed an "architect's portrayal" of what was to be the new home of Architecture, a handful of people became concerned over what this thing was going to be like. Even in the idyllic hand of the architect's artist, this thing was a bomb. Boxy, asymmetric, with no texture or recess in its exterior faces, unimaginatively landscaped (but at least covered with trees) and vulgarly plunked in the middle of a rather nice grassy field overlooking Laurel Creek.

But the Gazette picture did not fully describe the horrors that were to follow. As girder followed beam, as brick followed girder, more and more people were seen gaping at the structure, firmly clutching their airsick bags for dear life! Waterloo's campus had begotten a monstrosity, worse even than Psych's battlements, SCH's jumbled wandering stairs and Math's pigeons. Yea, this thing was blood RED!

Even the Dean of Arts had to half-apologize for the thing. He assured a meeting of council that they would "come to love it." Now, in its stage of completing the exterior, more ghastly sights appear. Windows on both sides are alternatingly enormous squares and divided into three rectangles, all flush up to the brick surface. (No pigeons here! -tech ed) There appears to be no hope of cornices, didoes or flying buttresses to break the boxy blandness of shape. No kiosks, no open-air beer gardens, nothing. The west face is the most appalling. What windows there are are small and scattered aimlessly. The one door has a bricked-in diagonal entrance that looks like a designer's mistake; the staircase beside it is windowed with a...

## packed array [1..30, 1..7] of TinyPanes;

The likes of those baroque, disgusting, snivelling TinyPanes haven't been used in building for over 30 years. Where do they turn up? On the Architecture building?

This is one building that would be better off underground. Maybe we'll be lucky and it'll sink into the fiery below, like the Arts Library, or blow up, like Convolution 69. Or maybe some free-minded soul will scrawl "PAINT ME!" on the side. 'Tis a shame to think that he'd go to jail for a'that. But, if he did, he wouldn't have to look at ES2 every day like we do.

Ross Brown

The question may now be asked: Do we care about another fee increase or cuts in government spending? If you are an engineer ond make $\$ 6,000$ on your work terms, a $10 \%$ increase in fees will not likely bother you. If you are not on co-op the fee increase is still less than the cost of living increases. Government spending on education, and particuarly on universities, is not keeping up with inflation. Budget cutbacks bring the quality of education down with them, and no matter how much money you get on work terms, or through OSAP, this is still true. One candidate did give you a feasible, active choice.

The second popular issue was the Enginews. It arose because Miss Thomson proposed to cut Federation advertising in the Enginews unitl such time as its contents were appealing to anyone other than those who have an insatiable fetish for crude (pronounced racist and sexist) humour. She did not say she would ban the paper, she said the Federation would stop helping to pay for it. As a result Mr. Simonis got over 40\% of his support from the Engineers.

In reality there was only one issue. Mr Simonis represented a Federation that would continue to play little or no part in the students' organization or activity. Maggie Thompson proposed the organization of students into a concerned and active special interest group. A very resounding message was relayed to Miss
"Regression," young Martin would say, "Nearly always leads forecasts astray." Given data and sums,
He'd just twiddle his thumbs --
For his error was least in this way!
bwlutek

Thompson, politics does not mean action Simply by observing our federally and provincially elected representatives one will realize they exist merely to pound desks and assimilate, not to take action and speak intelligently. Miss Thompson dealt with issues and response to those issues. Anyone who witnessed her at an election forum will testify to that. Mr. Simonis is a classic Canadian politician, straight from the mold. A Federation run by Miss Thompson would have confronted the students and a serious attempt would have been made to organize us into a political force. If she had been elected we would have been on the road to developing into a viable special interest group and as a result we would have had to take some responsibility for the shape of things around us. The results of the election indicated that at least $60 \%$ of us have no desire to improve our situation or level of self importance.

Okay, you can go back to sleep now.
sincerely, Tim Finnerty


