EDITORIAL

No easy solutions to hard problems

Israel has always been treated with a kind hand by western nations for many years. The reasons for this vary from a fear of being labelled anti-Semetic to a sympathy to the plight of the Israeli nation. But now it is the Israelis who are the oppressors and not the oppressed.

Our Prime Minister, who condemned South Africa for its racial policy, which included the use of violence to surpress riots, was bold enough to say that Isreal had exercised restraint in regards to the incidents on the Gaza Strip. This seems totally hypocritical since both nations used the same methods to handle similar situations.

The attitudes of Isrealis seem to be along the same lines as the South Africans. One unidentified law student at Hebrew University said, "The beatings are necessary. The Arabs don't understand anything but force". To me, that type of sentiment reflects an ignorant and close-minded society.

In all fairness though, the Palestinian problem can't be fully blamed on Israel. It takes two to tango. The Palestinians and other Arab nations must realize that Israel is here to stay and work not towards its destruction but towards co-existence with Israel.

Violence is rarely a solution to the problems which pervade our world. One ex-terrorist, who is still in Canada, has realized that violence is not the answer to the Palestinian situation, as his remarks indicate ". . .I believe by mind, by brain, by negotiation, there might be a solution".

Ernest Dunphy

Mugwump Journal

By Bill Traer

Went to Montreal a couple of weeks ago to catch a game in the Forum. Good game. Stayed in this real nice hotel. They had a swimming pool on the 28th floor. Was it ever deep.

Last Saturday morning, I was attacked by someone felt that, YES, Smurfs were next to Godliness. I still say that they're evil, satanic influences and deserve whatever Gargamel has in mind for them. Die a slow horrible death.

Went to the Hilltop last weekend. I see peroxide is in this year.

Did you watch the interview between US VP George Bush and Dan Rather? It was supposed to be an interview about Bush's views on the Presidential campaign. Instead, it turned into a verbal battle for 'air superiority'. Unfortunately, Dan Rather lost because Bush felt like sliming Rather over a mistake he made last year (Remember Tennis). It may have been a bad one, but there was no reason to bring it up.

This weekend CHSR—FM starts their fund raiser. Those poor people upstairs have been hurting for bucks for quite a while. Read the center section in the Bruns this week. Give to a worthy cause.

To all those people who looked through just about everything this week for the Winter Carnival Scavenger Hunt, there's only one autographed baseball for sale in this city. (Wally Joiner at a Collector's Dream).

The Superbowl is coming up this weekend. Go Denver.

Sex Scandal Hits UNB. Following in the footsteps of Gary Hart, Jim Bakker and Oliver North is, yes, the Bruns. We are involved in a sex scandal, unofficially of course. Perhaps, someday, the SRC will inform us of the investigation.

STRIPPERS: They're everywhere, especially at the Little Rock. This is almost certain to be a packed event. Where are the feminists? This is definitely a sexist event. If the strippers were female, there would be so much shit.

All you males should go and picket the Little Rock.

Don Nelson, a stalwart here for the last 30 some years and has won only one AUAA championship, is retiring. Actually, he's taking a sabbatical (officially). Phil Wright will take over. In reality, Don will not be returning to the Raiders in his coaching capacity. This is just a way of phasing him out without actually having to advertise his job to the rest of the country. Thus, the financially strapped athletics department doesn't have to pay big bucks they can't afford for a new coach. Good luck Phil.

Tonight is the Extravaganza. 5 bands for 9 bucks. This will definitely be the party of the year, another Timmy and Marc production. Zappacosta and Nash the Slash will more than make your day. Be there.

Tomorrow night, the Social Club features the return of Tony Quinn and the Campus Comedy contest. See all you would-be funny people; dust off your tired jokes and come on up.

Quick money making scheme number 1. A set of old clothes, preferably with patches, several days growth of beard and one puppy. Thus armed, we set out to our working area, downtown at King's Place. Timing is crucial for one to reap a large profit on this event. Thus, we arrive on Thursday (payday) about 11:00 am and pluck ourselves down near the Bank of Nova Scotia. Next, one gets out the secret weapon, the puppy. Then, erect a sign saying "Help me feed my dog". All one has to do now is wait for the bucks to roll in and watch for the cops. About $100 per hour is a reasonable rate of return on your investment.

Tomorrow night, Aitken House is holding their 30th anniversary reunion. Many past alumni will be in town for this gala event. Have a wild one, gang.

Watched Star Trek last week. The Captain told the kid to shut up. Loved it.