

No, Parrish, no Preparing to unwelcome Bush

HE SAID SHE SAID
BEN CONOLEY

It's not very often that I speak out in favour of the Liberals. I promise I won't make a habit out of it.

This week though, I found myself thinking Paul Martin made the right choice in kicking Mississauga MP, Carolyn Parrish out of the Liberal caucus.

I never find myself speaking out in favour of George W. Bush. I'm still not going to. However, Parrish's methods of speaking out against the American president in the past have been utterly unprofessional and frankly she deserved what she got.

There should be a difference in behavior between an elected representative of the Canadian Government and that of an angry university student. Her vocal disgust with Bush and America was something I'd expect to hear from someone sitting in front of me at Wrestlemania - and I say that because I've been to Wrestlemania.

I would never want or expect an elected politician to sit idle and muted as our government, or any other government, made decisions he or she felt to be unreasonable, or in this case inherently unintelligent. There are, though, good ways and bad ways to publicly demonstrate such

disagreements. Calling Americans "bastards" is certainly not one of them. Maybe she'll call Puerto Ricans lazy while she's working her way through stereotypes.

Diplomacy, Ms. Parrish, is what I expect from someone in your position. Calling Bush "warlike" is hardly insightful. We're all aware he led America into war, so we all know he's warlike. It's akin to calling Gandhi "peaceful" in that the only response you can expect to get is, "Well, duh."

Furthermore, I don't believe Canadians are looking for their politicians to appear on television while stepping on the head of a Bush doll. Seriously - who does that? If Bush appeared on television while stepping on a Martin doll's head, wouldn't we expect Canadians to be angry? If I step on a Bush doll, or poke a Paris Hilton voodoo doll with needles in the privacy of my own home or web cam, then I wouldn't expect anyone to care. Then again, I wasn't voted into parliament and my web cam - if I had one - wouldn't be broadcast on the CBC.

Rarely am I able to judge when any kind of behaviour is appropriate or not, but this time, I'm going to call it. Carolyn Parrish wasn't behaving in the way we expect our politicians to behave - and come on, we don't expect a whole lot from our politicians, do we?

DECONSTRUCTIONS
ASAF RASHID

American president and war criminal George W. Bush will be visiting Ottawa on Nov. 30 for a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin. Will anyone have handcuffs ready?

There are grounds to arrest Bush, "commander-in-chief" (on paper) of the U.S. for recent and ongoing war crimes in Iraq and during the "War on Terror" in general. For one, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan pronounced in Sept. 2004 that the U.S.-led war on Iraq was not approved by the Security Council and was therefore illegal according to the U.N. Charter. The lack of approval by the Security Council is mainly due to the fact that there were absolutely no justifiable defensive grounds for the war - no reasonable evidence of weapons of mass destruction. Incidentally, legitimate weapons of mass destruction have not been found through the duration of the Anglo-American occupation.

There are even more specific grounds for Bush's indictment. In 2000, the Canadian government signed the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Act to make national legislation applicable to the International Criminal Court. The new act supposedly gives Canada the power to arrest anyone who has committed a war crime, even outside of Canada. Included as war crimes are breaches of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, which are designed to protect prisoners of war and civilians. In the case of Iraq, it is clear that the Anglo-American operations have not had any regard for these laws. According to an Oct. 29 report in scientific journal *The Lancet*, 100,000 people have died as a result of the Anglo-American invasion

and its aftermath, which can hardly be considered the result of any reasonable attempt to avoid civilian casualties or, more specifically, to avoid launching attacks "in the knowledge that such attacks will cause incidental loss of life or injury to civilians."

This brutal death toll has been conveniently silenced in the mass media, and I would argue that any acts of intentionally silencing reports of such devastating loss of life should also be considered a war crime. As for the treatment of prisoners of war, there are quite clear violations of their rights as well. In the case of Abu Ghraib prison, there is documented evidence of abuse and torture of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers. Also, at the prison camp in the U.S. Naval base of Guantanamo Bay Cuba, hundreds of prisoners - captives of the War on Terror - of more than 30 nationalities remain detained and subjected to torture without access to any legal assistance; all the while, the U.S. claims International Law does not apply to their naval base. Information on abuses at both Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib can be found on the Amnesty International website www.amnesty.org. Additional blatant crimes include both the continued occupation of Iraq and prevention of democratic process by the U.S.-led occupation force.

The list of violations can go on and on - and can include crimes against democracy within U.S. borders. The point is that it is perfectly legitimate to issue an arrest warrant for Bush. The violations are obvious and well documented: Bush is the president or "commander-in-chief" of the state responsible for international crimes and therefore must bear at least some responsibility for its actions, and Canada is party to agreements that give



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George W. Bush will be making a visit to Canada next week. Chances are he won't be shaking hands with Carolyn Parrish.

legislated power and responsibility to arrest war criminals for crimes in other countries.

Will Paul Martin himself put the handcuffs on Bush? Of course not! He will shake hands with him in front of the media with a big smile on his face, talk about softwood lumber and restrictions on beef exports, and even discuss strategies for continental security, ballistic missile "defense," and more Canadian participation in the maniacal War on Terror. The Canadian Government will not apply their own laws with regards to Bush; they will instead legitimize his actions through treating him with dignity and respecting the decisions of his administration.

Recognizing that the Canadian Government will not take any action

on Bush on their own, people will be responding in cities across the country, with a major rally taking place on November 30 in Ottawa at Parliament Hill, which will coincide with Bush's visit. There will be action taking place in Fredericton to act in solidarity with those in Ottawa and other communities who will be opposing the Bush administration and any Canadian cooperation in war crimes. Very importantly, the actions on Nov. 30 will be a continuation and extension of the escalating protests - to challenge war, occupation and crimes against democracy - that been taking place in the U.S. since the presidential election on November 2. Please check out updates and information on Maritimes Indymedia www.maritimesindymedia.org.

Go, Parrish, go

HE SAID SHE SAID
MIKE NASON

You know what? I want to shake Carolyn Parrish's hand.

Not only do I admire her chutzpah, I also admire her honesty. Calling Americans "bastards" is a time-honoured Canadian tradition; I do it at least once a day. Who are we to deny her the right to such things with grade-school punishments? Oh... now she has to sit by herself in the back row of parliament. Shame, shame, double-shame, Carolyn. She was right to liken a punishment from Paul Martin to being called into the principal's office. I'm surprised he didn't have her writing "I promise to be nice to America" on a giant chalkboard facing south on Parliament Hill.

Yeah, sure, I'll grant you that she's an elected official and that we certainly expect, or are used to, more civilized discourse from our politicians, but you can't tell me it didn't feel good to hear a politician speak their mind for once. We tolerate all the negative drivel and lies that go into election advertisements and smear campaigns. Politicians trash each other all the time. For me, it was refreshing to hear a Canadian official speak in such a manner. We call it "unprofessional" but just how "professional" is it to pay people to get Ralph Nader on a ballot to reduce votes for democrats? How

"professional" is it to make offhand comments about personal family business like John Edwards did when he brought up the sexual orientation of Dick Cheney's daughter during the debates? I use American examples not just because I, sadly, know more about American politics than those in my own country, but also because America is the country that ours stuck up for with Parrish's punishment. Maybe we just expect our politicians to be better people.

As for her effigy stomping business on television: It was a comedy show! She was poking fun at the media overreaction, herself, and Bush simultaneously. I've seen American politicians on *The Daily Show* say or do equally inappropriate things. It was in jest and people overreacted.

Then again, I don't really want to see all politicians just running their mouths off all the time. As entertaining as it might be to see Bernard Lord call Bush "a fucking moron," I don't really think it's a good thing to endorse. I might consider her "punishment" of being made an independent apt if she actually considered it "punishment" herself. She's called it "a relief" and continues to do her job. I think the real punishment will be, and should have been laid, in the hands of the voters, not in the confines of the principal's office.

Either way, I'd vote for her.

EXPLICIT EDITION
JILL CONNELL

I hear my friends discussing their orgasms and I wonder: What's wrong with me? Where is this G-spot thing? Can I be content if I'm not having female ejaculation? I'm interested in all things related to orgasm, so what can you tell me?

When it comes to sex, friends can be extremely helpful: they share anecdotes and war-stories, look at that strange bump on your vagina/penis and accompany you to the sex shop/testing clinic. Friends can make you feel totally normal: "Wow, we all have slightly left-leaning uncircumcised penises?" or "We all have concurrent yeast infections? Awesome." Then again, friends can be fabulous purveyors of sex myths: "A boner involves an actual penis-bone" and tall tales: "My ejaculate tastes like tiger tail ice cream." Everyone is different: friends can have different hair-dos, different turn-ons, different orgasms. So although friends can be an invaluable sexual health resource, don't let them fill your head with nonsense

and certainly don't let them stress you out.

No doubt, orgasms are cool. Ejaculate is neat-o. The G-spot is a great place to visit. But all this focus on ejaculatory orgasms as the be-all and end-all of sex - total balls. These days it's not good enough to enjoy a little foreplay or have one exquisite orgasm. No-siree, it's all about multiple simultaneous orgasms where men's jizz hits the ceiling and women ejaculate a litre of fluid out their urethra. Our goal-oriented society is enough of a piss-off as is, without bringing all this stress and perfection into the bedroom. If you have yet to master female ejaculation or orgasms in general, you are not a failure. And if anyone tries to tell you that your vagina is "broken," you should definitely kick them in the balls/box.

The most useless thing a friend ever told me about orgasms is "you can't miss it," as if orgasms are equally obvious as the CN Tower in the Toronto skyline. Orgasms often involve a certain amount of instruction, practice and dedication. Masturbation is a glorious friend in this department. If you can achieve orgasms

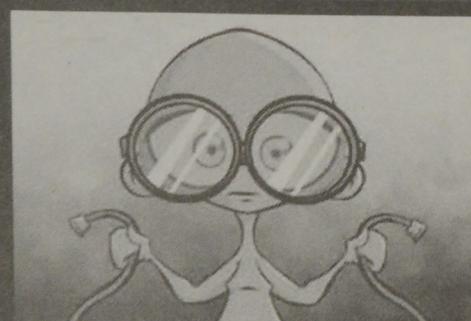
solo, you'll often be far more adept at achieving them with a partner. The most useful thing a friend ever told me about orgasms is "this is how I do it," followed by specific instructions such as this is the clitoris, this finger goes here, the showerhead goes here, etc. Be a good friend: share your orgasm knowledge and masturbation genius.

In reference to female ejaculate: in a nutshell, female ejaculate is expelled through the urethra during orgasm/arousal and is most often the result of stimulating the urethral sponge, a.k.a. the G-Spot. The G-spot is an erogenous zone about one-third to half-way up the front wall of the vagina - a ridged area around the size of a quarter (think pressing in a "come hither" motion on the backdoor of the clitoris). Men will be delighted to know that they have a G-spot too, which we like to call the prostate. Some men are not-so-delighted to find out it's located about three inches inside the anus, using the patented "come hither" motion in the direction of the penis. Ah, mother nature's reward for those men willing to experiment with a little anal play.

Being interested in all things orgasmic is a worthy pastime. Orgasms have a long list of health benefits, from increased blood flow to lower stress levels to better overall genital health to the release of endorphins as a natural opiate and painkiller. Although they need not be the goal of every sexual encounter, they are truly a wonderful invention.

There is no single recipe for achieving solo orgasms, male orgasms, female orgasms, multiple orgasms, simultaneous orgasms, or G-spot orgasms. There are, however, many excellent suggestions for orgasmic opportunities, if you're willing to engage in a little research and practice. For example, far easier than shooting a cup of ejaculate across the room, and arguably the key to more pleasurable and intense orgasms, are Kegel exercises for your pelvic muscles. Not just for girls, clenching and releasing your PC muscles (pubococcygeus muscle - the same muscle you use to stop the flow of pee) can improve orgasmic sensations, increase ejaculatory control, increase vaginal lubrication, make child-labor easier, and make possible great party tricks such as draping a napkin over your penis and making it bob up and down to music. But what are these mysterious Kegels, exactly?! And how do I stimulate my male prostate exactly?! And where exactly would I purchase my own vaginal barbell?! For your orgasm's sake, it's time to do some research: www.allsexguide.com, www.sexual-health-resource.org, www.the-clitoris.com, www.the-penis.com. Send questions and/or comments to j.connell@unb.ca.

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