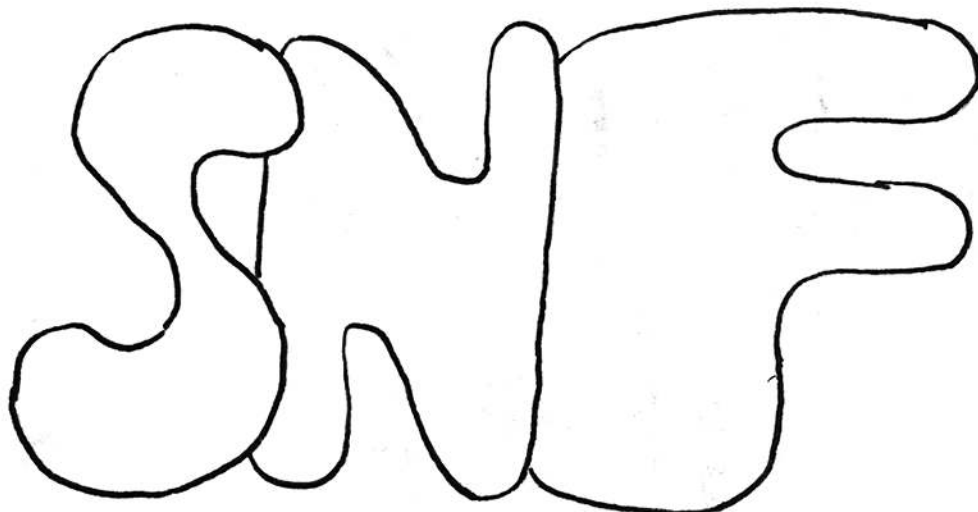


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SHANGHAI NOODLE FACTORY
THE UNOFFICIAL ORGAN OF BELL HIGH SCHOOL

In a Shanghai Noodle Factory
Place where I once used to be,
Nowhere, doing nothing.
People there were made of steel
Tiny cogs in one big wheel,
Turning, never learning.

Had to make a break,
Soon I had to wake up feeling stronger,
In my island of dreams
With impossible schemes.

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(From "Shanghai Noodle Factory" by
Steve Winwood.)

EDITOR AT LARGE:
SMALL:

EDITOR AT
ACCOMPLICES:

WHAT LIES WITHIN

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- 2... Renewal of Hostilities.
- 3... Poetry, Horoscope Parody.
- 4... Suzy Creamcheese Trucks On.
First Episode in Detective Serial
- 5... Insurance Parodeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee.
- 6... Page 6 is an illusion. Doesn't exist.
- 7... TV Guide Paratrooper.
- 8... The Definitive Study of the Bopper
- 9... Cashing in on success of last year.
- 10... This is the Music Page.
- 11... The Bear Facts.
- 12... If you don't understand page 12,
check out the school emblem in the
main foyer.

PURGE



As you may see from the ballot below, the everpopular annual Purge-a-Teacher Contest returns this issue. Just fill out the ballot with the names of the three teachers you would like to see done away with, and return it to the person who sold you this paper, or to any other SNF staffer. Please distinguish between Don and Rod Grant, between Dart and Bob Clarke; caretaking, office, library, cafeteria and other non-teaching staff, as well as Spike and Wyatt MacLean do not qualify. The three winners will receive a congratulatory letter bomb in their mailbox. Results will be printed next issue.

Last year's breadwinners, Rod Grant, Ralph Parliament, and Johnny Bell may well have to yield their hold on the top three spots to a new crop of dong. Chances for a lady to place prominently have diminished with the departure of our beloved Sheila Macdonald. SNF wishes good luck to all the contestants. Don't forget to vote!

Teacher # 1.....

Teacher # 2.....

Teacher # 3.....

LIBRARY ABUSE

OTTAWA (CP)- Miss Chlorine Close-Shave, librarian of Very High School in this city, today told the story of her one hour imprisonment last Friday at the hands of three men.

The three molesters, all reported to be frustrated high school dropouts found Miss Close-Shave working alone in the library after closing and then strapped her to a chair. They subsequently forced her to watch while they ate candy, talked very loudly and dog-eared books.

They continued their orgy of destruction, Miss Close-Shave said, by writing lewd comments in copies of Teen Guide to Dating and Sex and the Teenager. "My only copy of Dirk's Dog Bello was mutilated beyond repair," she added.

The rampage was completed as the intruders replaced Miss Close-Shave's decorative posters with smutty counterculture equivalents and forced her to subscribe to subversive periodicals such as Rolling Stone, National Lampoon, Penthouse, and Student Free Press. The three then left, leaving Miss Close-Shave to the mercies of the unlingual caretaking staff, who released her from her bondage after several hours of misunderstanding.

Mr. Pepsodent, the school's principal, said that security measures will be initiated in the library. The main checkout desk has already been sandbagged and the librarians are being trained in the use of tear gas and bazookas. Pepsodent declined to give any comment on the rumour that radar would be installed on the second floor of the library. He did, however, add that in future students entering the library will be required to take an oath of allegiance whereupon they will be issued a hard hat and three days' rations.

Police have gathered several suspects in connection with the incident.

Free Advertising Space in SNF

Insert your ad here:

LFP→SFP

Lisgar Free Press, the controversial high school paper for which two students were suspended, has gone city-wide and changed its name to Student Free Press. The paper's circulation has climbed to 4,000 and is distributed at ten area high schools. The SFP staff hopes to be distributing in more schools soon.

LFP welcomes contributions and ads from Bell students. The address to send your material is to Jane Allan 286 Sherwood Drive, K1Y3W6, or Ross Morrison, 169 Clemow Avenue, K1S2B3.

The paper is a medium for Ottawa high school students, and anything you send in will be considered for publication.

COMPETITION!

by Won Hung Lo

The People's Security has been threatened by the CANCEROUS growth of a Capitalist lackey publication Semi which is perpetrated by Administration PUPPETS and designed to infiltrate (Fire Won Hung Lo-Ed.)

Who are we kidding anyways? The first issue of Semi was unfit for human consumption, as evidenced by its low sales. The paper, run by Mr. Campbell, is riddled with poor layout, teachers, and niceness. The "Yangtze Club News" is lifted from Monty Python without a credit line. The humor is asinine, especially Wyatt's article.

We hope issue number two will be a much better paper. Here's to a nice, clean, friendly competition, you pigs.



QUERY: Are bars in the vicinity of a high school subject to the jurisdiction of the vice-principal of that high school? Does a vice-principal have the right to raid said bars for truant and underage students? Would the school boards approve?

POETRY

"I SEE IT IN THE STARS"

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Your
H ● R ● S ● C ● O ● P ● E

The Decline and Fall of a Promising Jock

Whilst playing football, and playing the dunce,
He'd received in the mouth an untimely punt.
Now his twisted lips say "b",
When he really means "c".
And we largely ignore him, the silly old bunt.

MAN OF LETTERS

"S" is a naughty fellow;
He should never be seen;
He makes a word like "hit" into something obscene.

Now that I think of it,
"F" is much worse;
He turns innocent "uck" into the vilest curse.

They are all very sick,
Each of the twenty-six.
We should round them up,
And lock them away,
Then people would have only nice things to say.

b00dle-b00dle #1

Santana saltana said Bogie
Clearing his mind with a tombstone stogie
Ramatan Newman, Dylan, And Simon
Ender bender luminescent dime-in
While the feather tanks conquered the sky
Oh my my my my my....my my my
Friend, this poem's message you'll find
From reading the first letters of every line.

hello
i am not a poem
i am a filler
just put here to take up this space
thank you for reading me
but you have wasted your time
goodbye

Closing of the Mall Theatre

Alas! - I mourn;
There's no more porn.

by I.C. Nothing

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Now is not a good time to initiate new projects. In fact, it would be a good idea to stay in bed. You Arians are such pits anyway, I don't know why you even try.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You may feel that you are being taken advantage of, but with a little faith in your fellow man, things will get better. Just send me \$275.00 to ensure it will be all right.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Boy, are you in for a surprise tomorrow. Vigilantes will bomb your house, your wife will run off with the dogcatcher and you children will turn into dope fiends overnight. Avoid kumquats.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Finish what you start...ride with the tide...be ready for change, travel, variety....run for Parliament...discover a cure for cancer...join the Peace Corps...find a solution for the world ecological crisis....Count your change.

Leo (July 24 to August 23) Avoid kumquats and people with fat asses. Lunar influences now give you a sharp practical outlook and hair on your palms.

Virgo (August 24 to September 23) Be cautious in bold new ventures and remember to be humble, proud, tall, short, and confused.

Libra (September 24 to October 23) Avoid real losers. Like the one on your right for instance.

Scorpio (October 24 to November 22) Stay away from kumquats at all cost! In fact, don't even go near the grocer's tomorrow. Don't say I didn't warn you.

Sagittarius (November 23 to December 21) A good day to start a quack astrology column in your local paper. Avoid rodent-like high school teachers.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 20) As everyone knows, those under the sign Capricorn are the superior individuals-bound to rule others. (I'm one myself, you know.)

"I See It In the Stars" (Con'd)

A good day to invade Poland or to write your ninth symphony. Beware of your close friend Brutus.

Aquarius (January 21 to February 19) Boy, are you ever screwed up this week, eh? That's what you get from not listening to my advice from last week, bud.

Pisces (February 20 to March 20) Look for a long-dormant talent to awaken in you. Flower arrangement and goldfish care are two possibilities.

YOU BORN TODAY: You are a person of rare perception, you can see through others; you are gifted artistically, and capable of giving and commanding much affection. You have a great body, would you like to come up to my place tonight? Birthdate of: Tomorrow night maybe?

Suzy's Notebook...

WHY BELL NEEDS A SCHOOL PAPER

What is a high school, anyways?

Is it a building full of rooms and books? No.

Is it five years of slavery after grade eight? No.

A high school is people. People make a high school. They are bound together not by homework or tests, but by SCHOOL SPIRIT. Bell is really a great school, at least I think so, but it would be a GREAT school if more people really cared about the school and showed some spirit.

I think a school paper (like SEMI) is something that will really help a school with poor spirit. It is something everyone can be proud of, whether they are on the staff, or just buy the paper. It's something you can show your parents and friends from other schools to show them what a fantastic school Bell is.

Too many Bell students are apathetic; they don't care about any of the teams and they don't go to the dances or anything. Take those bums on Shanghai Noodle Soup for instance. All they ever do is sit around, drinking beer, listening to Bob Dillon, and being crude.

Me and my girlfriends don't have anything to do with them, especially after Miss Prism told us what those poems meant. Those NSF guys kill me. They think they're so smart. They could be out supporting one of our great teams, but do they? No, they just lie around taking drugs and writing stupid articles like this one. Bye till next issue...

Love,

Suzy Creamcheese
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The

SAM PAN Affair
a Spike Sleuth story

Friday Morning

The phone rings somewhere in my subconscious. Where the hell am I? I look to the sleeping form lying next to me, hoping her face where tell me where I am. No such luck. Where did I pick up that fat arssed hunk of sow, anyways? Nice place she's got here, anyways.

I sort through the discarded clothing and bedding, looking for the ring. I pick up the phone, knowing it's the chief. I wonder how that senile sourpuss knew I was here?

"Sleuth?"

"Yeah."

"Bad news; some of our people have defected to the other side. Get on it right away."

"Any leads?"

"We received an anonymous phonecall tipping us off to the Sampan Saloon."

"OK"

"Sleuth?"

"Yeah?"

"Remember, we're counting on you."

Click.

(Con'd next issue)



For only \$3.50 per child, look what you get ^a under our student accident insurance policy, effective the instant we receive your cheque.

THE PLAN DOES NOT COVER:

- a) Services of topless masseuses.
- b) Suicide.
- c) Disease.
- d) Overindulgence.
- e) Barfight-inflicted injuries.
- f) Anything.

TERMINATION

The coverage expires on the second day of September, 1974, or 12:01 a.m. on the first day of school in September 1974, or the day of the accident, whichever comes first.

CLAIM PROCEDURES

a) Obtain claim form from school or from Eddy's Smokes on Bank.

b) Fill out form completely and send it to:

The Fly-By-Night Insurance Co.,
Men's Washroom,
Alta Vista Station,
Ottawa

c) Call your lawyer. You've been conned.

DEFINITIONS

"loss" means that it has been bloody well lopped off. mate.

"Carkeys" means car keys.

"Kumquat" means a small, round, or oblong citrus fruit with a sweet rind and acid pulp, used chiefly for preserves, being the fruit of *Fortunella japonica* and related species.

POLICE APPLICATION *

*"Policy" is spelt wrong here, Things haven't been easy since Frank passed away. Alice is really a good typist, and a nice girl, but what with my wife needing an oper

DRIVEL and TWADDLE



Home Improvement

Department: The paintings of Jimi Hendrix and Ian Anersen in the downstairs sty are the work of Paul Ghattas, Al Balser, and Lloyd Plunkett. The third painting is planned to be of Bob Dylan...Parting Thanks to the following SNF staffers who made good their

escape over the summer: Mike Andrew, John Raine, Peter George, Mark Fraser, Gord Mackenzie, David Follows, Jeremy Knight, and countless others whose names are known but to God. Our Yearbook Picture is on page 62 of Campanarius 72/73...Speaking of yearbooks, there is doubt in some people's minds whether there will be a yearbook this year. At last report the editor's post was still unfilled. Rob Arnold, the now departed editor of last year's Campanarius told us that a spring release is already out of the question because there has been such a delay in getting started... Nasty rumours are being spread concerning an SNF underground yearbook...For Sale: SNF t-shirts, Tiger Brand, in the following colours: light blue, baby blue, powder blue, faded blue. Price is \$2.00. Advertise in SNF, five bucks for a whole page, three for a half page, two bucks for a quarter page, one buck for one eighth of a page, want ads, 10 cents a line...Variety Show, November 22, proceeds to last year's yearbook. Lots of talent. You bet. No kidding, really...The problem with the blood donor posters is that they were all red...Rare Find Department: A copy of The Modern Era has been found without the "E" changed to a "B"...Not only did an alarmingly large number of people not show up for grade 13 this year, but an equally alarming number returned for grade 14. It's hard to get enough of Bell, for sure...Three members of the British Historical Re-enactment Society were killed last Friday as they were engulfed by molten porridge that had been poured out of giant cauldrons at the peak of Mount Vesuvius to re-enact the destruction of Pompeii by volcanic lava almost 2000 years ago. The victims reportedly tripped over their cumbersome denim togas...Also on the world newsfront, the Canadian Convention of Ologists and Iatrists last Friday admitted in Toronto that they could not decide why there has been an increase in indecision since 1963. They did decide to take a questionnaire to ask "Are Questionnaires Conclusive or Just Bunk?"

Last Year's Staff

Overpowered: Fresh blood flows in the arteries, veins, capillaries and organs of the SNF editorial staff. Over the summer the crew of derelicts from last year were ousted by a group with a more intelligent journalistic outlook. You will notice that crude phrases such as "Hot Shit" are now replaced by "Hot Ka-Ka". Whoops; now we said it. No more bad words from now on though, we promise...Python Hotline: The second Monty Python book, entitled The Brand New Monty Python Bok is out, and well worth the investment of about seven bucks. ...Idle Threats Dept: Do not give copies of SNF to teachers, and don't leave it lying around class; pass it on...Sports Scores: Somebody trounced somebody else 3-3. Some other somebody clobbered some other somebody else 8-7... Rumour has it that a Wailing Wall will be installed in the smoking area for homework-laden grade thirteens...Nobody Ever Asks Us Anything: Remember us? We're the students. Why did nobody ask us if we wanted the school year extended? Such chages seem to come as edicts from Mount Olympus, and nothing we say will ever make any difference...We're citizens of Nepean too; nobody asked the public about filling in and closing off the pits...Political Dissent Dept.: All Student's Council elections are held on Friday. Apathy is said to be the chief cause of poor turnouts at such elections. But if we were to take down those intolerable posters a day earlier and hold the elections on Thursday, the percentage of people voting would rise. This is because during lunch we go to the liquor and beer stores to stock up for the weekend on Fridays. Since most working students have paychecks dated to be cashed on a Friday, these students will be away also. In addition, everyone thinks of the arrival of a Friday an event worth celebrating, so many people will go out to lunch or leave for the day at lunch hour. So for your own benefit, Student's Council, hold future elections on another day of the week. The election campaigns would not be hurt by shortening their length by one day...Members of the Perth County conspiracy will be playing at Carleton's Roosters Coffeehouse Friday and Saturday.... Truck will be playing at the Carleton pub on those same nights. For other shows see "Coming to Ottawa" on the Music Page. That's all the drivell we have this issue, folks.





- 5.00 (4)(5)(6)(11) Movie
 "Gidget Gets Laid" (1960). Gidget spends a weekend at her boyfriend's cottage, and gets more than she bargained for. Starring Sally Fields and Victor Virile. (D)
- (7) Pussy Lust
 New childrens' program with Cuddles the Kat and Bundles the Bun-Rabbit.
- (13)(12) Phone In
 Today's topic: Is Mr. Dressup a transvestite?
- 5.04 (7) Hymn Sing
 The St. Andrew's Ladies Choir sing their greatest hits and make some bad "hymn-him-her" puns.
- 5.30 (13)(12) Galloping Gourmet
 Today: Kumquat Flambé
- (7) Bite Me For a Burst of Flavour
- 5.79 (4)(6) Mommy, Where Do Kumquats Kum Frum?
- 6.00 (5)(11) The Hugh Hefty Bodybuilding Hour
- (13)(12) Alice Loves Allah
 What happens when a protestant girl falls in love with an anti-semetic arab? Tune in and find out. Starring Sheila Goldstein and Pierre LaDong.
- (7) Take Thirty
 Kumquats-Their planting and care.
- 6.29½ (4)(5)(6)(11) Solzhenitsyn and Son
 Hilarious comedy series about a liberal Russian family and their misadventures in a Siberian work camp. Starring Boris Totears.
- (7) Uck Fu
 Chinese martial arts adventure starring Won To Treefo.
- (13)(12) Bottoms
- 7.00 (4) News
 (5) News Also
 (6) Have We Got News For You
 (7) We Have the Best News Program of All
 (11) Oh Yeah?
 (12) Yeah!
 (13) Wanna Make Something Outta It, Bud?
 (14) Somebody Call the Cops! Quick!

- 7.30 (7) Report
 Tonight's report is on the squabbling amongst the various network news programs.
- (13) Kumquat
 The story of Kalens Kumquat, a black belt Kung Fu black detective sex maniac-dope fiend who rides his chopper across the country, turning people on to Krishna Conciousness. Starring Bob Bullet-proof.
- (4)(6) Movie
 "Fondle My Bum" (1958) Starring Rock Hudson and Doris Day. (F)
- (5) Movie Night
 "Under Attack" (1946) The life story of a pinup girl. Starring Lola Vavavoom. (Z)
- (12) Nostalgia Theatre
 "Hamlet Goes to the U.N." (1963). Another in the famous "Hamlet" series.
- (11) The Allan Ashtray Show
 Allan's guests tonight are Bob Dylan, President Richard Nixon, Marlon Brando, The Beatles, Jackie Onassis, Donald Duck, and Elmer Gumby, a kumquat farmer from Costa Rica.
- 8.00 (7) Forum
 Tonight: Is there life after death? Panel includes Ezra Pound, Janis Joplin, Bruce Lee and Pablo Picasso.
- (13) Madam's Method
 Situation comedy series about the funny types who come and go in a bawdy house waiting room run by "Madam" Prism.
- 9.00 (4)(6) ORGANized
 Program of organ music sponsored by the Hammond Organ Co. Phil Friendly demonstrates on the new model, the Hammond Eggs.
- (5) Sportsnite
 Featuring a football game between the Boston Pops and The New York Philharmonic, and also, tag team wrestling between the British cabinet and the Kremlin Kruschers.
- (12) Stonewall (Debut)
 Series about a deaf dub and blind Manhattan detective. Who eats kumquats raw.

THE BOPPER

Boppus cretinus- This animal, commonly called a bopper, is known for its high pitched mating call, its bouncing gait, bright eyes, and boisterous mock-fighting. Its natural habitat is the high school, wherein it migrates in large flocks every thirty five minutes. It is a mystery how the boppus knows when to migrate, and an even greater mystery why the boppus choses this area to live in.

Boppi are easily recognized; even with eyes closed a trained observer will know them by the gust of wind, the crashing of "textbooks" (These are thought to be without use, hereditary like an appendix.) and high pitched squealing that accompanies their passage.

Bopper Headgear-Includes thick rim glasses, greasy short hair, protruding ears, braces, etc.

Ready Smile-The Boppus loves to play and is very friendly.

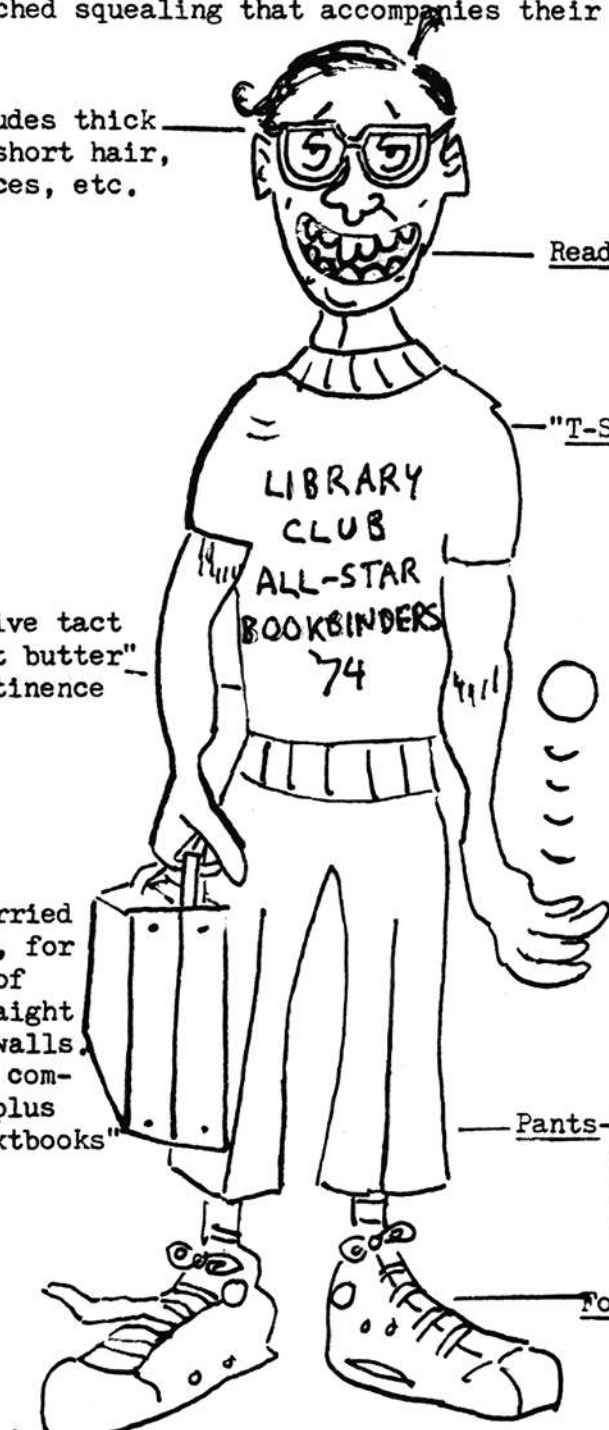
Stomach-Stomach and digestive tract are both lined with "peanut butter" which seems to be the substinance food of this species.

"T-Shirt"-Usually ludicrously tight fitting. Favorites include "Panama Red", "Keep On Truckin'" and "Bell Phys Ed." Often worn inside-out and/or backwards, for unknown reasons.

"Briefcase"-Apparently carried to correct offset balance, for when a bopper is deprived of this, he cannot keep a straight course, and collides with walls. Contains a weapon called a compass in a small metal box plus a phenomenal number of "textbooks" (See Above)

Pants-The length of this garment leads experts to believe that Boppusland is subject to frequent flooding.

Footwear- "Adidas" or running shoes plus multi-odious socks.



"Portrait of a Young Bopper" by Normal Rockwell

PLEASE READ:

(DAYS 1-5)

The following students please see Mr. Robillard today after home room.

Willie Bagnel, Marlon Brando, Princess Anne, Fred Flintstone, Mario Andretti, Stevie Wonder.

1. The following teachers are ~~hungover~~ absent today. Their classes are cancelled.
2. Be sure to attend the Commencement Debauchery Night this Friday. Students from other schools must be signed in.
3. Intermural gangbang today behind the arena. Feces-kickers vs. the Dogcopulators.
4. I have got hold of some really find weed. See Jim, locker 311.
5. Balls.
6. Another group of Bell students has brought honor to the school. Mark and the Boys set a record for the Late Night Hull Beer Run between Bell's Corners and Marcel's Excel with a time of 15 minutes 34 seconds. Congratulations boys.
7. Young swinger, grade 12, wishes to meet condescending girl grade 9-10. Object: Fun. Call Eric, 8291534.
8. Would anybody who knows who authorized announcements 1-7 please see Mr. Robillard sometime today.

PLEASE POST:

1. Here is a message from Ace Baker to Mr. Bell: You are a pit.
2. Tryouts for Boys' Senior Drinking Team tonight at my place. First match is against Borden, Friday at the Prescott.
3. All library books borrowed this week are due yesterday. Fine is 25¢ a day and or 30 days in the library club.
4. Would the students who stole the cars out of the smoking area teachers' parking lot kindly return the 23 vehicles involved. No questions asked.
5. New available in the bookstore: Macbeth by Sakespere
Shakespere
Sakespier
Shakespeer
Shakespeere
Shakspeare

MUSIC

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COMING TO OTTAWA

November 17-Bruce Cockburn, NAC.
23-Maynard Ferguson, NAC.
25-Harry Chapin, Carleton.

December 2-Focus, Spencer Davis Group, Civic Center
6-World's Greatest Jazz Band, NAC

Rumours-Murray McLauchlan at the NAC in November. Bob Dylan is opening his North American tour with concerts at five Canadian cities in January, including perhaps Ottawa (in the Civic Center). So keep your fingers crossed.

Buses to Montreal Forum Concerts On December second and ninth, The Who, and Emerson, Lake, and Palmer, respectively will be appearing at the Forum in Montreal. You can buy tickets for \$12.50 at Le Chateau that include a ticket for the concert and bus fare both ways. The bus leaves from the Besserer Street Post Office.

NOTES

Two members of Paul McCartney's Wings have quit the band...King Biscuit Boy is now backed by The Full Tilt Boogie Band, late of Janis Joplin (No pun intended.) A record is due out soon, with Mike Bloomfield and Mark Naftalin (Both late of Paul Butterfield) sitting in. King Cookie's past groups have included Crowbar and Mainline...Most recent in the list of departures from Lighthouse are Larry Smith, who has played trombone (piano since Paul Hofert's departure) in the band since One Fine Morning, and Alan Wilmot, who joined just after "Sunny Days". The band has acquired a new singer and a part time drummer, the latter from Manchild...The Doors have disbanded...An alarming number of rockers have croaked recently: Jim Croce (plane crash), ex-Byrds Clarence White (car crash), Gram Parsons (dope), and ex-Temptation Paul Williams (suicide)...Cheech and Chong were busted in Tampa, Florida for obscenity and disorderly conduct...new albums are just out by Taj Mahal (Who was just in Ottawa this week), Loggins and Messina ("Full Sail"), and Rick Derringer (of various Winter brothers aggregations). John Lennon has a new one coming out soon, also...Paul Williams has started composing "The Phantom of the Fillmore".

RECORDS

Bob Dylan: Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid

This album is fine if you think of it as a soundtrack to a western which just happens to be by Bob Dylan; but if you judge it as the New Bob Dylan Album, it is not exactly earthshaking. Pleasant, yes, but nothing to follow "New Morning". It is obvious that Bob himself considers it to be a mere soundtrack. We will be much more likely to see what Bob is up to these days from his upcoming North American tour.

Bruce Cockburn: Night Vision

While Cockburn's last album, "Sunwheel Dance" showed Cockburn's exploration into a wide variety of folk music forms, on this album he ventures further, into jazz and blues. As always, Cockburn comes out swinging. This is a beautiful album, though I won't say it's better than any of his previous efforts, because they are all excellent.

David Wiffen: Coast to Coast Fever

My only complaint with this album is that there is too much of the above mentioned Bruce Cockburn, and not enough of David Wiffen. Cockburn's name occurs 25 times in the credits, as engineer and producer, musician on every cut, and composer of one of the songs. Wiffen doesn't even play on three of the ten cuts, he only sings. Aside from Cockburn's domination of the album, it is pretty good; it may well not be as good as Wiffen's first, but his fans have waited so long for this second album, it is very welcome.

Perth County Conspiracy: Rumour

Alas, the Perth County Crazies have diluted their music with politics, consumerism and importantness to the point where it is all very painful for us plain folks who just like to hear them play and sing

Paul Simon: There Goes Rhymin' Simon

This album is so close to perfect you can't even discern the margin by which it is off.

NEXT ISSUE FEATURES:

Suzy Creamcheese goes to an SNF staff party. What's all this nonsense about kumquats? An inquiry in to the identities of SNF staff.

THE BEAR FACTS

An Editorial by Herman Schlitz

Here again is an issue of SNF having no more purpose in the administration's and you Campbell Soup eaters' eyes than to offend your puritanical minds with four letter words. In keeping with these expectations, I will open my article with a four letter word: BELL.

The origin of the name Bell is quite interesting. It was taken from the name of a prominent pioneer family which owned a tavern in this area. I should warn students at this point that any investigations into our heritage and history of taverns is forcefully prohibited by our beloved Vice-Principal, especially at noon hour.

I wonder how the original Bells, whose business was hospitality, would feel about their inhospitable namesake. An administration that threatens students with police action if they are caught loitering is hardly one of the top ten choices to be on a rainy Monday.

The above administration policy may make extinct that rare breed of student that actually enjoys school or stays (Heaven forbid!) to talk with the enemy; namely, the teacher. At what point a student is loitering rather than waiting for school has not been defined but I am sure it will be treated in the same fair and just manner that other policies are, such as the one concerning "skipping".

The object of skipping class is to miss some unpleasantness or other. The administration accepts this and will actually legalize your holiday by giving you a bona fide suspension. Furthermore, education is viewed as a threat to be used against students. If, for instance, you cause some indiscretion in class, what is the punishment? You are forced to read an extra chapter in English, or do more questions in Math. The corollary to this is: The less trouble you cause, the less you have to learn.

If you find the above a trifle depressing, remember we always have a source of student power in our glorious entertainment committee, the student council. In past years the apathy party has been gaining popularity at the student elections but who really cares about that? In an attempt to increase student interest, a rare display of frugal spending has been demonstrated.

Student council has bought a bear suit. Of course the bear-wearer will have to be elected, for I'm sure no student would wish to see such an honoured position endowed by arbitrary decision of council alone. The race for position of Bear Wearer could be the spark that Bell elections are missing.

Can't you see it on election campaign speech day? The room is hushed; a deserving candidate steps to the microphone, the audience waits with anticipation. He speaks:

I feel that I am well qualified for the position of Bear Wearer. I have attended Bell for the past four years. This means that I have participated in and observed at many times the art of hibernation.

In conclusion, if all seems hopeless, just remember: If you want to blow your mind....plug your nose.

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Hello. I am a filler. Please do not confuse me with my sister on page 3. She is a verse filler. I am a prose filler. I don't make any significant comments; I just take up space. Something like many teachers at Bell High School. Whoops. I made a significant comment now I am not a filler anymore. Oh woe is me. What will my parents think of me now?

