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Students, Faculty Advocate “Governmentism” as Ideal Form of Government

Radical Opinions Fan the Flames of Christendom Controversy

Front Royal, VA

In the wake of the current uproar over issues relating to free speech and patriotism, exacerbating the controversies that have dogged the reputation of Christendom College in the past months is the last thing that the college administration wants right now.

Unfortunately for them, it seems that this is exactly what they're going to get.

Students of the college who promote the principles of “Governmentism” have grown in visibility and in numbers on the campus since the beginning of the United States’ war against terrorism; and these students are demanding that their theories be openly and publicly discussed as a valid part of the intellectual life of the college. The unofficial group, known popularly as “the Governmentists,” has increased the anxieties of the administration and faculty that are already alarmed at the rise of warring factions among the student body.

“‘Governmentism’ is a theory that has gained popularity with some students precisely because of its unorthodoxy and its radical worldview,” said Dr. Bernard Way, who agreed to be interviewed for comment. “Its adherents draw their support by reading into Thomas Aquinas’s writings on government. They argue that, taking St. Thomas to his logical end, the ideal form of the nation-state is one that exercises its civil authority through a governmental system of some sort.”

What the Governmentists mean by their theoretical “governmental system” often varies, depending on which student is asked to explain their opinions. “I see it as an extension of the tribal chieftain,” one avowed Governmentist said, “a body of temporal authority given the power to enact and execute ‘laws’ for the good of the ‘people.’ A ruling authority elected by the people, or possibly even a hereditary title, like a ‘king’ or a ‘prince.’” Other Governmentists describe this “body of temporal authority” as more aptly described as a “prime minister” or

“chief executive.” Often, Governmentists will describe the theoretical temporal authority as best being divided among several people, as a kind of “parliament” or even an “aristocracy.”

Despite the divisions, Governmentists are more strongly united by their common belief that the best possible form of government is one that is under the common authority of a governing body. A Governmentist student, speaking under the condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal by non-Governmentist students, stated, “All of us believe in a central, temporal governing system that exercises authority to enact ‘laws,’ provide for the ‘defense’ of the populace, lay ‘taxes,’ enforce the ‘law’ of the land, and to adjudicate disputes of the law through a system of ‘courts.’ These authorities would be exercised by men. And their authority would derive, in one sense, from God, and yet, in another sense, they would require the consent of the people in order to rule effectively.”

Chief among the objections to Governmentism is that it is, at its root, anti-American. “You have to remember that our Founding Fathers fought a revolution against England expressly for the purpose of ending governmental rule in the United States,” said Dr. Way. “Later, patriots in the South would rise up and fight the War Between the States precisely for the sake of preserving the complete lack of government that is guaranteed to us in the Constitution.”

Governmentists, however, deny that their beliefs are intrinsically against the founding principles of America. “People accuse us of denouncing the American way of life,” said one student. “Our position is not to destroy American society. If we have opinions that could be construed as political, it is that all of us share the



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A Letter from the Editor

We didn't want to do this.

We're sick of Cwod. We were hoping we could live out the rest of our lives and never have anything to do with it again. But you just wouldn't let us.

For those of you who don't remember (probably most of you), Cwod was this thing that happened at Christendom once. Stuff was written, things were said. Some people laughed, so more stuff was written and more things were said, until eventually people were *paying* us to make them laugh. And then one day, Cwod disappeared, apparently without a trace, because recently, Christendom was once again full of stuff being written, and things being said, but no one was laughing. Come on, people. We left just a teeny, tiny little gap in the fabric of Christendom, easy to fill; anyone could've done it. But no one did, and it became this big gaping, glaring, festering hole of "serious issues" that no one was making fun of. So now we have to do it. Thanks a lot.

You might be wondering why we're doing this at all. Perhaps you are thinking to yourself, "Oh no, not *alumni*. They smell. Why do they have to get involved?" Well, we *could* say that alumni have been involved since the beginning, talking to faculty, students, and the press, so this publication certainly isn't unusual for its being produced primarily by alumni. We could say we've had student and alumni requests to "deal with the issues" (whatever that means). Or we could look off into the distance behind you, point frantically, and say, "hey, look over

there!" Then, when you turn around to look, we could run away. And if you ask us in person, that's probably what we'll do.

Besides, for those of you who still care, think of this as a litmus test of the campus "quality in journalism" regulations (which, I assure you, have been around, for better or worse, since *way* before us). If we don't get suppressed or sued or shot at or something, everything's probably alright. Actually, we have total confidence that the administration won't censor us. There is, after all, an established precedent of distributing Cwod on campus. So we know the school wouldn't ban us. Right, school? *Right?* Please don't run from Cwod. Cwod doesn't want to hurt anybody. *Cwod wants to be your friend.*

Anyway, read this, and don't take any of it personally. If you are offended because we used your name, we assure you that you did give us explicit permission to do so. If you are offended because we implied something about you but didn't give your name, that's okay because we aren't serious. We love the Church, America, capitalism, Christendom, the administration, and the faculty, we all read G.K. Chesterton, we all love discussing theoretical forms of government, we all love free speech, and we all have no idea what a true Monarchist or Distributist really is, because *we don't care*. And while you're reading this issue for the next half hour, neither should you.

You should also try to forget that we're a bunch of lame alumni that need to stop paying attention to Christendom. That'll make your reading experience a whole lot better.

News Items

Dr. Luckey's Support for Democracy Really a Machiavellian Deception to Seize the Throne

The Shores

Dr. William Luckey shocked students last Thursday when he seized the power of the throne and vowed to rule the land with absolute power.

Especially disheartened are the political science majors who, before his ascension to the crown, had regarded Luckey as their foremost advocate of the virtues of democracy and the free market.

"I just don't get it. I thought he was on our side," said one student. "He was always talking in class about how money-grubbing capitalists were going to lead us to the promised land. Now he is oppressing us with an iron hand, denying us the ability to rise above our station. I mean, what happened?"

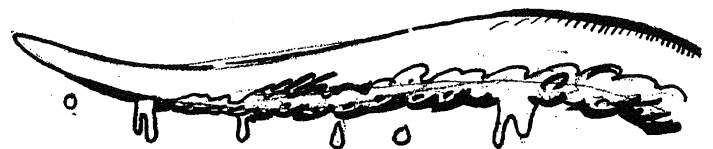
When asked by reporters about his sudden change in attitudes toward traditional democratic freedoms, Luckey responded, "On your knees, plebeians. I am your absolute ruler. Trifle with me, and I'll crush you like the worms you are."

Those who have followed Luckey's political maneuvering in the past are not surprised at the subtle politician's ability to adopt popular positions to gain support as he wades through slaughter to

a throne. "Luckey is a very ambitious man," said long time associate, Dr. William Marshner. "To underestimate him is to put your very life in peril. To stand in his way is sheer folly."

Luckey began his career in politics in 1997, in a move that stunned his colleagues. In May of that year, Luckey invited his political enemies, under a flag of truce, to a bargaining table where they were supposed to negotiate terms of peace. When they were assembled in Thomas Aquinas Hall, Luckey ordered the doors barricaded from the outside and the building fired.

Popular legend holds that Luckey watched the building burn as he played the violin to the accompaniment of the screams of his dying enemies.



Christendom College Bans Free Speech, other Constitutional Rights

Front Royal (CP)

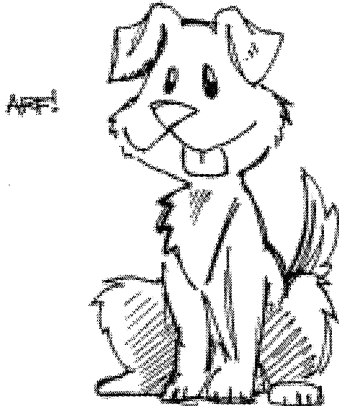
Amidst a campus environment of already serious controversy, the Christendom College Board of Directors and administrative authorities hammered out a final set of sweeping bans and limitations of previously guaranteed Constitutional rights.

Last week's decision to regulate campus freedoms has upset many students, parents, and alumni. The most contested new restrictions:

- Students must pay one dollar for every five minutes of speech
- Campused students must quarter British soldiers in their rooms
- Monarchists may keep other students as slaves
- All politics majors are required to be Zen Buddhists or Shakers
- The right to bear arms is now just the right to Bear

Despite some student concerns of an obviously controversial bias, the new rules enjoy nearly unanimous faculty support. When asked about the apparent change of heart by many professors, Dr. Luckey, head of the Political Science department, stated, "there has never really been any dissent amongst the faculty. Ask anyone; we've all been in total agreement since day one." He later added, "by the way, refer to me from now on as Crown Prince Luckey."

Not everyone agrees that the new regulations' most important impact will be on current campus debates. "I think [the new rules] could provide tremendous help



A puppy.

to the college financially," said President O'Donnell. "Oh, yes, those students will pay dearly for their precious, precious freedoms," he continued, while rubbing his hands together with furtive glee.

The changes will take effect next semester.

Megatron Speaks Out

Cybertron (CP)

Transforming Decepticon leader Megatron has spoken out recently, weighing in with the official Decepticon stance concerning recent controversial events on the campus of Christendom College.

"Starscream you fool!" roared the robot in disguise, "you have ruined our plans to defeat the Autobots and their leader, Optimus Prime. Next time, Optimus! NEXT TIME!!!"



Megatron: Leader of the Decepticons (photo courtesy of the Associated Press).

Megatron disavowed any alliance to monarchy, capitalism, distributist theory, Austrian economics, or any other socio-political system. The evil robot leader suggested, instead, that there was "more than meets the eye" to the heated events on Christendom's campus, insisting that at the root of the debate was an intense and hidden struggle over precious "energon cubes."

Megatron also relieved students and faculty by discrediting all rumors that he had cancelled his speaking engagement at Christendom, as part of the school's major speaker program, scheduled for the spring semester.

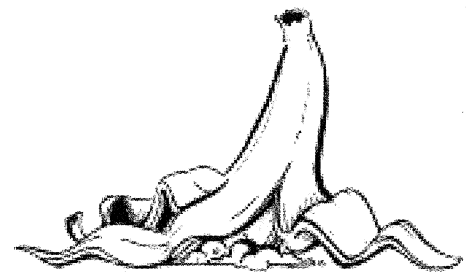
North Pole May Join Coalition Washington

Washington DC (CP)

The Ancient Northern Emperor, Santa Clause has reportedly been asked by President Bush to join the international anti-terror coalition.

"We think that the North Pole could contribute greatly to the war on terror," Secretary Colin Powell stated at Tuesday's briefing. The North Pole controls the world's largest production facilities as well as the reknowned "naughty or nice" list. If Osama bin Laden were revealed to be on the "naughty" list, his international prestige would plummet. However, Bush has reportedly asked that Osama Bin Laden not receive coal this year, as he could use that to keep warm during the bitterly cold Afghanistan winter.

Bush is also rumored to have asked Santa to send in the Tactical Winter Reindeer Squad if the war should progress deep into December.



Airline Bans Passengers in Attempt to Curb Terror

Houston (CP)

Continental Airlines (CAL) CEO Charlop Amongahila announced Tuesday that Continental will no longer allow passengers on its domestic or international flights.

Amongahila cited several studies which hint at a relation between "passengers" and "terrorism."

"I think this ban will pretty much wipe out any possibility of attacks on a Continental flight," Amongahila stated.

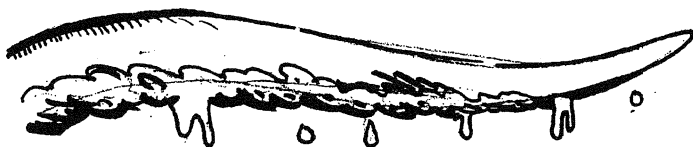
When asked if flight attendants will still be required to read the preflight emergency instructions, Amongahila replied, "Absolutely."

Shocking Deathbed Confession Reveals that G. K. Chesterton was “Just Kidding” About Distributism

A sudden controversy has arisen among Agrarian and Distributist intellectual groups over the recent release of a collection of Catholic thinker and writer G. K. Chesterton's unpublished correspondence. The controversy centers around one letter, supposedly written by Mr. Chesterton on his deathbed to Hilare Belloc, in which he states for the first time that the socio-economic theory of Distributism, which he and Belloc had ostensibly espoused, was never intended to be taken seriously. The controversial portion of this letter has been reproduced here.

“We have had our share of jokes played at each other's expense, all in the name of friendship and good humor, but there remains on joke in particular that I regret to have taken much too far; and it must be clarified before further harm is done. It pains me to inform you that all this time, I have jesting with you about the idea that the evils of industrialization and modernity could be countered with a distributist system of land ownership and a return to craftsmanship and agrarian farming. Truly, I thought the joke to be transparent, especially when I mentioned to you in a purely jocular spirit that I thought that not only farming and carpentry ought to be undertaken using the traditional methods and tools, but dentistry and surgery as well. To me, it seemed the suggestion of returning to the medical and hygienic practices of the nineteenth century was the perfect *reductio ad absurdum* of Agrarian thought; and I had imagined you to be ‘clued in,’ as it were, to the gag. It was not until I had heard you repeating my ideas for ‘improving’ the practices of dentistry and surgery to Mr. Shaw later that week that it occurred to me that you may be taking the things I happened to say when I was in a particularly silly mood in all earnestness. I stress here that I was only just kidding you about the whole thing.”

As surprising as the contents of this letter are, it is only the most recent of several letters that have cast new and puzzling light on the complexities of Chestertonian thought. Previously discovered correspondence has revealed that Chesterton secretly believed that the Boer War was “really swell,” and a long lost letter to C. S. Lewis confesses that “the ‘G’ actually stands for ‘Gus.’”



The Christendom Observatory

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Since the recent biological attacks on American newsrooms and government offices being sent through the U.S. mail, Christendom College has, on the whole, responded with laudable humanitarian sentiment. There is, however, another, darker side to these sentiments expressed on campus which I would like to address here.

There is on this campus a group unofficially known as the “Anthraxist Group,” and the members of this group have been voicing an opinion that I believe to be seriously damaging to the reputation of this college. The members of this so-called “Anthraxist Group” are identified as students who adhere to the belief that the most perfect form of government is one that is run entirely by anthrax spores. The general character of their opinions during the biological terror has been decidedly anti-human, and therefore intrinsically contrary to the teachings and mission of this school. One student was heard to say,



**ANTHRAX:
THE BEST FORM
OF GOVERNMENT?**

“I'm rooting for the anthrax. Death to human beings!” Another concurred, saying, “This is clearly a case of divine retribution for the humans' arrogance and their creation of that hateful Cipro.” Others were quick to follow with opinions of their own. “I hate humans almost as much as I hate those wicked, wicked cows. I'm hoping the anthrax kills them all and finally sets up the ideal system of government,” said another student. While I have only heard one of these comments firsthand, I must add in fairness that the others, or ones like it, were repeated to me by this guy I know.

Such opinions as these have no place in an institution that calls itself Catholic. I, for one, am thoroughly disgusted, and I hope that in writing this, these opinions can be brought to the light of day and finally be debated by the members of the student body.

Sincerely,
Anonymous

College Groups Enact Boycotts

Front Royal (CP)

Christendom's Political Science department announced last Tuesday a public boycott, in protest of the school administration's lack of action against a rival political faction.

In what they claim to be a blow against "the forces that would threaten our government, and indeed, our way of life," the department released a list of offensive items that they say act as hate symbols that foster anti-American sentiment, and urged their supporters to avoid them. The list includes, amongst other things, Burger King, Royal Crown Cola, Alaskan King Crab, Chicken a la King, all of Shakespeare's King Henry plays, Queensland, Australia, and the phrase "my kingdom for a horse."

When asked for comment, a spokesman for the group stated, "the list is by no means exhaustive, as we are currently deliberating over several possibilities. Right now we're focusing on Kaiser rolls, and the artist formerly known as Prince."

In addition to the boycott, the department is also pushing for the local town to change its name, although there is an internal debate as to whether it would be better to name it Front Republic or Front Confederation.

According to an anonymous student source, the boycott is actually in response to a similar measure adopted by the so-

called "Monarchist Group," which has produced its own blacklist, including Plato's *Republic*, and the popular board game *Monopoly*, apparently due to its "rampant industrial consumerist content." Other items on that list reportedly include Cap'n



Decepticon leader, Megatron, has nothing to do with campus boycotts (photo courtesy of the Associated Press).

Crunch cereal (which they allege was original called Capitalist Crunch), the Lincoln Bedroom, "Hug me, I voted" stickers, and Checks and Balances Instant Rice.

Advice Columnist

Bud Wiser, Master of Love: A Very Special Episode

Good old Christendom. Looks like y'all have been having a grand ol' time since I packed up the Manual of Guy and headed off to that magical place just beyond the Knotty Pine called "Life." Anyway, before I go off on some condescending ramble or other (which you deserve, by the way), I better answer these questions sent in by readers much like yourselves.

Mr. Wiser, I am a very manly man. I read the Wall Street Journal, Soldier of Fortune, and am a card carrying member of the NRA. Yes, my portfolio is well diversified. Anyway, there's this girl I've had my eye on for quite some time. Darn, she's hot and for the most part is friendly, too. However, yesterday I saw her reading "The Monthly Monarch," "Kingdom Quarterly" and "Victoria Magazine." What does this mean, and what can I do to capture her heart?

Benjamin Shootle, St. Francis

Benny boy, it looks like you've found yourself quite a catch, if you can handle it. This fine woman happens to be a "monarchist," which is a rarity in this great land of ours. What is a monarchist, you ask? I'll tell 'ya. Monarchists are generally harmless folk who dream that one day a great Catholic ruler will

rise up and create a nation that faithfully follows the laws of God and the Church. Then they will all move there and create a neighborhood closely resembling the Shores or maybe a small farm.

I'm not going to argue for or against this vision, as this is not the place for it. However, I will tell you that a monarchist can make a mighty fine wife. Monarchist chicks are usually pretty darn cute, nearly always superior cooks, can handle large numbers of small children with ease, and tell great bedtime stories. Its true. Now, on to how to capture one of this peculiar breed. Try these tactics:

- Obtain a crown (Burger King has some) and wear it proudly.
- Learn any dance which involves holding your partner and walking about.
- Make sure you spell "color" with a "u."
- Talk about Austria. Alot.
- Practice your animal husbandry. Make sure you know your cattle.
- DO NOT wear pantaloons. This will cause you to fail at nearly everything.
- Always remember that the past and the future are always better than the present.
- Make her a delicious Cornish game hen.

Used with skill, these suggestions will surely help you on your royal quest. Good luck and happy hunting!

Be Wise, Bud Wiser.

Mandatory Speaker Torn Apart by Pack of Rabid, Starving Wolverines

Front Royal (CP)

Amidst a torrent of gasps and screams, Dr. Charlie Crouter was ripped apart by a pack of wolverines while speaking at Christendom College last Monday evening. Dr. Crouter, a leading theologian and politics professor invited to speak by the college's political science department, had arrived on Christendom's campus only a few short hours before his death to speak on the works of St. Thomas Aquinas, and their undeniable support for the creation of a federal republic.

Crouter had just begun his speech, entitled, "Medieval Europe: A Travesty of Government," when a roaming band of rabid, starving wolverines stormed him from the wings, rending

him asunder before all present.

"I was just trying to catch up on some sleep, when all of a sudden these wolverines just came out of nowhere," said Michael Hitchcock, member of this year's graduating class. "Since everyone was witness to such a horror, all papers are now due a week from their original due date. I guess some people were pretty traumatized."

Although no one is certain where these particular animals came from, the police are investigating a shipment of starving wolverines ordered by Dr. Blum last week, ostensibly for "classroom discussion," for any possible links.

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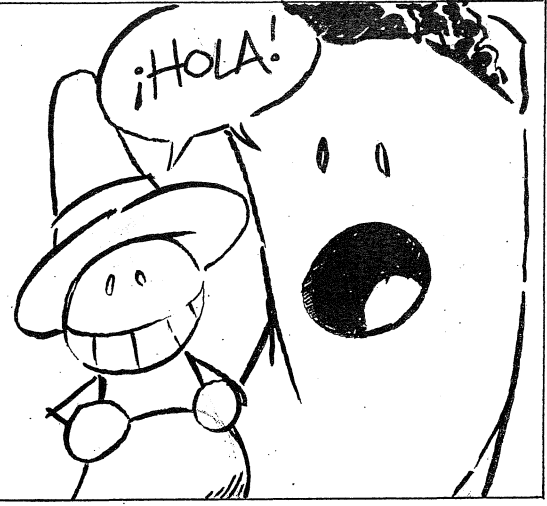
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Top Ten Unofficial Groups on Campus

10. **"The Faculty Group"**
9. **"The Groupist Group"**
8. **"Meat and Poultry Group"**
7. **"Madame Barone"**
6. **"Maria Bissex Group"**
5. **"Whigs"**
4. **"Dr. Flippen's Break-Neck Posse"**
3. **"The Monarchist Group"**
2. **"League of Nations"**
1. **"Bear Squad"**

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE CONTINUES CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS IN HOPES OF FILLING THE CONTROVERSIAL NEW POSITION OF HEAD OF THE "THEOLOGICAL POLITICS" DEPARTMENT

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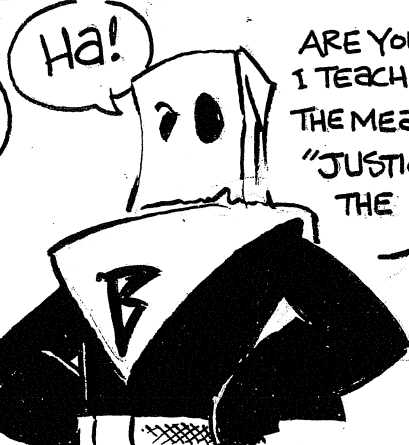


Si.

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH, NEXT CANDIDATE!

IT IS I, CAPTAIN BAG-HEAD, DEFENDER OF JUSTICE!

SO, MR, AH, BAG-HEAD, DO YOU HAVE PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE?



Ha!

ARE YOU KIDDING? I TEACH VILLAINS THE MEANING OF "JUSTICE" ALL THE TIME!!

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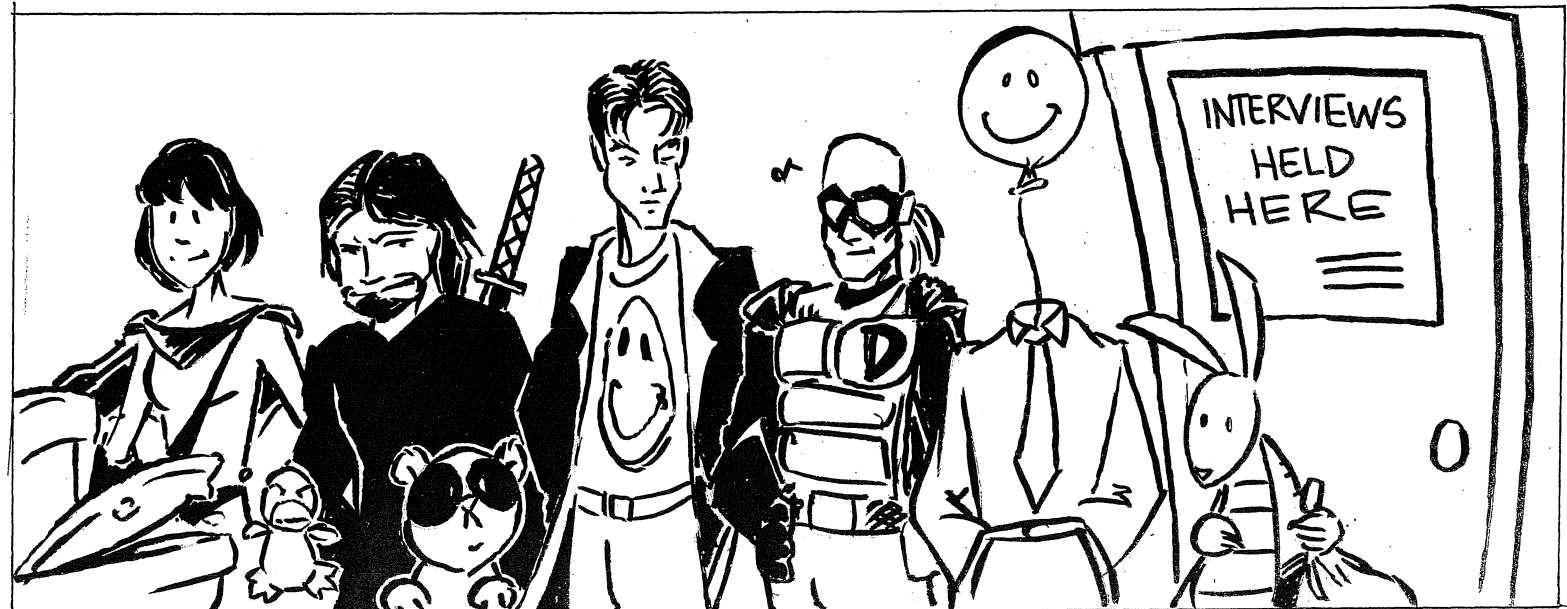
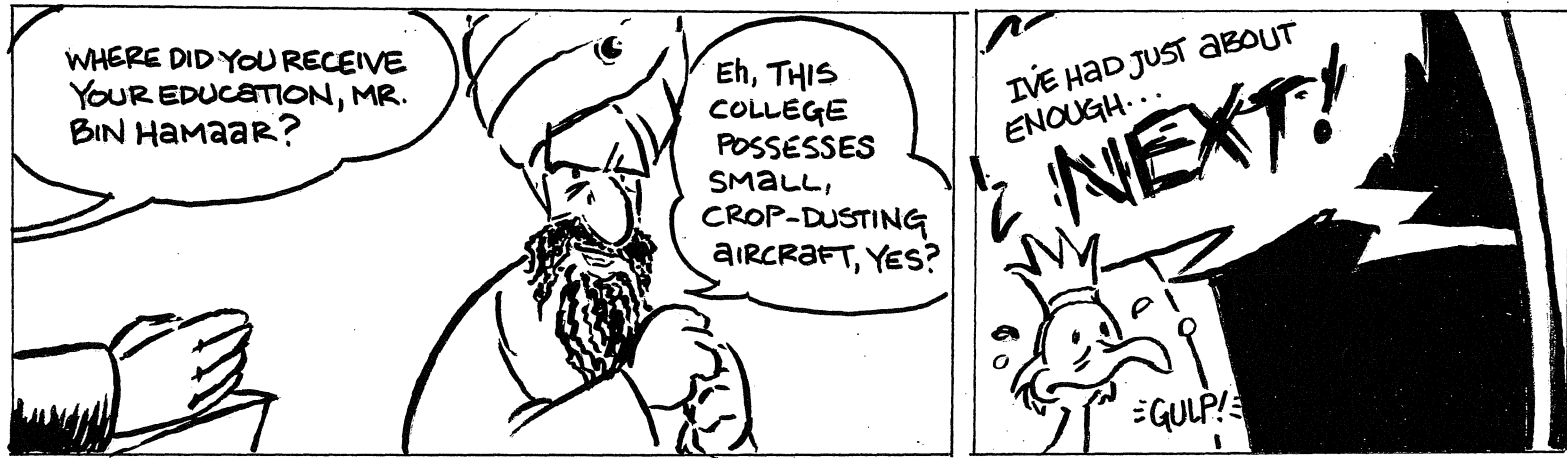
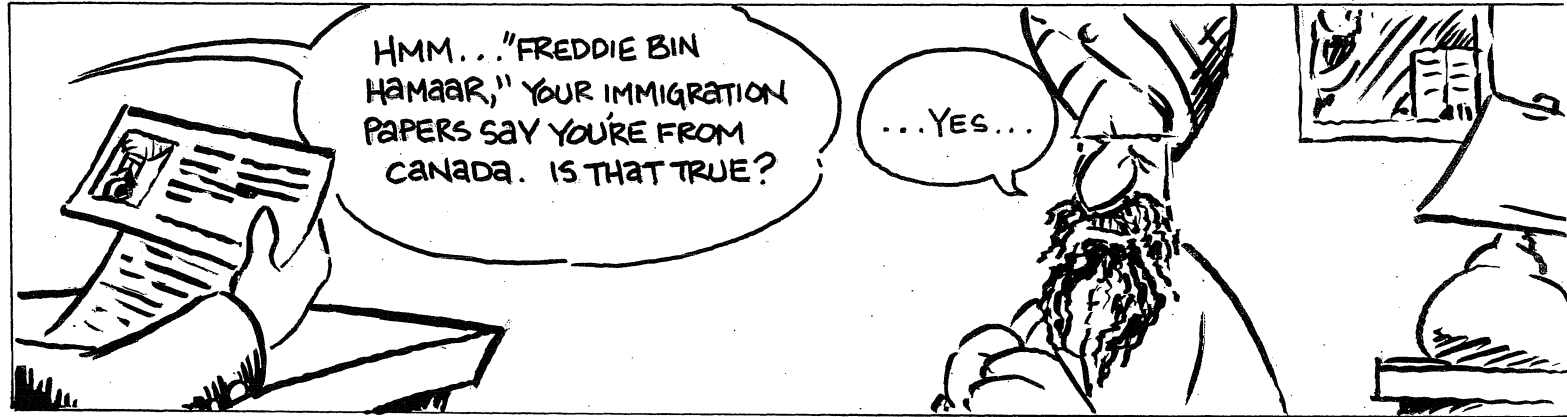
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