

Entertainment Outlook

Cushioning the blow!

News item: "Members of Parliament who go down to defeat in the Nov. 21 election won't have to face the blow alone. The House of Commons has hired a counselling firm to help MPs deal with the emotional shock of losing at the polls."

"This sort of compassion for the needy makes you proud to be Canadian, doesn't it? Close your eyes, if you will, and imagine."

The counsellor smiled gently as the defeated MP slumped into his office, wearing the numb stare of a man who has just discovered the universe is not unfolding as his mother had promised him it would.

"Sit down," said the counsellor. "Unburden yourself of your sorrows I'm here. I can help."

The defeated MP gazed bleakly round the room. His lower lip trembled as he recalled the bygone days when he too had an office, a nice office with his very own desk, and his very own photocopier machine, and his very own secretary, who brought him coffee and assured him she still liked him, no matter what his constituents said when they telephoned.

"I've... I've lost my job," he whispered.

"I know," said the counsellor, placing a fatherly hand on his shoulder. "But then again, so have all sorts of Canadians."

The defeated MP turned wounded eyes upon the counsellor. "Yes, damn it, but this time I've lost mine."

"True," the counsellor agreed sadly, "and this makes all the difference. But take heart. Our firm is here for you, and we offer job counselling, referral advice and psychological help on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Honest. It says so in the newspaper."



Weir's View

By Ian Weir

Thomson News Service

"Psychological help?" the defeated one flared indignantly. "Why would I need psychological help? If I needed psychological help, would I have been elected in the first place?"

The counsellor studied his fingernails, diplomatically withholding comment.

The moment of indignation passed, and the defeated sagged again. "You don't know how hard this is. My constituents; they voted against me. They... they don't like me anymore."

"Don't look at it that way," the counsellor urged. "Try to look on the bright side. They really didn't like you much in the first place."

"And besides," he added quickly, "it isn't the end of the world. MPs with six years of service get a full pension. Those with less than six years get six months' severance pay, which works out to an average of \$29,150."

"And to top it off, the government will sell you — at replacement cost — your chair in the Commons. This is also stated in the newspaper. You can take it home, as a reminder of the days when you sat proudly in it, making your vital contribution to the future of the nation." The counsellor hesitated, then added: "It might make a nice stand for a potted fern."

The defeated MP just gazed bleakly. "That's all? After four years of service? Just \$29,150 and a chance to buy my chair?"

The counsellor shrugged. "Speak to the Prime Minister. Maybe he'll toss in a free toaster-oven."

After a long moment, the defeated MP raised his eyes, and squared his shoulders. "Well," he said. "There's no use moping. I'll just have to find honest work, won't I?"

"That's the spirit!" cried the counsellor. "It's a grisly prospect, but oth-

ers have done it. Now — what sort of job did you have in mind?"

Hope flickered faintly in the defeated MP's eyes. "I don't suppose the Air Canada board of directors needs a chairman?"

"Ah... no," said the counsellor, tactfully.

"Then how about VIA Rail? Or the CRTC? Or maybe a Royal Commission — surely there's something I could head a Royal Commission to investigate?"

The counsellor turned away, unable to countenance the growing despair in the defeated MP's face. "I'm afraid everything has already been investigated. Twice."

With the look of a man who has lost

all reason to endure, the defeated MP gazed slowly skyward. "Well, then," he said in funeral tones. "I suppose it's all over, isn't it? There's nothing left for me but the Place Upstairs."

The counsellor blinked back tears of compassion. "Try to be strong. The Senate's a bit like being dead — but at least the pay's a lot better."

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Busy times for St. Xavier

Georgetown rock band St. Xavier has a busy month ahead on the club circuit.

The band has been booked to play Uncle Sam's in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on Nov. 7, 8, 9 and 10. This should give more exposure to the band as Uncle Sam's attracts people from Niagara Falls and Buffalo, in the state of New York.

Then on Nov. 15 and 17 the band will be playing at Willie Woss's in Hamilton. This is also new ground

for the band, and playing downtown Hamilton should be a great experience.

Next stop is Rock Connection in Oshawa on Nov. 24. St. Xavier has played this club before and were very well received in Oshawa.

Then it's back to Brampton to kick off December, which at the moment is provisional. A busy month of December is anticipated, and dates will be announced later.

New in home videos

SCHOOL DAZE (R) RCA/Columbia, \$19.95. Spike Lee followed up his funky small-budget success "She's Gotta Have It" with this slick, somewhat misunderstood movie about Homecoming Weekend at a fictitious black college.

The movie is a collage of raunchy "Animal House"-type frat humor, splashy musical numbers and didactic racial dialogues. It's messy all right, and a bit schematic as Lee contrasts the attitudes of the darker-skinned, proudly militant "Jigaboos," and the lighter-skinned, hair-straightened "Wannabees." But it's also a spirited and audacious film — and one that makes no concessions to white viewers. **GRADE: ★★★**

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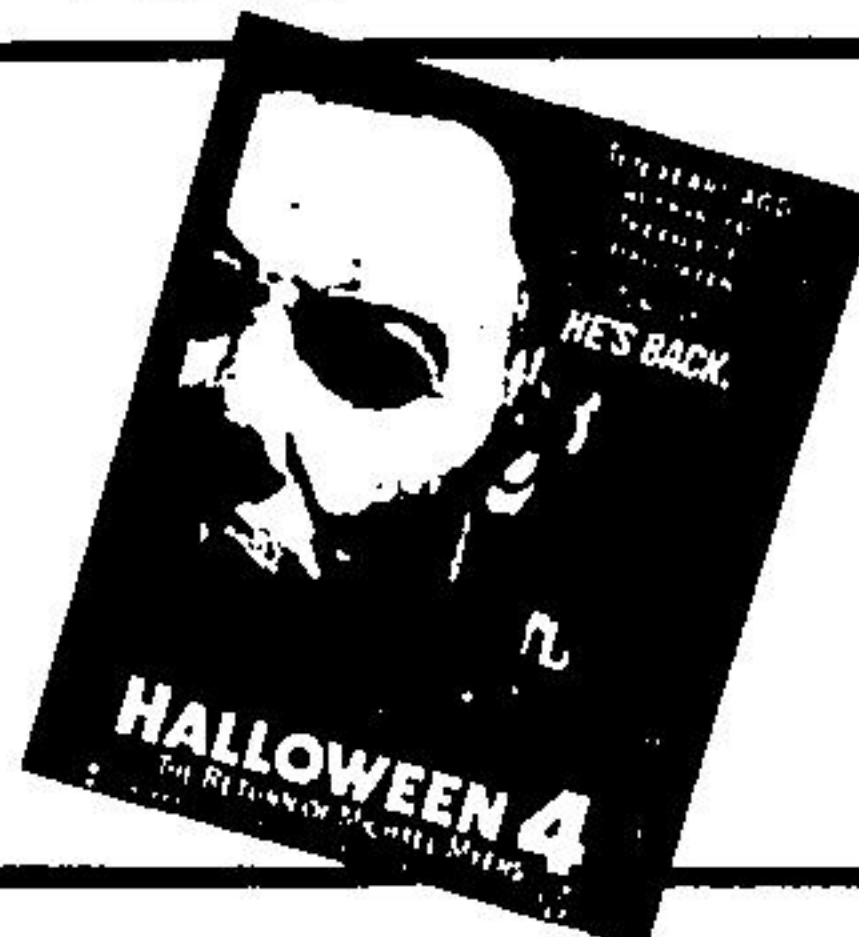
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