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FEATURED: PREJUDICE - AN IMITATED BEHAVIOUR

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The Acquisition of Prejudice and the Authoritarian Personality

By Joseph Priolo

Canada's multicultural society is perceived as relatively tolerant, yet substantial media coverage exists to exemplify Canadians' prejudicial attitudes. In a country that prides itself on being inclusive, the source of this prejudice can be brought into question: Is this prejudice innate, or has it been acquired? And if it is acquired, how so?

Prejudice is defined as a positive or negative attitude based on information or knowledge that is either illogical, unrelated to reality, or a distortion of fact, and that is unjustifiably generalized to all members of a group. It is almost exclusively referred to in the negative sense. Those who belong to a group are referred to as the in-group, and those who do not belong to that group are referred to as the out-group.

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There is no certainty of the notion that inherent predispositions form the cornerstone of modern-day prejudice, but there is, however, little doubt of the significance of learning in prejudice. Parents especially play a fundamental role in the social learning of prejudice. The instrumental conditioning, classical conditioning, and modelling psychological paradigms distinguish the different types of learning that influence the acquisition of prejudice.

Instrumental conditioning (also known as operant conditioning) is when someone learns a behaviour as the result of the rewards and punishments associated with that behaviour, classical conditioning is learning by association, and modelling refers to learning through the behaviour one observes.

Children of authoritarian parents are most likely to learn prejudice. Parents with authoritarian traits typically use harsh punishment, do not tolerate hostility or aggression by children, act cold and impersonal, and withdraw love to maintain "proper" behaviour. They foster a culture of defining what is different as "inferior." Those who can be characterized as authoritarian have rigid and punitive views towards authority and feel morally superior.

Authoritarian aggression manifests in scapegoating, which occurs when authoritarian personalities are frustrated by conditions/situations they cannot control directly, such as crime and the economy. This frustration is displaced onto a convenient out-group, an out-group that is then blamed for the undesirable conditions.

Authoritarian personalities are developed through childhood experiences and are passed from parent to child in vicious cycles of prejudice. These cycles ensure prejudice and discrimination within Canada. Emphasizing intergroup contact within education and raising awareness of prejudice, authoritarian personalities, and scapegoating will help reduce the cycle of prejudice within authoritarian families. This will hopefully lead to a Canadian society as "multicultural" and "tolerant" as it is perceived to be.

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The Ambiguity of a Great Performance: Seeing from the Audience's Point of View

By Brandon Wong

The first time I performed as a soloist was in March of 2017 at the Kiwanis Music Festival of Sudbury. I was new to performing, and the overwhelming pressure to skillfully execute what I had prepared for months caused me to make many mistakes that I had never made before. When the adjudicator of the festival came up to me, he told me he thought I'd played amazingly. Such is the elusive nature of a great musical performance. You never know, even in the moment, exactly how well you did.

This trend would continue for as long as I have been performing (for everyone except my mom, apparently!) That's when I started to have a deeper understanding of what a great performance should be. A composer (being someone who writes a piece of music) is similar to an author writing a book. They have certain preconceived ideas about how their works are to be interpreted, but leave that up to the reader (or in this case, the performer). As a musician, it's our job to properly interpret the composer's works and almost retell it to an audience in our own style. However, when telling someone about a book, they don't care about how difficult it is, they only care about the synopsis you give them. Similarly, the audience does not know how hard it is to play the piece, they care more about the performance itself. I am not saying that we (as musicians) should not play because we love to do it. Performance-wise however, the audience's reaction to the piece is what dictates a good performance.



Lo-Ellen Theatre Company - A New Era

By Lenore Durette

What do you think when you hear "Lo-Ellen Park"? Going out on a limb, I'm going to guess it's nothing about Lo-Ellen's theatre company. The theatre department is not the main attraction at the school-- and yet, a change seems to be brewing in the school's culture.

Last year, the Lo-Ellen Theatre Company met many trials during the initial lockdown. Students who had been pouring their hearts and countless hours into the school musical found it abruptly torn from them. The company was able to regain its balance as it created a virtual variety show of sorts called "Even This". This time, however, theatre students refused to be caught off-guard.

This year, a reinvented and reinvigorated Lo-Ellen Theatre Company is proud to present "Casting Shadows", a unique audio drama series that captures the highschool experience. The production features two student-written, performed and produced storylines set at Lo-Ellen Park. "Downpour" tackles the theme of dealing with loss, while "Frisson" explores the subtleties of struggling with identity in times of hardship.

With this new project, the theatre company is also taking the opportunity to push their work for the first time. Our virtual production makes it much easier to reach a wider audience. The company's marketing panel is revving up to begin releasing teasers and news to the student body.

Stay tuned to hear more about this unique production!

Lenore Durette
Co-Marketing Coordinator

Yellow After the Rain



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Covid Sports: Athletes Training from Home

By Kai Nener

As we reach the beginning of spring, it would usually be time to break out the running shoes and get training for many different athletes at LEP. Participants on the Track and Field team at Lo-Ellen Park are just one example of a group that should be in full swing right now.

Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 and school closures, as well as the suspension of school sports, nobody has seen much time on the court, the track, or the trails in a while. That however, doesn't mean that training has stopped. Mr. Ward is one coach trying to keep his athletes in shape with new training plans, and while for many motivation is the biggest obstacle now that school has been pulled back to in-person learning, it is important to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Talk of vaccines leave many very hopeful for this summer; we would all love to see the re-opening of the school as well as the reinstatement of all the Lo-Ellen Park sports teams that we know and love. Just remember, as we pass the one year mark for our very first Covid school shutdown, it's almost over. Stay strong Knights!

Student Council Initiatives Still Going Strong, Bringing Students Together

By Aidan Kallioinen

As the students and staff of Lo-Ellen Park enter back into the all too familiar routine of online learning since the beginning of the pandemic, Student Council has undertaken a significant initiative to boost school spirit, and help those in need during tough times. Spirit Days have continued as normal, with students encouraged to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green and gold, or by dressing in "Business top / pajama bottoms" for Monday's Dress for a Zoom Call Day. Students have also participated in Tacky Tourist Tuesday where they could dress as if they were taking a vacation from the comfort of their very own home.

As well as the inventiveness and creativity exhibited by Spirit Days, Lo-Ellen Park's Student Council has also chosen to cooperate in support of mental health awareness by launching a Wellness Week earlier in the second semester. This inspired students to take part in a live yoga session, share their own DIY craft ideas, and even participate in a school-wide Kahoot game. For Valentine's Day, the council even spearheaded a match-making form in which students could potentially find their soulmate during the pandemic.

Student Council has also taken its efforts outside the school, promoting the Warm Sweaters, Warm Hearts initiative run by St. Andrew's Church, and incentivizing students to attend a virtual event hosted by Laurentian Relay For Life on March 13th. Despite the pandemic, the Student Council has managed to bring the student body of Lo-Ellen Park, and even the wider community, much closer together.



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Political and Economic Uncertainty in the South China Sea

By Theo Techaphan

The South China Sea is a 3.5 million km² body of water nestled between China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Brunei. Tensions in the South China Sea have slowly been accumulating since the 1990s, but have yet to reach their boiling point. The gradual militarization of the body of water has been perpetuated by the People's Republic of China, protecting what they believe to be their rightful territory by arming the region with naval ships and creating artificial islands to extend their EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone). Despite China's growing military power, nearly all states neighbouring the sea have been engaging in an arms race to compete for the territory.

The South China Sea's importance stems from its geography as it is a vital trading route. The sea provides its controller with influence over the entirety of the South East Asian region. Trade is key to this issue as 5 trillion dollars worth of goods is transported through the South China Sea each year, making it an important trading route for major countries like China, Japan, and the US. The region is a lifeline for several South East Asian countries, thus making it extremely valuable in regards to the economic and political advantages it provides. As the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) militarizes the South China Sea, key players such as the USA, Australia, India, Japan, and the South East Asian countries which border it have been trying to combat Chinese aggression in the region. However, within the faction that is trying to limit Chinese aggression there are internal disputes between countries like Malaysia and Vietnam or The Philippines and the US, which may stall any collective action.

The militarization of the South China Sea is an extremely valuable region due to its geography, trade, and political importance. This complex dispute between major world superpowers has caused the conflict to escalate, and reach a potentially dangerous stalemate.

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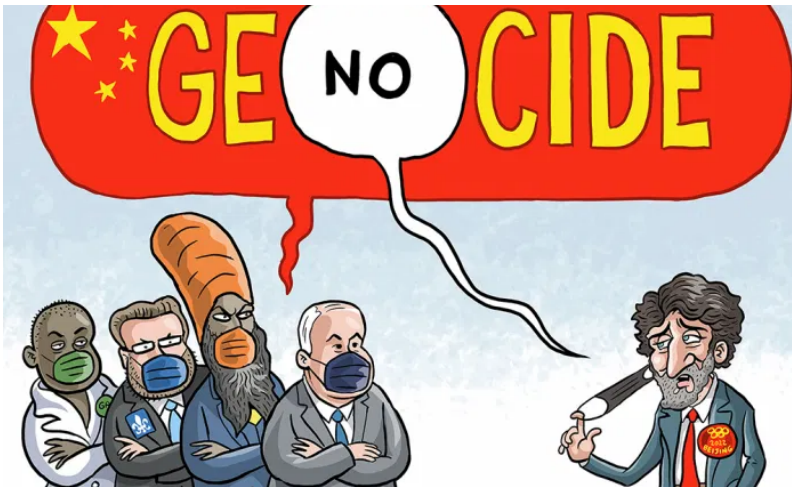
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OPINION: Trudeau Should be Held Accountable for Inaction on Uyghur Genocide

By Paul Giles

On February 22nd, the House of Commons passed a bill officially recognizing the genocide in China perpetrated by the Chinese government against the minority Uyghur Muslims of Xinjiang Province. Days before the vote, top Conservatives held a press conference with one of the survivors of the genocide to give her a chance to share her experience. During the press conference, Canadians heard heart-wrenching testimony, stories of rape, abuse, murder, and even forced sterilization. Worst of all, Canadians were shown images of her family, and Chinese officials blatantly warned her that her family would die if she testified at the press conference. The gripping testimony was truly moving and it showed all Canadians that our government needs to act to stop the genocide of Uyghur Muslims in China.

Knowing this, one might ask how Justin Trudeau and his government responded to testimonials of survivors and the overwhelming evidence of a genocide. The answer is disgusting. Justin Trudeau and his cabinet abstained from the vote to officially recognize the genocide. Our government watched the testimony of the survivors, they looked at the evidence, and they turned their backs on the Uyghur people. Canadians will remember the despicable actions of Justin Trudeau, and remember his inaction in the midst of a humanitarian crisis.

Perseverance Rover Brings New Scientific Discoveries, Strides in Engineering

By Tyler Smith

After landing on Mars this past February, the Perseverance rover provides a significant next step in NASA's progress towards manned missions to the red planet. Although based heavily upon the 2012 Curiosity rover, this mission carries scientific potential that outweighs any other mission to Mars.

Following the discovery of organic carbon molecules and evidence of consistent water on the surface, the possibility of past life on Mars seemed as likely as ever. In order to search the soil for signs of life and determine the suitability of Martian soil for future cultivation, the Perseverance rover will collect soil samples and set them aside for a future mission. These soil samples will hopefully have the opportunity to be sent to Earth for analysis in the near future.

From an engineering perspective, the most unique and exciting constituent may be the Ingenuity drone. This helicopter-like machine with three sets of rotor blades will make multiple autonomous test flights that aim to test the feasibility of rotorcraft flight in Mars' thin atmosphere. Should these test flights be successful, Ingenuity would achieve the first powered flight on another planet.

The Mars 2020 mission will continue to bring us closer to manned missions to Mars, and the possibility of former life on the red planet. Canada will be at the forefront of this new development with the University of Alberta's Dr. Chris Herd; who will help to determine how the rover should act to gain the most valuable information on Mars' past, and how it will affect future missions.



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Austria: An Historical Inspection

By Eli Paibomsai

Oftentimes when people hear of Austria, a few things come to mind. An alpine skiing retreat that offers some of the most beautiful scenery the world has to offer, with massive mountains with peaks coated in snow, and warm villas with welcoming people. Other conceptions, although minimal, may be a brief mention of them throughout a Grade 10 History class, being a trivial part in the larger conflict of the First World War. However, this small tidbit of information presented does little justice to just how long-standing Austria has been in terms of global importance.

Austria would be ruled under a dynasty known as the Habsburgs for much of Early Modern Period, and come to hold great significance through seven centuries of European history. Subsequent generations of Habsburg rule would lead Austria to great success by the 1500s, with royal marriages allowing for the Austrian crown to gain swaths of land in Spain, Holland and Southern Italy. With all this power, Austria would become the beating heart of the Holy Roman Empire, a loose confederation of many duchies, kingdoms, principalities, counties and vassal states.

Austria would remain as the continent's preeminent power for hundreds of years, until the Napoleonic Wars (1803 - 1815), where the Austrians would suffer defeat at the hands of Napoleon during the famous Battle of Austerlitz in December, 1805. From there, Austrian hegemony would decline, and following a growth in nationalist sentiment through the 19th century, the largest ethnic group of the Empire (the Hungarians) declared themselves to be of equal status within the Austrian domain. The Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867 was signed, establishing the Dual Monarchy (Diarchy) which would last until Austria's defeat in the First World War in 1918.

Austria would subsequently loose most of its subjugated lands in the Treaty of Saint-Germain-en-Laye in 1919, and less than 20 years later Austria would find itself conquered by the war machine of Hitler's Germany in the Anschluss (Annexation) of March, 1938.

Following Germany's defeat in the Second World War (1939-1945), Austria would find itself split into Allied occupied zones. Austria would regain full sovereignty in 1955, and would go on to take a neutral stance in the ensuing Cold War. The nation has since pledged itself to neutrality, and has become the small, beloved nation that we have today.



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"AUSTRIA'S EUROPEAN DOMAINS AS OF 1522".
(SALMON = AUSTRIA PROPER, YELLOW = HABSBURG DOMAINS, GREEN = HOLY ROMAN IMPERIAL LANDS)
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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Some Irish Trivia!

By Aidan Kallioinen

Happy belated St. Patrick's Day from the Lo-
Ellen Press! With the month of March comes a
global celebration of Irish culture. Test your
knowledge of Ireland below, and let us know how
you did!

ANSWERS AT BOTTOM OF PAGE

1) Who was the Irish writer to be awarded the
Nobel Prize in Literature in 1923?

- A. George Bernard Shaw
- B. William Butler Yeats
- C. Seamus Heaney
- D. James Joyce

2) How many traditional counties make up the
island of Ireland?

- A. 47
- B. 12
- C. 32
- D. 26

3) What does the green on the Irish flag
represent?

- A. Irish Catholicism
- B. The island's fields and hills
- C. A shamrock
- D. Youth and longevity

4) What is Irish Gaelic for "Hello?"

- A. Adh mor ort
- B. Dia Dhuit
- C. Ta failte romhat
- D. Failte

5) St. Patrick was originally associated with
what colour?

- A. Green
- B. Orange
- C. Red
- D. Blue

6) What is Ireland's national instrument?

- A. Bagpipes
- B. Accordion
- C. Flute
- D. Harp



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ANSWERS

1) B 2) C 3) A 4) B 5) D 6) D

Quote of the Month:

Common sense is nothing more than a deposit of prejudices laid down in the mind before you reach eighteen.

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ACROSS:

2) Jazz technique characterized by immediate composition on chord changes

4) Better than average

6) Deepest lake in the world

8) Furnace for firing pottery

10) Captures chemical energy (biology)

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1) Leader of the Federal New Democrats

3) Finnish concept of stoic calm

9) Measured in fathoms, thou, or leagues

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- 4) Better than average
- 6) Deepest lake in the world
- 8) Furnace for firing pottery
- 10) Captures chemical energy (biology)

ANSWERS:
 (1) Jagmeet, (2) Improvisation, (3) Sisuu, (4) Above par, (5) Rover, (6) Baikal, (7) Empyrean, (8) Kiln (9) Length (10) ATP

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