

[Not Letting Schoolin' Get \(Too Much\) In The Way Of My Education](#)

Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 2:01am

Today was a [Hell of a day](#) for Washington and every financial market on Earth. I've been longing to actually understand what this "bailout" actually entailed, because I had no clue whatsoever. Thing is, it's tough to find seemingly unbiased sources who do. It's become a trust issue all of a sudden. I'll thank [The Economist's comment section](#) for any insight. These (mostly) seem like well-intentioned people who happen to be experts.

[See my blog](#) for the passage I've learned most from.**

I'm considering starting up a group for the non-religious of the Université de Moncton campus. I think it'd be cool to bounce ideas off of others, and to make sure to get any religion-hating atheists in there to teach them some manners before they make the rest of us look bad. I bet each of you 5\$ that my school wouldn't approve, though.

I've had the privilege of meeting someone who works at the Canadian embassy in Paris - and he's invited me out for supper to talk politics, and about how to find work in diplomacy! Should be interesting.

A friend of mine told me about [Michael Ignatieff](#) today and I must admit that I am so far impressed, especially by [an article he wrote](#) for the New York Times in 2007, admitting that he was wrong about Iraq. To be honest, I know very little of him, Bob Rae or (until recently) Stéphane Dion. I'm going to look more into this guy as the next Liberal Party leadership race gets underway. Ahh, if only Frank McKenna would run...

Oh! Did I mention that I'm going to see McKenna and Bill Clinton give a conference at the Moncton Coliseum in November? My ticket was a hefty 110\$ - but I have no doubt it'll be worth every penny and then some.

Some new people have been floating about, and since meeting them I've leached off some creative vibes - quite inspired indeed. For some reason I feel like painting for a whole night, or playing my cello (neighbour gets pissed if I play past midnight...understandable). Most of it is fuelled by good music. My artsy side is calling out from under the left-side grey matter. I hope it gets to let loose sometime soon =).

I'll be laying low for the next few weeks. Exam season is looming, and I have a lot on my plate. I hope to be back to my link-sharing self by the end of October. Until then, I'm a hermit.

Footnote():** I'm sorry for pushing my blog on you guys, I'm just trying to get the hits up a bit more so I can share my views with more non-Facebookers. It also allows me to

track numbers of readers, because as of right now I have *no* clue how many people read my stuff - I'm curious.



[Simon Landry](#) at 3:09am September 30

Hey man, don't call your group a non-religious group, that'll get you denied for sure. Call it something if groupe de discussion analytique or something like that. For your purpose (if you need to submit an application to get group recognition), be creative. Say it's un groupe de rencontre pour faciliter la discussion de sujets en mettant l'emphase... Read More sur les faits et les donnees concretes. Something like that. You'll probably get more participation too if you don't make it sound like you're raining on anyone's parade (religious or otherwise), plus you shuldn't exclude anyone. The Beat Generation had some of the best free thinkers and they were pretty religious at one point. Just trying to give you idea to get a club going to get student participation up. I don't know how it is at UdeM (I figure that's where you go), but there was (I figure there still is) pretty rampant apathy in the students at Bishop's. Only a small group of people were involved in extracurricular.

Also, I checked your blog. If you have IP tracking, I'm the one in Korea.



[Andrew Manderson](#) at 11:29am September 30

Wow Simon - those are wicked ideas. Duly noted! I agree for the apathy in extra curric participation, but I think I can solve that, at least for the short term.

As far as IP tracking goes - I don't have it. I just see if it came from the link I posted in thhis note.