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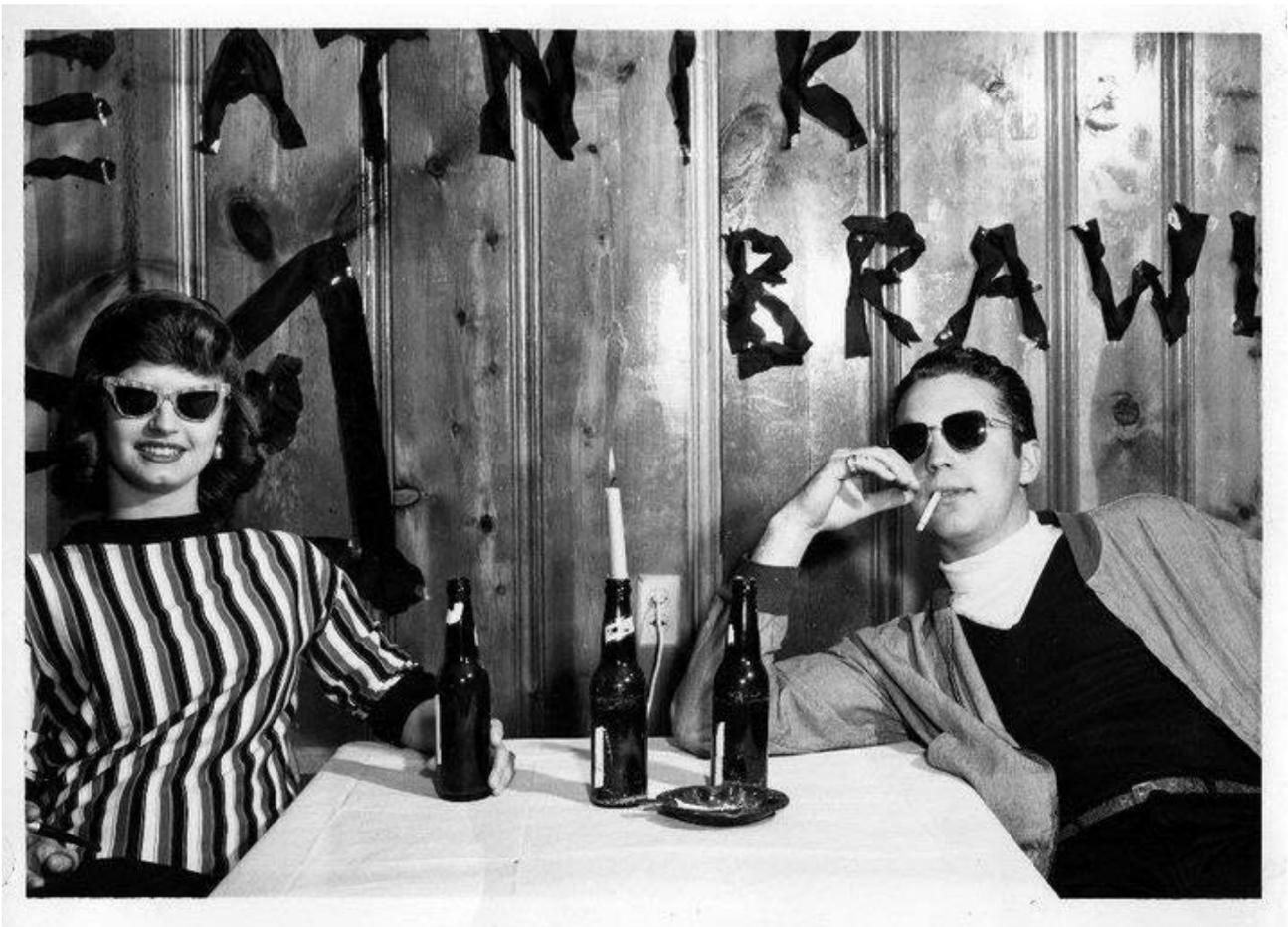
In 1985, Congress passed the **Silliman Act**. From that date onward, every new book of poetry had to have at least two loud endorsements. You know, stuff like-

Rips through the tendon like a cross-cut bone saw ; damn fine ,writing to (and from) the marrow ...

(Robert Creeley)

Dogberry, can't find the shrimp !!. Miscreants, face it, all weathers!

(Stephen Rodefer)



Then in 1999 came the **Moxley amendment** and things got tougher. Now each book had to have at least **5** endorsements! By university employees only! We all know how leafy the prose became:

This way to the exit wound, fellaz, for Stacy Doris cauterises before a single fire is shot!!!

(Lee Ann Brown)



Peering into the livetime lava with volcanic urgency, Peter Manson hoovers up dubious Vesuvius, exchanging quip with lip-quiddity yet finding time for a moon-face whilst peering at the watch-face. Buy is the byword!!!

(Drew Milne)



The order of capitalism requires ordure, and Trevor Joyce has silage in Sligo to go -a-go go . I'm agog!

(Harry Gilonis)



Nothing wrong with this stuff, obviously, because poetry resists commodification even when it's up for sale! But it's a cool world out there and it sure ain't gettin' any hotter!! And we all know that 2018 is also the year of the Supreme Court ruling in **Bellamy v. Perloff**:



Now, every book of RadCon poetry must have at least **8 endorsements!!** That's right, **eight** ! We think it's a lot!
And it all eats up time !



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(photo: Professor Spahr grabbing the wolf by the horns while Charl((O))t gets to work).

Here's some stats. At test trials in the Keystone State we fed straight jackoff gabbatext through randomly selected style-parameters and found that only 12% of our sample group could pick out a **Charl((O))**blurb from normal, old-fashioned humanoid hyperbole. Can you guess which of these examples was generated by our programme?

1.

Militant carpal thrift indeed!! theck thimbles for the alabaster child , as each para-distal takes hold of the proximal phalanx!

J. H.Prynne ©



2.

A vehicular farce that makes it own history is called tomorrow. Sorry Tim, I meant force, of c=o-u-r-s=e. BTW, how much do I get for writing this shit ? love Miles

Miles Champion ©



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Rubs the nostril of pun-gent misomachia up against the temporary c(l)(ock-wo(r)k of unsparing chinwaggery, an agggrodolce takeout to 'take out' the oppo(en)men

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That's right, all of 'em! Impressive? We think so too! *Le style, c'est la machine*, right?? But hey, that's enough from us, why not come see for yourselves?? *For Free!* That's right! Here at PenSound, every weekend through November, RadCon poetry lovers are warmly invited to meet with Al Filreis, Peter Gizzi and Caroline Bergvaal to see Charl((O))vac put through its paces. We think you'll be impressed!! So come along, bring some text and blast the new-born infant's ear!

CHARL((O))VAC **--we're nuffin without the puffin'!**

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