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"The Thorkelson Team will bring the University together", "One should take pride in being a student at this institution", and promises like the slate "will revive the Golden Key Honorary Society" and will also "revive the Evergreen and Gold Yearbook". Such tripe has never before filled an election pamphlet. Whether a student takes pride in his university is hardly the concern of the Students' Union, and no executive will ever foster that pride. Awards nights, honorary societies, yearbooks and the like please the high school crowd, but priorities like this for a multi-million dollar operation are totally outside the bounds of reason.

The pamphlet goes on to outline plans for celebrating Alberta's anniversary, and the team sees nothing wrong with taking a chunk of the funds available to throw a party and to construct a parking complex near the Jubilee Auditorium. The immaturity and total stupidity of these promises are overwhelming: Thorkelson

should remember that he is dealing with students who seek a good and useful education, and not the Kiwanis Club of Edmonton.

To their credit, the slate avoids the long list of "experience", but they don't use this space to make meaningful political or election statements, such as on the cutbacks issue.

Nonetheless, one of these slates will win the election, or some combination of slate members and independents will constitute next year's executive.

With little to distinguish between them, these two slates will "fight it out" at tomorrow's SUB Theatre forum on the important issues they have outlined. Do you think you'll be able to make a meaningful decision on which slate to support based on their campaigning? Do you care? I expect the answer would be "no" to both questions.

These two slates make student politics a farce. I don't mean politics in any "radical" sort of way, but merely in the

sense that the Students' Union could be a viable body that interests and involves its members. But with Thorkelson, (who said in an interview Sunday that he would like the U of A to become the "Harvard of the West") and Astley (who lists his membership in the Alberta Legislative Press Gallery as experience) as the only two presidential candidates, apathy and cynicism will flourish with great rapidity.

I suggest that all voters examine the platforms of the independent candidates, for they at least are not involved in a gigantic scam. They stand on their policy and not behind their slates.

But I don't blame anyone if he or she isn't interested in the least. I'm not.



B'nai B'rith Hillel

Matti Golan speaks on:
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Wed. Feb. 6
12 noon
Rm. 158A SUB

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thyself means destroying your own culture... dragging yourself down to the lowest common denominator."

Butler also stressed the connection between the Western educational system and societal problems.

"Fabian socialism", as typified by Pierre Trudeau, is "a disease started by men and women who realized if they could capture the minds of youth, they could capture the nation," he said.

Marx in 1848 listed ten steps to "communizing" the world and the tenth one was free education in state schools, he added.

"Free schools are the ultimate destructors of our society."

Teachers today, he said, "are not to teach but to indoctrinate... the disease carriers, as I call them."

The young are always more susceptible to disease, Butler pointed out, and suggested that "their resistance must be built up."

One step in this process is the careful selection of teachers. "We have to be realistic..." he said, "Our whole society is under attack."

"I employ them (teachers) to teach exactly what I hire them to teach, and the same with politicians." The crowd responded enthusiastically with shouts of "Right!" and loud applause.

Butler drew links between the Fabian Socialist-dominated London School of Economics, which Trudeau attended, and Conservative finance minister John Crosbie.

"How many people realize he's one of those people himself? Even a Conservative..."

Butler also said Harold MacMillan revealed himself to be a Fabian Socialist after he retired as British prime minister.

Butler addressed himself to issues in the upcoming federal election.

"Please, please do not believe this hoax that we have an energy shortage," he told the crowd.

"You people in Alberta are living proof of that." He said Albertans frequently hit gas when they are digging for water and told the crowd, "There are more oil reserves in the Tar Sands than in the entire Middle East."

He also revealed a list of demands for election candidates. These included an immediate 10 per cent cut in federal taxation, reintroduction of capital punishment, rescinding of gun control and metrication legislation, quota system of immigration, and a stop to the compulsory bilingualism program.

"Our children are worth saving from the disease that's sweeping the land," Butler concluded. "They're not going to thank us for what we've done; they're going to damn us for what we've not done."

SU Forums Presents:

EYEWITNESS REPORT and SLIDES from NICARAGUA

SPEAKER: Mutale Chanda
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DATE: Friday, February 8
PLACE: Tory Basement, Room 56

ALSO: Friday evening, 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral Parish Hall, 113 Street and Jasper Avenue

Everyone Welcome



Roger St. Clair. Best centre in Junior Hockey. Dreams of being on a Stanley Cup winner. How are his chances?

Very poor Ever since his pee-wee hockey days, his talent's been growing.

But a bad thing's happened to Roger on his way to a Stanley Cup. His reputation has gone to his head.

When the guys get together after a game, Roger feels compelled to swing more and stay later than the others.

Wherever he goes, he's in the spotlight, and he never says no to a night on the town.

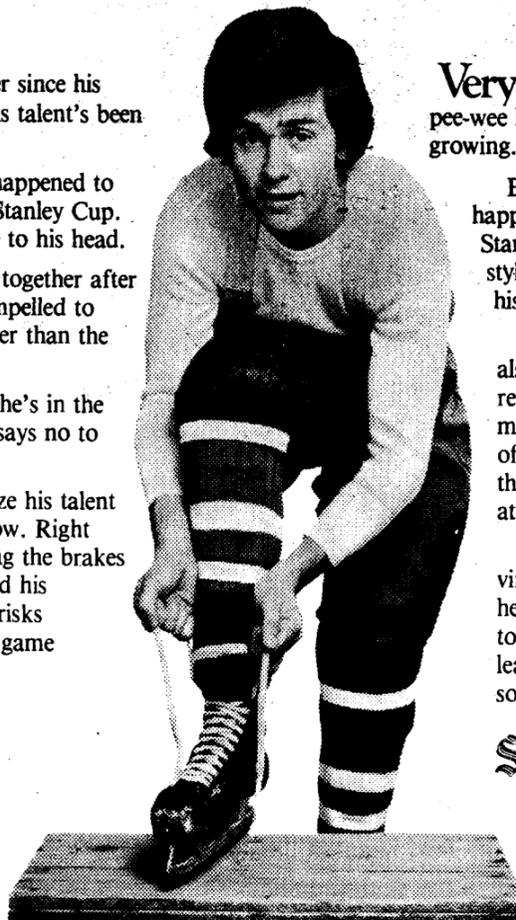
Roger doesn't realize his talent needs healthy soil to grow. Right now he should be putting the brakes on both his swinging and his drinking. Otherwise, he risks spoiling everything. His game and his dream.

Very good Ever since his pee-wee hockey days, his talent's been growing.

But something even better has happened to Roger on his way to a Stanley Cup. He's realized that his style off the ice is just as crucial to his future.

Roger enjoys people. He also enjoys the sociability of relaxing with a drink. But he's moderate. In fact, from the start of training till his last game of the season, Roger rarely drinks at all.

Every game he plays convinces Roger that moderation is helping him get where he wants to go. His coach says the big leagues are coming closer. And so is Roger's favorite dream.



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