

EDITORIAL

The first four

This year's SU election presents difficult and important choices.

The SU deficit has been reduced but it is still a long way from being eliminated.

Next year's executive must concentrate on the deficit without losing sight of rising tuition fees and declining academic standards.

The slate system has not presented a clear choice of potential leaders. There are well-qualified and capable people on all three serious slates. However, finding them underneath the campaign rhetoric is particularly difficult this year.

The Greenhill Team has concentrated on the superficial aspects of the campaign. Their posters and pamphlets are slick but many of their policies, notably the \$20,000 glorified electric bulletin board and the Windsor parking plan, show a lack of serious thought.

The Therrien Slate's proposals are less costly, but except for a typing service and a student loan help center the other proposals are not likely to be used by a large number of students.

The Hardwicke-Brown Slate is sincere but is uninformed about student politics. Even its most talented members lack the experience needed to do the job.

Individually, a number of candidates do stand out in this election. We give our support to these four:

President: Bev Therrien will be an aggressive advocate for student concerns. She would be an effective leader, even if her whole slate were not elected. Her new ideas would put life back into a dormant Students' Council. Therrien will be more than a caretaker president; she will lead an active, not a passive, student executive.

VP Finance: Greg McLean is a hard worker and is familiar with the financial situation of the SU. He will be able to explain financial options to student councillors articulately.

VP Internal: Sterling Sunley, presently Clubs Commissioner, has strong credentials. His defense of the Assassins Club shows that he is willing to face controversy. Sterling Sunley has made concrete proposals for improving SUB.

Board of Governors: Wes Sawatzky took over the difficult job of VP Academic in November and has performed admirably. While Jens Andersen's plan to execute unpublished academics deserves consideration, Sawatzky's platform is strongest overall.

We encourage you to study these candidates during this week's campaigning. When they appear in your classes or at the Wednesday forum, ask them questions and listen to their answers.

**Brent Jang
Kent Blinston**

The last word

The Gateway would like to dispell certain malicious and unfounded rumours that have surfaced during the campaign:

- Sterling Sunley does not sell seashells by the seashore.
- VP External will not be decided in a quiche eating contest between Andrew Watts and Don Millar.
- Martin Shug and Markyuck 3 are not the same person.
- Nanette has never said no-no in her life.
- Richard Watts is not Andrew Watts' brother. In fact, his real name is Richard Hardwicke-Browne.

The better half

Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper.

Thomas Jefferson, 1814

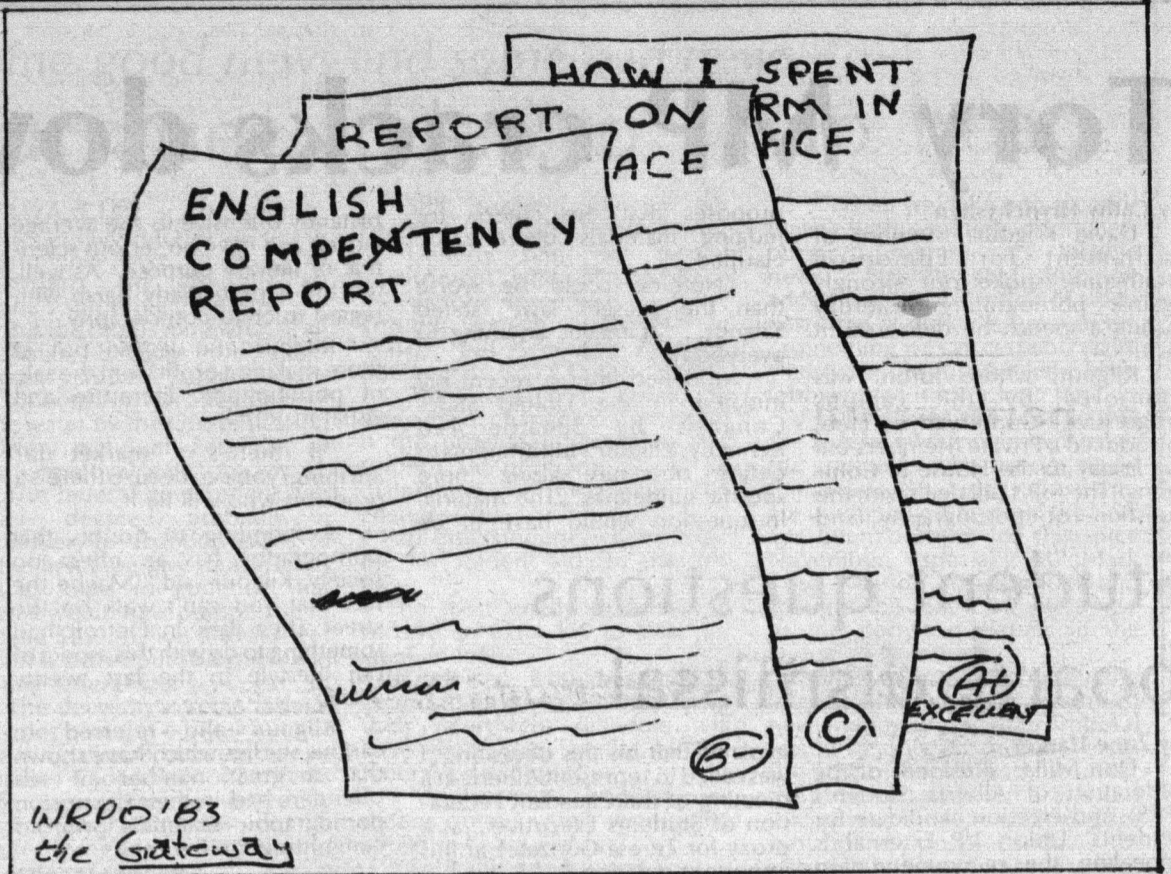
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Shauna Peets and Lois Dayes went off hunting Michael Skeet..Jack Vermece sipped coffee.. Heather Ann Laird and Dale Wiese sniffed wax..Nate LaRoi and Jim Gerwing preferred paste..Ann Grever, Margaret Baer, and Janine McDade dropped by..Martin Beales, Bill Inglee and Pete Hild snapped at Ken Lenz and his escort..Sandy Vickenson, Ken Bessie and Martin Coutts discussed coloured doors..Zane Harker and Lorie White dangled modifiers in the direction of Gilbert Bouchard..Cathy Hrynchshyn wants to know who John Algard is..and Teri Lynn Paulgard considers Psychology as a career....

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Don Millar slagfest

As a concerned student, I feel that it is my right and duty to inform the voting public about a certain candidate who is running in this year's elections. The candidate is Don Millar.

Don Millar was campaign manager for the Mike Walker slate in the first election last year. The election was overturned because Don broke the campaigning rules. He claimed that it was an "honest mistake" but if the campaign manager does not know the regulations, who does?

Don Millar is (was?) the president of the Federation of Alberta Students last year. I will not bother with the details of the empty bank account or the laid-off fieldworkers but there is some patronage that people should know about. I find it more than coincidental that one of the paid fieldworkers was the same Mike Walker that was mentioned in the previous paragraph.

Don Millar was a student representative on the Planning and Priorities Committee last year. He was thrown off the committee because he missed at least 6 consecutive meetings (3 months straight). If he can't get to meetings twice a month, I would like to know how he expects us to believe that he will learn to go to meetings every day?

When the Therrien Slate comes campaigning in classrooms, I feel that they should be asked about the quality of their platform if they can campaign with a person of such low standards.

Gord Stamp, Science II

What's wrong with you, Bev Therrien? Why do you include a proven incompetent on your slate? Don't you realize that the membership of your slate does (and should) reflect on your abilities as a potential administrator, and on the respectability of your slate as a whole?

If we assume you are a bona-fide leader, and not just a "token" of female management, then we must ask: Why is Don Millar on your slate? Surely you are aware that your running mate cost the students of this university approximately \$7,000 when he violated an explicit campaigning regulation last year. The regulation in question banned the stuffing of student residence mailboxes with campaign materials. "An honest mistake" he said in the Gateway. He was Mike Walker's campaign manager- the person most responsible to his slate for knowing and obeying the campaign regulations which were provided to him! And it was HE who violated the rule. Honesty is no excuse for negligence of responsibility, so why is he on your slate?

Do you no know, Miss/Ms. Therrien, that in a democratic bureaucracy such as our Students' Union, the knowledge of rules and procedures, and the ability to use and work within those rules and procedures is absolutely critical to the accomplishment of any task? Why have you selected a running mate who has proven himself incompetent, and carries the promise of public embarrassment in the office of VP external? Or did he choose you?

Lawrence Harding, Bus III

Ed. Note: DIE board ruled that Mr Millar's actions were unintentional.

Try to remember

I was extremely surprised to read the letter in Thursday's Gateway by Kathy Collins. The more I read it over, the more I realized how inconsistent it was.

First of all, it mentions how Robert Greenhill has received "unquestioning coverage" all year. Obviously, Kathy Collins hasn't read the Gateway at all this year.

On numerous occasions the Gateway, including Andrew Watts, has been openly critical of the executive and Robert Greenhill. In the Oct. 14

edition, in an editorial titled, "What democracy" Andrew Watts said: "Last year, the soon to be president Robert Greenhill campaigned on the promise of returning credibility to Students' Council. By this last charade of democracy, I would say that last years campaign promise by Greenhill is something he has quickly forgotten." Remember that Kathy?

In another edition (Nov. 9) a story appeared under the headline, "Council member critical of SU president." In another edition (Oct. 5) a story appeared claiming Greenhill to be a jet setting SU president. This is unquestioning coverage? Do you remember these stories Kathy?

Obviously, Andrew Watts and Robert Greenhill have had their differences. But their strengths as individuals allow them to resolve their differences into constructive policy.

Kathy, you also remark how Lise Malo and Barbara Donaldson received coverage in the Gateway. You say Barbara Donaldson received "great coverage in a story earlier this month." Why didn't you mention the story, Kathy? Why didn't you say what it was about? Did you actually read the story? The story dealt with the advocate task force review committee. Ms. Donaldson was chairing that committee. Isn't it logical to talk to the person in charge when doing a story? Are you going to implicate the entire SU Council in your conspiracy for appointing Ms. Donaldson to the committee?

Ms. Malo is the president of the Faculte St. Jean. Again, don't you talk to the person in charge?

Finally, Kathy, you failed to mention all the truly "great coverage" Don Millar received in stories about FAS.

You also failed to mention that Peter Block, a Gateway reporter, is a Therrien slate candidate.

I have two questions to ask you Kathy: Do you actually read the Gateway? Did you actually write that letter or did you just sign it?

Andrew Watts
Arts III

I feel obliged to respond to Kathy Collins' letter (February 3) in which she more than implied that Andrew Watts used the Gateway as a medium to further the political interests of running mate Lise Malo in the upcoming student election. It is obvious that Ms. Collins has made this unjustified stab in the dark quite oblivious to any of the circumstances.

There was nothing extraordinary in Mr. Watts' "sudden interest" in the food and housing issues of the Faculte St-Jean as well as those of other student residences. The Gateway has been consistent throughout the year in its efforts to respond to the needs of the Faculte St.-Jean which have often been overlooked in the past. As well as having published a number of articles on the Faculte, the Gateway has opened a column for St.-Jean students to voice their views in french. Moreover, this is the first year that the Faculte has received the Gateway on a regular basis.

I fail to see anything illicit in asking Ms. Malo, president of the Students' Union at St.-Jean, to express her concerns about problems existing t the students' residence. On the contrary, I applaud Mr. Watts and the Gateway for their recognition of the Faculte St.-lean as an integral part of the University of Alberta.

Christine Fielding
Faculte St.-Jean III

Re: Kathy Collins' letter in the Feb. 3 issue of the Gateway.

Ms. Collins the suggestion that there was some type of collusion between the Gateway and those you have quoted in your letter is absolutely absurd. You seem to be seeing boogy men in the dark.

Perhaps Ms. Collins your excitement over this collusion has blinded you to the fact that members on other slates have used the Gateway to "help build" their "budding young political careers." Perhaps Ms. Collins you overlooked the recent coverage Mr. Don Millar and his FAS association had had or maybe Mr. Peter Block's recent interviews.