

The Gateway

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editorial

The DIE Board reached a proper decision Wednesday in ruling that although certain infractions of election regulations did occur in the Feb. 11 general election they were not serious enough to jeopardize the election outcome. Even though the election this year was a tight race, it was won cleanly by the Spark slate. Although Jay and his team didn't exactly ignite the campaign with political issues, they *did* their groundwork — talking to classes, smiling at people, handshaking, etc. — well. And they consequently won the election by a good margin, in most positions.

Still, the election irregularities that did occur should not happen in future. The differential balloting system seems flawed enough, in operation, and complicated enough for most voters, that it serves no real purpose. Perhaps it's time Students' Council changed the preferential system. Or else it's time we began running regular polling stations with deputized returning officers who explain clearly to the voters how to use the preferential ballots. It's obvious a change must be made.

The government will hear the message over and over, but they will never admit publicly that they've committed a blunder on the differential fee question. Never, that is, until people haranguing them until election time and then vote them out of office.

At Wednesday's forum on differential fees, the speakers lucidly and rationally defeated the government's arguments in favor of differential fees. Liberal leader Nick Taylor showed from a capitalist perspective why it was wrong. Alderman David Leadbeater and NDP leader Grant Notley showed from a socialist perspective why it was wrong. Foreign student advisor Ruth Groverman reiterated those statistics people continually misuse to support differentials but which clearly argue *against* the fee structure on campus. Notley correctly held Lougheed ultimately responsible for the system. Leadbeater correctly showed its roots lie in racist attitudes. Taylor compared, perhaps correctly, the Lougheed administration to the national socialist (NAZI) movements in Europe in the thirties. All to little avail unless...unless people begin to harangue their MLAs and press the Lougheed government to renounce their blunder. If you can turn out at 2 p.m. today for the Legislature demonstration. But in any case, everyone who knows the issue and disagrees with Bert and Pete should certainly communicate personally their dislike for high-handed arrogance from a government which continually accuses our federal liberal government of possessing those same qualities. If enough people react, the Lougheed government will have to respond or face expulsion at the next provincial election.

by Kevin Gillese

Dr. Hohol, where do you stand on foreign students?

Wherever I can.



BUB SLUG by Delaney & Rosmusen



USPC usurp GFC's power

On Nov. 17, 1976, the following motion emanated from the Undergraduate Studies Policy Committee (U.S.P.C.):

That for students in the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce, the deadline for withdrawing from courses be the end of the fourth week of classes during winter session term, and approximately one third of the way through spring and summer session courses, and that no withdrawal after the deadline for dropping courses be permitted except for a major cause beyond the student's control, such as extended illness.

Although USPC does not keep minutes of its meetings this was verified through discussion with student USPC representative Rick Schulli, and USPC Chairman, Dr. Williams. On Feb. 15, 1977, the motion was presented to and carried by Commerce Council.

According to the minutes of the GFC Exec. Meeting of Nov. 15, 1976: *The Academic Schedule for 1977/78 had been approved by the Executive Committee on October 18, 1976 (minute 171). Members now had before them a request from the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce to approve changes to this Schedule (attached to these minutes as Appendix 'B'). (Exec. 15/Nov/76, p. 547) Two dates of particular interest appear in Appendix 'B'. October 7. A*

"Last day for withdrawing from first-term courses, or changing from 'audit' to 'credit' or from 'credit' to 'audit', by students in the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce."

January 27. A
"Last day for withdrawing from, or changing from 'audit' to 'credit' or from 'credit' to 'audit', full session or second term

courses by students in the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce." (exec. 15/Nov/76, p. 533)

It should be noted that both these dates are at "the end of the fourth week of classes" in their respective terms.

According to the minutes of that meeting:

The secretary noted that the Registrar's view was that since these changes would affect Commerce students only, there would be no objection to them." (Exec. 15/Nov/76, p. 547) The Registrar did not know, however, that these changes had not yet started to move through the decision-making machinery in the Faculty; would not, in fact, start until the USPC meeting of November 17, a full two days later. Further, these changes were not to be approved by Commerce Council until the Commerce Council meeting of February 15, 1977 - three months, to the day, later.

This brings to mind a very

SS are inexperienced: Locke

While speaking with Michael Amerongen on the afternoon of February 15, I had the pleasure of encountering newly elected V.P. Executive Dave Rand, who also happened to drop by in the vicinity. Newly elected executive vp David Rand was asking for a copy of the Students' Union constitution in order to determine his responsibilities.

It seems to me that the election took place last Friday

Wasn't it a crappy election?

It is with interest (bank on it being non-financial!) that I have followed this year's Students' Union elections.

The campaign was interesting, since it was CRAP who sparked a lot of interest (along with the engineering Ekelund who slated away) but finally (I

serious question. Did the GFC have the authority to implement these changes at that time? In fact, did the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce have the authority to bring these changes before GFC Exec. three months prior to their approval by Commerce Council?

These facts lead one to conclude that the decision was made somewhere within the Faculty's administrative offices prior to any consultation with the students. Although consultation with the students was carried out later, (there are student representatives on both Commerce Council and USPC) the fact that the decision (as outlined by the motion) was made and implemented prior to it reaching USPC or Commerce Council gives a clear indication of the considered value of student inputs.

Werner Nissen
 Commerce

with the Spark's Slate (SS) squeaking in with a narrow victory. The S.S. won and executive Rand is only now asking what it is all about. I sincerely hope we will be able to stand tall next year with the present reality in Students' Union.

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hope) it was Spark who crapped over all; including the Young Socialists who came up with the seven per-cent solution.

Hopefully everyone will realize that it is a just result and let the DIE down.

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