

Leadbeater and Council take office

by Bernie Fritze

President Leadbeater and the new Students' Council take office today, and in the previous traditions of student governments on this campus, their interest in office will be providing student services.

Executive proposals for 1975-76 include the institution of course unions for the Arts faculty students. Because of the size of the faculty, Leadbeater thought course unions (eg. Sociology Club) would better serve the need for organized input within the faculty. To promote this, he has promised funding will be available to these kinds of interest groups.

And for the Science faculty, an undergraduate society is proposed. Being a smaller faculty, a society could better serve their communications needs.

Students can get ready for another referendum next year. Popular opinion will be solicited

to deal with the questions of membership in the National Union of Students, and the acceptability of a four-day school week. Both of these items were promised during the election campaign and Council permitting, both questions will be dealt with before Christmas 1975. The result of the referendum will dictate any actions to be taken.

Leadbeater's new marketing concept for HUB includes a concerted effort to rent the remaining commercial space available. If this can be achieved, HUB will have a stronger image both on campus and in the Edmonton community. That in itself will do much in attracting customers and tenants to HUB.

The possibility of re-activating the Art Gallery will be investigated. The Leadbeater Executive wants to see a paid director who would institute relevant art programs rather

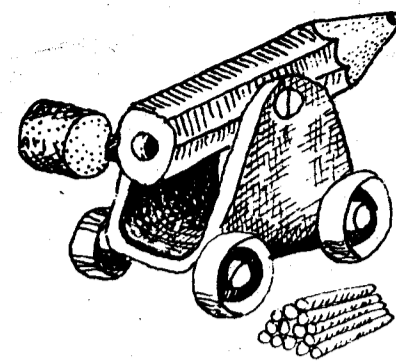
than the present system that sees the Art Gallery used as general storage space.

In the area of academic concerns, the proposal for a first semester Reading Week, a study on tenure, and proper representation on University committees requiring student input are the adopted policies to be pursued. Also, the feelings of U of A students, will be presented to the Students Finance Board in hopes of constructive changes.

The Housing Registry will be instituted, Socials will be held in Dinwoodie pending the re-flooring of the area, and CKSR will be given one more chance to come up with a comprehensive operating budget.

A final proposal to investigate the possibility of a western Students' Union sums up the immediate stated goals of the new Executive.

editorial



"Half-baked" isn't kosher

The terming of Graeme Leadbeater's campaign promises as being 'half-baked' by members of Students' Council is an unfair criticism. In the first place, Leadbeater just took office April 1, and as yet has not been in a position to act officially. Secondly, President Leadbeater knows he will have to institute these campaign promises as policy in order to establish his credibility as a politician.

But that is where the problems begin. Any policy that is 'half-baked' must survive the ordeal of Council. Whereas Leadbeater feels he was elected on the weight of his campaign promises, so were the rest of the Councillors and the will of the majority is needed to decide all matters entertained in Council.

Council should not prematurely criticize the Leadbeater policies (printed this page) before they are introduced for discussion; and by the same token, Leadbeater should not term Council as being "obstructive" if they do not immediately accept his credibility as president.

In the same fashion that Council has to prove its worth as a responsible elected body, Leadbeater must prove he is a capable leader. Any disagreements between the Executive and Council are more than in order, they are necessary in the decision making process.

There is no room by either party for cheap criticism. If a policy has value it will be weighed on its merits, and not on the personality of the one presenting it. The electorate can rest assured that if Council approves it, it is feasible; if not, it was half-baked.

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contest. If these people are still interested, please get ahold of me in the near future.

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P.S. Please ask these people, editor, if they've even seen a beer bottle. Thanks.

"Good Citizen"

The arrogance of "Good Citizen" (Gateway no. 49) concerning South East Asia is matched only by his appalling ignorance of the recent history of that area. To use his words, "if you are truly concerned about what the people of South East Asia want" - then consider first the way that the Vietnamese have organized themselves against foreign invaders since the Second World War!

In 1941, under the leadership of Ho Chi Minh, the Vietminh was formed to fight off both the Japanese invaders and the equally brutal French colonial administration, which the Japanese kept intact. The Vietminh resistance was a popular front in the broadest sense of the term, including every liberal to left shade of political opinion and its representative organisation and successes

against the Japanese were praised by both Britain and the U.S.A.

At the end of the war, the resistance established the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, with Ho as its president, only to be betrayed by the British who even rearmed Japanese soldiers to police the reimposition of the French colonial regime. The French finally saw their army routed by the Vietminh in 1954 and agreed, at Geneva, to temporarily withdraw their forces south of the 16th parallel and leave the country with 300 days, whereupon free elections would take place.

As the Pentagon Papers

subsequently revealed, the U.S. considered the agreement a disaster and established a pro-U.S. military dictatorship in the south in order to prevent free elections from taking place. Even so, Eisenhower admitted at the time that 80% of the Vietnamese would probably choose Ho Chi Minh in a free election.

The dictator, Diem, embarrassed even the U.S. by his corruption and use of torture and was finally liquidated by them in 1963. His present day successor, Thieu, has repeatedly stated, since its signing, that he will never implement the 1973 Paris Peace agreements.

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Quota system unfair to many students

by Jim Tanner

Applications are now being made to the professional faculties for the academic year 1975-76. Each year many qualified people are denied entry to these schools. And in many cases, these qualified people who wish to obtain the knowledge and experience of a profession are being turned down because of a quota system that only allows a certain number of students in each year.

A few years ago one could

get into law school with a 6.5 average in a pre-law program after only two years of university. Now students are turned away with a 7.6 average in their last year with three years in university!

Why do we have such a system? Is it because we cannot afford to pay more professors? Their salaries are very high.

The quota system is justified on principals so designed to protect the high wages of the 'professions.

Qualified persons are turned away, thus enabling the professionals to bargain monopolistically for salaries.

You may remember the threats of some professional faculties when they were demanding an increase in salaries this year to bring them up to par with their professions. This constitutes legal blackmail, and the quota faculty system perpetuates and protects this system.

This secret must be exposed. The system that should

exist in these professional faculties is a system based upon merit.

The merit system is used in graduate schools and is designed to choose students on the basis of their ability to succeed in their studies, not on the basis of a competitive cut off! The quota system must be replaced. The university has no place protecting the interests of professional groups against the best interests of the society it is serving.

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