

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We were going to write an editorial about CFS, but the following letter says it all.

Gateway staff

Intelligentsia: you gotta be kidding?

On January 10, 1984, I attended the Student Council meeting from 7:45 to 8:45 PM. I patiently listened to the comments regarding the referendum on possible membership in the Canadian Federation of Students. The purpose of this letter is not to comment on the CFS referendum in particular but to comment on the manner in which the issue was discussed at the meeting.

In my opinion, the one hour of the meeting for which I was present was useless. Each position had been decided and fortified beforehand and nobody was willing to see the greater good of the total student body of the U of A.

Secondly, I feel that the CFS issue is far removed from some of the concepts and ideologies that were being thrown around at the meeting, such as the political philosopher Hobbes, and the greatness of the Canadian Constitution as far as individual freedom of rights is concerned. I feel that the real issue of importance at the meeting should have been public policy.

Thirdly, I feel that the issue was not handled with the seriousness that it warranted. If people want to make puns and jokes they should go to Dewey's and leave the CFS issue to those who are looking out for the best interests of all and are willing to make the compromises necessary to find the best solution.

I for one will not bother to attend any more meetings because it bothers me to see the so-called student intelligentsia act like a bunch of overgrown children.

Christine Baghdady
Political Science IV

Big Brother got off at the next stop

A sizeable number of people on campus are dissatisfied with some of the new bus schedules. Perhaps, then, it would be useful for the Students' Union to lease transit buses for the every-day use of students, as its counterpart at the University of Saskatchewan has done for years now. As no one in City Hall seems either willing or able to provide for students, it appears that if a problem exists, we must care for ourselves.

I feel that one does exist, although I recognize that in comparison to the soothing words given us by the City's hierarchy, my complaints will sound like the bleating of a lost sheep. On some days while I wait for the cold visitation of my bus, it is as if I were an inhabitant of some stereotyped Artic town, where isolated villagers, immobilized by ice, live only to welcome the weekly plane. Some other passengers on my bus route have been numbed into a state of quasi-religious resignation. For the motives of E.T.S., like those of the gods, surpass our limited understandings; we of the ignorant, democratic laity can only accept on faith that the administrators are privy to knowledge Not Meant For Us To Know. But given the transit systems that smaller and less-wealthy cities (such as Quebec) feel they can afford, E.T.S. is rather disgraceful. Heretically speaking, the only thing miraculous about it is that those responsible were not handed their "walking papers" before now.

David Barker

Burke's barks raise hackles

Professor Burke Barker raises some interesting definitional questions about the role of police forces in our society (Gateway, Tuesday January 10).

If, in his view, the University should not associate with "anti-democratic forces, which the police always are" who should they associate with?

Criminal activity at least is democratic, because everyone can be affected by it.

One hopes the Professor Barker will be able to defend himself with moral indignation and a knowledge of the purer aspects of the law, should the occasion arise.

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Unlikely valour

The situation was desperate. He had to get his buddy out of the jaws of Damnation. The ultimate gamble created by the ultimate challenge. One way or another, through DIE Boards and Appeals, Council had to bring the referendum home!!



Al Haig
as
Graham Dowdell



Don Millar
as
the Mysterious Stranger



Rob Greenhill
as
Spunky

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'Twas the first week of classes, and all the Gilbertologists made their pilgrimage to the bookstore; the Shrine of Free Enterprise and the American Way. Jim Moore, Ian Ferguson, Sarah Hickson, and Shane Berg did naughty things amid the art supplies, while Ken Shipka, Scott Rollans, Bernard Poitras and Terry Lindberg held up the cash register. Neal Watson, Mike Walker, and David Marples (terrorists that they are) hid the Biology 297 lab manuals amid the French 200 books, while Jordan Peterson was drawn and quartered by Dwayne Chomyn and Patrice Struyk for butting into the cheque approval line. Meanwhile, Brenda Waddle and Anny Krisher skimmed "Elements of Psychology" to discover the roots of Algard's navel fixation.