

The Gateway

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editorial

Another year. Another bland editorial listing student responsibilities. Time to do your work for student organizations, rah rah, rah, right? Actually, it's pretty early in the year to launch into all that, but it's true that as students, we step onto campus and into a different way of life here.

And each of us makes an important decision as a member of the university community. Each student decides whether or not it's important to get involved in student activities and to become aware of problems facing students. It's easy enough to go to classes and study without becoming aware or involved in the world that surrounds you. After all, the way the university is run is pretty complicated and boring. But it's all a question of whether or not you enjoy knowing how you are ruled and who rules you.

For example, when you're jammed into a class with 500 other students, you don't really care where the problem started. You just complain about the university's inadequacies, right? But what if it's not the university's fault? What if the provincial government's cutbacks, also placed on social services, just happen to have caused your disagreeable and educationally-devastating situation? That means it can be (theoretically) changed, can't it? For in a democratic society, as we all know, the government will respond to public pressure. Ha ha. Vocal student protest over cutbacks have only resulted in the Lougheed government's announcing it will continue its "austerity" program indefinitely. Yeah, team! And to alleviate our poverty, advanced education minister Bert Hohol wants to inflate international student fees to a point where only the very rich from countries other than Canada can attend. Down with international university, bring on parochialism. Etc. Etc. They're issues that will have to be raised if you want to know what the rulers are doing to us - but are you going to ask the questions?



Now let's get this straight. Len Zoeteman, Students' Union president, told a Tuesday Students' Council meeting that his executive (and supposedly council as well) can't support labor's Oct. 14 day of protest because they're in the "tricky position of being both students and management."

Len said "our management has decided they will not support a strike and workers will not be paid if they don't come to work Oct. 14 - students are hard-hit by rising prices, but we also have a management to defend; we have 14 businesses under us."

That's tough.

The SU executive and the Students' Council are either one thing or the other - student or management. If they are management, they should be hired on full-time and make administrative decisions, not political ones. If they're students debating politics, they should make real statements, not wishy, washy stuff like, "Well, we'd really like to support a protest of wage and salary controls but ..."

What's the student politicians' real stand on the subject? And how do the students at large feel about a federal government that imposes wage restrictions but yesterday announced it would lift the ban on corporate profits, "in order to boost the economy"? It's time we told the government directly how we feel about discriminatory policies - if a "day of protest" is the best way to do so, let's get out in the streets.

-Kevin Gillese

The only good thing about registering is that it feels so good when you stop



Nyah, nyah, nyah...

Recently our Student Council witnessed a phenomenon hitherto unseen here at Simon

Fraser University. Your student council had visited us ostensibly to discuss questions they had sent us prior to the visit.

Two points emerge from the meeting. Firstly, the questions were hardly the type that required personal answers from our Council - written replies

would have been sufficient. More interestingly, however, is the fact that your Student Council was hardly interested in our answers to what appear to us to have been superfluous questions at best. (Please see attached list of questions). Instead, we feel the questions were an afterthought, hurriedly drawn up to justify what can only be described as a vacation for your Student Council at the expense of your student body. Both our universities had

representatives at the NUS conference and this would have been an ideal time to pose such questions at no additional expense to your student body. The actions of your Student Council here can only be viewed as abusing their position in the worst way.

Nick Hossack
 Secretary

Simon Fraser Student Society

Oh yeah? Well... never mind

Nick Hossack, the author of the letter from Simon Fraser, did not even attend the meeting. Unfortunately, this was highly characteristic of the whole Executive. For example, as money and finances are always important it would have been nice to talk to their Vice-President of Finance. Unfortunately he wasn't around. In fact he literally hadn't been seen for over two months. We would have been happy with a budget but one hadn't even been made. Our Vice-President, Academic also ran into a bit of a problem as he was under constant (verbal) attack for suggesting that perhaps - just perhaps! - the Students' Union and the University administration really weren't out to screw each other.

We find ourselves defending

a hectic tour of six campuses in eight days that was worthwhile and informative. Students' Council endorsed the tour and was provided with a full report upon our return. While the author of the Simon Fraser letter referred to the attached questions sent by them, the list, in fact, was never attached. However, we cannot imagine internal and financial control systems, grievance procedures, student finance programs, quotas, the university governing system, student council and executive policy implementation as trivial and superfluous concerns. More specifically, a letter raising concerns in 47 areas was sent by us in advance to each institution.

The issues previously mentioned are a good sample of the various questions we were in-

terested in discussing. If the people of Simon Fraser couldn't be bothered to speak to us personally for a few hours, we seriously doubt that they would be interested in writing a book on these questions. Interestingly enough, on August 6th, 1976 we sent a letter to Simon Fraser, hoping to have heard from them by now. So far they have not bothered to reply.

The Students' Union at the University of Alberta has no quarrel with Simon Fraser - we simply want to set the record straight. In fact, it would seem that open, friendly communication would only benefit both campuses. Therefore, Simon Fraser, we'll settle for a simply apology.

Students' Union Executive

Kotter kisses heavenly yass

Many people heah at the univensity ah not, as fah as ahm conceived, following a true Christian way of laff. Now let me say this about that - it's haw time that we all sat down and decided to follow Jesus, as ah decided some yeahs ago.

Students must realize that only through the Lawd's teachings will we find true happiness.

Remembah the wohds of Ezekiel 11:13, which says 'And it

came to pass, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah Lord God! Wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?"

All of us heah should fall down on our faces and pray, really and truly pray, that the Lord God will not make a full end of what is left of Canada - raining fire and brimstone on Ottawa and Winnipeg and Bonnyville.

As an education student, ah

will do mah pawt to teach the Lawd's word to little ones, but all of you must do yo pawt - urge yo profussah to spread the wohd of the gospel through applied math, paleontology and upper plate fitting.

Do not rest until all youw friends know that "If You Aint a Friend of Jesus, You Aint No Friend O' Mine."

Thank you.

Jimmy Kotter
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