

EDITORIAL

Yesterday's Students' Union election forum brought forth an unfortunate, but inevitable, consequence of executive confidentiality, as well as some innovative policy outlines. This breach of confidentiality incident may manage to turn much of the electorate's focus away from the real issues of this campaign.

The controversy revolves around the question of who can claim credit (or responsibility, depending on your mathematics) for the proposed sale of the Bookstore in SUB.

In a (no longer) confidential letter submitted to the University administration by SU Business Manager Tom Wright, the purchase was discussed.

That letter, which was read aloud by SU Presidential incumbent Robert Greenhill at the forum, contains this phrase: "The Students' Union, subject to Student Council ratification, is willing to sell the space presently rented to the University Bookstore for a purchase price of \$750,000."

Three quarters of a million dollars would do much to aid in the implementation of many campaign promises. The most popular (and unanimously harped upon) promise is that of eradicating the SU debt.

Greenhill read the letter in a desperate attempt to establish where this high profile debt solution had originated. Wright's proposal is dated December 7, 1982. Greenhill was advised that it would be unethical for him to use policy initiated by the executive this year in his campaign for re-election.

Many people, then, were surprised to read about this same non-election issue in campaign literature for Councillor Bev Therrien's slate.

Notes on other issues:

If the Greenhill Team's \$20,000 information center becomes a reality, students will gain a valuable service. Its office will also house two Ombudsmen. The policy of re-instating the Student Advocate position is shared by the Therrien Slate, to their credit.

The Team's proposed course guide would also prove very useful in its attempt to save students time and grief escaping wrong or bad courses. I wonder though how the compilation of ratings for professors will be accomplished. And who is qualified to deliver the final verdict on any one professor's performance?

The two-tiered system of placing less financial liability on smaller clubs as Dinwoodie cabaret policy has been advocated by both the Therrien Slate and the Greenhill Team. *Whoever* thought of it first is on the right track.

I also like the six percent tuition increase stance. In keeping with Federal guidelines, this request lends U of A students some credibility as realists with a responsible attitude about the cost of education. Six beats twenty-two.

The Therrien proposal for a Student Aid Clinic is excellent. With 40% of students utilizing the loan system, there is a demonstrated need for access to assistance with applications. Gateway autonomy is another very attractive Therrien policy.

The Hardwicke-Brown slate has proposed a program of shared parking spots with the campus community, subject to residents' approval. The Greenhill Team's plan for SU-administered daytime parking passes would also require support from Windsor Park residents. Parking is a serious problem on this campus, it requires a serious and well thought out solution. Neither of these proposals sounds plausible.

I have trouble with the Therrien Slate's promise of a club's manual. The manual was completed this fall and is already being printed. Policy snatching runs rampant.

The Harkwicke-Browns come across as sincere and willing to learn. But they have *too much* to learn. What if they spend their entire year in office "learning the ropes" of SU bureaucracy?

It's nice to "stand for" extended library hours but the SU has no input into University decisions of this nature. Sincere but naive.

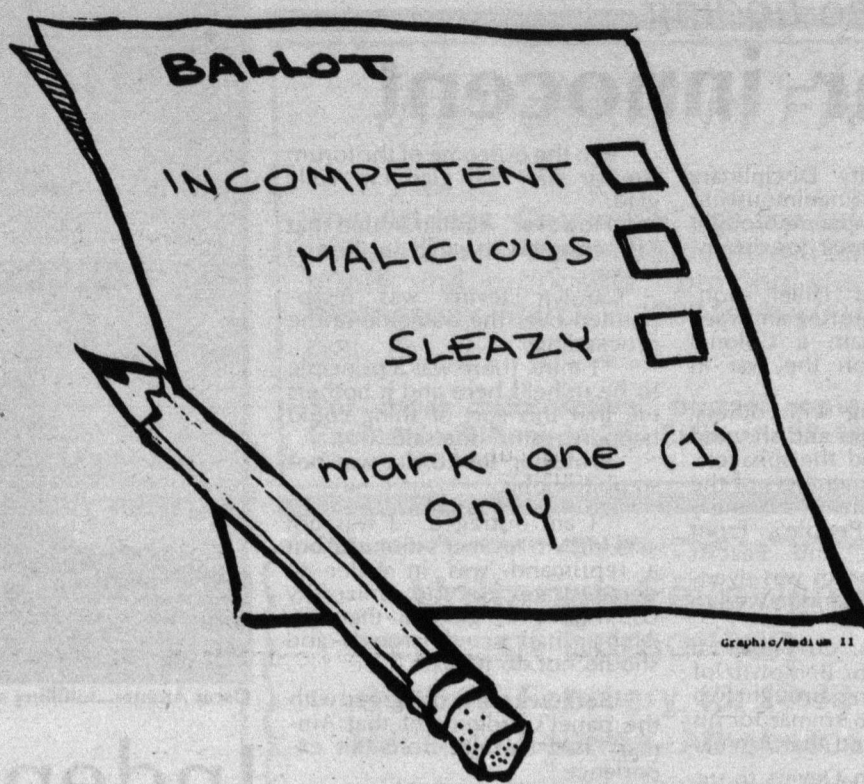
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Greenhill Team in error LSU still in FAS

I would like to clarify some factual errors which appear in one of our pamphlets concerning the Federation of Alberta Students.

While students at the University of Calgary undergrads, and Lethbridge Community College have voted in referenda to withdraw from FAS (as of August 31, 1983) the University of Lethbridge and the University of Calgary Graduate Students are active, participating members of the Federation. Also, FAS has no national component.

While I believe that FAS does have many problems, and should be replaced, I feel it necessary to clarify these points.

I apologize to FAS for any problems that these factual errors may have caused.

Robert Greenhill, for the Greenhill Team

It has been brought to my attention that during the course of the current Student Union election campaign, it has been alleged that the University of Lethbridge Students' Union is no longer a member of the Federation of Alberta Students. This is not correct. For the record, the U of L SU continues to be a member of good standing.

Josh Hawkes, FAS Executive

Danger: slinging mud!

There is one campaign practice that I would like all students to be aware of before they cast their ballots in the Students' Union Executive Elections on Friday, February 11. In the past, a few individuals of questionable integrity have back-stabbed, libeled, or outright lied about their own reputations or actions, or those of their fellow candidates in the letters section of the Gateway in the Thursday edition before election day. This is done in this manner so that the wronged candidate or group cannot respond until AFTER the election is OVER. Clearly, this has done damage to certain individuals in the past: I cite last year's S.U. Council Art's representatives election as a prime example of these deplorable and slimy mud-slinging tactics. It is hoped that this letter will put these exercises in dirty politics into perspective for all concerned students and help them if they are in doubt regarding how to vote on February 11.

Tim Sayers, Business III

Thumbing through my pre-election Gateway on Tuesday I was surprised to see a letter from election candidate Andrew Watts. It wasn't the author that surprised me as much as what he had to say about the running-mate, presidential hopeful R. Greenhill. In an attempt to clear his paper of allegations concerning coverage of Greenhill slate candidates, Andrew has managed to point out to the electorate the spotted history of Greenhill's presidency. It would appear that Andrew has gone to great lengths to point out the shortcomings of Robert, and if we accept the objectiveness of this past years Gateways then we must recognize Greenhill's presidential term as far less successful than he would have us believe. Personally I would like to extend my thanks to Andrew for reminding me of the various problems and failures his running mate experienced. I only wonder if Robert shares my gratitude. I find it refreshing to see a slate that permits its members to publically criticize each other during an election. Thankyou Gateway, thankyou Andrew....Sorry Robert!

Robert A. Lunney, Commerce II

Nuke the God King

Your dunce-pack missile program is in direct contradiction to S.U. policy making Edmonton and Canada nuclear weapons-free zones. If you are actually a true God-King would not your omniscient powers preclude such an error? Are you truly a God-King or are you in fact a Mephistilian servant? Take off your crown God-King so that we may see your horns.

Raymond "Cozy Cabbage" Conway
 SU VP Internal

Oscar fights on

On Feb. 3, 1983 a disciplinary panel was set up to review two charges laid against me by Hillel and one Norbert Berkowitz. The charges were as follows: Part II Sec. 2) Causing mental and physical indignity. Part II Sec. 3) Disturbing, disrupting or otherwise interfering with a forum, lecture, laboratory or other lawful activities. The 3-member panel, deliberated on February 8th and unanimously dismissed both charges.

Now, many people, specifically the complainants feel that an apology on my part is in order. I, too, feel that I have something to apologize for, however it is not for my actions during the forum. My deepest apologies must be extended to the massacred Palestinians, their living relatives and all others that support the Palestinian cause for the simple fact that the issue of the Palestinian plight was lost in Hillel's and Berkowitz' attempt to persecute me.

In a sense, Hillel and Berkowitz were victorious in that they, once again evaded the real issue. In fact, it seems to be a common Zionist tactic to prevent any discussion of the Palestinians. I deeply regret that this attempt was accommodated and hence, would like to apologize for the fact that my actions at the forum took precedence over the Palestinian cause. In actuality, the real nature of the conflict was not a matter of "freedom of speech" violation but rather, a political issue.

Essentially, the conflict was and still is between a group of people who support or at least condone murderous attacks on innocent human beings and those who do not.

Colonel Levy attempted to justify the massacres of Sabra and Shatilla. This attempt clearly enraged Pro-palestinians and others concerned with human rights. This was the essence of the conflict at the Hillel sponsored forum. Indeed most questions directed at Yehuda Levy were in regards to the massacres of Sabra and Shatilla.

At one point during the forum, a few people began to raise questions about the bloodshed in the camps - this was exactly the situation Levy and Hillel sought to avoid. This was the only reason the forum was declared closed by Hillel.

Unfortunately, some of us pay little attention to events in the Middle East, particularly in the Lebanon. However, it is interesting to note that just yesterday numerous TOP Israeli military officials (including Sharon) were found to be at least partly responsible for the massacres of Sabra and Shatilla.

Perhaps Hillel should apologize for sponsoring a man of Levy's calibre to speak on the "war over western propaganda and the war in Lebanon," given the fact that they know it is a highly emotional issue especially after two recent massacres in which some Arab students lost relatives or friends. This is indeed cruel and insensitive.

Instead of sponsoring "Army Spokesmen" to justify his or Israel's involvement in massacres, Hillel should change its line of politics and devote its energy to bringing speakers that are truly concerned with peace in the Middle East.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to professors, students and non-students who supported and will continue to support the quest for truth and justice in the Palestinian issue.

Oscar Ammar, Political Science III