

## Thighs and politics

The time has come to put kicklines and bands back into Model Parliament politicking. Serious speeches and party platforms are not enough. Students must be entertained or they will ignore proceedings.

Two years ago the Polical Science Club banned kicklines, on the assumption that Model Parliament was growing up and could do without the frills. Last year's campaign was a model of sobriety. This year even the allure of the fringe parties is gone: no Nat Feds, no Communists. The four parties on the campus are models in miniature—ever so mature—of their mentors in Ottawa. And we students, judging by the attendance at campaign rallies couldn't care less.

Perhaps our model politicians should forget their public. It is entirely feasible to carry on parliamentary debate and pass legislation without a gallery.

There will always be a few university students politically oriented and ambitious enough to participate in a model parliament, realizing that this is a direct line of leadership in national politics. No, Model Parliament won't fold. But perhaps our young legislators will decide

to concentrate on parliamentary procedure, and ignore the bored and busy student body which ignores them.

This is not really likely of course. In the first place, the theory of purposes holds that model parliaments are designed to promote political awareness on the campus as a whole, and in fact among the general public. Secondly, it seems rather obvious that politics involves more than legislation; it is a process of appeal to the people and reflection of public wants. A parliament without a public is, after all, but a shadow and a husk.

The trouble on this campus is that the rapport between our politicians and their fellow students seems to have been severed. The appeal is gone; the reflection is of a blank tablet.

Politics is perhaps one half politicians and the other half public. And politics on this campus is approximately one half dead. It is time for a resurrection of interest. It is time for our politicians to return to adolescence; they have matured too much and lost touch with reality.

It is time for a return to parades, bands, gimmicks, stunts, brawls, and flashing feminine thighs.

## Encouragement

The people who promote the MacEachran essay contest are disappointed in the small turnout of writers. So are we.

They maintain that there ought to be at least 200 people on this campus intelligent and aware enough to turn out high quality essays. We agree!

They express concern at the low quality of

this year's entries. We sympathize.

We agree that minds need activating, and that an essay contest such as the MacEachran can be a useful stimulative device. But the brightest scheme fails if there are no takers.

And it is hard to imagine a huge crowd of eager essayists competing next time for a prize withheld this time.

## Spotlight on scholarship

Parking and lost tape recorders appear to be not the sole concerns of our students' council. Out of this year's sessions have come the womb-stirrings of a new building and now an attempt at stimulating scholarship.

The proposal of a one dollar increase in fees, to be used for an exchange program whereby eight foreign students will take the place of eight Alberta students, is worthy of merit. For the price of a movie, each student at U of A can contribute to the gift of an education for a student deprived of such an opportunity.

With the remainder of the dollar, worthwhile plans of action on the part of WUS can be enacted, without resorting to the Madison Avenue techniques characteristic of the WUS drives of the past.

Recommendations with respect to increased incentives for students are not of sufficient

vigor to transform the present awards scramble into one based on academic standards. Nor is it likely the administration will heed the recommendation in respect to the inequality of the Queen Elizabeth scholarships. An editorial on this very subject last year and an amplification of the same topic this fall, resulted only in a letter of defence longer than both editorials combined, and no action.

The significance of the committee study then does not rest in the proposed fee hike which appears to be largely a concern of WUS, nor in the other recommendations passed so unanimously by council. An interest in the importance of academics to the continuance of the university manifested in this study and the legislation concerning eligibility of election candidates remains the important point. It is upon this that students' council is to be commended.



### CALGARY CUTUP

To The Editor:

We would like to laud Mr. Arthur on the fine stand he took in his recent retraction. It was a well thought-out article and clearly indicates the high degree of intestinal fortitude and self-pride inherent in Mr. Arthur.

We feel relieved that there are not more of Mr. Locke's breed who dare stand up against bureaucracy and express an honest opinion. Just think what a serene atmosphere we would have if no one expounded their thoughts and beliefs. Unfortunately, freedom of speech is one

of the mainstays of Democracy. Does this, however, condone Mr. Locke's outburst? No! Freedom of speech in UAC's Gauntlet merely refers to a freedom in that area which does not criticize nor find fault with administration and its regulations.

Repression of student rights and freedoms is indeed the easy way out and thus, if we may join Mr. Locke's ranks, the Administration has erred in its judgment and should not be supported by a fawning disavowal.

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### DOWN WITH FRATS

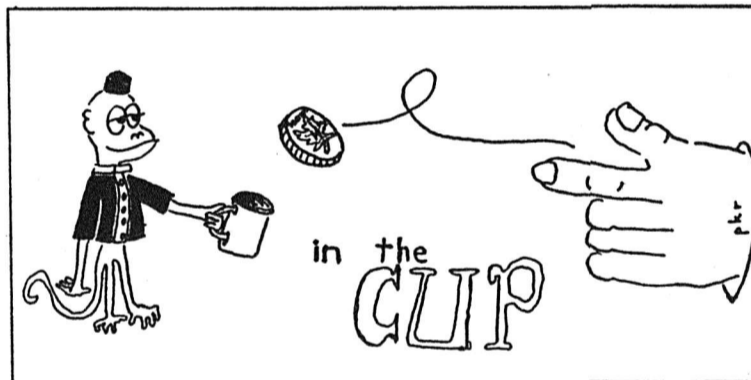
To The Editor:

I would like to comment on your incessant desire to upbraid the students here at the U of A for their so-called apathy. Whether they need a scolding or not depends to a great extent upon just what subject they are found to be apathetic about. As regards such things as money for Chile, football games, etc., I don't blame the students for not caring. But as regards their apathy towards the quality of their own life, a topic I have never heard you mention, I would decidedly want less apathy.

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"No, I wouldn't like to come back in May for the damned book."



by Penny Meisner

All kinds of carnivals and all kinds of capers. At McGill it is a snow football game between the campus paper and Students' Council. The contest—The Toilet Bowl. The trophy is appropriate.

Ryerson's mascot, a temperamental goat named Eggy, created mild havoc at a recent hockey game. A gigantic Chinese gong was sounded to which Eggy objected. He broke away from his keepers, shot across the ice and generally lost complete (NB) self control

### KLEPTOMANIAC COLLECTIONS

Gateway has been outdone! In spite of our fantastic collection of oddments U of Montreal has outdone us. We have: a spittoon from the Palais de Justice of Quebec, a chamber pot from Montreal, a CPR brakeman's lantern, two posters from Russia, a Donald Duck comic book in Swedish, a finkboard, a urine sample from a diseased former editor, a batcage, a concrete weight (with chain, presented by the Civil Engineering Club), (formerly a set of fireplace tongs from U of S, and the gavel of the Calgary student council.

U of Montreal during their winter carnival stole (pardon me, borrowed): an aged horse, a bus, the mayor's chair—from under the mayor by the way—a model boat from McGill, a cannon and an antique airplane.

### MORE NAUGHTY PROFS

An American professor has been selling his lecture notes. But hold, all ye indignants, from crying "Graft! Graft!" He sells outlines of his lectures two weeks in advance. The cost is just slightly above publication costs. This is designed to overcome

the situation where information passes from the notes of the prof to the notes of the student without going through the minds of either. He says his students listen—but will the administration?

Says a U of M prof—"If people ask what you intend to do with an Arts degree the best approach is to lie."

### STRANGELY FAMILIAR

University of Western Ontario lost \$800 on the recent appearance of "Big Name Entertainment." The Four Saints drew a gigantic crowd of 600 people. "It seems that I have heard that song before . . . tra la, tra la."

McGill gave tremendous play to forthcoming varsity visitors from Peru. The dignitaries, greeted by a crowd of 300, were dressed to the hilt in tails. The illustrious delegates were a pair of penguins.

### SMALL SMIRKS

From UBC: the plural of spouse is spice.

From McGill: Its not that I'm drunk, it's just that my car drives funny.

More small change next week.