

Smatterings

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Hack, hack, hack, hack. Hack alert! The only thing that bothers me more than the recent SU elections is being told that I don't care enough about the recent SU elections. There was not much to care about.

What were our choices? One slate (the successful one) was hoping to get into office, not by coming up with any brave new ideas, but by not coming up with any ideas at all. They didn't want to run a dirty campaign: that's good, but it would have been nice if they had

bothered to run a campaign at all.

I suppose you really can't blame them. After all, the federal government has been run by opinion polls almost since they got in. With no leadership from our career politicians, we can expect no leadership from the student ones. Besides, it worked, and what do most politicians measure success by? By being elected, regardless of what they achieve once they have been voted in.

One can only hope that, in the quiet, uninformed reaches of second floor SUB, that the lack of student opinions will force them to make some decisions on their own. Gallup polls, after all, come expensive.

The other slate? It would be too

easy to arrive at a selection of pricey epithets for them. Suffice to say that they neatly edged out the top joke slate by about two hundred votes per position. I think the students made up their own minds.

Of course, the Gateway received a fair share of the blame for this: we ran editorials and articles which were frankly critical of those soft-thinkers. This slate left themselves open for such commentary. First, they ran a very negative campaign: their literature was full of slights and slurs. Anyone who slings mud had better be prepared to wrestle in it.

Also, there were a number of vague threats attributed to the runners-up. It doesn't really matter whether or not they were true, or

where they came from. After the tone of their campaign was revealed, people were prepared to believe the worst. This brought the skeletons of two years ago from the closet, inevitably. People inspired by fear of insecurity have long memories and loud voices.

At any rate, the election is over, and our campus is once more safe for democracy, however bland. Maybe next year we can coax Star Trek out of retirement and into another run. Somehow, the idea of a bunch of guys who idolize sloppy stagehands and Leonard Nimoy's eyebrows seem like an attractive choice. At least they ran a campaign with a few interesting ideas.

Beam me up, Scotty. There's no interesting life down here.

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STUDENT PARKING APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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(1) APPLICATION DATE
All Winter session student parking applications will be accepted from 20 July 1987 until 3:30 pm. 9 September 1987. After September 9, 1987 applications will only be considered if space becomes available.

(2) IN TOWN STUDENTS
City of Edmonton and metro Edmonton students may apply for space during the period from July 20 to September 9, 1987. Application for these students will be kept on file and parking space remaining unclaimed by University staff and out of town students will be assigned to this group after September 9, 1987. Available parking will be assigned on the basis of a priority system mutually agreed upon by the Students' Union and the University.

(3) OUT OF TOWN STUDENTS
Students confirmed as residing outside metro Edmonton, may purchase available permits starting July 20, 1987.
(*Metro Edmonton includes St. Albert and Sherwood Park.)

Parking application forms are available at the Parking Services office and are also included in the Registration Procedures book. Parking rates for 1987/88 had not yet been finalized at the time of this writing.

For further information please contact Parking Services, at Room 203 Education Car Park or Phone 432-3811.

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12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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PARKING SERVICES
February 1987

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!!

Who are (i) Ed Broadbent, (ii) Perrin Beatty, (iii) Bruce Willis?

i) "He's the leader of the NDP."
ii) "She's the . . . I'm not too sure."
iii) "I have no idea. I've never heard of him before."
Curtis King
Phys Ed III

i) "He's the NDP leader."
ii) "I don't know who that is."
iii) "He's on Moonlighting, and he sings that song."
Deb Hunter
Science I

photos Greg Halinda

i) "NDP leader."
ii) "Nope."
iii) "Of course, He's the sexiest man on TV, the guy from Moonlighting."
Brenda Parcsen
Science II

i) "Leader of the NDP."
ii) "I don't know."
iii) "The guy off Moonlighting."
Kevin Edquist
Forestry IV

i) "The leader of the NDP."
ii) "No idea."
iii) "Bruce Willis, well he's an actor."
Jim Guedo

i) "Ed Broadbent is the leader of the NDP."
ii) "I'm sorry, my mind's gone blank."
iii) "Is he the president?"
Ken Barker
Grad Student

The answers:
i Federal New Democrat Leader
ii Federal Defence Minister
iii "Moonlighting" co-star

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