

In Memoriam

For Dan White and family and others intimately involved in the tragedy.

Here's to one who took his chances in a busy world of men, battled luck and circumstances, fought and fell and fought again. Won sometimes, but did not crowing, lost sometimes but did not wail; took his beating but kept going, never let his courage fail. He was fallible and human, therefore loved and understood both his fellow man and woman, whether good or not so good. Kept his spirit undiminished, never let down any friend; played the game till it was finished, lived a sportsman to the end.

Count your garden by the flowers,
Never by the leaves that fall;
Count your joys by golden hours,
Never when life's worries call.
Count your nights by stars, not shadows,
Count your days by smiles, not tears;
And when life's span so swiftly narrows,
Count your age by friends, not years.

William Edwards

Inevitably the living sorrow for the dead, but what if the dead grieve because we are sad?

If you should forget me for a while,
And afterwards remember, do not grieve,
For if the darkness and the shadows leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Francis Gay

Some thoughts from many friends, G. Leadbeater
Science 2

editorial

The RCMP

Friend or foe?

If you saw former RCMP corporal Jack Ramsay Tuesday night - good. If you didn't - too bad. He analyzed, criticized, and chastised a supposedly noble Canadian institution. Ramsay provided us with a unique perspective seeing as most published research on the RCMP is usually first cleared 'for accuracy' through their bureaucratic mesh (with the exception, of course, of Ramsay's article and Brown's *An Unauthorized History of the RCMP*).

At first glance the legacy of the RCMP seems impressive. It's so impressive that Alberta has incorporated the RCMP charm into some snappy television stunts reminding us all how due to their efforts, the history of Alberta "was written not in blood but in ink." And they wrap it all up with cellophane images of patriotism and history and serve it to us via some dispossessed Canadian actor.

Such rosy advertisements demand a response. Questions need to be asked. Just what kind of law is the RCMP upholding? Whose interests are being served? Whose rights are being trampled? While the RCMP is checking you who is checking the RCMP?

Instead of answers Canadians are subjected to the "tradition", "the proud history", a bewildering list of official histories, and "symbolic of law and order". The phrases follow the starched tunic far into the sunset, ad infinitum, ad nauseum.

Meanwhile, the RCMP tradition is busily at work. Some native people in Ponoka recently charged them with harsh treatment. CTV lodged a complaint over RCMP methods used in an attempt to have them turn over news film. Undercover RCMP continue their clandestine activities and their questionable practice of entrapment in drug cases.

Preserving the status quo can be a tricky business when the people you formerly protected as obedient suddenly attain the label of subversive when they advocate change. Thinking citizens should take note that the RCMP have accomplished this unsavory task with alarming efficiency.

John Kenney

DON'T FORGET OUR SPECIAL SAVE THE WORLD ISSUE MARCH 5. We will still accept articles, cartoons, or photographs until 11 a.m. March 4. Mail them to us or hand them to us or slip them under our door. However, you get through, we're looking forward to hearing from you.



An apology

I owe an apology to the regular *Gateway* staff for allowing myself in yesterday's election rally to make an unfortunate statement concerning their diligence in comparison to that of the *Poundmaker*. I am a personal friend with a number of them and I have been around on press nights to see them stay far into the morning to put an issue together for print.

The point which I wanted to emphasize was that there should be more general input into the *Gateway* from the student body, and if not enough students are interested and committed in such a valuable student service as the *Gateway*, then perhaps the leadership in the Students' Union itself has failed in going out to them with an attempt to get everyone involved.

I came to the rally as a candidate seriously concerned with the Students' Union, and so when I found that all the candidates were confronted with the immaturity and the disrespect for Students' Union offices shown by the members of the past and present executive who were sitting in the front row, I lost my temper with the present establishment, and included the *Gateway* too freely in my comments.

Doug Elves

Election

Another Students' Union election is upon us with a normal barrage of promises, pretty face posters and candidates riding on backlashes against the previous year's executives.

Despite what we have been led to believe, there are three clear issues within this campaign: money, the Union Constitution and Bylaws, and the matter of increasing Council strength by more communication and responsibility.

Only one candidate for the executive, Allyn Cadogan, has made any comment on increasing the strength of council through increase of council responsibility and increasing communication from executive to council. The real question is if the new executive will make an effort to decentralize decision making by increasing responsibility of council.

Only one candidate, Allyn Cadogan, has really discussed the issues of money, and improvement of our Constitution and Bylaws, Cadogan, however, doesn't just discuss issues - she acts. For example, she has been able to cut the fat on the *Gateway* budget this year, and at the same time put out a paper better than any in previous years. In her campaign, she has spent considerably less than the \$75 maximum. For this reason, and her concern on council organization, she gets my vote for Executive Vice

President.

The McGhie slate is seriously concerned about the welfare of the Students' Union. In general their policy is well thought out, and all show a record of service to the Students' Union. Brian Makin, however, has not been all that active as a member of council in the past year, and he gives us no reason to believe that he shall be any more active as a member of the executive. Therefore I extend my vote to Joe McGhie, Celine Belanger, Jack Redekop, and Tony Melnychuk.

Laurence Dubois, and Doug Elves are both candidates who have programs worth the consideration of students. However, Laurence's platform reminds me of something out of the late 1960's, and it really expresses nothing different than the promises made by candidates in the past that have never been kept. In addition, they are not really gut issues. As for more "Canadian Content" in courses, what we really need is more international content. Still, Laurence's honesty is worthy of my second choice vote. Doug has good experience, but occasionally lacks decisiveness.

The Young Socialists, ever with Henry Malta's and Sheila Mawson's Ultra-brite toothpaste smiles are still running on slogans and verbiage rejected by students in the past two general elections. The YS platform is sufficiently vague as to raise questions as to whether they will actually act on their promises. For example, they talk of student, staff, faculty control, but fail to state what it means. They talk of student protest, but in methods proven ineffective in the past. In the meantime they ignore the real issues of the campaign, particularly the financial situation and HUB.

Ray Friedman really gets my goat! What about the Presidency of the Education Undergraduate Society? For practical purposes, it did not exist in 1970-71, the year Friedman claimed to me to have been president. I was there, and without more than 20 or 30 members, and rarely seeing Friedman about then. I can certainly see why the *Gateway* referred to the EUS as "the nonexistent EUS". Ray also resigned from students' council that year - annoyed when council passed a motion to have a referendum on the yearbook. Ray has a number of good ideas, but I have little faith in him in view of his past record.

I do not know either Colin Clegg or Ron Stewart all that well as neither of the two have been all that active in the voluntary aspect of the Students' Union in the past year. However, both are offering typical all promise election platforms, and neither really seem the type that can lead the Students' Union through our present problems effectively.

These are only a few personal opinions, but opinions based on 4 years experience in the students' union and university. The time is ripe for leadership not slogans.

Sincerely
Wayne Madden
Ed Rep to S.C.

I am going to vote for the Young Socialist slate on Friday's election. And I encourage you to do the same.

For the last few months, I have been attending YS Friday night forums and have become increasingly convinced of the validity of content of the YS program. My first revelation was that the notorious Henry Malta (recall the ruckus over literature tables) is not a slaving ogre, rather, an articulate spokesman for student rights and the ideals of the left. Henry is running for Student Council President.

We attend a university which is probably the most politically conservative in

Canada. The status quo is all right so long as we are assured of material rewards and job security when we graduate and don't have to get involved with issues which necessitate forming an opinion. Injustices and gross inequalities in capitalist society ranging from corporation superprofits to alienated poor in our urban core are quietly tolerated so long as we eventually receive our share of kick-back. There is no reason to press for meaningful integration of the University into the larger Edmonton Community - that's beyond the scope of this institution; no reason to defend Dr. Morgentaler because that's a political issue; no reason to vote for joining the N.U.S. because you've never heard of it.

To be isolated from politics is to be isolated from one of life's most dynamic components, and leave control of your own destiny to the questionable good graces of those who presently run this incredible industrial machine of a country. State to politicize; radicalize - vote YS.

If, during the election campaign you decide you want "more of the same" - that is, ineffective "social convenors" under the guise of Student Council executive, then vote for someone other than the YS.

If, on the other hand, you wish to see issues raised and dealt with such as women's rights, student/faculty/staff control, cutbacks, and SU services curtailment, then vote for Henry Malta, Sheila Mawson, Don Wiley and Byron Nelson.

Again, I encourage you to vote YS. It's time for a real change.

Sincerely,
Doug Meggison
Science 2

Die board

This is my version of what happened at the most recent DIE Board meetings, which I fear you have badly misreported. And in talking to George Mantor, I find that he agrees that your reporting was definitely misleading.

The Board met in response to a request for enforcement of motion F-96 by Jim Talbot. The Board had already met on this question once and its decision had been quashed because of a procedural defect. Provost Ryan had sent all the details to Field, Hyndman and we had the benefit of their opinion. They were of the opinion that our previous hearing could have been quashed on two other procedural grounds as well. If we had continued with Mr. Talbot's request the second time, we would have been open to review on these same two procedural grounds. The Board therefore ruled that Mr. Talbot's request was premature.

Since the Board was assembled, and since there was an obvious need to make some progress on the question, we invited those present to request that the Executive Powers of the Constitution be interpreted. Jim Talbot started a petition and after having it pointed out that only those who make the request have standing to appeal, George Mantor signed the petition. This is as close as he came to being "virtually forced" to sign the petition.

The Board started its consideration of the issue immediately. The DIE Board By-Law required no notice to be given to anyone, nor any time lapse between receipt of the petition and the hearing. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine who notice would be given to, since the By-Law does not even demand that there be two opposing parties. Mr. Mantor was aware of the