

Varsity Voices

Appreciation

To The Editor:

I should like to express my appreciation and that of the students living in residence for the full and sympathetic hearing their grievances regarding the proposed room rates asked for in the new residences received from Council on Monday night.

My thanks, then, to Students' Council for its very considerable support.

Alan Meech
Arts 4

Referendum

To The Editor:

I cannot understand why our Union has not held a referendum on the building of the new SUB. Now that the plans are complete I feel that students should by secret ballot express their personal feelings whether or not 7.5 million dollars is being spent wisely or well.

In 1961 the student body approved a \$5 fee increase for SUB expansion—an original cost figure was \$1.5 million. In The Gateway, December 15, 1961, the following appeared:

"Students will be asked to agree to a \$5 annual levy to be applied toward the construction of a new wing on SUB."

Since the proposed plan is definitely NOT like any plan envisaged when the fee increase was voted on, certainly the people contributing the money should be able to approve or disapprove the proposed plan.

The few Gateway surveys conducted recently indicate substantial misinformation about and considerable opposition to the present vision. I have yet to encounter anyone who wholeheartedly supports the Students' Council regarding the new SUB, and most people seem to oppose it quite strongly. I have a suspicion that there is considerable, though unorganized, opposition to this project.

A very peculiar phenomenon exists. Students violently opposed \$1.25 rise in fees for a better campus newspaper (and anyone who hasn't squandered that amount in the past year is so tight he squeaks). Yet no one flicks an eyelash at the spending of 7.5 megabucks over a 30-year period for a white elephant. A good rule of thumb: When something costs over \$10,000, spend it—no one will oppose you. Maybe the philosophy of the matter is that if it costs a lot, it must be good. And the more it costs the

better it must be. It would be worthwhile for someone to evaluate the constant of proportionality in the following realtions:

Index of acceptability α (cost)⁻¹.
I, for one, oppose the spending of so much money when I have no chance to democratically indicate opposition or approval of the project.

The entire concept of the proposed SUB is indicative of the mentality of most of the people on Students' Council and on the SUB Expansion Committee. When the question of spending student dollars first came up, not once was there any doubt that it should be spent on a bigger, better, more beautiful SUB. Then our most esteemed planners went on a tour of student buildings in the U.S. on the assumption that there must be a good ones there. Never did they seriously consider that the Canadian environment might not accept an American type of students' center. And make no mistake here—university in Canada plays a considerably different role in society than the All-American college. It seems too bad that our student leaders are incapable of original and independent thought but rather must import ideas and plans.

Certainly a plan as suggested by Robert Gillespie in the December 13 Gateway shows many times the originality and potentiality of the proposed SUB. This plan seems to meet the basic requirement that since all students must pay, as many students as possible should benefit.

I would like the answer to just this one question. Why cannot the students have a referendum to authorize or reject a Students' Union Building at a cost of 7.5×10^6 ?

Please do not tell me that you have spent a lot of time and money in planning the new SUB and it is too late to turn back. I tell you that it is better to stop now than to spend \$7,500,000 student dollars unwisely. If you say a referendum is impossible or unnecessary, then student democracy is a myth. I am, however, hopeful that the Students' Council has the courage to hold a referendum on the issue. I now await an answer.

Sincerely,
H. Malm

Tauzer The Houser

To The Editor:

Is Mr. Tauzer trying to pacify us by telling us that the students at the University of Colorado pay \$100 more than we are to pay?

This is between \$100 and \$110 per month. Mr. Tauzer did not, however, mention the slight differences between our residences and those in Colorado. For instance, the size: their double rooms (14 ft by 20 ft.) are slightly larger than ours (10 ft. by 15 ft.). Their interior decorating (varnished open-beam ceilings and knotty pine walls) is also different from ours (cement). They have one major difference, however. Each room has sliding glass doors (they open out onto a terrace with which each room is equipped). The glass doors might account for the extra cost because they are a bit of a luxury.

Mr. Tauzer says, and I quote, "Students should be willing to pay the cost of living in the new residences—there are many mature students who realize the benefits of living on campus." Benefits, yet! Going broke is beneficial? Also, if I have to go broke to become mature, methinks I'd rather be immature—immature, but not broke.

I wouldn't exactly call living in the new residences a benefit of living on campus. They're halfway to Leduc.

As a fellow student, I invite—no, I implore you, you as a student body to rectify this injustice.

J. S. Lowe
Science 2

Epistle To Murray Allen

To The Editor:

"You say it's this or that,
That nothing lies between:
Here is all black and foul;
There is all white and clean."

Quick are your tongue's decrees;
Your judgements swiftly given:
This unto outer darkness,
That unto inner heaven.

Hail to your Master wise,
Who can so well adjust
The problems of the skies
With your amazing dust.

You say it's this or that,
And measure by one rule
The pathway of the seer,
The roadway of the fool.

And while your holy host
A faultless record makes,
The snail-like Gods move on
Through their divine mistakes."

"The Fundamentalist"
Wilson MacDonald
M. L. McDowell

SUB Expansion

To The Editor:

Hurrah for Gillespie! At least not all students are afraid to say what they think. I agree with his ideas whole-heartedly. There is no point in spending eight million dollars (four million capital and four million interest) on a recreation center for out of town students living on or around campus. The Phys Ed Building provides that. Let's put the money where it will be used by all students.

Mr. Gillespie's ideas of improving study space in the V-wings are good, but rather than partitions I would suggest carrels of the type used in Cameron Library. One room set aside in each building as a lounge would certainly be a blessing. Maybe we are getting soft, but when a person has half an hour to spare, two blocks can be a long way to walk just to find an easy chair to relax in.

I think, and there are several others who agree with me, that Mr. Gillespie's ideas require careful consideration by students' council, even to the point of making it an election issue in March.

Another item that I would like

to see something done about, is the coffee served in Hot Caf and SUB. During my years and a half here, the only passable cup of coffee that I have had on campus came from Lister Hall. Won't someone please teach the coffee-makers how to make coffee? I would venture to say that even coffee from the machines is better than the acid that the cafeterias serve. There are many fine restaurants in the city that I am sure could be persuaded to share their coffee-making secrets. But don't wait for next year, let's turn over the new leaf now.

Thrifty and Thirsty

High Speeds

To The Editor:

I believe that I am one of many people on this campus who have narrowly escaped annihilation during the past few months, and will continue to risk damage to life and limb each time I walk across any area frequented by university vehicles.

In the recent past I have seen these vehicles travelling at a most unreasonable rate of speed through areas where many students are walking. In addition to this high speed, the drivers of these vehicles pay little or no heed to legally established cross-walks.

I suggest that steps be taken to slow these speed-demons down, or can it be that the university is trying to solve its population problem through positive controls?

Lorne Larson et al

Frat Libraries

To The Editor:

I would like to state a complaint and a criticism of the sociology department regarding the Christmas exam paper.

They have refused to return the papers to the students on the grounds that some fraternities tend to build up libraries.

This may be true, but what of it? I, and I am sure most students keep old exam papers as a valuable guide and supplement for future studying.

Students have had access to former exams of any year in high school and are supplied with like information from the various agencies at university. Past papers are helpful in acquainting one with exam form and the type and amount of material one is expected to learn.

This protective and authoritative attitude adopted by the "supposedly liberal" sociology department is irrational and disappointing.

Weighting

Queen Title

To The Editor:

This year, as in the past, the Engineers have chosen several girls to contest the title of "Engineers' Queen." Also this year, as in the past non-engineering students have chosen the most qualified of these girls. After a close examination of the gross attributes and minimal limitations of the girls and also after a careful survey of several authorities on women (none were engineers as there are no authorities on women among this so called faculty), I have decided that Miss Elaine Sadd should be known as "Artsmans' choice for Engineers' Queen."

It should be pointed out to Miss Sadd, that no girl selected for such a honor has ever been chosen as Queen of the Engineers (this proves their bad judgment), however, she should be comforted in the knowledge that she will be remembered for all times by non-engineers as their choice for Engineers' Queen of 1964.

M. Bleviss
P.S. Best of luck Elaine.

Columnists and SUB

To The Editor:

It is a very old saying that the Scots are thrifty people. This is very true of our Scottish columnists who are exceedingly thrifty of intelligence and wit. They affect a simple style of writing because they are simple.

McDowall describes to us the beauty of our lives because we cannot see it ourselves and we are extremely honored in having a crew-cut pontiff in our midst, who with religious zeal misunderstands completely the meanings of religion, atheism and even Christian doctrine.

To McDowall's inane Rouseausisms, I suggest that he stops musing about the lilac toilet paper and look at the bowl. Instead of trying to make us complacent with this filthy world (spiritual and scenic) I suggest he make an effort to make it worth-while to look at beauty without having the anticlimax of looking at filth afterwards.

To Campbell (did you find or did you originate religion?) I make the suggestions that for one smug atheist, there are a 1,000 smug Christians, Jews, Muslims or what have you. I can assure you that it is not comfortable looking forward to an eternity of nothing. I came to university to hear true and intelligent thoughts and not to be battered by pathetic voices from the wilderness.

Yours,
Omayya al Karmy

Richard McDowall's Musings



I don't like to talk about socialization, for it is a hard thing to talk about—it being so complex a thing. However, one of the component parts of socialization—good manners—is something which is lacking today among most of our civilized peoples.

"The attitudes of courtesy are not expressed because, first, there are strong instinctive impulses to get what one wants without thought of others. Secondly, man has difficulty in being courteous because his social development has been with small groups, and large groups are relatively a new thing. He is courteous to friends, but not to the public. And then there are the traditionalists—one who is courteous to business associates and not to his wife."

Good manners seems to me to be simply a matter of good sense, honesty and at all times, consideration for the other persons. It does not mean reading Amy Vanderbilt or memorizing a long list of do's and don't's because generally this leads to a sort of stereotypy that seems to be all too prevalent today.

So many people seem to have trouble when they are in unfamiliar surroundings—i.e. brand new faces at a social gathering; and it is here that one can spot so readily that person whose personality is just naturally considerate and courteous. To this person good manners are a part of the whole personality and not things which one turns on and off depending on whom one is with.

I feel all one has to keep in mind when deciding what one should do to be good mannered is to always consider the other person. In other words consideration of other people is the safest and most natural way to be courteous.

Adam Campbell



Short and Sour

Recently our popular magazines have been giving overwhelming coverage to our society's sex problems.

In keeping with this trend, I would like to touch on the subtle confusions which fog our conceptions of the relationships between sex and love.

Our moral teachers assure us that love is the most precious of all the gifts we can bestow upon another. Nothing can be more important than love—our whole sexual philosophy is based on it.

When sex enters the picture, however, it usurps love's cherished position. We can indulge in sexual intercourse (morally) only after we have satisfied ourselves that we are in love. Has love not then become but a prerequisite for sexual indulgence? Obviously sex is the most important gift since it is withheld pending the betrothal of that terrible emotion.

Not only is love a prerequisite for sex, but more important, it is that force which guides us into the holy state of matrimony.

Love is that mortar which cements that worthy institution together, is it not?

In light of this it seems odd that since we marry for love we cannot get a divorce for lack of it. Rather, the one universal ground for divorce (in Canada) is adultery, (a sexual offence). Something is rotten, and it isn't necessarily in Denmark—or Sweden.