

EDITORIAL

Boorish swine

The unforgivably swinish and irresponsible behavior of the brawling patrons at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity cabaret has resulted in substantial damage to the Students' Union's credibility and reputation, not to mention its finances.

The joint University - Alberta Liquor Control Board decision to suspend the SU's liquor license will force cancellation of two socials and a cabaret, closure of RATT for two weeks and the indefinite (perhaps permanent) delay of a license for the SUB Theatre wine bar. This will cost the SU and various clubs thousands of dollars.

It's possible that the decision not to have uniformed police officers at the cabaret was the result of a communication foul-up. But it is a regulation to follow, and it's not the only rule the fraternity broke. Having them pay for damages and prohibiting them from sponsoring a cabaret for one year is the minimum penalty that should be imposed upon them.

Patrons of RATT should also not be exempt from the tar brush. The assault of a Campus Security officer that same weekend had a substantial impact on the decision to suspend the liquor license. Whether or not one respects Campus Security Officers is not the question; they are the legitimate authority on campus and must be recognized as such.

A tirade against all students who drink and carouse would be pointless, because, as usual, it is the boorish minority who wreak havoc for all. It is depressing, however, to be jarred into realizing just how thin the veneer of civilization is on so many people.

Big Three rule

With the Golden Bears football team winning the national championship, I can at last feel I've got my money's worth out of my \$25 athletic fee. The team is certainly to be congratulated for a great effort and entertaining performances all year.

But, somehow the fact that over 15 sports have been axed in the past few years leaves me with a bad taste in my mouth. Athletics at the U of A are showing a disturbing trend towards concentration on the Big Three: football, hockey, and basketball, simply because these draw big (relatively) crowds and prestigious trophies. The Bears victory in Toronto last weekend only reinforces the trend.

If outside support can be found for the high profile, low participation sports, then fine. But if not, Faculties of Physical Education across the country should be directed to concentrate on providing quality facilities and opportunities for the maximum number of interested individuals, rather than focussing on spots that share the limelight with professional sports in Canada.

Keith Krause

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If it happens on campus...it's news to us.

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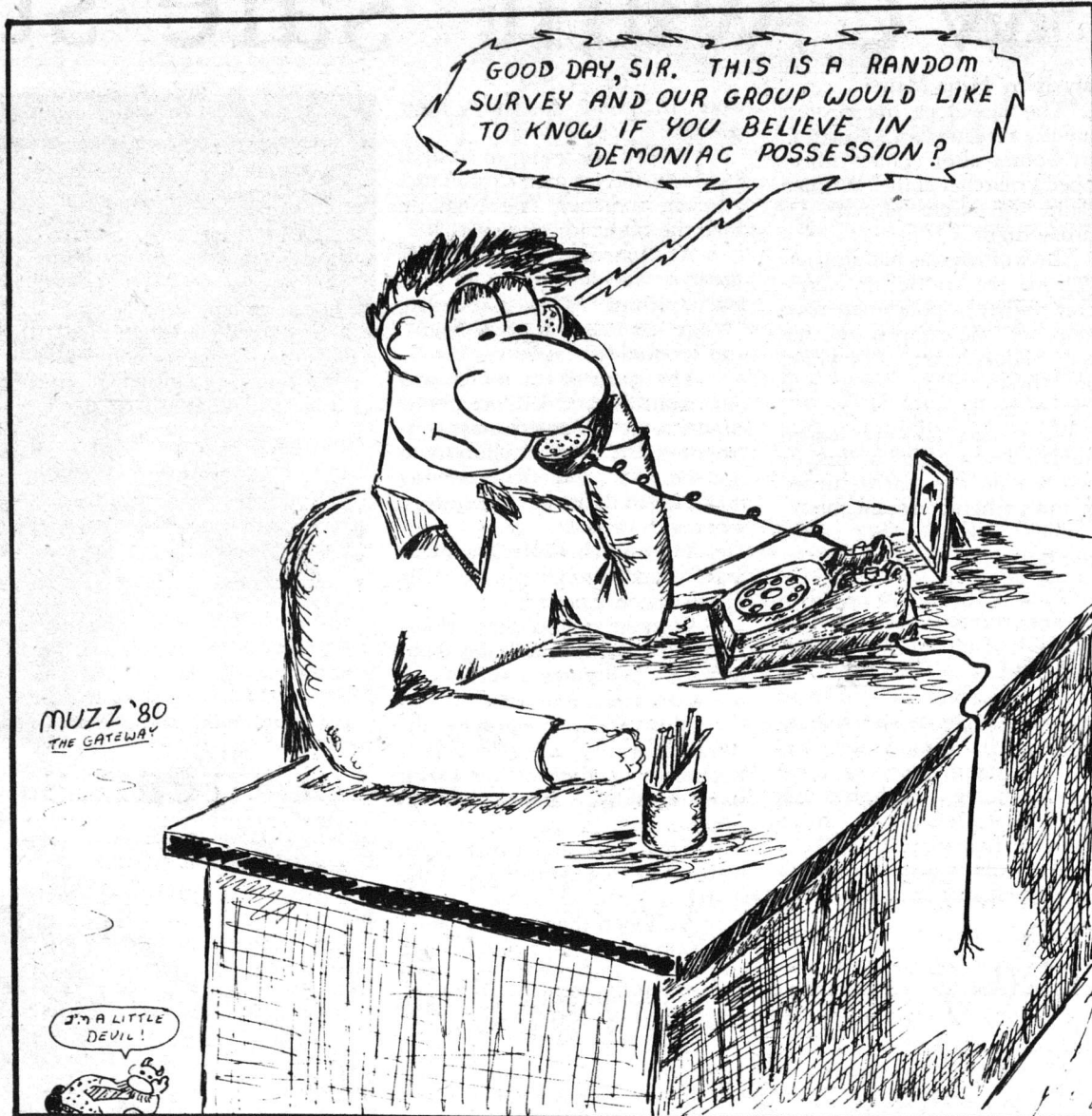
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In those pre-Christmas days there was great chaos and disorder under heaven and much gnashing of teeth. But - lo - suddenly appeared Mr. Skeet who smiled serenely and said "I've found my mantra!" Before you could say Instant Karma the rest of the staff had converted to the placid ways of the East. Bob Kilgannon, Ray Giguere, Elda Hopfe, Marc Garvey and J.H.R. Flashman relaxed in their Buddhist robes. Alison Thomson, Maureen Laviolette, Tom Freeland, Eddie Kuhn (who did one hell of a job), Cathy Emberley and Bill Inglee sent away for a giant prayer wheel. Tom Freeland lit some incense while Peter West, Bob Yetagaw, John Roggeveen and Murray Whitby mellowed out on some stronger stuff. And - lo - the tension was gone. Om Mani Padme hum om mani padme hum ...

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Brief trashing is undeserved

In reference to the letter of R. Glasel in the November 27 issue, I am moved to protest, inasmuch as I am the author of the brief Mr. Glasel trashed in his letter.

First, Mr. Glasel should read the brief itself, and not the Gateway coverage of the brief. The brief itself is meant, in part, to supplement our recent submission to the Federal/Provincial Task Force on Student Aid.

Specifically, we reiterate the recommendations made in the Student Aid paper and state that unless some adjustments are made to the student aid system in Alberta, we cannot support further increases in tuition, be they systematic or not.

In all honesty, the statistics I quoted in the brief are not absolutely conclusive or particularly earthshattering. They are not presented as such. They tend to support our long-term arguments that certain groups of students would potentially be harder hit by successive tuition increases than others.

More precisely, we expressed particular concern for women students and students coming from disadvantaged backgrounds (read: poor). If anything, the statistics suggest that further and careful analysis is needed before tuition indexing should be accepted as policy.

Interested students are certainly welcome to come up to the

Exec Offices (Rm 259 SUB) to read and/or discuss any submission currently being prepared for presentation or already presented on behalf of Students' Council to any external body.

Mr. Glasel in particular would do well to do so before he indulges himself in this type of vicious diatribe again.

Stuart Mackay
S.U. Researcher

Pandas are unBearable

With the annual Engineering week not so far away, and anticipating the usual plethora of letters, on the one hand full of indignation at the apparent sexism of the event, and of the other, letters of no content, written (?) by engineers (?) revelling in their apparent illiteracy, I'd like to get my oar in first.

It has puzzled me why the engineers are so vehemently criticized and nothing is said about the obvious sexism in calling the U of A's women's representative sports teams "Pandas", especially since that animal has nothing in common with Alberta, the U of A or even bears. We are, I suppose, to think of the giant Panda, which may look like a bear but isn't. Are these women really docile, cuddly creatures with a predilection for bamboo? The situation is even more absurd at other Universities. Whoever heard of a Vikette, (Viqueen, surely), and a Dinnie (refugees from Startrek?) or a Thunderette for premier's sake.

What is incomprehensible is that this kind of covert sexism is weekly ignored perhaps because the Pandas, Vikettes, etc., don't mind or care. Then perhaps the Gateway staff might interview an engineering Queen or kickline members, (it would be a first) to find out what they say about the matter.

Gateway has in the past proclaimed its intention to fight sexism. Very commendable, I support you, but it seems sexism is a matter of definition and therefore of opinion. I am not sure you are clear about definition. Since I cannot bear your

pandering to such accepted sexism, please begin a campaign to change the name Panda to Golden Bear.

N. McCulloch,
Grad Studies

No arms, no reality

Disarmament is a fantasy, in which only people who refuse to accept reality, believe.

The recent invasion of Afghanistan proves that the Soviet Union is anything but benevolent. We could expect the Soviet Union to do the same to us if we eliminated our only defences. The only restraint on the Soviet Union is that fact that we can retaliate if they ever attack us.

The SALT talks have clearly failed to end the arms race. Even if SALT II is approved, it would lead to more nuclear weapons than ever.

Even disarmament advocate William Epstein said, "Within a decade or twelve years there could be fifty more nuclear powers." (Gateway, October 30, 1980) He should realize that that is not a situation which could be cured by a letter to Trudeau.

I do not like the threat of nuclear war any more than anyone else. I realize that there is no guarantee that mutual deterrence will work. However, we must accept the existence of the threat of nuclear war, or we may actually cause such a war.

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