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on the last page five of the year, we have an apology for Quebecers, an explanation, two complaints and three thank yous.

letters

Quite recently a local columnist ran an item concerning complaints of rudeness to visiting Albertans. Instead of following up with a friendly apology, this man made some sort of remark about "childishness" or "growing up." I can't recall the exact wordage, but it was some sort of snotty little comment.

I only wish that I might offer an apology, but it wouldn't really do much. If this rudeness were an isolated case, well and good but it isn't. It's all day, everyday, and in all walks of local business life.

After an absence of more than a decade I have returned to this my native province and already am preparing to leave it again. You see it is no longer merely bilingual or I should say perhaps bicultural . . . it is now tri-cultural. For you see you now have French Canadians, English Canadians and "Quebecers". And the latter not only hate each other and themselves, but everyone else besides.

And this regardless of race. I am fully bilingual (and I don't mean the dreary anglicized "bong jour garcong" variety), yet no matter whether I enter a French or English establishment, in the guise of either an English or French customer, I receive only the glare, or snarl, or the indifferent "what the hell 'd'you want" attitude.

I have spent a great deal of my

60 years either in Vancouver or in the United States and I am now advising all of my friends of local conditions, plus the fact that every effort will be made by almost the entire province to "take" every single tourist, whether from Toronto or Timbuktu. I have further suggested to my dear cousins south of the border that they wear little lapel pins bearing a "U" or a "B" to signify unilingual or bilingual.

Not that it'll do a damn bit of good, but it'll at least show they're trying!!

This rudeness, this frightful loutishness applies in stores, cafes, cinemas and what have you. I can only submit that on the whole the natives have so long been kept "backward" that they know no other way, and I am sorry. And this letter of mine is in no way confidential.

As to my American friends so I say to you, if you must come, then come quick and leave early, and if possible put up in the suburbs, or just across either the Ontario or U.S. borders. They may "take" you too, but they'll at least do it with a smile and not a snarl.

f. cleveland-clifton montreal

I feel it is my responsibility as a member of students' council to clear up some confused impressions that occurred at the Lister Hall election rally March 2.

Branny Schepanovich, while discussing membership in the Canadian Union of Students, mentioned a letter from Simon Fraser University.

Branny had received and seen the letter from the SFU first vice-president David Yorke urging this university to rejoin CUS as their students had voted to do.

Branny had seen and shown the letter to Dick Low early Thursday afternoon.

There is also no question that the letter was sent both to Branny and The Gateway by Yorke, as he both sent a telegram and made a long distance phone call to Branny to confirm that he himself was responsible for the letter.

Thus it is unfortunate that the comments Branny made left such a confused impression.

irene mcrae arts rep

wonder if I might be allowed to express via the pages of your newspaper my sincere appreciation for the help and aid of all those who worked with me during the recent students' union elections.

Our cause was submitted to the democratic process and rejected by the electorate but I feel that we at least made a start toward meaningful student elections based on issues and ideas rather than on personalities and the "something for everyone"-type platform.

I regret only that the discussion we sparked would seem to have extended to only half the campus as is evidenced by the less than 50 per cent turnout at the polls. As for the CUS referendum, I can only reiterate that I feel its defeat to be a retrograde step, one which will prove narrow, short-sighted, and parochial to the discredit and detriment of U of A.

I would also like to thank those who were in anyway inconvenienced by the election campaigning and for so graciously accepting the haranguing, the excitement and the confusion thereby engendered.

It is my hope that in the future the increasing relevance of student government will be seen to compensate in a large measure for the disruption caused by the elections and that this in turn will be reflected by the turnout at the polls.

I would like to extend my congratulations and offer my best wishes to Al Anderson, to David King, and to Glenn Sinclair for the



"board of governors can't bid, city council vacillates, garneau dwellers are holding out and provincial government won't play . . . guess we redeal and start all over"

successful election campaigns and also to Phil Ponting, Valerie Blakely and those several others who won positions by acclamation.

barrie chivers

The main features of the grandiose education ball March 3 reflected the stale, unimaginative faculty:

- An unappetizing plate;
- A series of unmotivating speeches (in spite of an overhead projector!);
- A limited dancing space highlighted by a napkin-knotting session all for \$9.

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central purpose is to celebrate as well as to understand, to channel a real opportunity for celebration into the usual trivia of bureaucracy.

It should have been remembered, I think, that the majority of the audience was present to listen and to celebrate, and not to team up into discussion groups.

As a result of the way the end of the speech was conducted, many of us felt frustrated in our limited way to express our gratitude to Dr. Ronning and the important role he has been playing in international politics.

e. d. blodgett english dept.

I was shocked by the tactless informality with which the mistress of ceremonies concluded Dr. Chester Ronning's speech during Second Century Week activities March 6.

Dr. Ronning is without doubt one of our greatest living Canadians and it goes very much against the spirit of Second Century Week, whose

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to those persons who worked so hard and so enthusiastically on my behalf in the recent election campaign.

Their untiring and unselfish efforts contributed a great deal to the success of the campaign. Also, I wish to thank all those members of the student body who supported me at the polls last Friday.

I will strive during the coming year to implement the ideas and to stand by the principles which I expressed.

al anderson president-elect

The campaign is finished and the recount is over. I discover that I have just been elected vice-president of the students' union by 11 votes. So I would like to thank everyone who worked for me, or who voted for me. Every contribution was significant, and very much appreciated.

Changeover is March 20, and I hope that beyond that date both the campus and I will remember the pledges that I made. I want to keep them and need your help.

david king vice-president-elect

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Maple leaves in the abyss



Well - you just hook the stem in your navel.

