Call off the dogs!

system, both experiences I value very highly! I don't get a chance to read the *Gateway* very often and when I do have the opport inity I hope to enjoy a fairly good standard of writing. Thus, the "Final word on fraternities" was a particularly disappointing article by both Bernie Williams, the president of Kappa Sigma,

Languages chairman agrees

you on your excellent editorial wrote what and why'! A succinct 'Freedom to Choose" of clarification by the editor of the November 14th, 1979. (My letter apparent misunderstanding has been delayed because of a would have been a lot more cold.) I could not agree more informative and so taken the with what you said. The Provin- wind out of everyone's sails, as cial Government always assumes well as establishing beyond it represents "the public." When doubt the editor's maturity and one probes more deeply, one credibility. finds that ministers or MLAs Might occasional remark at a cocktail again. party.

You are right when you say that professors and students must come out and make their opinions known. I am a department chairman and a member of the Executive of the Chairmen's Council, and 1 can assure you that I make my opinion known wherever and whenever I have an opportunity.

> Gerwin Marahrens Chairman Germanic Languages

I am writing as an alumnus and the editor of the *Gateway* of the U. of A. and that fraternity Gordon Turtle. Just as much as the tone of Mr. William's letter was vindictive, the editor's reply was equally fanatical. This 'tit for tat'style of expose buried any real and meaningful information on the subject...which I can only attempt to guess was a misunderstanding between Mr. Lear, Mr. Williams, Mr. Rampling and perhaps the above mentioned earlier.

Whether the subject be fraternities or the ski club, the editor's personal feelings towards the organization is irrelevant to Gateway readers. In fact, the editor's searing remarks about Mr. Williams and the fraternity system are needlessly inflammatory, especially given I should like to congratulate the confused situation of 'who

Might be a long while have not heard more than the before I pick up the Gateway

David Arminas Arts '77

Second Wind

The judgement, if nothing else, of the executive of the Federation of Alberta Students is seriously called into question by its decision to fire fieldworker Ross Campbell.

And their attempt to keep this issue in the closet casts more doubt on this judgement.

It must be said at the outset that there is little doubt that Campbell was not doing as good a job as former fieldworker and present executive officer Lake Sagaris. But as Lake is continually being described by the executive as "a veteran of the student movement," this is perhaps not surprising.

The FAS executive, when they hired Campbell, knew that he had not previous experience as a fieldworker. They apparently hired him for his interest and enthusiasm for the organization, which he still avows.

It seems strange, then, that they gave him no job description and very little instruction. To hear some of those involved talk, the function of a fieldworker is common knowledge. This is an extraordinary attitude to take. The job is an incredibly complex and difficult one, and the executive should have given Campbell all the help they could, rather than firing him for not doing things they had never told him were part of his job in the first place.

The executive, instead of evaluating him after one month as the contract requires them to do, waited until the period of probation was over before telling him they not were satisfied. They then gave him another three weeks to improve, and he did, as even the FAS president admits. It seems some executive members had made their minds up long before that, though. That threeweek period was lip service, a postponment of an unpleasant task. It certainly was not a second chance.

Campbell has been blamed for Red Deer College's decision to leave FAS. There were no such howls for Sagaris's blood when Grant MacEwan quit the organization last year while she was fieldworker. Campbell is in this instance a scapegoat for some serious problems with the organization's credibility to its membership.

At the conference, delegates were told that Campbell had resigned "for personal reasons." At the insistence of several people, his letter of resignation was read aloud, albeit with a good deal of reluctance. If it had not been for this, the incident would have been passed over. The membership is not required to approve dismissals. Pretty convienent for people who want to get rid of staff for political or personal problems.

I believe Campbell was unfairly treated by the executive of the FAS and by the staff who influence their decisions. Such treatment of an employee seems odd from student politicians who avow pro-worker beliefs.

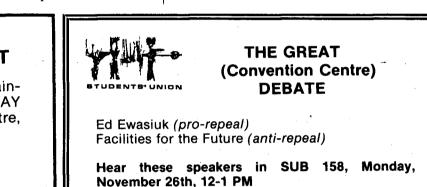
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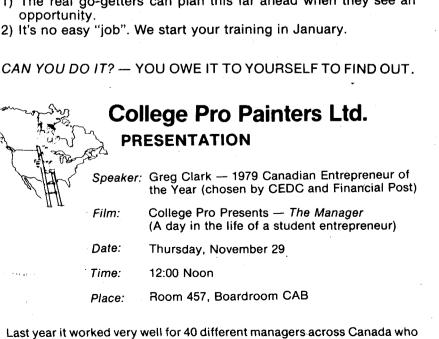
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