

## REGRETTABLE FEELINGS

There has been a regrettable, but understandable, spate of hard feelings over the recent proposal by Student's Council to require students to contribute toward Students' Union expenses, including SUB expansion. The proposal was aired last week before the Committee on Student Affairs, where both Students' Union and graduate student representatives spoke their minds.

On the one hand, it is argued that graduate students should help pay for the benefits they enjoy—club memberships, meeting facilities, PEB facilities, NFCUS representation, etc. On the other hand, graduates wonder what all the fuss is about, insisting that they are for the most part so engrossed in their studies that any benefits received from the Students' Union are negligible.

The situation has been complicated by a communications problem, for there is no voice or group authorized to speak for graduate students as a whole. The Graduate Students' Association represents less than half of the total graduates on campus.

Apparently the graduates were both amazed and annoyed to discover that they were being pressed for money, in a seemingly high-handed manner. Part of the problem was that in a great display of zeal the Students' Council

committee on graduate fees worked out proposals which made graduates feel as if they were being railroaded into compulsory fees (which they thought outrageously high), into compulsory membership in a graduate students' association, and possibly into compulsory membership in the Students' Union.

We hope these fears have been assuaged.

It should be clear at this point that the Student's Union has no desire to force any sort of organizational setup that graduates don't want. The important thing, from the undergraduate point of view, is that graduates pay their own way—especially in prospect of a much expanded SUB and a rapidly expanding graduate population.

If, without compulsory organization, graduate students can find some way to levy fees on themselves and to negotiate with both administration and Students' Council, so much the better.

It is obvious that there is a need for some authorized body to represent graduates. And it is obvious that their relationship to the rest of the campus involves problems which they can no longer ignore.

At the COSA meeting last week Students' Council tossed them the ball. It is their move now.

## INADEQUATE CLICHES

Canadian Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament held a meeting in Waukena Lounge last Friday, featuring one appropriately bearded guest speaker and much you-are-one-of-us. A cause is good stuff. Every bathroom should have one. In this case, the sentiment is admirable and its end is highly desirable. Too bad the means is so ineffectual.

Seated around the speaker in solemn council were the advocates of survival of the species. No beatniks these, but serious, intelligent, well-meaning people whose philosophy is artistic in its simplicity. They do not want to die; they do not want their children to die; they do not want their children's children to die. They think that Nuclear Clubbery is Raving Lunacy. They

are right.

The end therefore justifies the means. But the means is an insult to the end. The speaker rose and proceeded to read . . . not deliver, read . . . a string of cliches that would put Arbuthnot to shame. The ban-the-bomb answer to Conventional Wisdom regurgitated from the pulpit—and the solemn council drank it in. No one challenged the speaker.

They drank it in because they have no other leaders. They do not attract the people they need to lead this worthy movement because those who could do the movement justice are being kept away by cliché-mongers or inverse-Babbitts. Without leadership, the cause will die. At the U of A, it appears to be doomed already, despite the efforts of a few courageous followers.

## FORMIDABLE TASK

The SUB Expansion Committee has a formidable task. In the next few months, it must plan an extension of SUB, with a minimum of assistance from professional people or from the Administration.

The Administration's policy of non-involvement in student affairs is commendable. Let students make their own mistakes. They will learn more that way, because they must initiate and implement their own policy.

While student autonomy is desirable, it involves a number of weaknesses, as the SUB Expansion Committee is learning.

First, students, in their eagerness to prove their maturity, occasionally take on jobs that are more than they can handle.

Second, because students lack experience, they must experiment—learn by doing while they are doing. Efficiency is sacrificed for independence.

Third, more time is required.

Student affairs are characterized by some wasted effort in terms of accomplishment. While in the short run, the initiation and direction of student affairs by experienced men is much less painful, the basic reason for attending University, the acquisition of experience, is destroyed.

SUB Expansion Committee has been working quietly in dark corners, store rooms, and various other places that it can beg, borrow, or whatever. Its meeting places exemplify the need for new facilities.

The Committee could have hired professional planners—at considerable expense—who possibly would have done the job more efficiently, and possibly even more thoroughly. But they chose to do the job themselves.



### NOVA FRATA ON TRIAL

To The Editor:

This letter refers to an item appearing on the front page of the November 16 edition of The Gateway under the heading Nova Frata, stating that Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity has been approved by the University Board of Governors.

What has actually happened is that on November 9 the Senate approved the recommendation of the Committee on Fraternities and Residential Clubs that the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity be given permission to rush and operate under the Constitution of the Interfraternity Council on a trial basis, on the understanding that a firm recommendation as to whether or not it should be granted a Charter would be made to the Senate in the Spring of 1963.

Sincerely yours,  
A. D. Cairns,  
Registrar

### PHOTOS ON TRIAL

I would like to take this opportunity to refute the lies that the photographs now on display in the Rutherford Library were actually taken in East Berlin and not in the West as stated.

No freedom-loving Canadian student who sees these pictures (all taken through German, precision-made lenses) can doubt that the gay, happy-go-lucky, delightfully individualistic people in them are West Berliners, defying the grim shadow of Communism that is all around them. And no sensitive Christian, I am sure, can fail to see through these photographs the underlying tension behind the brave smiles of a people cut off from their brethren by the infamous wall.

Their beautiful city is divided. Pity them.

Look at these pictures with an open mind. Forget the past. Various orders who, regrettably, are still with us, will, no doubt, be biased, but do not let the misunderstanding of 1939-45 blind you to the truth.

On May 6, 1945, Berliners became democratic, only to find their city divided (a thing cruel to the heart; we Germans are very sentimental) and the Russian hordes poised to enslave Christendom. Since that time Germany has stood as a bulwark, never wavering. The Germans have never lost their sense of humour, and all the while, since those forgotten troubled times of 1939-45, we Germans have not forgotten our beloved territories in the East—legally German, see for yourself on the map displayed in the library—these territories groaning

under the heel of, one could almost say, subhuman Asiatics.

Germany is democratic. Our press is free; our jurists are untainted and impartial; our civil servants sharing an honourable heritage of humanity and competence; our doctors are dedicated to end pain; our soldiers are ready; our workers are efficient. We only desire to flourish and to join in the democratic way of life.

And who knows, perhaps one day you will join us, to raise once again the cross over our never forgotten Eastern lands, so essential to German greatness.

A. Stahlheim

Ed. Note: The subhumans must have smelled your letter coming and taken the Berlin pictures with them when they fled back to Asia.

### APATHY ON TRIAL

To The Editor:

The majority of students at this University if stimulated by being asked to share in any activity (excepting parties) immediately respond "Too busy." If pressed for an explanation they respond with "studying of course."

There are exceptions, a few abnormal types who happen to be involved in some minor activity such as running a paper or a club etc., and are thus not "too busy" to help.

The Too Busy People have several other reflex responses. If it is shown that others in similar circumstances are not too busy the reply is "I didn't know about it!" When it is pointed out that there are generally bulletins posted in all buildings and in The Gateway, the reply is again "Too Busy." While admitting that the bulletin boards are usually crowded with competing posters, I did find that it takes about one minute a day to scan one of these boards.

The next response is "These groups are run by self appointed cliques."

Too true. At most general meetings only a small number of students appear, and of these the majority are too busy to accept an office. The not-too-busy who are willing to accept responsibility are elected by acclamation, and the too busy then retire to the coffee shops to spend busy hours criticizing them.

While applauding the dedication to study, I wonder if these students know what they come to university to study. It is to study man, his works, and his environment, not merely to study courses. The university offers them the opportunity to become educated for life, not merely to become programmed for a job.

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