

grams was made by administrators in the Department of Athletics with no student consultation whatsoever. Sibban mentioned hypocrisy in her letter and this leads to my second point. It seems that Edmont's proposed bid to hold the 1994 Commonwealth Games is being supported by senior members of the Faculty of Physical Education while the Department of Athletics has eliminated the major sport of the Games from the athletics program at the University of Alberta.

In conclusion, in my opinion the criteria given by the Department of Athletics for the retention or cancellation of programs are a travesty and an insult to the athletes who have suffered because of the perverse and unnecessary decision to cancel the track and field and cross country programs.

J. B. Haddow
Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Michener rec. inaccuracy

Re: "Michener Recreation Information" (Oct. 8/87)

The Michener Park Community association would like to clear up any misconceptions that may have arisen from the recent "Information" published in your sports section. While we gratefully acknowledge the support of Hugh Hoyles and Campus Recreation (loans of equipment, administrative support and program assistance), we are angered that the role of the MPCA and the dedicated volunteers in our community was completely ignored. Any activity that occurs in Michener Park is a direct result of many hours of volunteer effort. The careless editing of Carol Kassian's story was an insult to the people of our community who perform those hours of work to bring about a successful function. Almost all of the recreational and social events listed in the article were planned and executed by volunteer residents.

While not trying to downplay the assistance and support we receive from Campus Recreation, I feel that the sports editor's insensitive treatment of the story created a false impression with your readers. As some of the volunteers that work long hours to provide enjoyable, beneficial programming for the diverse members of our residence community, we sincerely hope that any future stories regarding Michener Park are accurate and complete.

Wes Bellmore
for the MPCA Executive

Ed. reps attacked

Re: Don Davies' motion on disallowing education council reps voting privileges in Students Council

At last council meeting Mr. Davies questioned the legitimacy of the education students appointments, and voting rights on

student council. This is the second consecutive meeting at which Davies has launched an unprovoked attack at our council members. He has sought every possible avenue, including obtaining a copy of our constitution by indirect means and threatening our students' union executive representative with a lawsuit. We've allowed him to run his high profile slam campaign this far. However, all good things must come to an end, even for Don Davies.

Even if Mr. Alpern's decision is against us on Tuesday, our reps will still be back on council. Education students are infuriated with Davies, and are determined not to let him have his way. I also suspect that other faculty associations may not be too thrilled with having to submit detailed letters to the SU speaker on the methods they used in selecting their council reps. In effect, then, Davies has done nothing but waste both Student Council and all the faculty associations' valuable time.

If Mr. Davies had any serious concerns, he should have referred them to any one of the ESA executives, and we would have helped him in every way possible. However, he made it a point to directly attack the ESA and its members in council. This was totally uncalled for, and was not appreciated by the majority of ESA members.

Just a final note, Mr. Davies: If you have any concerns, please do come down to the ESA office, and we'll discuss it. Because you know we're glad to see you.

Charles Vethan
Education GFC representative

Appalling ed. affairs

In his letter of Oct. 22, Mark LaGrange makes mention of both legal doctrine and the democratic system. Unfortunately, he appears to have little understanding or respect for either concept. In fact, Mr. LaGrange rarely rises above the most extreme generalities, and one can only surmise that this is because the facts are so damaging to what in the argument he can muster that his only hope is to avoid them at all cost. In an effort to set the record straight, I would like to offer the following comments, ultimately to draw to education students' attention a state of affairs which is, in my opinion, appalling.

First, the facts. Last spring, there was an open nomination and election process in the education faculty in which, among others, five seats for Student Council representatives were contestable. However, no one put their names forth for these positions—including, one may note the five present "representatives". Accordingly, the seats were vacant, ostensibly until September when open elections could be publicized and run again. However, during the summer, Mr. LaGrange took it upon himself to attend Council meeting and vote on behalf of Education students.

When questioned upon this rather undemocratic act, an E.S.A. executive present in council chamber assured my proxy, Mr. Stephen Phillips, that this was but a temporary measure, to last only until September when an election could be held, still undemocratic, but at least some rationale existed.

Come September, however, Mr. LaGrange was joined by four other "appointees", who promptly assumed the seats and replied to my questioning that no election was planned to be held. Their reasoning? Well, Virginia, they claim that "no one is interested in running" (how they know this, only Ferdinand Marcos knows) and that they had "posted" a sign on the E.S.A. door advertising the positions all summer long (which, if it ever happened, was done when the halls were teeming with education students, no doubt, including new first-year ones at that). Apparently, this merry band of self-appointed Senators feels that open, public and well-advertised nominations are unnecessary to canvass the Education students' interest, because they know that they're the only ones interested in serving (notwithstanding their earlier lethargy). This must be the same "democratic process" mentioned in Mr. LaGrange's letter which he so passionately believes in. As an interesting side development, it seems that the old E.S.A. Constitution was tossed out during the summer as well, with a new one suddenly emerging and, by coincidence, removing the need for elections for Education S.U. Reps. entirely. This was difficult to discover, mind you, as the E.S.A. execs. refused to send me a copy when I requested one, and told the education student who finally got me one to "not let anyone look at it, because someone's been snooping around for loopholes!" Sound strange? I think so too.

In summary, Mr. LaGrange and his power-stealing buddies are/would appear laughable, but legitimate, but for our S.U. Constitution which, luckily, requires the holding of elections, and which is available to be looked at. Although this is presumably only for the rather trite reason that people should choose their representatives (and be allowed to run themselves), it is, unfortunately for the education "reps", there in black and white. As for Mr. Lagrange's fervent wish that I get my "just reward", I can only respond that I hope so too—only it may not consist of what he wishes.

Don Davies
S.U. Law Rep

"Fiasco" clarified

I feel that as a member of S.U. Council I may be able to clarify the "fiasco" described by Mark Lagrange. His interpretation of the events seems paranoid; no one intended to single out his education Councilors. Nor is there any question of "guilt" being raised.

At issue is the legitimacy of representatives

to Council. The S.U. Constitution presently requires representatives to be elected. There is NO provision for appointing representatives. There is a procedure for amending the Constitution, which has not been initiated.

Currently there is an unacceptably high level of apathy with respect to Student Union Council. If the election process is not open, and especially publicized, it is easy to see why students would question the credibility of Council and continue to refuse to get involved.

Mr. Davies' concern centres around the fact that nominations were not open when the present "representatives" were appointed. If these same "representatives" had put their names up for nomination when nominations were open, the entire incident could have been avoided. If nobody had run against them, they would have been elected by acclamation.

The entire "fiasco," as Mr. LaGrange puts it, is a matter of proper procedure, not personalities. Mr. Paul Alpern (S.U. Council Speaker) quite properly has decided to inquire into the procedure. Mr. LaGrange should also note that there is no humiliation in an inquiry into election procedures if the elections have been properly required. The only "humiliation" occurs if the election has not been conducted in a fair and democratic manner.

Mr. LaGrange failed to point out that before Mr. Davies questioned the legitimacy of the Education Councilors, he specifically asked those councilors about the procedure followed in their "election". He then made an issue out of it, quite properly in my opinion.

Mr. LaGrange should not interpret a challenge of the Chairs ruling as an attempt to have the Education "representatives" ousted. The Speaker made a ruling that the Education "representatives" should be allowed to sit pending the results of his investigation. Mr. Davies challenged that ruling in a proper parliamentary manner. His reasoning, as I understand it, was that recent decisions (such as the one to spend \$3,200 to send three executive members to New Orleans in November) had passed by less than five votes (the number of Education representatives), and therefore would have to be reconsidered. If the representatives are not legitimate, neither are the decisions.

Martin Levenson
Arts Representative

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