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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Now that the delegates are back from the WRCUP conference, we have discovered there was a certain amount of rolling stoned around Vancouver but for fear of embarrassing Mrs. S. we won't mention any names. No one rolled in stoned last night as far as we could make out except for the staffers we stoned for bad graffiti suggestions. Staff included Dan Jamieson who finked out on Harvey G. (me), Winston Gereluk, Donna Brown, Ron (graffito) Dutton, Barry Nicholson, Ellen Nygaard, Ron Yakimchuk, Dan Carroll, Irene Harvie, Beth Nilsen, Elsie Ross, Nick Wickenden (alumnus), Chris Gardiner, Brian MacDonald and yours truly, Harvey G., for the editorial staff and the "problem."

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Gateway editorial Is it too late?

It's time something was done!

The situation, now getting entirely out of hand has, however, been fomenting for years. It is such a general situation it almost defies definition but it is something that should concern every student on this campus and campuses across the nation. Unfortunately, it does not.

It is being completely ignored. In fact, as Abraham Lincoln said, "Four score and seven years ago . . ." and it's still relevant today.

Let us make one thing clear. We are not prepared to accept any wishy-washy liberal solutions to this pox on the student and his environment.

We are sick and tired of student politicians, the administration, the men who govern this province and even reticent radicals who refuse to take action on the problem.

In the words of Gateway columnist Winston Gereluk, "In one of her litle outstretched hands, the girl held a bloodied axe; in the other, the horribly mutilated remains of the royal cat.'

How could one say it more succinctly with such cogency and yet inject exactly the proper depth of terror?

We must not let ourselves be coerced by those who would deny the problem, would seek to undermine our search for the truth. Even the quick red fox jumping over the lazy brown dog was never this careless. There is a real world out there and we must sally forth into the exciting fray.

Lenin once said it is possible to defeat the necessary condition . . . even the smallest one.

Or, in the words of that indomitable anti-hero of American suburban folklore, Richard Milhouse Nixon, "I refuse to be dragged around like an old shoe."

Exactly.

Inflation, creeping socialism. These are as mere shadows to the spectre that confronts us now, in this our hour of decision. What is to be done?

Indeed, what can be done? We fear that perhaps we have already passed the point at which reconciliation is impossible. Now is the time to close ranks, to unite in the face of the

beige terror. Parlor pinks and inscrutable yellows can no longer concern us. Administrators, consider your children. Students, consider

your mothers. Would you want her to mary one of those? No, not even our most flexible federal system can come to grips with these devastating implications.

And devastating implications there are. We promise you, there will be blood: on the campus, on the beaches, between the sheets, and even the psychologists have admitted these impending disasters are beyond their ability to comprehend or predict. And when it is over, there will be much washing of hands-

but, little naming of names. Can any man stand by? Will you stand by? The Gateway shall not, we can assure you. There will be some who will

obfuscate it, those even who will distort it. But in the end, they will find themselves unable to stem the tide. In the eyes of all, they will lose credibility, not because of

any restrictive policy on our part, but because of their lack of co-operation with those who hold the true interests of mankind at heart.

They will not be the ones to avert the impending carnage. They will be the ones who will seek pat political solutions.

the ones who hide behind the political slogans. To no avail. For, a pirate ship will appear on the horizon and in Kansas

small boy will grow up to be a doctor. The King will be thrown from his counting house. And we shall stand fast, written into a corner maybe, but

still standing fast.

Surely the people deserve better than this.

How can more money help the U of A when it's as obsolete as a Sputnick?

I write this letter in response to your request for 70 lines of copy as a result of the fact that you lost my earlier letter which consisted of about two lines. My point in that letter was basically that Chairman Max is wrong if he thinks the quality of this university will suffer due to lack of funds. Besides the obvious illogic in his prophecy-i.e. since when has quality ever depended on quantity-there needs to be considered Dr. Wyman's refusal even to think about it, let alone to admit that the funds of the university are failing precisely because the quality has already long since departed. In effect this university is no longer an indispensable institution as it now stands. As Marshall McLuhan has said-the university is obsolete---it went into orbit with Sputnik and Nuclear Warheads — (perhaps as opposed to chairmen and department heads). A recent statement by Dr. R. G. Baldwin, head of the Department of English, put the matter in official mandarinese: At a meeting of deans and chairmen this morning (February 13) . . . Informed opinion was that the cut-back signals a major readjustment in the thinking about the priority and economics of higher education, not merely in the province but in the country as a whole. If that is so, we may find that a great many things get reassessed in the next few years. I can not help agreeing with

Dr. Baldwin about impending reassessment. This country can not afford to have an intelligent population if there is to be any power left for the play boys. Power depends on maneuvering about uninformed people. But people know too much today-their apathy is a vote of non-confidence in the system-a refusal to care about the necessities of empire-a turning to their own personal future rather than the collective future of the power source.

If Chairman Max is really concerned about quality-and from what he was quoted as saying in last Friday's Casserole one might draw such an inference, he should take a tip from McLuhan and turn the university into a nuclear warhead. It is one thing to program education for discovery and ordinarily that might be bomb enough-it is another to bite the hand that feeds you when the food is liberally dosed with poison.

The university must confront society with the prevailing winds of evil and provide positive impetus in more profitable directions. We are concerned not just with the apparent quality of the university's reputation but with quality of whole generations of culture. The university must continue to keep politics merely a part of culture and not allow politics to pervert culture into an instruments of power. Hitler accomplished just such a perversion precisely because the German universities had so successfully divorced themselves from the German way of life. We don't

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need money in order to think. We don't need money in order to speak. We don't need money in order to avoid the plague. We need minds that can confront. we need voices that are strong, we need a properly balanced culture with a high immunity factor. If we continue to negate people like Kemp, Murray and Williamson we will continue to lose people like Mathews and Mandel. Eventually we will have nothing to say and no one to say it — and consequently no need for money whatsoever.

As things stand, even now, if the University of Alberta has anything to say to the community it is keeping that well hid. The decision to discontinue freshman English this year as a compulsory subject is simply a recognition on a very sub-conscious level of something that freshmen have been saying for several years -namely, that our language and its traditions are irrelevant to and incapable of coping with the timeless gestures of manipulation which crowd the 20th Century market place.

What student revolution has failed to realize — and this is perhaps its reason for failureis that students don't need parity or even presence on Boards of Governnors or Faculty Councils or Department committees in order to do your thinking for you Chairman Max. They have power in their freedom from such useless offspring of the system, and in their freedom from necessary association with those whose total preoccupation is with position and reputation. To drop out is to drop down to realities. to solid fundamentals — away from the mad spinning of dark vortices. Why, Chairman Max, should this university not become a drop out?

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The Graduate Students' Association as an organization of, by and for Uncle Toms

Because you're

in school.

The Graduate Students' Association as an Organization of Uncle Toms OR: How can we all work together to perpetuate the the status quo?

Why?

Dialog

Throw your

gum out, Joe.

After viewing the proceedings of several meetings of the GSA one begins to see very explicitly that that body will not be the means for changing the educational system on this campus. At the meeting of Feb. 10, the Ted Kemp tenure case came up for discussion. After one member of the executive tried to present the facts, and made it patently clear that the whole issue rests on Mr. Kemp's teaching ability, the representative from the Department of Philosophy and several of his fellow students tried to show in a manner very reminiscent of Dean Smith and Chairman Cody that the *reputed* excellency of Mr. Kemp's teaching is very much in doubt since it has only been evalnated by undergraduate students (who of course mistake popular-ity for competence). They of course could find no arguments against Mr. Kemp's teaching ability except the obvious (??) fact that if a man cannot march to the publish or perish music he is obviously inept. It also became apparent, that since Mr. Kemp is also a graduate student in the department, he is a competitor of theirs (read enemy) in the programmed path to academic excellence. It was also clear that the members of the GSA are already so far into the game of academic one-upmanship that they do not even question the rules anymore. especially if their own position may be jeopardized by so doing. This was clearly demonstrated by their acceptance of the above argument in making their decision to not support Mr. Kemp.

My general disgust with the GSA as a viable body through which changes in the educational system could be made arises from their desire (in the form of an association independent of the Student Union) to separate themselves from common student concerns. This point has been made previously in the Gateway by Steve Hardy with respect to the Law and Order committee, but was accentuated further during the open hearing held by that committee when after the committee's incompetence in legal matters had clearly been shown by some law students, a vote of confidence was held by those in the audience. The president of the GSA was one of a minute (less than 5% of those present) minority who could express confidence in the work of that committee.

These two glaring issues aside. it has been obvious throughout that a predictable stand of the GSA will contradict that of the SU but support that of the administration. I can conclude with the observation that if the student is a nigger then the graduate student could be called a Black Bourgeois as he shuffles and bows his head as Mr. Charlie calls the tune.

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