

## More letters

I guess I'd consider myself a quiet revolutionary. I, like most, fear the 'dog-eat-dogism' of big business and kick the dog attitude of labour, but at 21, with one month of work, two years of Bay street and a credit in English from U of T, I'm in no position to change anything. I'll just eat my granola and finish the comics.

There. Now about that protest (I never talk politics on an empty stomach). Right, the one that cancelled your humanities tutorial. Wasn't it a joke? And I thought Broom Hilda was funny! Our union activists make the Dagwood Bumstead's bowling over the mailman scene look like something from "Swan Lake". They couldn't get anything together. I'm sure you've all seen the little posters beautifying the walls of our school. It went about lodging all kinds of complaints ranging from tuition increases to the federal governments AIB programme.

Now I don't like the idea of paying

more tuition but we should not forget the last increase was back in 1972. Something they overlooked was that almost all students who apply for assistance from the OSAP as independants receive substantial grants. Instead of questioning the increase they should ask why the government is giving away so much money.

Moving on to the AIB and the clammer of the unions, I'm at a loss. How could these workers protest, with conviction when the average salary increases have been three to four per cent higher than the rate of inflation? The larger unions prior to the AIB were asking for and getting salary increases anywhere from 15 to 22 per cent per year in a time when inflation was nosing 11.5 per cent. I've never endorsed Trudeau and his band, but I must applaud them now because for once he's done something that few Western leaders have had the guts to do - stand up to the unions and say 'No'.

I'm tired of all the bellyaching. I hope there are a lot more like me. Take an honest look at the Canadian way of life, at the AIB, inflation, and staying ahead of the game. If you're tired like me, all you can say is, 'Dagwood, ol' boy, you've never had it so good.'

Edward Howe

### Embarrassing letter

When I picked up my copy of Excalibur this morning, I hurriedly turned to the Editorial Page to see if my article had been printed. What I found there upset me and, as I read it over, embarrassed me.

I phone Michael Hollett to discover the reason for the bastardization of the article.

Michael's explanation was that the letter was not well-received by the editorial staff. That, I can buy. My pride may have been hurt, but life goes on.

What you did, however, was take an article that was mine, made sense to me, and cut the guts out of it. If you didn't like the article, don't print the fucking thing — but don't use your editorial licence to make me sound like an idealistic first-year student that has nothing to say. You have a phone; I have a phone. If the article didn't make sense to your staff, you could have phoned for an explanation — I personally didn't think there was anything that mysterious in the article. But what did appear in the Excalibur (if the staff liked it better than the one that was submitted) maybe it says something about the tastes of the Excalibur editorial staff.

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## OPINION

By DON BALLANGER

Jean Paul Sartre has said that the social order is irreducible to the natural order. Wherefore then does the Excalibur editorial of October 7, speak about the 'nature of society' being threatened by poor government (i.e. anti-democratic).

Surely our opinion of wage and price controls being unnatural holds, but this is true of all activity of the state. More particular to our interests is the effect of the state on the nature of learning and upon our natural grounding in the working classes.

The university is populated by those who are primarily interested in the development of self awareness, using this engine of the state as a means. This tendency has been strengthened under the Trudeau-Liberal administration through the model Parliament experiments of the last fifteen years held in student politics. Trudeau has encouraged this development, because he believes in the power of the institution of government. We do not. We believe in popular anarchy.

The university has value only insofar as it serves the needs of the community; working people. This creation of value through service to the community is realized when we understand that except for the few cases of those who graduate in the professional fields serving the ruling classes (i.e. doctors, lawyers, etc.) university graduates find jobs in the community working for wages that at best are comparable to trade unionists.

As a wage earner we are not in the position to choose economic alternatives, we make the best of unfortunate circumstances, as do all wage earners in the working classes.

The point then for the student is to recognize that our solidarity with the working classes on the issues of October 14 is not a rationalization advocating some other form of government, say, socialism (NDP) but a vital negation of Big Government through involvement in the community.

What we want to learn is not how to manipulate the state but how to get along without it! We want to learn to apply our knowledge of bureaucracy, of politics, in order that we may dissipate the power of the state.

The economic realities are; students are affluent, multicultural and priveleged. These inequities can only be surmounted through the process of the conclusion of the capitalist state, by the end of the exploitation of work, and the popular control of the means of production in each community, necessitating the responsible actions of people.

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Hellenic Students Association on Thursday, October 28th, at 4:00 p.m. in Room S203 Ross Bldg.

Please note: anyone who does not have a copy of the agenda and the proposed constitution please get in touch with P. Yannopoulos at 661-2392. All Hellenic students are encouraged to attend this meeting.