

**LaGrange not slandered**

In the March 15 issue of the Gateway, numerous letters were printed regarding the "No" campaign; specifically insinuating that its mandate is to slander Paul LaGrange and disrupt this year's SU Election. Unfortunately, partly due to the fact that the "No" campaign's posters are systematically torn down as soon as they appear, the students of this university are left with the above impression and not the true issue of this referendum, which is the forced donation to a pre-selected charity. By clouding the issue of this referendum, it is quite obvious that the authors hope to deceive the voting students into deciding on the basis of this negative publicity towards the "No" campaign rather than intelligent issues.

Allan Fij

**"Vote No" victimized**

Re: "Vote No" a Slam Campaign  
I would like to bring it to Mr. Cabaj's attention that over the past few days the "Vote No" campaign posters have been vandalized and then systematically removed from their legitimate places on the walls of SUB, CAB, and HUB. Perhaps there is more to the referendum issue than the price of donuts.

Andrew Lain

**Pallister Slate propaganda**

As the Students' Union elections get underway we are all being bombarded with propaganda. One leaflet in particular caught my eye, the pamphlet is for the Pallister Slate. I was not attracted by the color or design but awed by the way in which it treats students. It treats us as idiots who are going to be conned into voting by the promises of cheap beer. The fact that this slate seems to think that one of the most important issues facing students is beer is not the end of it however. Throughout it says the things that they think that students want to hear.

For example, we are told that the S.U. has \$1.7 million sitting in the bank which they will make work for students. That \$1.7 million has been built up over the years. It is a building fund and a risk fund. They do not discuss the reasons for its existence nor where it will be spent. They seem to forget that it is our money and it should be spent and saved responsibly, not simply because it is there.

Money issues arise again as they tell us that they will give faculty associations \$2.00 per student. This very much appears to be a number pulled out of midair. Would it not be a more responsible handling of students' money to spend it as it is needed? It seems they want to throw money blindly at these organizations regardless of need or use.

They then discuss the S.U. Businesses and propose student discounts. Students are the people who use these businesses and it is through the revenue generated from them that the S.U. Services are funded. They are operating at capacity now so the prices are not too high. A decrease in revenue incurred by lower prices would lead to a decrease in the quality of services.

The VP Academic candidate seems very dedicated and knowledgeable but in case you were wondering the U of A Planning document is called "The Next Decade and Beyond" not "The First Decade and Beyond" — any and all students can find accessible copies in the SU offices. Too bad the P.S. candidates didn't. Along the same portfolio, the P.S. slate also proposes a used hook registry. There is one presently run by a campus club — with great success. Taking this away from them is not consistent with their desire to assist and encourage clubs.

Finally, you will notice that Paul Pallister is the only one who has a personal list of experience — perhaps that's all the Pallister slate has to offer.

Vitor Marciano

**Don't condemn "NO"**

How dare you condemn the "No" campaign? This type of mudslinging only discredits an already dirty election. The poster-

destroying campaign by some is not only childish but illegal as well. I would like to take this opportunity to say to those responsible that if you cannot win an election through merit you obviously must think that "smear politics" will bring you victory. I am incensed at the publicity machine working for LaGrange's slate — they have used the "No" side of the referendum and the Gateway to further their interests. It would be hoped that the students of this U of A do not change their votes because of this incident.

Hassan Irlan

**Ski Club ticked off**

I am extremely distressed to learn that there are certain people involved with the Student Union elections that have settled for disturbingly shallow and petty actions for self-righteous promotion.

A few days ago, I, along with a couple of Ski Club members, assembled a banner to hang in CAB. That banner's message was the following: "The U of A Ski Club urges you to vote in the SU Elections. P.S. Serious leadership needs a serious vote, no joke."

A few days after the hanging of this poster, some of the present SU candidates lodged a complaint with the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), alleging that "P.S." stood for one of the slates. After receiving no action from the CRO, these students proceeded to unilaterally alter our poster, without U of A Ski Club consent at all. On behalf of our club, we feel that this is very serious, and request a written apology from those people involved.

P.S. "P.S." stands for POST SCRIPT Terrence J. Lipovski President, U of A Ski Club (Ed. note: CRO cooper did order the "P.S." on the banner to be covered).

**Anti-Cutbacks Team active**

Re: Pallister Slate pamphlet:  
The Students' Union Anti-Cutbacks Team (A.C.T.) has been ineffective lobbying on and off campus. It is essential that the government hears the concerns of the entire campus — not just a small portion.



I am compelled to set the record straight concerning this comment made in Pallister Slate campaign material. The Anti-Cutbacks Team (A.C.T.) is a committee established to address the issues of provincial funding cutbacks and their impact on the University of Alberta. Exactly how it does that is up to the committee itself. Some past A.C.T. committees have staged media events, distributed information, run awareness campaigns, and conducted research. It has never been, however, in the mandate of the A.C.T. committee to directly lobby the government; nor should it be considered, as the comment implies, to encompass the entire lobby effort of the Students' Union.

While the responsibility of a direct government lobby lies with the External VP, under whose portfolio A.C.T. falls, the committee is another albeit related aspect of the job. The student lobby is a wider responsibility shared with the President and VP External with government officials, but in membership in broad-based provincial and national student interest groups. It is due in part to the activities of this larger student lobby that the Provincial Government has announced another 7.5 million dollars to be allocated for education and student related budget categories (Student Finance Board).



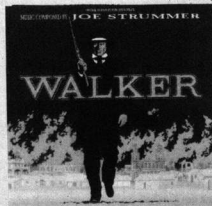

I am concerned that anyone considers the various media events sponsored by the A.C.T. committee the sum total of the Students' Union lobby effort. Such events are designed to bring public attention to the issue. An effective lobby working and cooperative relationships between Government and students, something done with personal diplomatic skills and often behind the scene, A.C.T. is simply the public face of student concern over the issues.


The current Students' Union Executive has placed a high priority on the student lobby. The External department is currently reviewing the coordination of the various boards and committees to best represent student interests, and even reviewing the position of External Commissioner to better represent students.

Jason Lucien  
External Commissioner  
Chair of the Anti-Cutbacks Team

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