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# letters

## Thanks for the support

An open letter to all Arts  
students:

First of all we would like to  
thank you for coming out and  
voting on Friday. A special thank  
you goes to our campaign  
workers and the Arts Involvement  
Campaign Committee  
who put in many long hours on  
our behalf. Thank you.

Our being elected is a cry  
for recognition by the Arts  
students. Foremost our responsi-  
bility lies to you. We have an  
open invitation to any Arts  
student with opinions and ideas  
concerning any student issues.  
We have started contacting the  
other candidates and elected  
G.F.C. representatives to form a  
cohesive voice for the Arts

students. We have begun talks  
with the Arts Faculty concern-  
ing initiating our policies.

Secondly, since the fate of  
Arts students is interrelated  
with the fate of other students,  
we are organizing a viable  
constructive Students' Union  
council. We invite all other  
elected representatives to come  
forward with their ideas, meet  
with us, and work with us.

No longer is the Students'  
Union and its policies going to  
be independent of the student  
body. TOGETHER the S.U. coun-  
cil can work for the students.  
Thank you.

Kim McKenzie  
Ken Reynolds  
Arts reps S.U. Council

## READER COMMENT

## Species of disturbance

I'd like to take this last  
chance opportunity to propose  
the banishment of a certain  
Undesirable Element (UE) from  
this campus. I'd also like to  
suggest that there be a quota  
system created that would pre-  
vent an excessive enrolment of  
this same UE.

Members of the UE can be  
found in five major groupings.  
The first of these is the *Ob-  
noxious Orals* (OO). These are  
the alleged students that slouch  
in back-of-class seats and  
crackle cellophane wrappers at  
strategic moments (like when a  
prof. gives the date and place of  
a mid-term exam). It usually  
takes a crackler at least half-an-  
hour to munch through a  
sandwich, which means that the  
camp-fire snapping noise is  
often accompanied by a  
revolting smacking and chom-  
ping and crumb-spitting. While  
the rest of the class silently  
considers a professor's state-  
ment, an OO can often be heard  
competing with the hum of the  
air-conditioning as he/she  
masticates food quite audibly.  
This type of UE is often a  
"snorter" as well, punctuating  
class discussion with a soaking-  
wet sniff, followed by a loud,  
moist swallow.

A second type of UE is the  
*hystericum shriekus* (HS),  
usually of the female species.  
An HS almost always knows  
when there are hung-over peo-  
ple in the class, and chooses  
these grim moments to offer her  
piercing giggle, sitting back in  
satisfaction to watch the win-  
dows crack and her victims  
shudder. I would like to suggest  
that all HS's have their vocal  
cords removed and donated to  
the Psycho-Aggression  
Research Society.

A third member-group of  
the IIF most often goes by the

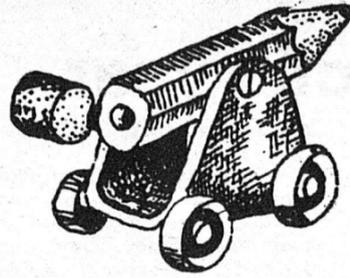
name of *Jock Block* (JB).  
Members of a JB usually sit in a  
shoulder-to-shoulder bolder-  
and-bolder circle at the back of  
the class. These creatures con-  
tribute to the academic pursuits  
of the university by laughing  
raucously at the utterance of  
erotic words in class. Words like  
armpit, cum, protuberance,  
holy creche, bare-naked and  
chest. The word "titillating" is  
also a popular, chuckle-  
provoking one for this group.

The fourth group, POFS, are  
not to be confused with other  
common university species  
(profs, poofs). POFS are those  
students that smile a lot, and  
have noses that are an odd,  
earthy-brown color. They can  
also be seen clustered in a  
sticky knot around the  
professor's desk after a lecture  
finishes. The full name of the  
POF species is *Plain-Old-  
Fashioned-Suck*.

The last group in the UE is a  
composite one, containing all  
the left-overs of those already  
thrice-rejected. These are the  
pencil-tappers, the belchers,  
the hand-raisers, the jigglers  
and the noddors. Loud page-  
turners deserve special atten-  
tion, because of their unique  
habit of sitting happily at their  
desk turning page after page of  
their voluminous notes, obliv-  
ious to the shattered  
nerves that result from this  
continuous whip-crack sound.

It is my humble opinion that  
the U of A should open up  
enrolment to foreign students,  
but close it to the ranks of the UE  
within our midst. Thanking you  
in advance for your careful  
consideration of this matter, I  
remain....

Sincerely yours,  
Ralph Nader  
Extermination III



# editorial

## Speech a disappointment

The Council changeover meeting last night in my  
opinion, represents not only a change of faces, but a  
change in policies.

I don't want to sound as if I'm pre-judging this new  
executive, but I feel that comments made in the  
inauguration speech of the new president, Len  
Zoeteman, deserve some critical comment.

To be fair with Len, I must say that an unbiased  
news story of the comments he made in his speech  
should accompany this editorial, but time constraints  
of a major nature prohibit this. So I'll try and temper my  
criticisms to reflect this unfair situation.

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Zoeteman's speech was entirely devoid of any  
commitment on the part of the new executive to do  
anything — other than expressing enthusiasm about  
taking over their new job. There was no commitment to  
do anything specific on any issue, like I expected an SU  
inauguration speech to contain. (I've seen three of  
them.)

Leadbeater's "leaving of office" speech contained  
references to goals achieved to the achievements the  
executive had made. I expected Zoeteman's speech to  
contain some type of policy statement or basic aim  
with regards to next year's activities, but I received  
none at all.

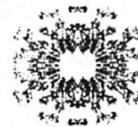
What Council was given was a five minute long  
speech introduction with no body or conclusion. All he  
said was how enthused he was, and how he looked  
forward to a lot of interaction and debate from Council  
in the year to come. Every type of formal speech of this  
nature contains similar material, but they usually get  
over that and down to business.

Maybe Zoeteman had no business to discuss.  
Maybe the executive as yet, have no basic goals that  
could be related to Council (and indirectly to the  
students who elected them). Frankly, I'm not entirely  
sure.

But I'm disappointed students couldn't get an idea  
of where the year will go in terms of student politics.

I'm disappointed that no real meat was contained  
in his speech, and I hope both Len and the rest of the  
executive will be more vocal on different issues in  
specific as the year progresses. It would have been  
beneficial to both Council and students, if Zoeteman  
had used the many hours he said he used to prepare his  
speech, to give us something concrete to listen to.

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