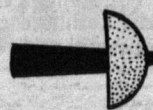


En Garde!

by John Roggeveen



In the size of the lie is always contained a certain factor of credulity, since the great masses of the people will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one.

—Adolf Hitler

Sorry Dolfie, not this time. Not only did it not work, but I didn't even get my deposit back. (Whine, whimper, pout.)

I also have the dishonor of being the worst political forecaster in the Gateway predicto poll. I apologize to those of you whose chances I ruined by selecting you as favorites in the annual political derby. I promise I'll never do it again. I'll spend my time, and money, playing the short-term equine futures market at Northlands. I can't do any worse there.

Greg Maclean was the only one I selected who I didn't hex. They're recounting the ballots on Saturday again, however, and if I were Mr. Maclean I wouldn't be too sure of myself yet. Good luck, Greg.

I would like to thank those of you who had the guts to vote Utopian Pragmatist. And Conservative Youth Front for Liberal Extremism too, for that matter. Too many people on this campus take politics far too seriously. Winning isn't everything in politics, it's the only thing.

I'll probably give you some more tidbits on the election some other time, when the recounts are done and the official results are written in stone. Till then, all you candidates can sweat.

• Until I decided to run in the election, I was going to write something about an Andrew Watts commentary on South African boycotts and the nearly-erstwhile Federation of Alberta Students (FAS). Only Watts can be dealt with succinctly so:

Watts and boycotts. The vp external-elect of your Students' Union said this a while back. (And it's coming back to haunt him. Boo!) Can you make sense of it? Andrew said: "This does not mean that boycotts have no function, they do. They can serve to educate and inform people who otherwise would be left ignorant. But as method to to achieve change in South Africa, they are at best, ineffectual and worst, dangerous. (My italics - J.P.R.) Say what?"

Zimbabwe. I heard Ian Smith decrying the state of the Zimbabwean economy since he was dethroned. Ian was boasting about how, when he was prime minister, the economy had run so smoothly. He hasn't observed the plight of other economies, I guess. Nor has Ian considered the fact that when you actually have to pay for labor, it kind of cuts into your profits.

Find the Misspelled Words Winner. The winner of the contest is Pauline Hoy, Science II. She was the only entrant. Shame on all you Arts students. I know it's hard to persevere through an entire Gateway sometimes. However, I didn't think that only Science students possessed the stamina to do so.

Last minute LSAT advice from one who knows. This is just for those who write the dreaded test on Saturday. It's no use telling you to relax, you can't. All I can say is that you shouldn't fill in any E's when the only possible choices are A, B, C, and D. I also wish you good luck. No matter how smart you are, you'll need all the luck you can get.

• You know, in your heart, you are a Utopian Pragmatist. Deep inside you are demoralized that the Utopian Pragmatists didn't win. Don't despair. Elbert Hubbard (whoever he is or was) said: "There is no failure except in no longer trying." The UP movement cannot be kept down!

Laneway ist verboten

It is noted that a number of unauthorized vehicles are being driven past the restriction sign at the Stadium Car Park entry area onto the laneway between Students' Union Building and the Physical Education Complex.

On at least two occasions, reports have been received of pedestrians being "brushed" by such vehicles. Operators are cautioned that restriction will be enforced and offending operators will be ticketed.

W.F.G. Perry, Parking Services

Eugene on the mainline

As Almighty GOD I greet you:

Enclosed are two letters — one written by Lucifer and addressed to Me, the other Dictated by Me and addressed to Lucifer. Since Lucifer gave no forwarding address, I pray these letters will be published in your Newspaper as open letters.

The two letters appeared in 1964. They were limited to about 500 Editors, whereas today, we have almost 3,000 Editors and Publishers on Our mailing list.

As long as Time will remain, mortals will always be in contention with the Devil. He has his own brand of justice — a shroud on unwary Souls, in this never ending surge of Virtue.

Every day, misguided Souls fall to the cleavage of his death-grip. As long as Time will remain I, your Living GOD, will do battle to save lost Souls. Those who come to Me in Faith, I will in no way cast out. I will clothe the recipients in Humility and save them from the clutch of the Devil.

As long as I, your Living GOD, and Time remain, evil must always lurk in the shadows and a constant, never ending struggle between GOD and Righteousness, and the evil domain of lost Souls must remain.

As Almighty GOD, My Holy Spirit has Dictated

this Letter to you through My blessed Son, who wrote down my Sacred Words. My Holy name is never written on paper. My Endearing Son will sign His name to keep you from falling prey to evil.

Prayerfully yours, Eugene Changey

Managing Editor's note: The Gateway deeply regrets that space does not permit us to reprint the utterly fascinating correspondence between Lucifer and God. It is on display in the Gateway office at the Voodoo Editor's desk.

Arabs are Semites too

By the time this issue is printed, the "Hillel vs. Oscar" controversy will have come to an end. The chuckles elicited by Emil Tubinshlak's letter, however, may go on for weeks. There is a pathetic side to it, though; I think the guy is serious! In any case, this reply is based on that premise.

Firstly, Emil, my friend, the word "Zionism" is not the smokescreen you suggest; it denotes a specific ideological stance held by many (though not all) Jews. Critics of the movement ("The Russians" included) use the term to avoid confusion with garden variety Jew-bashing - not to mask anything.

Secondly, Emil, old boy, the term "anti-semitism" is a misnomer that should not be used in the Arab-Israeli context. Arabs are Semites, too. I'm sure Oscar Ammar was rather amused at being labelled anti-semitic! In any case, a great many anti-Zionists are not anti-Jewish.

Thirdly, Emil, you have accused me of not providing evidence to back up my characterization of Oscar as "fair and rational". Kindly re-read the paragraph in which I used that phrase....I guess you just missed it the first time through, eh?

You say that the Soviets "craftily distort facts to use them for their own purposes" and imply that I have done the same - relying on "pure rhetoric" instead of facts. In reply, I would advise you that the Soviets hold no monopoly on media manipulation.

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plans during his campaign, why hasn't he done anything this year? The fact that one of his exec quit in October and three others actively campaigned against him should give some idea of his skills as a "team" member.

To add insult to injury, two election follow-up stories were written in Tuesday's Gateway, both of which quote Rob Greenhill extensively.

In the first, he damns with faint praise the two members of the Therrien slate elected with him.

In the second, he states which election promises by both major slates shall and shall not come to pass, as if Rob Greenhill were the sole authority (God preserve us!).

This is a typical example of the kind of incestuous relationship that exists between Greenhill, some of council, and some of our editorial staff. It's not like Rob is above criticism — why isn't he honestly criticized?

Furthermore, what are the chances of his being criticized if a member of his "team" is now back at work as our editor?

I've spoken to Andrew Watts (our editor and VP external-elect) and emphasized that I have nothing personal against him. But I think even he would admit that Don Millar is more qualified for the position of VP external. If Andrew does criticize Robert, it may jeopardize their future working relationship.

What I'm calling for is a truly objective, independent student press. If autonomy would help the Gateway, it should be cut loose.

In the meantime, I encourage a more realistic approach to investigating the SU and placing some blame where it is due.

I hope the Gateway is up to the task. Right now I wouldn't bet on it.

SECOND WIND

An occasional column of opinion by Gateway staffers

by Dave Cox

This whole past SU election leaves a bitter taste in my mouth.

Let me state at the outset that I supported the Therrien slate in the past election. At least I'm honest enough to admit it.

But others of this paper's editorial staff had the nerve to pretend they were objective about the election and write articles and editorials about it (which I removed myself from).

I think this should be recognized as the biggest scandal of this election.

If Robert Greenhill is not impeached for his breach of executive committee confidentiality, a great travesty will be perpetrated.

Only in the final days of the campaign did it begin to come out that Greenhill's record isn't as sterling as he claims. What is his record of attendance and participation in University committees this year? He admitted to being little more than a "glorified accountant" this year — what concerns of students have been ignored as a consequence?

If Robert could come up with such marvelous

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