

## the natural superiority of Canadians?

It is a shame that my fellow (?) Science Rep, Darryl Grams, could not bring himself to the point in his drawn out letter of Tuesday, Feb. 6. It is a shame his article is filled with statistics in an attempt to draw the reader's attention away from the main point and his absurd motion. It is a shame I must affiliate my title with his. In my case, "the rattle is missing", I am glad; for surely Mr. Grams has much more than the rattle missing - in his head.

His brilliant motion "...moved that all executive and managerial positions (including Gateway editor and

CKSR director) be filled only by Canadian citizens" which was seconded by Saffron Shandro, attempted to restrict any foreign students' right to run in an election. Are Canadians so superior to others? I think not.

Mr. Grams states that this does not restrict foreign students but that the "more important positions where policy decisions are made should be filled by Canadian citizens. He goes on to say that there are many other positions such as faculty reps and committee members where foreign students' "inputs are welcomed and desired". This is blatant prejudice! They are just

as capable, if not more so, than we are. I am quite sure they would not try to take over the positions, Mr. Grams, as you are so intent on doing with Canadians.

The motion was a direct contradiction to a S.U. member's rights, Mr. Grams, and as for walking out on you and injuring your inflated pride, I am sorry I stayed for the first 15 minutes of your speech - and I'm glad I left for the other 15. It was an utter waste of time for all involved.

Carl Kuhnke  
the other Science rep

## attack on tedium

I must apologise to Professor Vanek for misinterpreting his original statement that 'much redundant administrative manpower could be transferred to the computer...'. Of course, Professor Vanek intended to maintain that the 'FUNCTIONS of these administrators could be largely computerized'. Moreover I would support strongly the increased application of computer technology to the administration of this university, if such a step would also increase the efficiency of the administration.

## saving the tax payer

I was surprised to find that Frans Slatter stated that I have made up my mind concerning a Stadium.

I was appointed to the Board of Governors committee to study the commonwealth games at a student council meeting last month. Since Dr. Neal is on holidays (he is the chairman) the committee has not held any meetings yet. But I have been doing my own research about the games. So far I have found that it will probably cost the taxpayer some money for the games. This burden can be reduced however if the university agrees to open its facilities to the games and if the facilities are built they could be used by the university after the games are over.

As for Mr. Slatter's comments regarding a stadium, I suggest that before he makes any more statements on my behalf that he asks me what I really feel beforehand.

Jim Tanner  
Arts 2

## stinking saunas

About twice a week I arouse from my sedentary student state to go swimming and have a sauna or at least have a sauna. At my last foray I walk into the heat room and almost walked out, green. However, realizing that anything worthwhile required effort I climbed to the top bench where the air was somewhat more pure.

Speculation followed.

Would the board of health license a private facility with such "odor".

Nevertheless, who are the 'individual administrators, or at least most of them,' who 'could return under a system of more computerized administration to the practice of their originally-chosen profession of teaching and research'? By and large the university staff may be divided into two basic groups. There are those employees who teach and pursue research, and there are those who administer. It is a fact that most 'individual administrators' belong to the second group and already work in their originally chosen profession as administrators. Thus I assume that Professor Vanek wishes to alleviate the tedium experienced by those academics who are heavily engaged in the duties of their subordinate role as administrators.

Such a concern for this small portion of the university staff is to be applauded and deserves to be used as a platform in Professor Vanek's bid for the presidency of this institution, - even though it may appear, at first glance, to be of small significance and perhaps even facile.

C.J. Simpson  
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## waitin' for fred

In reply to your article in the January 25th edition, "Waitin' For Willy", I wish to comment under the title, "Waitin' for Fulton, Yes".

Although Mr. Mantor's article touched briefly on a few of the problems at HUB, it was just that brief and far from detailed. It seemed to imply that the fault of rectifying the problems lies on the janitor, Willy. But in truth, I feel that it rests in the hands of the management and in particular Fulton X Fredrickson, HUB Manager.

As for Mr. Fredrickson's claims in the article that construction noise is only serious in the far end of the mall, and the noise between suites is caused by emergency doors, I can say but two letters: B as in babbling, S as in shithead. From the beginning of the first term, many tenants were assured that their suites would be ready to be occupied when they arrived, but they weren't. Mr.

Were it used less it would be more healthy but the student body would be less.

There are seldom less than four users and some times more than twenty, no wonder it smells.

Do they ever wash this place out, probably not, but all it would take is a waterproof light,

something with the carbon paper in backwards. I was surprised when this mistake was pointed out to me as it seemed a trivial one to make on a first day. After I had started a second piece of typing, I was told that "this effort seems better than your first one". I began to resent having to prove that I could type when the personnel office had already given me a test. I gradually felt less kindly towards the employer and left after the first day.

What bothers me most about this situation is that the employer did not seem to understand just how his hiring practice put me at an unfair disadvantage. He said that in a similar situation, he would

simply do his best to show how well he could perform (the language of this business made me think of fleas and chorus girls). He said that "even teachers" are on probation for a two-year period. This seems to me very different from a three-day try out. He was convinced, it seemed, that his "scientific" method was completely justified.

I disagree. It seems to me particularly unfair for employers to try out applicants in this manner during times of high unemployment, when the applicants may be already under considerable pressure regarding economic survival.

Sylvia Korth

## trial by typewriter

Last month I applied for a permanent part-time job as clerk-typist in one of the university departments. After the interview, the employer said: "How would you like to come in and show me what you can do?" He wanted proof that I was competent and easy to get along with. He had in mind a three-day tryout.

I was in need of employment. Against my own better judgment, I agreed to these terms.

When I went to work I found the stress I was under made me feel apathetic to my assignments. Before that, I had felt considerable interest in the position. I was more nervous than usual and typed out

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## THIS WON'T HURT,

## DID IT?

It was done so fast it almost didn't hurt. Just like the nurse with the poised hypo promises. But in spite of her quickness, it does hurt and last Friday's jab by the Board of Governors promises to smart for years to come.

The approval of an "innocent" report from the Board finance committee means the "temporary" supplemental fee for Student Health will be continued next year, probably forever.

The action was taken despite promises last year that the fee-levied during the summer when students were not around to make much noise-would be carefully reconsidered and student opinion taken into account, before it was levied a second time. In refusing to reconsider, the Board has betrayed its assurances to student leaders.

Grad rep Peter Flynn was the only one to yell "ouch" as the deed was done. His objections were answered with the veiled threat that if the fee were reconsidered, it would probably be found inadequate and the board would be "forced" to increase it.

"Student reps" Frans Slatter and Gerry Riskin voted with the majority to levy the fee with no further discussion. While there's some reason to believe that Slatter tried, through his position on the finance committee, to do something, Riskin has not even that excuse. And in the crunch, the board's vote, only Flynn showed the courage to vote no.

What is to be done? We tried suggesting storming the Board of Governors' meeting once before, only to find attendance at the next meeting was lower than usual.

You come up with something--it's your \$10.

Terri Jackson

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