

Rules are made to be... enforced

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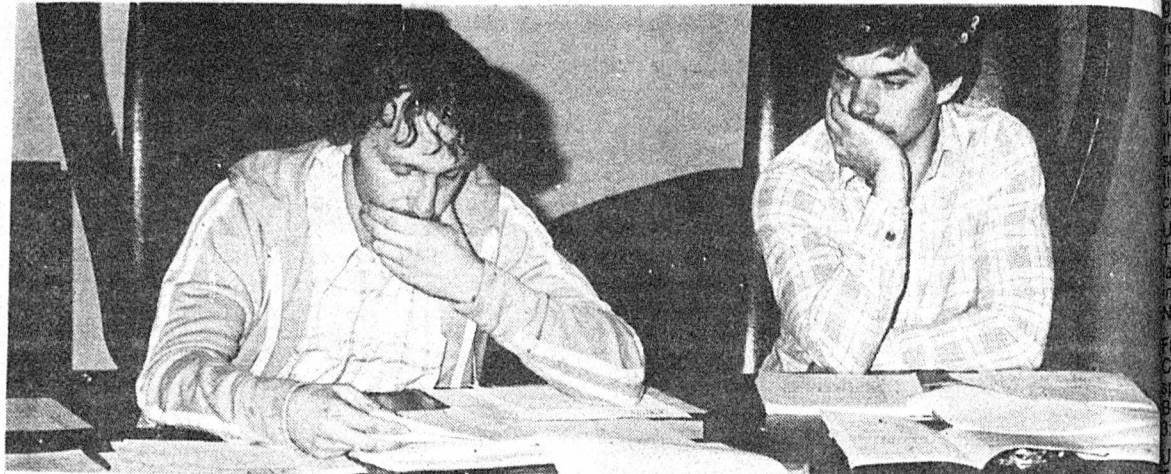
When three hairy bums, bold and blatant, greet unsuspecting readers of *The Gateway*, it may be considered the obvious cue for the D.I.E. Board to enter.

When overly-zealous Aggies lead cattle through university buildings the D.I.E. Board is once again called upon to tame such uncouth tactics.

The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board finds its legal existence in the U of A constitution. To quote that erudite document: "The board is established ... for the purpose of enforcing discipline among the members of the students' union, interpreting the constitution and all by-laws and motions of the students' council, and enforcing compliance with the students' union." Whew. So the D.I.E. Board knocks the knuckles of naughty students to the melancholic tune of twenty-five dollars. Student organizations — such as *the Gateway* and the Ag club — can be forced to part with the even gloomier sum of a C-note.

However, as the definition tells us, disciplinary action is only a third of the D.I.E. Board's purpose. The second duty is interpretation and it isn't very exciting. (Certainly never as exciting as bare bums.) It means that the board is "responsible for the interpretation of the constitution and by-laws of the students' union." Ho hum. Any student may request disciplinary action to be taken. Only a commission, committee, club or board registered with the SU, or a group of at least ten students may appeal to the board for any interpretive action. Both requests must be submitted in writing to the Speaker of the Students' Council or to the Chairman of the D.I.E. Board.

The D.I.E. Board is also accountable for



Die Bored. Sometimes it takes a long time to make a decision. It took an hour and a half to decide the fate

of BACUS last Friday at this year's first D.I.E. Board meeting. Story to appear in Friday's Gateway

the "enforcement of the constitution and by-laws of the students' union." It has the power to annul any motion of any student organization which conflicts with the constitution and by-laws of the SU.

Because the members are not paid, we must wonder what incentive leads them to membership on this board. The ambition that furthering one's own cause by sitting on so prestigious a board is one case for motivation which will enter into many a sagacious mind.

Gary Romancuk, Law III, chairman of the board, counters that this is not the case — at least not for himself. Romancuk also assures us that the D.I.E. Board is *not* a group of philanthropists attempting to come to the speedy aid of misguided lambs; nor is it a tribunal created to mete out severe punishment. He explains that the "D.I.E. Board members are a group of concerned students who feel they have something to offer their peers." Four of the members are law students so we may assume that "something" is their ability to grasp and interpret a legal document such as the constitution. The members feel that there is a need for enforcement of

the university's rules. They believe that they are qualified to sit in judgement over you and me.

The obvious question that arises at this point is: "Are the members of the D.I.E. Board as competent and qualified as they would have us believe?" It is not possible to rate the year's D.I.E. Board as no cases have yet come before it. Nor can we legitimately assess the present board's competence on the basis of its previous performance since the records of previous cases are destroyed at the end of each year.

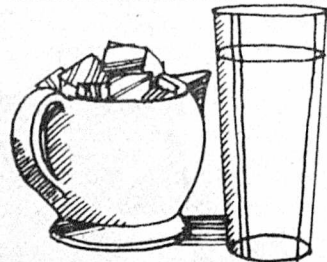
When the D.I.E. Board does eventually exercise its power, so will we. We will judge the skill and efficiency with which the board handles itself and its cases and we will judge the judiciousness of the D.I.E. Board's decisions.

Until that time, the board is available to any student with any legitimate complaint. If you are unfortunate enough to observe someone depositing excrement in someone else's mailbox, you will now at least be fortunate enough to know whom to sue and how to commence legal action against them.

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Easy!

Ricard tastes just like licor ...
 ... no, I guess I can't really say just like ... but it *does* when it's straight (almost), but not in a ... um, say a RICORANGE, with orange juice and grenadine (just a touch of grenadine) ... of course, serve it with ice water ... no, Stanley, no ice — ice water ... and it does taste sort of like ... no, certainly not anything like *that*. A Parakeet is altogether something else. It's made with soda water — and green Crème de Menthe



and it doesn't taste *anything* like water (and it has to be green Crème de Menthe) ... But no matter what you serve it with, Ricard still tastes like ... well, like ... um ... well, Ricard tastes like what it is. A Pastic. What's a Pastic? Well, it's made in France ... and it



RICARD

tastes like ... well, like ...

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