

## sating the mechanical maw

Have we reached at last the ultimate stage in the annexation of this University by the Computer and its acolytes? I do not understand the proposal of Professor Vanek, reported in last Thursday's issue of the 'Gateway', that "much redundant administrative manpower could be transferred to the computer, ...". Surely some viable alternative to this method of sating the mechanical jaws of the Card Reader is available? I suggest that, instead of transferring these redundant administrative men to the computer — an action which would result most likely in their death —, the University deal less harshly with those who are redundant, and merely offer them severance pay or gold watches.

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## the worst coffee on campus and how to find it

Due to its very recent opening, Room 248 SUB is probably one of the least known lounges on campus though it has the potential to become a first rate place to just relax with a coffee and rap with people. After a few months of planning and preparation the Social Services Lounge is now open to all. We would just like to inform the student population what this little alcove, adjacent to Student Help and Student Legal Services is all about.

Room 248 was designated by Student's Union to be used as an informal drop-in center for anyone on campus wishing to come in. This is not to say that one must have problems to come in and have a coffee, but if anyone desires to take a load off or to discuss any hassles bothering them, agencies like Student Help and Student Legal Aid are available on the asking.

The lounge is yet in its birth pangs. The services available to the lounge will depend on the

need shown for it by the university population. Student Councillors is interested in the concept of a drop-in center and if a demand for it is indicated they will make themselves available to anyone patronizing the lounge. They realize a more meaningful communication with the students on campus may well be fulfilled by placing themselves outside of an office atmosphere and into direct contact with the student.

Besides an informal atmosphere Room 248 is fast

becoming recognized over SUB cafeteria as having the worst coffee on campus. Being the worst it also comes at half price, \$.05 a cup. So for the economy minded or thrill seekers on campus it may be worth considering.

The lounge is presently open from 10 A.M. until midnight but to keep it is a different matter. Its continued operation hinges on us, the students. The need for a lounge of this for will only be proven in time.

The People at Room 248

## today...

we bring you the straight goods on what the Y.S. has to do to win the Young Tyrants award, why choosing a new university president may be hard on the computer and how to make the parking office more efficient and humane.

## hearings 'token display of democracy'

Viewed in retrospect, the Campus Development Committee hearing on the site of the proposed Business Administration and Commerce Building seems merely to have been a token display of democracy. No explanation whatever has come from the committee regarding its decision favoring the Arts Court site. The briefs presented by Dr. Smith and others seem to have been ignored, as well as the many students who opposed the site.

It is clear that opposition to the site among students and faculty has not subsided, but our frustration has increased.

Diamond and Meyers, the authors of the Long Range Development Plan, provided the main voice at the hearing in favor of the site. But the basis of their argument was that after BAC was built, the Arts Court would become a beautiful place. This argument doesn't hold water. The Arts Court is beautiful as it is, and can be made better still without putting a building there. The same applies when the committee says that the building would complete the Court as a quadrangle and make it more manageable. You don't need a building to do that. Another reason put forward favoring the site was that the new building

would improve entrance to Tory. But, as has been said, what about all the inconvenience during construction? And again, you don't build a new building to improve a shortcoming of an existing building. Another reason given was that the site would provide building and faculty linkages. Yet a proposed alternate site, where the greenhouses presently stand, would provide potentially much more vital linkages.

The Business Administration and Commerce Building, if built on the Arts Court, would not improve either the Arts Court or the Tory Building. Yet the Campus Development Committee and the Board of Governors has decided, on the basis of very questionable rationales and a very questionable planning process, in favor of the Arts Court site.

Now is the time for students to become involved in the development of their university. The Arts Court at present and in the future will be, along with the Quad, the major open green space on this campus. The Students Union should take the responsibility and hold a referendum on students opinion of the site. The university could not ignore the results of this referendum.

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## rolling heads

Note: This letter is a copy of one sent to the parking office, to the director of parking services and to the president of the University.

With regards to the enclosed ticket, and payment, I am at a loss as to why the ticket was issued yet not placed on the vehicle at the time of the "offence". A copy (enclosed) arrived two days after the incident at my home address. Two phone calls to the Director's Office, Campus Security, have yielded no further insight (both calls terminated with "and will not discuss it further").

The bureaucratic processes on this campus are getting ridiculously out of hand, and I can only hope in the best interests of academic "security" some heads will roll in the not too distant future. It would only be a complete waste of time (both that of my own as well as the Appeals Board Members') to submit an appeal, and perhaps the five dollars will find itself a good use among those structured automatons known as the Campus Security Force.

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## confuse chaos by rotating council

I write this letter to you in support of David Allin's letter to the Gateway which appeared in the edition of January 10, 1973. I hereby state that I entirely support Allin's position; however, I wish to extend his arguments to a fruitful end. The reason for the extension is that I believe students on this campus do not wish to be conned by promises of beer and rock orgies again this year.

Allin suggested that the Student's Union "executive meet behind closed doors—settle their internal squabbles and emerge... as a consolidated unit..." After the events of the

past four months (personalized stationery, dictaphones, theatre boycotts, attache case, parking spots, research assistants, etc., etc.) no person could deny the logic behind Allin's statement.

My extension involves creating an executive situation where all five executive members could and would function as a unit. The logical answer is an election of the entire executive by slates. Under the slate system, each executive slate is responsible for their slate's compatibility and efficiency. It should be added that this system worked with good success only two years ago and had it still

been in force during last year's Student's Union executive general election, the Student's Union would not be in the precarious position it finds itself in today.

A side note to Robbie Spragins; forget about any plans of rotating councillors on the executive. That would only serve to confuse an already chaotic mess. You're out to lunch Robbie (but don't despair—you've had four others to help you and your term is nearly over.)

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## the 'Young Tyrants' Award

The Barbarian Society - Youth Division (alias the Young Socialists) is a prime contender for several awards for the 1972-73 university term.

The Intellectual Pymie Society is expected to confer the "Young Tyrants" award upon the Y.S. if they keep up their almost perfect record of promoting manipulation over reason. The other main contender for the award, the Young Fascists for Freedom League, is much less active in this region although the two groups share much common ground. In fact the similarities of the two tyrannies has prompted the label of "Red Fascists" to be attached to the Y.S.

Contestants for the "Young Tyrants" award must perform in several categories. First they must publish an article containing gross self-contradictions, and when these are exposed an attempt must be made to snowball the critics. Techniques for this include replying to questions which were never asked, vomiting up irrelevant statistics, and attributing doubtful motives to the critical students.

The Y.S. scored some points here in their *Y.S. Retort*, part of which hinged on their opposition to freedom of religion. In an inspired move they labelled Canadians who pay for and maintain a system of values different than the values of Y.S. as "intolerant" (Hitler would be proud of these young folk.) After all, what better way to begin to assault Christian values than to deny people the freedom to choose separate schools. (The Y.S. would deny "public money" to those who choose separate schools - but since even religious people provide "public money" the Y.S. position becomes one of political hostility to religion for which money is only an excuse.) Even non-religious people would likely oppose the Young Socialists for infringing on the religious rights of Canadians.

Secondly, to gain points for the "Young Tyrants" award the contestants must claim to champion a cause while at the same time demonstrating that they neither understand nor really care about the implications of their policies. The Y.S. find this is one of their strongest areas. Consider their straight faced recital on Russia (Gateway, Jan 10). Said the Y.S. 1. Russian revolution is humanities greatest triumph over capitalism - compare with - the Y.S. condemn the treachery of the Stalinist Russian bureaucracy (the Russian people apparently could not prevent the communist dictatorship from becoming murderous and barbarian - yet the Y.S. call this beginning the greatest triumph of humanity? -some triumph.)

2. Or consider this Y.S. gem - we applaud the successful socialization of the Russian economy. Then ask yourself who is feeding who. A half century later, Canadian farmers are feeding the Russians. If the Y.S. applaud that as communist economic success, they must qualify for the Goebbels Propaganda Award.

One obstacle to the "Young Tyrants" award automatically going to the Y.S. is that they must clear up a letter (here and now) that challenges the Edmonton Organizer for the Young Socialists to put up or shut up. That author (last term) wrote in the Gateway, "it is not hard to see whose interests (Day) scrambles to defend."

I challenge that author to detail, with positive assertions of fact in context on the basis of what I had then written in the Gateway, what interests I defend. Furthermore, I challenge the Y.S. spokesman to give the Gateway editor enough time with the reply to allow me to publish a concurrent reply to his factual assertion.

In fact, I expect the Young Socialist (like the emperor) to be found naked when he pretended to be dressed.

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