

I never worry about what I will do if I win a battle

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but I always know exactly what I will do if I lose one.

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Survival budget top priority

by Greg Neiman

It's that time of year, just before Christmas, the coming of the budget. Subject of much speculation and apocalyptic prophecy, the SU budget has received not less than top priority on the part of our administrators, and councillors alike.

Canada moves to reduce dope penalties

Ottawa (ENS) - The Canadian government has introduced a bill to eliminate jail sentences for simple possession of marijuana and hashish.

The bill, introduced this week in the Canadian Senate, would set a maximum fine of \$500 for first offenders, \$1000 for later offenses, with no jail term. The current penalty for possession of dope in Canada is up to seven years in prison.

The bill also reduces the maximum sentence for dealing from life to 10 years. It also removes a mandatory seven year sentence for importing or exporting dope if it can be proved the weed is for one's personal use.

The bill, introduced by Canada's liberal government, is in response to a Royal Commission report issued two years ago recommending the removal of all imprisonment for users of hallucinogenic drugs.

If the bill passes the Canadian Senate, it then goes to the House of Commons. Since the liberal party holds a majority in both houses of parliament, passage of the new Canadian dope law seems likely.

Scheduled to be presented at the November 26th meetings, the subject was tabled in order to allow vp finance and administration Jack Redekop to review it to his satisfaction.

Essentially the budget points out we will have \$10,000 in the bank at the end of April 1975, down from \$200,000 the previous year.

SU has survived financially this year.

Next year, however, the budget predicts the SU will have to reduce its expenditures in the amount of \$120,000 just to produce a break-even cash flow.

In a memorandum to councillors, SU president Joe McGhie points out that this could not be done even if every service the Students' Union offers were cut entirely.

"You will note as well," said the memorandum, "that no provision has been made for repayment of the University's \$450,000 loan, overdue since May 1, 1974."

This is not to say that next year, the SU building will be

locked, services discontinued, or that *Gateway* will cease publication.

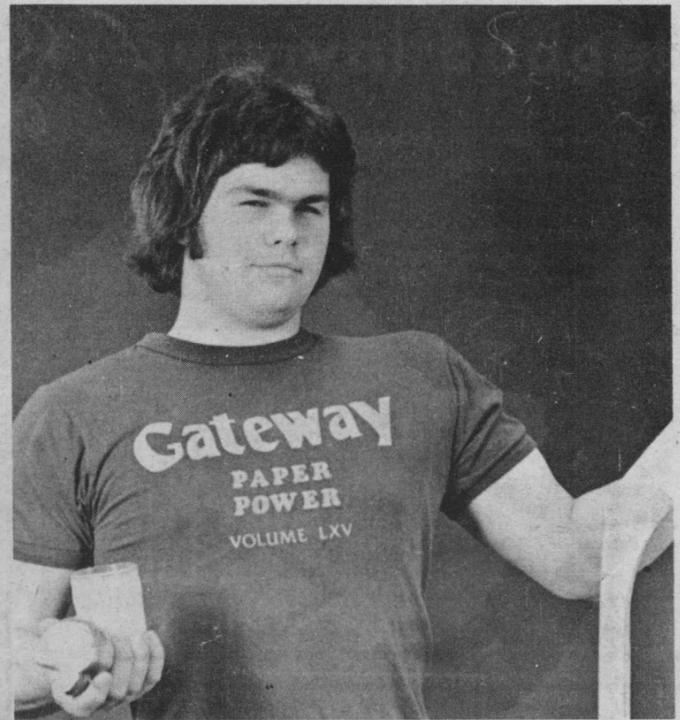
The Students' Union is presently in conference with the provincial government for some type of assistance to help next year's executive operate a viable organization, whose budget already deals in sums in excess of \$2 million.

This is also not to say that our organization will definitely be saved from destruction either.

The SU Executive and General Manager Burt Krull have notably withheld comment on the possibilities or outcomes of the present talks with the government.

What this reporter has gleaned though, is that if the government lends a sympathetic ear to our pleas, the financial problems we face (caused mostly by HUB) will not be resolved for a few years yet.

If we are turned down completely (which most feel would be unlikely) nobody knows what next year's Executive will have to do.



Chosen to model the new Gateway T-Shirt is our intrepid new sports editor, Cam Cole, who takes over as of this issue. The T-Shirts are available on a limited basis, but most are already taken... Cam, however, is not.

Nader explains effects of corporate power

by Mary MacDonald

We are quick to judge individuals so why not corporations?

Ralph Nader, crusading US consumer advocate speaking at the Jubilee Auditorium Wednesday night revealed many inconsistencies in society, with corporations and education to blame.

Corporations (200 of which control 70% of total US company assets) have too much power, he said. "GM could buy Delaware in a week-end if DuPont would sell."

Nader described the effects of these on society;

The Consumer

The high price of meat forces many to buy the "cheaper" processed varieties. These, however have been shown to contain: "Heavy fat, water, and additive content as well as devris, rodents, paint and things we can not see, such as pesticides and hormones," said Nader.

The most expensive cuts are safer and of higher nutritional value.

DES, a hormone contained in banned US beef, he claims has been proven cancerous inadvertently in humans. It has a cumulative silent impact which in 30 years may develop into

cancer. This deferral impact causes a deferral of responsibility.

Environment

"We must first sacrifice the health and safety of citizens, not monopolistic prices." This Nader cited as being the attitude of companies. They are trying to prevent the installation of safety and pollution devices by claiming cost hikes, but one top official in the auto industry had stated this cost to the company is insignificant.

Many convenience products used everyday are hazardous to the environment and to people's health. "Aerosol containers release freon which combines

chemically with elements in the air and rises eventually to the ozone layer." This layer controls the effects of solar radiation on earth but with the freon interference the effects of this radiation could be detrimental. No one, he says, realizes the seriousness of its impact on people.

Pollution Impact

Last year, Nader said, sickness due to pollution cost \$30 million. "In thy next 25 years 200,000 will die of asbestos cancer. How many more hazards will we discover?"

The Worker

"People believe that if the air is contaminated their lungs are not." A recent example was among workers in a US plant where 22 had died over a short period of lung cancer. When it was investigated, it was found that the company had known for 3 years the high chemical pollution which could harm employees but as one of the widows said, "They did not want to uncil, alarm, the workers."

Solutions

We are in a depressing state but without pollution and safety controls as well as consumer protection from unfair business practice, the alternative is more depressing. "If each person gave \$1 per year," he said "we could eliminate pollution in 10 years."

He called for formation of more consumer co-ops so the consumer himself could regulate price and foods.

"As society becomes more complex, citizen response does not keep up." Citizen participation and involvement in community problems, Nader felt, was the solution.

"All these problems are detectable and resolvable. People are just not aware how easily they can be fixed."

Plagiarism won't go unpublished

The Discipline, Law and Order Tribunal has recently heard a case involving an alleged plagiarism on the part of a summer student.

The student had a teaching certificate and was updating her qualifications through Spring and Summer training programs when it was discovered that a paper she turned in contained plagiarized material.

While the instructor had taken whatever steps he deemed appropriate with regard to the academic standing of the student, the matter had been sent to a Discipline Law and Order Tribunal in the belief that some punishment should be imposed for what was an offence against a basic University rule, that cheating shall not be allowed.

The tribunal decided that she be prohibited from registering in further courses here until January 1977.

The DLO Tribunal is a body composed mainly of students with a representation of staff on its list.

M.M. Midgley, the Officer responsible for the GFC Discipline, Law, and Order Procedures, and a student herself, said, "its a body wherein there is trail of students by students."

She emphasised the unfairness of allowing plagiarism to go unpunished or unnoted, added to the timeliness of the hearing when students are often most tempted to buy or plagiarise papers.

Students take over kitchen

Durham (ENS) - Students at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina got a chance to do something about the perennial complaints of bad food in the college dorms this month. Following a series of such complaints, students organized into cooks, butchers and bakers to take over a dormitory kitchen for one meal.

They served up a gourmet's version of chicken in wine sauce for 800.



Let's see: for \$100.00 I could go to Calgary for a week, or for \$ 250.00 I could go skiing for a week, and for 600 big ones I could go to Hawaii for New Years', and for one plugged nickel, I could forget all these exams.