

a group of "professional politicians in the bud" cluster together and discuss NATO well into the night. Ordinary students with legitimate concerns never get near a self-fulfilling bureaucracy like this one.

Alberta is expected to provide about one-quarter of C.F.S.'s budget in dues. In my opinion, there is little chance of any return on this investment.

Let's cut away from the CFS paper lion and begin to listen to the grass roots concerns of ordinary students.

Dave Paterson  
Education

## Closed-shop lapdogs deserve impeachment

When I initially heard of the current impeachment campaign I was unsure of its merit for dealing with the problems of the Students' Union. However, upon reflection and discussion with a number of people, it is now clear this campaign deserves support.

There are two central reasons why these men should be removed from office.

First, despite their populist pretensions, they have run the Students' Union as a closed shop. A number of incidents demonstrate this; here are a few examples:

- Constant threats and abuse directed at the Gateway
- Gord Stamp used his authority to disallow the impeachment pamphlets' distribution in SUB. He then distributed his own pamphlet attacking the Impeachment committee in SUB.
- A pattern of threatening the jobs of students who are employed by the Students' Union and also attempting to be active. This includes threats against one of the people calling for their impeachment.

Secondly, their efforts to represent the students have been an embarrassment. Like many others, I voted for Floyd Hodgins because I was fed up with the Students' Union being a lap-dog for the provincial government. Rather than the decisive action I expected, we have seen them roll-over and play dead for the provincial government. Four and a half months into their term no concrete plans exist to present student concerns; any attempt to get a plan have been stalled. Rather than coming up with a plan, Floyd Hodgins still blames his incompetence on his predecessors in office; of course they were dubious but they are also history.

Impeachment is a severe action but the crisis facing our student government is also severe. We need action on student issues and impeaching these men, unfortunately, seems to be the only way to do it. If you wish to discuss these issues please talk to me or other members of the committee at the Impeachment booths.

Don Millar  
Students' Council Arts Rep

## Let us learn...

It has come to my attention that some of us feel that our leader of the Students' Union may be incompetent. I say to you that we must all rise to our own level of incompetency. While some feel that Floyd Hodgins lacks the capability to carry out campaign promises (real or perceived) we should remember that it is an inherent characteristic of politics to promise much and strive for reform. Once elected, it is also inherent of politics to settle into the same lacklustre ways of those we replace.

If this fact had been kept in mind, possibly the student body would have taken a more realistic approach to choosing a new leader. Instead, we were polarized to Floyd through the issue of change, (as perceived by the students and outlined by the Gateway) and not by the issue of strong leadership. While it is unknown whether Andrew Watts (The Conservative!) would have provided stronger leadership than our President, this matter was not considered by the students.

Therefore, we can learn from our mistakes and should accept responsibility for our actions. Impeachment, in this context, implies mindless panic stemming from the fear of revealing our own inadequacies as reflected by our past political decision-making processes. It is a sombre reflection on the student body to have a leader who openly stated that one of the major hurdles of campaign was overcoming the fear of speaking to large crowds.

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Arts III

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## CHOPPING BLOCK

by Jens Andersen

In his delightful book *The Platinum Age of B.S.* (now selling at Cole's for the bargain-basement price of \$2 or so), Fred Dobbs comments that some of the best political writing in Canada is in the *Sun* papers. This is unfortunate, Dobbs says, because the people who read the *Sun* don't give a damn who is in power, as long as they've got big tits.



Yes, the *Sun* does have some excellent columnists. Our own Neil Waugh, for instance, had easily the best coverage of the Dial scandal earlier this year, and, more recently, the hardest sneers at the Mulroney gang. Peter Worthington and Barbara Amiel are pretty good at snouting out liberal bullshit, although (as with most ideologues) one wishes they would take a vacation from their obsession more often.

Dave Billington usually provides solid stuff from the left, as in his recent rave for a film about the ugly realities of repressive abortion laws. And Eddie Keen, when he isn't bleeding all over the poor, suffering little guy, turns out good material (like his showcase for Herbert W. Armstrong's dirty laundry a few weeks back.)

But the *Sun* has its Tirebiters too. McKenzie Porter, thankfully, seems to be gone. Peter Stockland and Lubor Zink still fill his smelly shoes, though. Occasionally they calm down long enough to write something half sensible, but usually their screeds make a reader want to phone the men in white coats.

Then there is Bogdan Kipling. Out of the dim past I seem to recall some of his Washington dispatches -

subject matter forgotten - as being fairly good.

But here he is in the *Monday Sun*, furiously chewing the Michels like the others. What aroused him, you ask? Only that old bogeyman, rampant permissiveness. All this kiddyporn, sodomy, etc. is enough to make you puke, he says, and all the liberals just sit around shrugging at it non-judgementally. The whole stinking mess makes a columnist want to sink his teeth clear through all four steel belts.

Thank God the Pope and Reagan are going to bring back prayer to the schools, and religion, and niceness, and the saints will come marching in, and...

But you know the argument. Unfortunately the counter-arguments are still as valid as ever. First of all, laws against porn are like talc and rouge against skin cancer: they only mask the disease. Worse, they are invariably turned against serious literature (always a minority taste) but rarely used where they are really needed - against the popular junk preferred by the sweaty herd of average Joes.

Free enterprise will feed this demand as it always does, through the black market if necessary. And some porn will always be sold openly, because a few cunning pornographers know how to legitimize it with a veneer of moralizing - the Victorian solution.

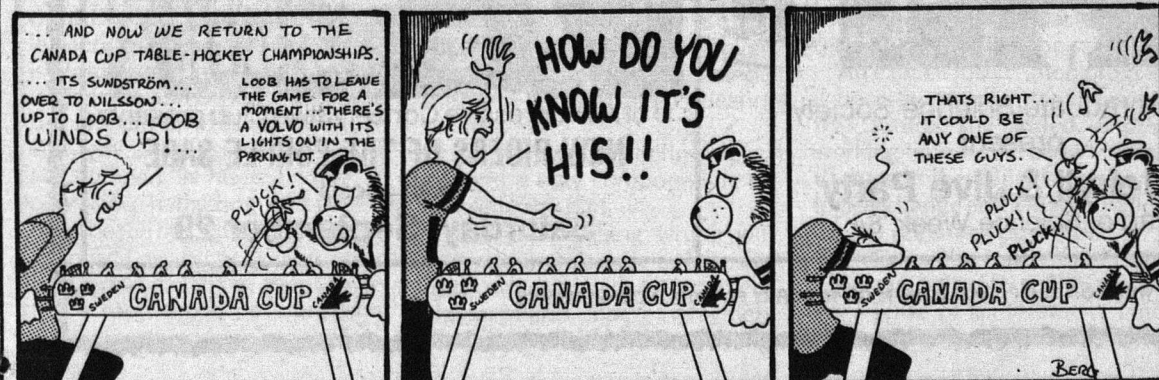
As for the brand of sex sold by Ronnie and Johnnie: no thanks. It is just as bad as the crotch rot on the newstand. Reagan's Hollywood sexual ideals are lifeless, sanitized and clammy. And the pope practices one of the grossest sexual perversions: abstinence. Their vision of the womb as a mere factory for more good Christians and more good Americans (read: docile, obedient zombies) is mechanistic and disgusting.

Better is sex with passion, with heartfelt instinctive love, and none of this slimy modern rationalization. If you need a rationalization, think of all the weak and crippled humans in the world (porn addicts, religion addicts and other addicts), and then think how, through the miracle of sex, they may eventually evolve into Nietzsche's distant superman.

This transcendent superman may just be a forlorn poetic hope, but as far as intellectual reasons for sex go, it is the only one with enough grandeur to match the emotional reasons.

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by Shane Berg



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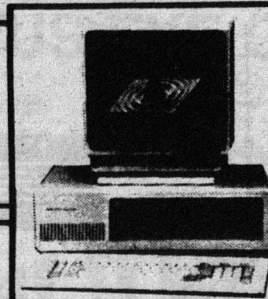
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