

Academic load may be lighter for president, Gateway editor

By EKKEHARD KOTTKE

The academic load of the students' union president and The Gateway's editor-in-chief may be reduced to one course.

Students' union by-law changes and a recommendation to the honorarium committee have been drawn up to compensate for the academic time loss by a more substantial salary for the two executive positions.

Gordon Meurin, chairman of the By-law Committee, said it has been the rule that student executives have done rather poorly academically.

"Executives should be permitted to sit out an academic year rather than flunk it."

"Dave Jenkins was the last students' union president who carried a full academic load successfully. That was four years ago," he said.

Don Sellar, editor-in-chief of The Gateway, said although he is registered in six courses, some of his professors might argue this point.

The By-law Committee prepared a new regulation that would require members of the executive to spend their summer holidays at a job in the city.

MUST KEEP IN TOUCH

Meurin explained this regulation was inspired by a wish to keep executive members in year-round touch with student affairs. He said this recommendation could only materialize if the university administration agreed to hire those executive members who couldn't find jobs in Edmonton otherwise.

"Students' union is conferring with the administration for a firm commitment in this matter," he said.

Asked if these proposals did not tend to inject professionalism into the students' union, Meurin replied that the positions were to be filled by students.

He contrasted the role played by U of A student government with the one at the University of Montreal where a SUB-expansion program was carried out by the administration without any student participation what so ever.

"They didn't have a say about a single room of that building," he said, referring to the French-speaking students.

LACKS COMMUNICATION

"I admit that student government at the U of A has become so big that many individual students fail to identify with this body," he said, "but this is only due to a lack of communication between our executive and the general student body."

By giving the president more time, he felt that more awareness of vital student affairs could be elicited on the part of the students.

Student government is an integral part of the democratic way of life, he said, crediting Presi-

dent Johns with a favourable record of co-operation with student council.

"Naturally, there is room for improvement," he said, making a personal suggestion regarding student membership on the Board of Governors which has been denied so far on the grounds of lack of experience.

The Meurin formula involves a compromise which would seat the immediate past president of students' union on the Board.

A past president would most likely command the maturity and experience required by the administration. Also he should have the interests of students at heart even if he himself were not a student any more.

SCM plans summer project

By PENNY HYNAM

Are you looking for a worthwhile and interesting summer job?

The Student Christian Movement is again sponsoring summer projects for university students from all across Canada.

Two types of projects are planned; work-oriented projects and study group projects concentrating on social problems or needs.

These projects bring together students from various universities to live communally for three and a half months (May 15 to Aug. 31), to work during the day, and to concentrate their attention on some issue of mutual concern during their leisure hours.

This year seven projects are planned:

- two mental health hospital projects—Toronto and Montreal
- one bilingual mental health hospital project—Montreal
- Art, Communication and the Secular City—Toronto
- Social Myth and Sexuality—Vancouver
- an international project—Hamilton
- The Metropolis and Man—Edmonton

Jobs are arranged beforehand for the three mental health projects. The student works in a mental hospital, usually as a ward-aide. No experience is necessary, and salaries range from \$220 to \$280 a month.

ALSO STUDY PROJECTS

The other campuses are strictly study projects. The student is expected to find full or part-time employment in the city, and to spend part of his leisure time in study or discussion. The Edmonton project also involves a summer school course. This summer the course is sociology 454, on the sociology of the metropolis.

Between 15 and 18 students are accepted for each camp, and inexpensive living accommodations are provided. These accommodations are often church basements or community centers, and cost approximately \$12 a week for room and board. Two directors supervise each camp and help to plan and conduct study programs.

Diane Helwig, ed 4, an SCM member, says the work can be both exhausting and rewarding. She and other students who have worked on previous projects find it a valuable experience. Students get a chance to meet and live with others from different backgrounds and interests, to explore a new city, and to learn a good deal about their particular project.

Even Hershey bars locked in great Canadian debate

TORONTO (CUP)—"No Canadian would spend one Hershey Bar a week to save Canada," a Toronto social scientist said last week.

The pursuit of Canadian nationalism is "frivolous", Ryerson's Hugh Innis said, debating in favor of a continental union with the United States. Only the CBC, the Grey Cup and the Canada Council want to save a Canadian identity, he said.

The nationalist proponent in the debate, Hector Massey, said Canada's personality is a composite of the best of the American and British traditions.

Massey said a continental union of the two nations would produce a too-powerful and over-adventurous country.

"Canada should remain a friend-

ly critic and check on American action," he argued.

In rebuttal, Innis cited Canada's inaction on the Vietnam conflict to show our failure in this role.

Any state in the Union would be better critic of American policy than we are, said Innis. "We are a Canadian body with an American soul."

Debater Massey countered that Canada's problem lay in "myopic anglosaxonism, a lack of response between French and English, and a lack of mobility for minority groups."

He claimed Canada lacks an "adventurous economic policy to develop the country. Too many people use the government for their own ends and not for a Canadian entity."

Teach-in

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panel of the teach-in which will discuss "Does Canada Have an Identity."

Peter Boothroyd, grad studies, organizer of the teach-in, selected the speakers with the object of presenting conflicting views on the topic.

The four Saturday panels will discuss sovereignty under the following topics:

- Does Canada have an identity?
- Who owns Canada?
- Canadian foreign policy—Made in U.S.A.?
- 1968—Canada 51st state?

Whatever became of:

Walt Raleigh,

CLASS OF '71?



One of the outstanding botanists ever to graduate, Walt built his early reputation on his major thesis "The Care and Cultivation of Nicotinia for Profit." An excellent athlete, Raleigh is fondly remembered for an incident which occurred in his sophomore year. Shortly before the Big Game, Walt impulsively threw his football sweater over a puddle which lay in the path of that year's Beauty Queen. It was the only game on record in which eleven of our varsity squad wore numbers and one a large dirty footprint. After graduation, Walt went overseas to spark up the consumption of Virginia tobacco in England. He was "capped" for England against Spain on several occasions. He was finally "de-capped" after a local scrimmage against a team from the Tower of London. A monument in his memory is being proposed by a local manufacturer of filters.

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PSYCH CLUB DISPLAY

VGW Psychology Club displays will include manipulation tests, experimentation with rats and an information booth. The public is welcome on Feb. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FINE ARTS DISPLAY

The U of A Fine Arts Gallery is presenting an exhibition of prize winning American Prints, organized by Andrew Stasik, Associates and a Calgary sculptor, Katie Che. The exhibitions are on display until

Feb. 17 at the Fines Arts Gallery, 9021-112 St. Gallery hours are from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

STUDENT NOTICE

As the teachers are holding their convention on Feb. 24, there will be NO STUDENT PARKING on the Jubilee Auditorium parking lot on that day.

FRIDAY

CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL

The West Indian Society and the Caribbean Harmonites presents a Carnival Masquerade Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the McKernan Community Hall, 11341-78 Ave. Dance the calypso to the music of the steel band or dance to the music of a well-known orchestra. Admission is \$1.25.

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