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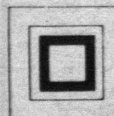
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am not a racist, nor have I ever made a serious statement
that could even vaguely be construed as racist in nature. I
spend a lot of time, in fact, criticizing racist attitudes
where and whenever I find them.

I even objected to your first letter when you implied
that I was stereotyping Members of the Legislative
Assembly by calling them "rich old White Anglo-Saxon
Protestant men". Cabinet members' assets are matters of
public record, and while space does not permit a detailed
analysis, suffice it to say that none are in danger of the
poorhouse. Of 75 sitting PCs, at least 39 are over 50 years
of age; 73 of them are white; 53 are Anglo-Saxon; at least
46 are Protestant; and 69 of them are males. A fair
assertion? I leave it to the reader.

I was not able to perform equally exhaustive research
on a survey of the upper echelons of the American
government, but if you wish I'm quite willing to do so,
since I'm reasonably certain that facts would bear my
generalization out.

Number two, just because I dislike the views that
many of these very Conservative government members
air, I did not advocate sending them all to gas chambers.
There is a great difference between exercising my
democratic right of criticizing these dummies and
suggesting their extermination. They should perhaps be
forced to shovel sidewalks, like welfare recipients in
Taber/Warner, but should certainly not be sent to camps.

J. David Cox
Arts Editor

Lougheed shoves faces into the milk and cookies

I'd like to make a statement to the students of this
university and to all others who read this paper. It is quite
obvious that you all know how the Alberta provincial
election went, therefore I will not elaborate on the
statistics. I have two points I'd like to make Point 1: Little
did the people of this province realize that when they all
voted for our beloved Progressive Conservative govern-
ment (or should I say Peter Lougheed and others), they
slapped themselves in the face. Our most gracious, all
knowing, loving, caring Premier put milk and cookies in
front of the people (myself excluded please) and then
shoved their faces in it. In cruder words, lest I'm not
understood, he SUCKED UP to the people and most fell
for it. Oh how great our democratic system works! Point
2: This is directed to all the people (students and
academics) associated with this institution. To all of you
who are looking for the truth. Who are creative. Who are
ready to challenge the old and bring on the new. Who are
looking for the best. Your stature certainly did not show
up in your election returns. Of all the places in the city of
Edmonton this is where a lot of opposition should have
been seen. ANY OPPOSITION (NDP - WCC -
COMMUNIST (sic)). Wake up people, because you are
being undermined within your system. A democracy
works on competing interests in the legislature (sic) (sorry
to be so simplistic), and that is certainly not what you got.
Good luck for the next four yours (sic).

Christine Baghdady
Political Science III

Parasites? What parasites?

I respond to the Nov. 9 letter signed by five students
of Science and Engineering. The writers posit that the
University is overrun with "socialists", largely arts
students who wish for a government supportive of
parasitic lifestyles. The five then proceed to somehow
equate an Education degree with unionism, a movement

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SECOND WIND

An occasional column of opinion by Gateway staff

opinion by Wesley Oginski

What do the U of A Students' Union and the United
Nations have in common? Both are ineffective
mechanisms of political power.

Last Tuesday the SU passed a resolution to invite a
member of the Palestine Liberation Organization to speak
on campus.

Some may remember the UN invited Yasser Arafat,
leader of the PLO to speak to the General Assembly. This
was fine. The Palestine situation is a relevant and
explosive issue. Yet this organization dedicated to uniting
the world peaceably allowed this man to enter its neutral
territory armed.

At this point the UN lost all credibility as a useful
world organization. Even their peace-keeping forces in
war zones have often met with death and tragedy.

Now our very own SU wants to play political games.
It will allow the PLO to present their point of view to our
desolate and isolated northern outpost of civilization.

Yes, we will host an organization who had the
insolence to enter neutral territory with tools of violence.
Not only did the UN lose face, but the PLO gained a
reputation as a terrorist organization.

By inviting them to our campus, the SU has in
essence endorsed the PLO's activities.

presumably dedicated to impoverishing our society. Of
course, none of these claims have any basis on reality, they
are pure balderdash.

The registrar's office has some data that might be of
interest to Mr. Walsh *et al.* . . . During the past several
years less than 16% of all students have been enrolled in
Arts programs at this university. Those in the dreaded
B.A. General have composed 9.4% of the student body.
Fine Arts students, notorious for their craving of "artistic
development" grants, account for only 1% of the student
population. It seems that the portrait of the artist as a
significant burden on "productive" society is really a straw
man. Why people in a province that recently voted 80%
reactionary should feel compelled to keep flogging this
straw man is a mystery.

I wish the writers of the previous letter success in the
market place and am sure that their services shall fetch
high prices, but would like to point out that the wealth of a
society is also measured by the diversity and understand-
ing of its members. In the glorious capitalistic future
there may be some, glutted with profit, who will chose to
study creative endeavors other than the making of money.
They may realize that the history of the world is one of
ideas, not of cash flow and consumption.

Paul Cumming
Chemistry III

All new and old staff
should attend the

Staff Meeting

Thursday, 4 p.m., Rm. 282

Third CFS conference a success

VICTORIA (CUP)—The novices
looked apprehensive, the experienced
looked resigned and the staff looked
prepared for a week of sleeplessness
and wincing debate.

There are about 150 of them and,
for better or worse, they are making
history in Canadian student politics.

Representing about 40 post-
secondary institutions from across the
country, delegates at the third semi-
annual national conference of the
Canadian Federation of Students
gathered in Victoria Nov. 8 to 13.

The opening plenary began
awkwardly. It started almost an hour
late and the first motion to accept the
proposed chair prompted a 15-
minute debate.

It took almost an hour to adopt
the conference agenda. And the
number of abstentions on many votes
indicated mass confusion.

However, there was a high spirit
of optimism at the plenary, and the
delegates seemed determined to
develop the student movement in
Canada and lay ground for fighting
cutbacks to post-secondary education.

The week's events included
strategy sessions on cutbacks and
student unemployment, and
workshops on student services and
women's issues in education.

The federal government's
National Training Act will receive
particular attention. The act is
intended to limit vocational education
to specific, untransferable skills,
according to CFS chair Brenda Cote.

She said the CFS supports
students' rights to a general education.