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STAFF THIS ISSUE—God rest ye merry Gateway types, let nothing you dismay; Exams don't come until next year, so stay drunk fifteen days. The following loyal souls (a few of them aren't all that loyal) will get a head start on their cheer at the gala Gateway Christmas party tonight: the late Elaine Verbicky, Bernie boom boom Goedhart, Bob "sleeper" Jacobsen, Ron Yakimchuk (a Beach Boys fan), the solvent Marion Conyheare, Don "the lisp" Moren, Carolyn Debnam, Lawrie Hignell, "Popsicle" Pete Amerongen, Brian Olafson, Perry Afaganis, Derek Nash, Forrest Bard, Jim "pops" MacLaren, Maureen Gunn, John Green, Ken Hutchinson, Ekkehard Kottke, Steve Rybak, the reel John Thompson, Don Holmes, Sharon Wingenbach, the one and only Al George Yackulic, Lorna Cheriton, Wayne "water works" Burns, Teri Turner, Dave Sutherland, Butch Treleaven, Lynn Hugo, Charlie Lyall, Peter Johnson, Errol Barsky, Terry "ding dong" Donnelly, Judy Lees, George Barr, Peter Enns, Gerald Polack, Sharilyn Ingram, Iain Robertson, Caterine Edwards, Wayne Johnson, Dennis Lomas, Jack Groff, Henry Kwok, Uncle Davie Mappin, Bill Calligan, Dewayne Good, Jim Griffin, Roger Davies, Janie Coull, Phillis Neilicke, Isabelle Foord, Frank Burgess, Grant Delaney, Penny Hynam, Peter Montgomery, Bill Stocks, Shirley Neuman, Pat Botcheior, Brian Perry, Ruth Schneck, Hiroto Saka, Bill Miller (owner of the sloppiest desk in Edmonton), Ralph Melnychuk (now with a Christmas carrel), Helene Chomiak, Brian Campbell (Gateway's answer to student government), Lorraine "Ho Chi" Minich, Sheila "Mom" Ballard, Jim "Surfer" Rennie, Joe "won't" Will, Rich Vivone (Montreal will win), Darla Campbell (Toronto will win), Neil Driscoll (PDAA president), Doug Bell, Al Scarth, Frank Horvath, Bill Beard (Gateway's answer to ESO), Gordon Auck, Dale Drever, Alan Shute, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt.

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time to reconsider

U of A withdrew from the Canadian Union of Students 86 days ago, on the promise, or the implied promise that a similar, if not better, program would be set up on this campus.

We supported the withdrawal on seven conditions:

"Council must show, through positive action, that there will be no loss to U of A students in the way of programs such as those now offered by CUS.

"Programs set up here must be more than just a duplication of CUS programs. Council must improve on CUS programs and must initiate some of their programs so that the voice of U of A will be prominent in the sphere of students.

"The programs must be set up so that future councils cannot abandon them. They must be instituted so they continue and improve from year to year.

"There must be a standing motion before each succeeding council to consider the withdrawal. Students' council must be prepared to rejoin CUS if its policies are reformed.

"There must be a referendum placed before all paid-up members of the students' union.

"The cost of setting up a program suited to the needs of U of A should not cost any more than the present CUS levy.

"The sole reason for withdrawal should be along the ideological lines set down in the so-called 'Schepanovich Resolution'."

We feel the only condition council has completely fulfilled is calling a referendum, which has been set for the March 3 general elections.

Council has only half-heartedly tried to set up similar programs to those offered by CUS. There has been a loss to U of A students in the way of services offered by CUS—such items as CUS life insurance and the international student identity card, which can only be obtained from a national student organization. Students here cannot take advantage of the CUS travel program, which offers more than just one charter flight to more than just one location.

There has been no attempt to carry on any CUS programs such as universal accessibility. A reason cited has been that council does not agree with the student stipend clause on the CUS resolution. This is irrelevant—council should have carried out the part they agreed with.

The U of A delegation at the 30th CUS Congress emphasized that CUS was set up to promote the advance of

education in this country, yet they have not the gumption to carry out one of the basic principles of the CUS policy—to guarantee everyone who has the ability is able to attend university.

What happened to council's high school visitation program? Nothing has been said about it, so we must assume it has floundered because of council's inability to carry it out or its disinterest.

Any effort to change or re-evaluate the university community, either by total student effort or by student-faculty study, has been frowned upon by at least one member of the executive, on the grounds that it would cause more harm than good, and that students when working in this area are "incompetent."

Council did send two representatives to a conference in Banff in November in an attempt to form the Alberta Students' Society, but reports trickled back that our representatives were not sincere in their attempt to better the lot of all Alberta students.

Other than sponsoring groups to bring in speakers for enlightening a small portion of the student body, council has done nothing in the way of setting up any programs of value either to the students, the students' union or the university.

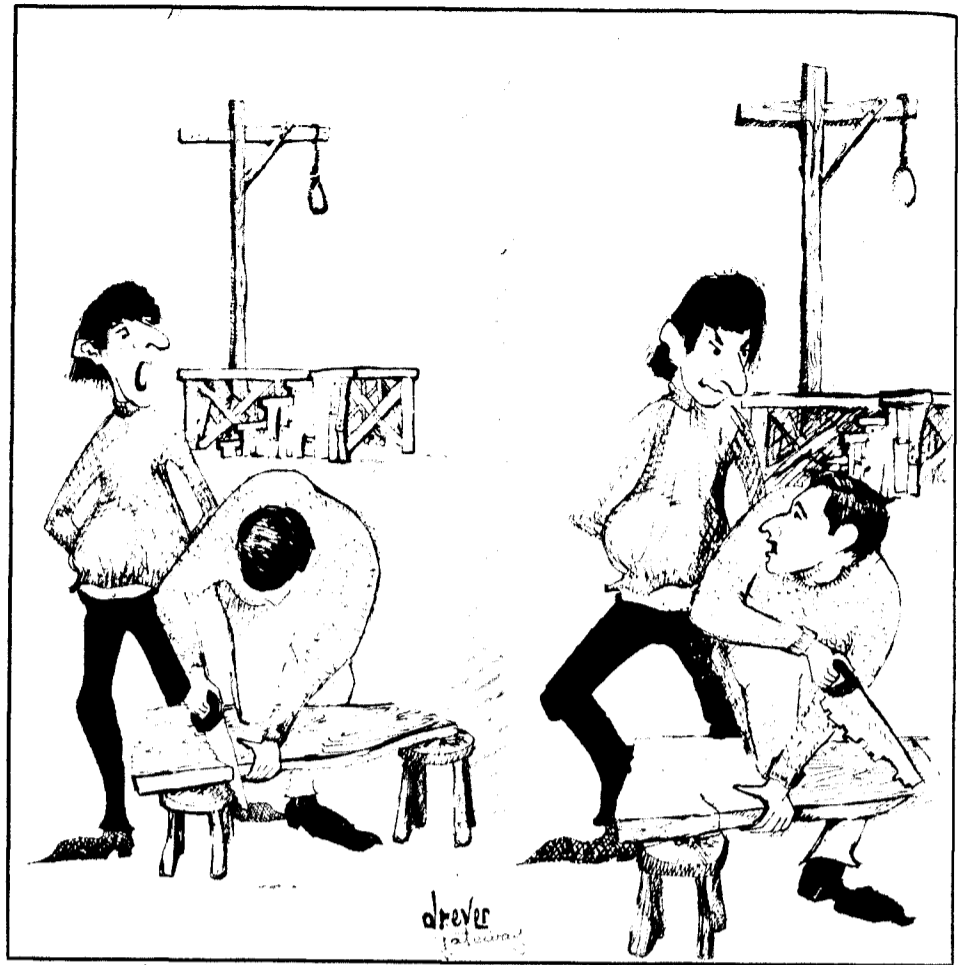
In fact, what we have now is a service-station-type student government, where campus organizations run up to the students' union money pumps to supply their clubs with fuel.

Reasons for withdrawal now appear to have been other than those set down in the report dubbed "the Schepanovich Resolutions" at the CUS Congress in Halifax.

We have gone from deep involvement to non-involvement.

And non-involvement sparks student apathy better than anything else in the world. At a time when students in other post-secondary institutions across the nation are trying to improve their position in the university and the community, students are sitting on their butts, worried about things like Treasure Van, Blood Drive and the price of cigarettes.

If this is the price we have paid for withdrawing from CUS, it's time we relented from this position and returned to the fold.



who are you building that for branny?
me

harvey thomgirt

the gateway's christmas gift list

Ho ho ho.

Season's greetings are to be bestowed on all those who deserve them, with the exception of the following, who get special recognition:

Henry Marshall Tory, first university president: May you never have another building like THAT named after you.

Dave Estrin, Second Century Week director: May Santa bring you a free pass from the Xerox Corporation, so you can photocopy notes from all those classes you didn't attend.

Dave King, former Pro-CUS Committee Chairman: May you be awarded first prize in the annual "How to Set Up an Unsuccessful Protest Committee Contest." The prize: one week in Badger Flats, all expenses paid.

Barry Chivers, former Pro-CUS dignitary: May you be awarded second prize in the same contest. The prize: two weeks in Badger Flats.

Derek Bone, director of housing and food services: May Santa bring you the "I Hate to Cook Book," so food services can continue practising its motto: "The Way to a Man's Heart is Through His Stomach—Right Through."

Ed Monsma, SUB planning commission chairman: May Santa bring you a nice little cap to cover that goddoffal haircut.

Irene McRae, arts rep on students' council: May Santa bring you the book, "2,000 Insults for All Occasions," with sayings like "Next time you pass my house—thanks," and "I couldn't warm up to you if we were cremated together," to retaliate against the barbs hurled your way in council meetings.

Irv McGinnis, of Campus Squire fame: May Santa bring you an unretouched ektachrome of playmate Kelly Burke, so you can see what she REALLY looks like in that foldout.

Bryan Clark, students' union business manager: May Santa bring you another set of dishes and a bigger sink, so you will only have to wash your dishes once a month.

Peter Boothroyd, campus activist: May Santa bring you a university where people are important, not regulations or the sacred computer.

Valerie Blakely, president of women's athletics: May Santa bring you the book "Sex and the Single Man," to remind you of your days as vice-president of men's athletics.

Glenn Sinclair, co-ordinator of student activities: May Santa bring you the book "How to Avoid Matrimony," and if it's too late, its sequel, "How to Survive Matrimony."

Branny Schepanovich, students' union president, and Owen Anderson, CUS chairman: May Santa give you each a nickel and lock the pair of you in a room full of dime vending machines.

Ken Sebyrk, radsoc president: May Santa bring you some listeners, so that all that valuable radio equipment may be of some use.

Marilyn Pilkington, students' union vice-president: May Santa bring you a dozen stick-on bullet holes, just in case you ever feel persecuted.

The Gateway Staff, the most trampled-on group of students on campus: May Santa bring you 50 line stories, and dignitaries who will treat you like human beings, not like dirt, and who will never talk to you "off the record."