

Bouchard has proven over the last 5 months that I was wrong. I congratulate him for a job well done.

I never tried to fire Barb Donaldson. Where this ridiculous rumour came from, I do not know. As usual, whenever the political hacks disagree with someone they slander them. It sort of reminds me of an impeachment campaign run in September against 3 Executive members.

Banning the Yes Building Policy Committee was my personal statement about why there should NOT be a building policy. Any censorship board will have the power to restrict your activities anytime it so chooses. Vote NO Building Policy.

Gord Stamp  
SU VP Internal

*Editor's note: Michael Grant was officially listed as the student who asked the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board if Barb Donaldson was in conflict of interest by sitting as a Home Ec proxy while serving as CFS Central Committee rep. for Alberta during the summer.*

## Voter concerns

As the Students' Union executive and referenda campaigns progress, much rhetoric and political opportunism will surface. There will also be interesting proposals and sincere offerings of reform. Before you march off to vote, please consider the motivation behind your choice. Things are certainly more convoluted this year, as the referenda questions and executive elections are being held in conjunction. You may cheat yourself out of your own best choice if you decide on the desirability of a candidate based, for example, on their stand with respect to CFS. What is the potential outcome of participation in a student organization? The notion of cooperation among students nationwide is, in my opinion, a viable one. How can students exist as a credible interest group if not by consolidating their strengths? The building policy question also has important consequences for U of A students. In formulating such a policy, is it possible that we are attempting to set an example in our treatment of matters determined to be sexist, racist, or otherwise discriminatory? Naturally, the achievement of same remains contingent on the composition and quality of Students' Council. But these are single issues. Believe it or not, successful candidates will have to concern themselves with far more. In evaluating these candidate's potential, consider their ability to handle matters of relevance to their particular portfolio. In the next few days earnest contestants will be very accessible in high traffic areas on campus. Ask the VP Internal hopefuls how they plan to

enhance your building; talk to the possible VP Academics about quality of teaching; determine whether the presidential candidates have what it takes to provide effective leadership for twelve months. These are only examples of what you need to know in order to make an informed choice. Find out who represents your point of view on the matters that are of greatest concern to you. Let's not allow this to degenerate into sensationalism.

June Chipman  
Arts IV

## The Apathy factor

Several times in the past week I have heard groups of engineers in CAB and SUB discussing a situation which I think students should be aware of. It seems that ESS is asking the students in the Faculty of Engineering to go out in full force and all vote the same way on certain issues or positions in the election. They feel that if almost all the engineers vote they can influence voting enough to see their choices win. Which way they intend to vote was not clear and I should be quick to mention (to prevent a flood of mail from engineers) that this is not saying anything against them. If one faculty can pull together as a group and take advantage of a situation then more power to them. However, this certainly says something about the apathy of the student body in general, if one faculty feels that they can have such a great effect on the outcome of the election.

Voter turnout has been low for years or perhaps think that they, as one person, have very little say in student politics.

This is our biggest chance to say what we want our student government to do for us and how we want to be represented. Students who don't vote have no right to complain after the ballots are counted! As well, only a relatively small number of those who do vote bother to attend the election forum, for which classes are cancelled for an hour. This is held in SUB theatre when ideally it should have to be held in the main gym or somewhere even larger.

With more candidates running in this SU election than in any in the past 10 years, students have a greater choice than ever. So go to the forum, see the candidates, make choices and vote!

The main point is not that the engineers thought of this idea but the possibility that they could actually pull it off!

Susan Hammond  
Science III

## An apology

The Gateway apologizes to the members of the Engineering Club for our rather tacky headline, "Engineers grovel." A serious apology should not possess such a headline. It will not happen again (we hope!).

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## the way I smoke by vofd

Is Dr. Ballard Dead? No, he's alive and well and living in Argentina with Christ. What is this man talking about? I'm talking about food, not just any kind of food, mind you — we're talking fast food.

Next time you're feeling a bit peckish, take a gander at some of the fast food outlets on campus. They'll probably all look fine to your untrained and unsuspecting eyes, but remember that's exactly what they want you to think; everything is fine here — spend money. But before you spend what's left of your loan on nutrition, look under the counter.

Dog hair, human hair and mold about to rise a level on the evolutionary scale, are only a few of the wonderful things that you might find if you're wondering what filth on the floor has to do with the quality of food served, remember that what is now down once was up — up in the air, drifting aimlessly over and above what you are about to consume. Of course it's a matter of odds whether or not it will be your order that contains an airborne troop of rat maggot larvae, but remember — you are what you eat.

It was Dr. Ballard who said "no dog ever died from a little horse hair." And this is probably true but should this philosophy be carried as far as the preparation of food destined for human consumption? Maybe not. Some may say that students and their keepers are animals, however, this is no reason to make them spend what little money they have on shoddily prepared, under cooked food that has enough foreign matter in it to require a passport.

It may be too much to ask these unemployed comedians working as cooks to clean up their acts but next time you are served excrement for food bloody well complain. Tell the bastard that you'll choke in front of his stand, or threaten to write a letter to a food columnist claiming that you found half of a fourteen foot tapeworm in your happy burger. It's your money and what's worse, your stomach.

Besides, think of all the beer you could buy with the money you saved by making your own safe lunch. Happy eating and beware the bile comics.

## Bear Country

by Shane Berg



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