

Save the music and let surgeons get by with band-aids

Hiya kids!
Hey, it's yer ol' Uncle Bill trouble-shootin' for all you wide-eyed undergrads, and guess *what*? Student Council just decided to shut down S.U. music which happens to be the technical arm of the Music Dept.

Critical literature and material is now cut off! So now it'll be unbearably difficult for these students, professors, and others to gather these materials vital to the state-of-the-art, completion of degree (ever try to play a gig without any music?) theory, composition, history, etc. etc. etc.

You see boys 'n' girls, this move comes under the thorny heading of how S.U. plans to straighten up its million dollar mess. The Arts of course are a time honoured scape goat.

Now, this shop isn't too financially successful to say the

least — perhaps there are managerial problems unsolved, and offering a *highly* specialized service to specific kinds of customers rarely is. But because the S.U. Bookshop could never be of good service, this shop came to be the focal point of technical material, and has been one of extremely high quality, *not* found elsewhere 'round these here parts!

God knows there's enough flotsam and deadwood around that can be chopped and thus save our school a good deal of bucks, but it seems that something useful, something needed is to go the way of the dodo.

Gee kids, I'll bet we can save the good ol' U a few bucks more by determining that something just as useless as music — say medicine might not be a profit making deal! Save lives you say? Pshaw, pshaw! Heck, surgeons

can get by with some swiss army knives, band-aids, and some Cherry Jack!

Why someone might find too that even Engineering isn't profitable somewhere either! The structural boys don't need all that fancy stuff! A couple of Mechano Sets oughta do eh?

Gee, I'll bet we can save a whole lot by throwing the Student Games in somebody's backyard!

But guess what boys 'n' girls! You've heard a lot about cutbacks and your own Student Council sees itself as Champions of Justice and so forth. Gee, they've just instituted one of the most savage cutbacks all by themselves! What the heck! These junior politicians won't be around to view the damages in the future — they can only see as far as the year end!

And you starry-eyed folks thought that Student Council

represented the students; and yet they buckled under business pressure, rather than represent students' views! We got us a business run club!

Gee, I'll bet that the Quality of Education won't suffer a bit like you might think! No siree! Just imagine those poor suckers who

want to go to an institute of higher learning, and try to imagine all the quick thinking and fast talking the U. is going to have to do to convince these kids to come to a school which ain't got facilities and services for them. Neat eh?

Bill Damur
Grad Studies

Arabism makes sense

A letter to the Editor in response to the letter by Mr. Howard Cooper, in *The Gateway*, Tuesday, October 20, 1981.

A letter to the guy who always sits beside the cartoon (i.e. the editor, eh). Hi Howie: So, uh, how's it goin' eh? Like we weren't misconceived either, eh. So like were into innernashional polyticks too, eh, so uh we don't need no dictshunary for Judy-ism. 'Cause Doug an' me, ya know, were from Sarnia so we know lots about the Middle-east too eh?

Doug, like, looks at Time magazine all the time eh, and un like heez got this idea (from the pictures eh) that Begin bumped off Sadat eh — oops, guess Freud slipped there eh? So, anyway, the whole thing like makes no sense unless like there ain't no Arabism. Like were glad somebody out there like you is like us, cause we

think were right too, eh? So, like once my teacher wrote PLO all over (I mean really all over!) on the board all the time eh, and like when I rubbed 'em out I kinda got kicked out of school too, eh. And when the cops came to see me, like I tried to be obscurantist.

Like Doug says, he don't want no more blood flowin' over the 'Bridge' 'cause like we like to peel our own labels off ourselves, eh? Maybe, it's like standing on the west bank of the Bow or maybe its like drownin' in the sucker, eh. We all agree with Doug, about keepin' yer beer in a cold bank, eh?

I guess you'd rather be on the bank too than under the bridge, eh? — er maybe just on the fence, now, eh? Watch the barb wire, eh.

We got a lot in common, eh Howie?

David Gillies
Arts V

That's the way it was

Dear Wes Oginski:

While taking a course this week-end at the Education Building, I picked up a copy of the *Gateway* dated October 22, 1981 and was quite impressed. It used to be such a sex orientated paper.

I was very interested in Mr. Shank's comments re: graduate student fees for I assessed them over there for many years, and did the first ones as I set up their fees.

I appreciate Mr. Shanks being concerned about the welfare of his graduate students and comrades, but just can't agree that students, not native to Canada should "negotiate for reasonable treatment in differentiated fees." I served in World War II for 5 years and was there to make sure we'd always have schools to go to, but couldn't afford to go when I returned to Edmonton as I got \$30.00 a month in the service. I tried to take courses by correspondence at Carleton University — Ottawa but U of A said they wouldn't recognize them. Then I found out that their own President received his education that way.

Yes, U of A sets their standards high. We were all informed at the Discharge Centres not to apply there because their standards were set so high. Not much encouragement to get an education. No wonder it frustrates me now, and certainly did when I was assessing graduate fees to see fees for students not native to Canada, have their fees waived. I know — I did it.

Why had I been in the



service? I've suffered for 40 years in offices because I didn't get a degree, yet I am "over qualified" with experience. Now that I've retired I'm back trying to get an education — book wise. It seems you require a piece of paper in the form of a parchment to prove it. Is that justice — No, the Human Rights won't do anything about it. Their reply to me has always been "That's your tough luck." To top it off any course I take is \$40 to \$45.00 and I don't get credit for it. Aren't Graduate Students lucky that they do for \$10.00 more?

This letter may sound bitter — I'm not — I'll make my way. I'm just interested in Graduate Students. At one time I was the only one in Edmonton who would type their thesis — until I got "took" and they set up a typing pool.

It was a great feeling to walk across the Campus early yesterday morning. It brought back many pleasant memories. Has Alex Marcel retired?

Respectfully submitted
Lois Argue

Twenty-two cents worth

I'd just like to put in my deflating two bits worth on the article written by Joe Chudriak. I found the article very informative. I certainly agree with his use of the word dismal.

I am a basketball fan and am not very impressed the Golden Bear's performance.

Keep up the good work Joe and cross your fingers for a miracle for the Golden Bears.

C. Baghdad and others
Arts

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