

EDITORIAL

Resurrect Rocky!

Here it is, the *Gateway's* first non-political, non-philosophical editorial.

We spend too much time arguing about garbage like politics and would like to apply this reading space to something much more important. I want to start a movement to bring back to television Rocky and Bullwinkle.

You remember Rocky and Bullwinkle from Ban-ph-ph; they were great. And I won't be satisfied with the networks airing the show at some inhuman hour on Saturday morning; I want to watch it during prime time!

There is all kinds of justification for showing Bullwinkle during prime time. All you have to do is view prime time TV for one week and you will find dozens of half-hour and hour-long justifications for something more intelligent, like a talking moose and flying squirrel.

And Bullwinkle was intelligent! Well maybe Bullwinkle himself wasn't very smart; but the show itself was brilliant. Everybody says Bugs Bunny is so great. I don't think he's so wonderful; he was just acid and sarcastic. But Rocky and Bullwinkle, man, that show was *warped*.

There was Dudley Do-right, the mountie, rescuing Little Nell from the greasy-mustached Snideley Whiplash with the help of his horse who was actually smarter than Dudley Do-right.

They had those fables every show, Storytime Tales, where the little fairy godmother thing would float across the screen. The music would go tinkety-tinkety-tink, tink-tink and when it was over the book she was standing in front of would slam shut on her.

They had Mr. Peabody, the dog who spoke like a Ph.D. student and owned a time machine.

And of course, there were the stars of the show Bullwinkle the moose and that squirrel in the flying helmet, Rocky. Every week they would triumph over those two Russian-sounding arch-villains Boris Badanov and Natasha Nogoodnik.

I need them again. I need to see Bullwinkle pulling lions and rhinoceroses out of his hat to re-affirm my faith in determination and optimism.

I have to see Mr. Peabody get him and his sidekick Sherman out of impossible jams using only the power of his superior intellect to re-establish my faith in the value of a higher education.

And looking at the shit the networks are serving up nowadays, I think kids need regular doses of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Kids would receive much less damage from a moose and a squirrel in a flying helmet than the harm that is done to them by crap like *Three's Company*.

So join me, come in and sign a letter or write letters to the CBC and to the other TV stations to bring back good prime time viewing and put Rocky and Bullwinkle back on TV. They can bump some really insidious shlock like *Three's Company*, or *Too Close For Comfort* or *The Love Boat* to make room for it.

Richard Watts

Really stupid

The more astute of you may have noticed the story (short though it was) describing the attempt to steal chairs from RATT Saturday night.

As soon as the SU started serving beer and wine in glasses the Students' Union wrote losses into the budget for breakage, theft, etc. I suppose that people will always steal things but let's face it, who in their right minds would try and steal chairs from RATT?

Apparently the guys were drunk to the gills but I still find the incident dumb. But it does bring the issue into the open.

If people continue to pilfer things from RATT, pretty soon the management will be compelled to raise the prices of drinks to compensate for its losses.

This defeats the entire purpose of having a student bar. The bar is there so we can go and enjoy a drink at much lower prices than what the rest of town has to offer. But some people just don't see it that way I guess.

Those people who steal the glasses will eventually ruin it for everyone else. In the end, RATT will just be another bar with the same inflated prices as every other bar.

I feel that the people who steal things (like glasses) from RATT are really stupid.

Andrew Watts

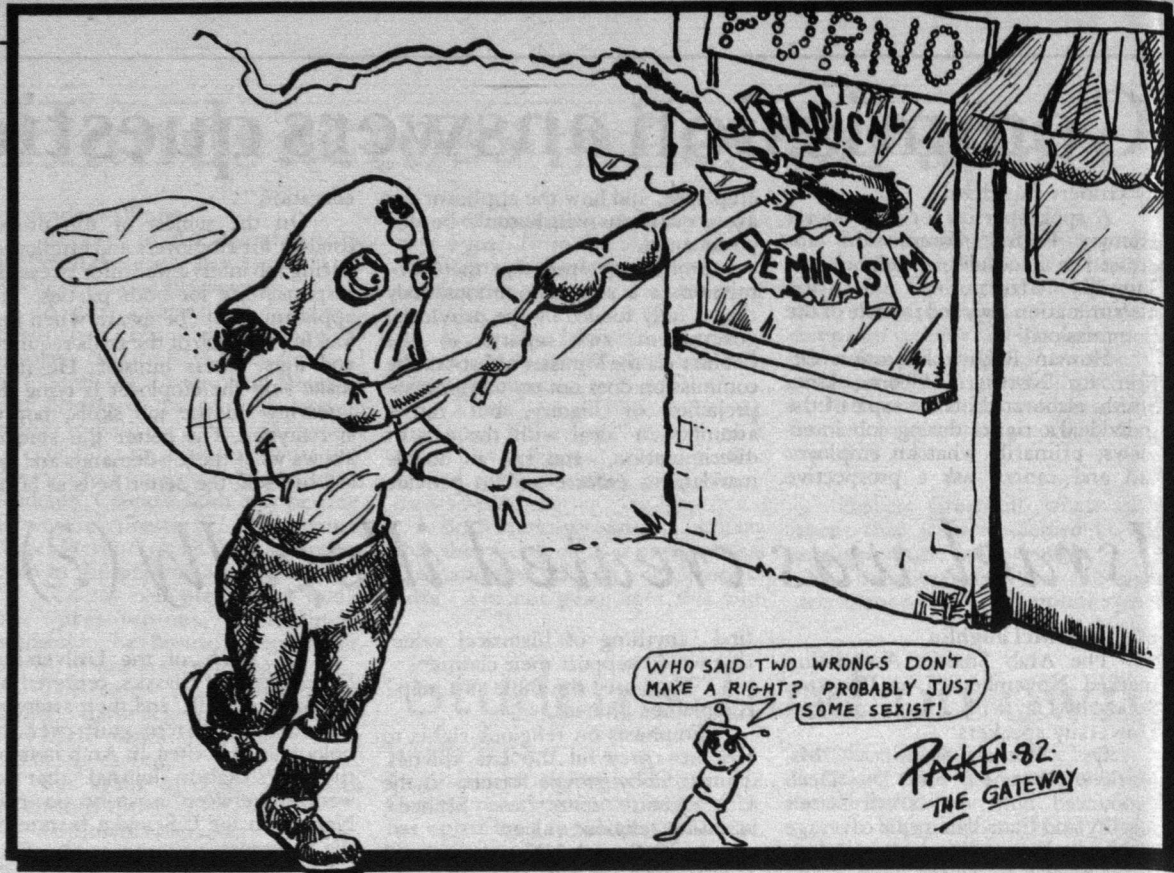
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Staff this issue:

The El Supremo Nimmno has called a staff meeting... Heather-Ann Laird and John Roggeveen, with Gilbert Bouchard, they arrive on the scene. John Algard, Bill Inglee, Kent Blinston et al, come running along with Zane Harker in tow. Martin Couets, Shauna Peets, and grim Martin Beales, see Aaron Bushkowsky squash Ron Friesen's heels; Dave Marko, Margo Schmitt, and Stacey Bertles went fishin'. Here's Nate LaRoi and Cathy McLaughlin! And Gerard Kennedy and Jack Verme, a couple of cads, they've gone for tea! Meeting adjourned.

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« LETTERS TO THE EDITOR »

Fishy manoeuvres precede UAB fee indexing

In reference to Brent Jang's article, "Something Rotten in Athletic Services?" (*Gateway*, 23 November 1982), I should like to provide your readers with some background to the decision made last Spring — a decision which I opposed.

At its April 2nd meeting, the Board of Governors was presented with a motion to *inter alia* link increases in the UAB fee to increases in tuition fees and to merge UAB fee revenues into general University revenues. In my view, this motion was improperly placed before the Board for the following reasons. (1) Any increase of more than \$1.00 required a referendum to be held (UAB Constitution, 1978, Part VII, (6), (7)) and then ratified by the Board of Governors. This, of course, was not done, nor was it proposed, to the best of my knowledge. (2) The motion was tantamount to a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the UAB present at three consecutive meetings, after which the amendment required approval by the Council on Student Affairs" (Part IV UAB Constitution, 1978). Incidentally, the drafters of this 1978 constitution failed to take into account the fact that the Council on Student Affairs had been abolished in 1976, two years before the UAB constitution took effect! After much discussion about the appropriateness of such action, it was moved by Dr. Dorothy Richardson that the matter be deferred to ensure that "proper procedures" (unspecified) be employed. My principle objection was that subversion of the UAB Constitution represented a dangerous assault on student rights.

On April 8th, the University Athletics Board convened to approve, by a two-thirds majority at two consecutive meetings, the so-called Horowitz proposal. The lone dissenting vote was cast by Ludger Mogge (Vice-President External, Graduate Students' Association). No one from the Students' Union attended those meetings! In so doing, the UAB affirmed that an amendment was required and that due process was being observed.

The Council on Student Services, never did ratify this constitutional amendment, despite the explicit requirement for such action. In a memorandum dated 7 April 1982 to the Administrative Director of the Board of Governors, the Acting Dean of Students regretted that C.O.S.S. would be unable to meet in April. The reason given for this was the pressure of final examinations even though approximately one half of C.O.S.S.'s members are administrators. Indeed, the undersigned was not contacted by C.O.S.S.'s Chairman to ascertain whether a meeting would be feasible. Thus, while the UAB, with a substantial student complement, could round up its members, C.O.S.S. could not. The Acting Dean, in his memo, then went on to offer a "personal view" that there was "currently no legal requirement that would necessitate C.O.S.S. action".

The next installment in this episode commences on or about 15 April 1982. Our intrepid Mr. Mogge, in a letter to the Secretary of General Faculties Council requested that the Council of Student Services (which comes under GFC's jurisdiction) ratify the UAB amendment. Mr. Mogge expressed alarm at the possible erosion of the authority and jurisdiction of one of GFC's subordinate bodies. The request, contained in Mogge's letter, to bring the matter before GFC was denied by the Chairman of GFC, Dr. Horowitz.

Finally, on 7 May 1982, the Board, being apprised of all this correspondence, carried a motion to tie UAB fee increases to the increase in tuition. At this meeting Mr. Greenhill and I advanced a number of motions and amendments endeavouring to ensure that due process was observed. During the discussion, President Horowitz advanced the opinion that the UAB constitution was technically *ultra vires* as the Board alone can set fees. This seemed to settle the matter and so the UAB saga came to a close.

A number of intriguing issues arise out of this minor controversy. These include:

- (1) If the Board cannot delegate its fee-setting authority, why did it do so in the first instance?
- (2) If the fee-setting authority was validly delegated, can the Board suddenly revoke or strike down parts of the UAB constitution arbitrarily? If the answer is in the

affirmative, it raises questions about the utility of student participation on these subordinate governing bodies.

(3) What effect, if any, did the Board of Governors' decision of April 2nd to defer the item pending "proper procedures", have on questions 1 and 2?

(4) Was the Acting Dean of Students acting correctly, that is to say, with proper authority, in rendering a "personal view" on the involvement of C.O.S.S. in the amending process?

(5) Was the Board acting correctly in basing its decision on a "personal view" as opposed to an official expression of opinion?

(6) Why was it felt necessary, in adopting these changes, to minimize student involvement at every conceivable stage e.g. referendum, constitutional amendment, Council on Student Services?

(7) What is the point of framing a constitution unless it guides student and administrative behavior?

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Editors for Pocklington?

I am concerned about Peter Pocklington's future. With the untimely death of Attila the Hun, Mr. Pocklington will find it increasingly difficult to fulfill his obligation as self-appointed coordinator of Edmonton's "Lunch With a Fascist" series. His resource of conservative American sophists nearly exhausted, Mr. Pocklington may, in an act of utter desperation, be forced to feature his own speaking talents. This would be most unfortunate. May I make a suggestion? Although Alberta is most certainly without a single "Fascist", I'm convinced that Mr. Pocklington may uncover, with little effort, local celebrities with amazing ideological similarities to some of his past guests. Perhaps our own beloved *Gateway* Editor-in-Chief, and Managing Editor would give revealing testimonials at Pocklington's next gathering.

I suspect that the *Gateway's* managing editor, Jens Andersen, would agree with Mr. Haig, Mr. Pocklington's most recent guest, on the issue of nuclear weapons. Mr. Haig believes we must "negotiate from a position of strength" with the USSR. He also states that Canada must honor its commitment to NATO by testing U.S. cruise missiles. All the logical, rational arguments revealing the absurdity of this position and its likely consequence, are perhaps best expressed in a statement by John Kenneth Galbraith. Galbraith correctly points out that after the nuclear war, the ashes of capitalism will be completely indistinguishable from the ashes of communism. Let's not make ideological differences an excuse for nuclear war.

Greg Madison, Arts IV

Bike vandalized or stolen? Help compile abuse survey

Over the past few months, the Housing and Transport Commission of the Students' Union has been informed of concerns with parking, theft, and vandalism of bicycles on campus. As many may have noticed, a significant number of bikes have been involved. Some have had parts removed; some have been mutilated; others have simply vanished.

As one of the purposes of our commission is to help serve the needs of students with regard to transportation, a study is currently under way to determine the extent of problems associated with bicycle parking on campus and to take whatever measures possible to remedy them before the next bicycling season. We wish to determine which parking areas are most often targets for thefts and vandalism.

It would be most beneficial to all campus cyclists if those students with bikes that have been 'hit' would let us know specifically what had happened and in which parking area. That we might be more effective with this study, we would ask that students send any input or suggestions for improvement to Box 14, S.U.B.

Students' Union Housing and Transport Commission
 Richard D. Graham, Member-at-Large