

SUELECTION



STUDENTS' UNION ELECTION AND REFERENDUM

Nominations are now open for the following positions:

Faculty of Science

- 5 Student Council Representatives
- 7 General Faculties Council (GFC) Representatives
- 12 Science Faculty Council Representatives

For further information please contact the SU Executive Office Room 259 SUB 4236 or the Returning Officer Room 271, 5166.

Nominations close: Friday, March 19, 1982
Campaigning begins: Sunday, March 21, 1982
Election day: Friday, March 26, 1982

Referendum on SU Fee Increases to be Held as Well

What to sacrifice for freedom

Recent letters to the *Gateway* have presented a debate on the issue of nuclear armaments, instigated by John Sharon, in favour of disarmament, and responded to by a number of others.

The debate seems to be increasingly focusing on who is most to blame for the present situation of two governments terrorizing the world.

The question of which of these two, the U.S.A. or the U.S.S.R., is most responsible is irrelevant and misses the essential point. I shall return to this matter, but first, a few points of fact.

First, concerning the development of nuclear weapons, it is a fact that the U.S.A. is responsible for every major technological development in the field. American missiles always have been and still are vastly superior, in terms of range accuracy and size.

The Russians have compensated for their technological inferiority by building bigger warheads (ie. greater megatonnage).

The U.S.A. has the U.S.S.R. vastly outnumbered in terms of missiles; in terms of total megatonnage, they are only slightly in the lead.

At this point I could churn out reams of statistics, as used by either side, but these are, for the most part, moot.

However, for Don Murray, who claims the U.S. sacrifices a great deal by SALT II, I would

suggest they sacrifice nothing. This treaty allows for the continued escalation of the arms race by permitting the U.S.A. itself to build just under 5 new strategic weapons daily.

For those who prefer to see the Soviets as aggressor, put yourself in the place of your Russian counterpart and it may prove enlightening.

In the U.S.S.R., the people are as terrified of U.S. expansionism as North Americans (but, curiously enough, not Europeans) are over Soviet expansionism. Soviets have the longest hostile border in the world to defend, for the Americans the reverse is true.

Consider also that World Wars have happened on Russian territory, never in North AMERICA.

4? million Russians died in WW II. It becomes increasingly difficult to believe they want another war.

On the other hand the current U.S. government has said 20 to 30 million Americans (how many Canadians?) may die in a nuclear war. Not only this, but the American government has said they are willing to sacrifice West Germany for the cause of

freedom! Who asked the West Germans if they would die for America's freedom?

I am not trying, in this letter, to place all the blame with the U.S.A. Both sides have arsenals sufficiently large enough to destroy every living thing on earth many, many times over.

Unilateral disarmament, on the other hand, is a real possibility. The Netherlands have taken steps in this direction.

Canada is on the verge of permitting the testing of cruise missiles at Cold Lake (getting closer to home). The fact that these will not contain warheads is irrelevant. It is a definite contribution to increasing the possibility of nuclear war.

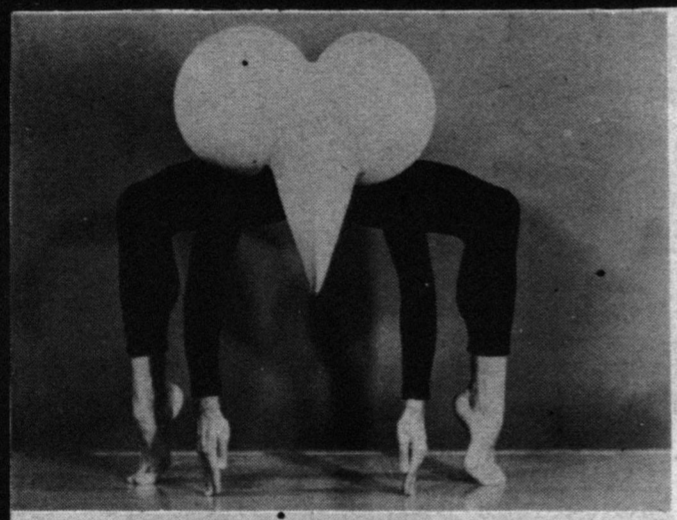
The responsibility for disarmament is the real question, not who brought us to the brink. This responsibility lies not with the two 'super powers', and neither will the responsibility for the nuclear war which is so close at hand. Rather the responsibility now lies with the individual people of the world, those of us who don't want a war, those of us who want to live, and want an inhabitable planet for our children, and our children's children. It is time to speak out. Begin by writing the Hon. Mark MacGuigin, Minister of External Affairs, House of Commons, Ottawa. Tell him we don't want cruise missiles in Cold Lake.

B. Connell
Grad Studies



sub theatre

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA



MUMMENSCHANZ

"The highest compliment one can pay Mummenschanz, aside from the ovations of applause they receive wherever they perform is the wave of laughter that greets so much of what they do. Most of that laughter flows from children, but much comes from those of us who turn into children while watching the marvels of the Mummenschanzers."
Bernard Weiner, San Francisco Chronicle

You've seen them on the Muppet Show, Sesame Street, Mike Douglas, the Merv Griffin Show and the Tonight Show - and possibly on Broadway, where they're celebrating their 3rd year of performing.

3 Nights Only
March 18, 19, 20 - 8:00 p.m.

Tickets Now on Sale: BASS and SU Box Office

MUMMENSCHANZ

THE ACCLAIMED MIME MASK THEATRE

3 1/2 Years on Broadway

"Incredible. It really is fun."
Clive Barnes, N.Y. Post

"I recommend it!"
Walter Kerr, N.Y. Times

"Mummenschanz attained the highest level of amusing and creative showmanship. They are worth making every effort to see."
Stanley Eichelbaum, San Francisco Examiner 3-3-78

Presented by the Students' Union theatre by arrangement with Arthur Shatman Int'l Ltd. INFORMATION ph.: 432-4764 or charge by phone: 488-4826.

• SHEER DELIGHT TOUR '82 •

★ NEW SHOW, SETS, COSTUMES ★

★ BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND ★

The Nylons

The Nylons - (6 shows) March 25, 26, 27. Tickets now on sale at SU Tickets (SUB) and all BASS outlets. Info: 432-4764 or charge by phone: 488-4826



presented by

SUB THEATRE 96 CKRA

Produced by Perryscope