

MORE LETTERS

French question blurred

I don't think people have their facts straight when it comes to the Francophones' situation in Alberta. Francophones are not as small a minority as some people claim they are. Having been pushed back for so many years, the Francophones assimilated themselves to resemble the Anglophones. They just don't stick out like other cultures. I would like to point out that Anglophones have the English schools they wanted in Quebec. I can't say a similar situation exists for the Francophones in Alberta. Not yet. I would like to remind people that French IS an Official Language of Canada. I can't understand why people base their arguments against Francophones using irrelevant and/or false facts. Other cultures are not "stifled" in Quebec, and I don't see any connection when references are made to Ukrainians and Germans, when condemning Francophones. Last time I checked, they weren't an official language.

I would like to enlighten people about what the Francophones want (have a right to) in Alberta. They only want the equivalent of rights that Anglophones have in Quebec. Is that too much to ask?

Canada is an original country because of its TWO official languages. If some people are so quick to condemn French in favor of English, I'm sure that the Americans would gladly accept them into their "Melting Pot".

P.S. If they wanted more "stats" on the back of hockey cards, they would have enlarged the front pictures.

Pierre Dery

Lighten up!

Re: Reply to Classroom Disruption (Gateway, March 3, 1988)

"All work and no play makes Johnny a dull boy." This quote, obviously written by some well-educated and enlightened person, sums up the very ideal we should live by. We, as the people of D. Wellock complain about, are sick and tired of keeners and schoolies telling us how to behave in class. If you don't like people coming, going, and talking in your classes, sit at the front with the rest of the keeners. Many people have very good reasons for coming late or leaving early like having to run across campus to get to their next class or to catch a bus at some awkward time.

As for people talking and passing notes in class, if you detect movement with your peripheral vision maybe you should just wear blinders like a horse. Just because some

of us have friends to talk to (obviously you don't) only get to see them three hours a week. As for being immature, maybe you should stop ravesdropping and get some psychological help to improve your concentration span. If you don't like the chatting, try ignoring us instead of being a bleeding heart suck.

Also, many of us also have five hours straight of classes and don't get a chance to get some food, so what's wrong with a little noise from eating. Maybe, you would I rather have us disturb class by having our stomachs growl.

Marcus Schlegel
Kurt Weber

Athletes from everywhere

Re: Controversy in Athletics Election - March 15, 1988

I wish to clarify a misconception that students hold regarding the varsity athletes that represent our University. Athletes represent almost all of the faculties on campus and only 61 athletes (26 percent) are in Physical Education or Recreation. The majority of athletes are in Arts and Science (40 percent), Education (12 percent) and Business and Engineering (11 percent). The remaining 11 percent of the athletes are in Graduate Studies, Agriculture, Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine, Pharmacy, Forestry, Law, Nursing, Home Economics, and Library Science.

Another fallacy in Mr. Small's article was regarding candidate nominations. Nominations from "Athletics" for the University Athletic Board positions are put forward by the athletes and not the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation or the Department of Athletics. Members of the current University Athletic Board Executive will typically solicit potential candidates from team members and encourage them to run for a position.

Brenda Chinn

Somebody could lose an eye

We are sick and tired of sitting in the CAB cafeteria, minding our own business, when some stupid, brainless morons drop pieces of paper over the edge of the third floor. Don't these immature assholes realize that some innocent bystander could get injured - once a hardworking Chinese gentleman was eating his CAB meal when a piece of paper floated in front of him. Needless to say, he inhaled it by mistake and began a horrible fit of coughing and gasping for air. Luckily, somebody in the crowd of shocked and

horrified bystanders knew how to perform the Heimlich maneuver, and saved his life. When will these shit-for-brained gravly tilters realize that it is only fun and games until someone loses an eye.

Robert Prokop
Chris Wispiński
P.S. If this stupidity doesn't stop soon, we'll be forced to take the law into our own hands — and it won't be pretty!

Fifty cents not much

What a wonderful idea I thought, to add a trivial 50 cents onto our tuition could give a person in an underdeveloped country an opportunity to study here at the U of A. No one would notice this sum of money here, yet it could mean the attainment of a dream for someone else. Surely no one would disagree with this and the plan would easily be passed in the upcoming referendum.

But then I saw the disturbing "NO POSTERS". Who would be so petty as to make such a repulsive appeal? Is there really people out there that have nothing better to do than promote some principle about making up their own minds on this so called charity donation (though I hesitate to call 50 cents a donation)?

If the request was for \$50 the NO GROUP would have a point. At 50 cents they don't! Perhaps, if the NO GROUP had a tad bit of compassion they would realize their petty appeal could affect a human being.

Please get out and vote yes at the referendum lest this NO GROUP saves us a cup of coffee and screw a third world student!

J. D. McLennan

"No" only promoting self

On behalf of the "No" committee, we would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the students of the University of Alberta. In the March 15th edition of the Gateway, it has been suggested that the "No" committee's purpose was to slam Paul LaGrange. This is completely false! The only intention of our posters was to argue the facts against mandated donations. In addition to the perceived attacks on Paul LaGrange, we have evidently hurt the Pallister Slate. This is an injustice to the Pallister Slate — they are not involved with the "No" committee or the "No" campaign. Once again, our only purpose was to promote the "No" campaign. We apologize to any who may have thought different.

Wendy Massey
Ken Maxwell

Levenson off mark

I think there is a matter which must be clarified. Last Tuesday you may have read a letter from Martin Levenson concerning the SU general election. In his letter I was shocked to find many false claims, blatant lies, and cheap rhetoric. I would like to correct, for the record, the claims Levenson made.

Martin's first claim of my appointment and its irregularities is not an accurate reflection of what happened. First of all, my appointment was approved in Council, what's irregular about that? With respect to the Nominating Committee, Martin was a member, but decided it was easier to sluff off his responsibilities to a proxy. If you are so concerned, why don't you attend the meeting? As for the reasons you gave, the proceedings of the meeting are confidential, even I am not aware of what they said, so how can you?

The sixth paragraph accuses me of defining the issues. In case you haven't noticed Mr. Levenson, funding is an old standby promise of many slates. Show me an election where funding wasn't mentioned. Even still, how can I be responsible when it's the Gateway who printed the article. The CRO does not write the articles.


Your seventh paragraph says I should not have approved the first "No" poster. If a campaign presents a poster, and all the information is factual, and conforms to bylaw 300, I approve it. For me to determine whether it is right or wrong to campaign in a certain manner, is censorship (if you don't like the way people campaign, don't vote for them). Censorship is a political statement. In your preceding paragraph, you state: "A CRO has no place making political statements." I wish you would make up your mind and stop contradicting yourself every other paragraph.

It came to my attention that Martin Levenson had publicly declared himself campaign manager for a slate. At the same time, he was the Returning Officer for the Faculty of Arts Students' Association. In my mind, this is the real conflict of interest. I therefore took steps to try and have the conflict resolved (quite politely and through proper channels). I hope the impetus for Levenson writing his letter was not a personal grudge.


In closing, I assure everyone the campaign is fair. Talk to the candidates, read the rulings I've handed down for complaints, and come in and talk to us, our door is open.

Craig Cooper
Chief Returning Officer

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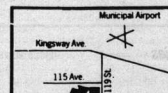
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