

A Day in the Life of a Sub Rat

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Almost everybody has heard the term "Sub Rat", but do we really know what a Sub Rat is? For those of you who think that the Sub Rat is a rodent that has been able to escape from the exterminators for about 20 years, you've got it all wrong. Read on gentle reader, and you will discover that the Sub Rat is a student like the rest of us.

The Sub Rat has mystified people for as long as the SUB has been in existence. They are the people who sit around the Blue Lounge all day, and somehow stay in university. Everyone has always wondered "Why don't they get booted out?" Well, it's time we found out.

I talked with one of the Sub Rats, Scott Ricketts, a Business student, and he told me how he does it. Apparently, Mr. Ricketts has gone to about 18 classes this year. He was quick to say that most of them were Economics, and he has only gone to one Accounting and Business Management class.

Most Sub Rats play cards all



day and Mr. Rickett is no different. He says that he knows how to play every card game there is. He's in the SUB from 8:30 to 3:30, (unless he decides to go to a class).

Why does one pay \$2000.00 a year to sit around and do nothing? "Well," Mr. Ricketts explains, "I don't think that you really need to go to classes. Everything is in the textbook. I

did this all last year too, and I have a GPA of 3.7!" Waxing philosophical, he continues, "I like to think of sitting here all day as a protest. It proves that all profs do is teach out of the textbook!"

Mr. Ricketts said that most Sub Rats are in Phys. Ed. and, that they, like him, do not like being called Sub Rats. "I think that it is derogatory, I prefer

the term 'Sub 1000'. It's got a ring to it."

He leans back on the couch and laughs, "I don't encourage them to do it. The more people who go, the more seats for me!"

When I asked what he thought about the rumour of the Blue Lounge eventually being turned into offices, he said he didn't like the idea. "The SUB is a place for student to socialize, a place for you to see all of your friends. If the SUB wasn't here, I couldn't handle university."

Well, now that everybody knows what Sub 1000 students are really like, I asked Scott if he had anything to say to all of the students. He did: "I think that everybody should give this

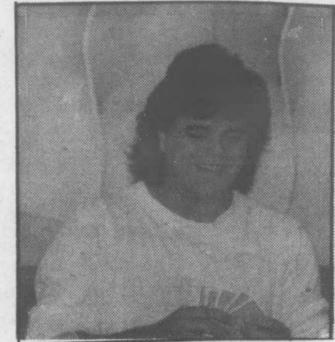


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Scott Ricketts: Sub Rat

a try - I want to see more people down here." He isn't afraid of losing his seat, as he's a regular, and he has his "own" cubicle.

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people who "feel nauseous about the other candidates". Fullerton also explained that the party's main purpose is to encourage people to get enumerated and vote, as well as having a good time.

As for a campaign strategy, Fullerton admits he doesn't

have one. But this may change when he gets a campaign manager (interested? all interested parties and partys call 472-8387). Even if he doesn't win, Chris says he did get some great maps and a free video from Elections Canada out of the effort.

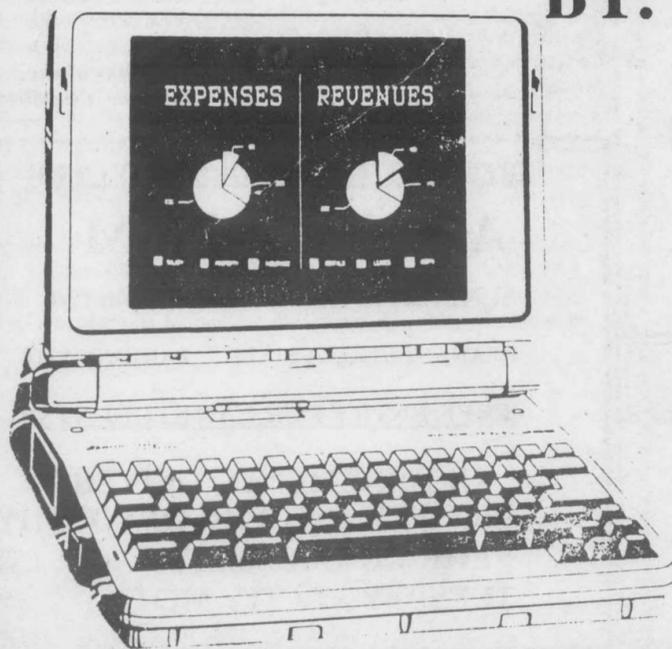
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