

Students not so bad off

Re: Students Enter Uncertain Labour Market (March 15)

This article appeared on the last page along with a Seagram's Whisky ad, and frankly the ad made a lot more sense (not to mention the irony that the tone of the article was so despairing, it may have driven some to drink.)

Poor little Mary Ann Roberts, the UBC law student, bright and possessing a second language, finds that 'only' secretarial jobs are available. Perhaps someone should inform Mary Ann and others with similarly restrictive attitudes, that they have only themselves to blame for being unemployed if they can't lower themselves to be secretaries, etc. I have been a secretary at both the general and executive levels here and in Ireland - where the unemployment rate is at least as high as here. It can be rewarding work for an intelligent and efficient individual and though there are many dull-witted people who are secretaries, stupidity should not be synonymous with secretary.

As regards here statement about "women's ghetto jobs", in times of high unemployment and despair, one literally cannot afford to equate human worth and dignity with one's position in the work force. Also, if one is not just looking for the capitalist reward of cash, there are opportunities for valuable work and life experience through volunteer organizations in South America and overseas. Don't despair, students; your job prospects are only as limited as your creative capacity.

Gay Hollingshead
Education II

Tennyson on Schnell

While reading through my vast collection of Alfred Lord Tennyson memorabilia, I happened to uncover this previously unreleased poem; it is called "Blue Lisa".

Blue Lisa

Lisa! Lisa! Lisa!
You neo-conservative fascist, you!
Lisa! Lisa! Lisa!
All that and a lobbyist too!
Lisa! Lisa! Lisa!
Justifies anything the PC's do.
Lisa! Lisa! Lisa!
I'll bet your undershorts are blue!

Lisa! Lisa! Lisa!
Gandhi said to turn to this:
Lisa! Lisa! Lisa!
When governments refuse to listen.
Lisa! Lisa! Lisa!
When all our civil routes are spent.
Lisa! Lisa! Lisa!
We turn to disobedience!

God, it's eerie, isn't it? This poem, of course, deals with Tennyson's neurotic impulses concerning his pet goat. But it bears an uncanny resemblance to Lisa Schnell and her comments in the March 14th Gateway. Whenever Tennyson deals with specific issues his poetry obviously suffers (e.g. The Charge of the Light Brigade), but this poem still deeply satisfies and mystifies the pallat (sic). Lisa, as the poem's subject, obviously suffers from an acute lack of youthful radicalism and suffers also from premature middleclasscontentism. To quote Cat Stevens, that other great Victorian poet; "Lisa, Lisa, Sad Lisa, Lisa.

Norm Sacuta
President
Alfred Tennyson and
Cat Stevens Society for Sainthood
Arts IV

Is CFS history?

I must speak again to the student body at the U of A and the idiots who insist on killing the CFS. Let CFS be. As a national organization, CFS has the potential of being an effective voice for the national student body. Do not insist on killing CFS because of political ideology. Let the organization get on its feet then work from within to rectify any beefs you have. Let CFS represent what it will, but for God's sake get

it off the ground and give it a chance to work. Some people at this institution have persistently insisted on national suicide. I say to you, stop it, stop it, stop it. You do not have any understanding of what can be done by working as a collective under one body to achieve the necessary needs of this and other post-secondary institutions. As long as you keep fighting these petty fights, students across Canada (the rich province of Alberta included) will be screwed by all governments.

Christine Baghdaday
Pol S. IV

PS. Nowhere does it say that because U of Calgary voted No, the U of A has to or will do likewise!

Bouchard biased?

With regards to Gilbert Bouchard's article reporting on International Week March in Tuesday edition of the Gateway, the comment in reference to the singer, Miss Weed's sexual preference is derogatory and redundant. The writer's intent is to link feminism to lesbianism. If this is his intent, why then, did he proceed to describe the event from a neutral position and at the same time express his negative attitude towards the participants. Consistency, Mr. Bouchard, would be greatly appreciated.

K. Ross

Matters little now

Dear Phil Ewing,

Zowie! You're the type of guy that makes real politicians shiver in their boots and look over their shoulder when they see you.

Says Phil in Thursday's interview in the Gateway re the VP External By-Election:

"The SU should run a scrip marketing program as a non-profit organization."

This from a man who personally profited over 1983-84 by buying and selling over \$15,000 of scrip through what has been coined the scrip "black market."

Previously, students had resorted to posting "Scrip for Sale" posters in CAB and Lister to dump their excess, but our prospective VP External, through some unnamed female engineer source in Lister, figures "what a great opportunity to make a quick buck: buy at 50 per cent, sell at 80 per cent" - tidy little sum.

We need a man like this in office. What a talent! Screw the other guy, make a buck, then come up with a "brilliant" proposal to stabilize the price of scrip through a marketing program. (Sort of like the Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization plan - right Phil?)

Non-profit, of course, right Phil? Oh yeah, just about forgot. You, of course, knew the Lister's Student Association has a booth in SUB selling scrip on a non-profit basis, right Phil?

Thought so. Good luck in the election, buddy.

Regretfully yours,
Pete Blake

VP Mackenzie Hall
Lister Hall Students Association

Correction

In the Thursday, March 15 issue of the Gateway, it was incorrectly reported that Paul Alpern "supports CFS."

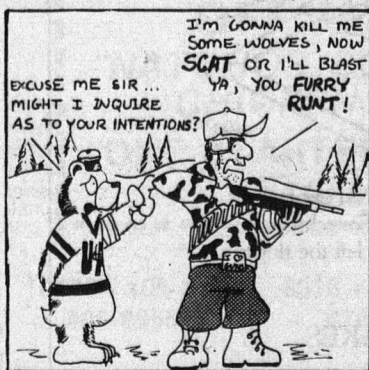
Actually, Alpern supports "the principle of a national student organization," but withholds his support of CFS, as a particular national student organization "until CFS can prove it has something to offer to students on this campus or demonstrates flexibility on a number of points of contention."

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