

EDITORIAL

CFS deserves support

There have been four unsuccessful referenda in the past at the University of Alberta urging students to join a national student organization. The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) 'yes' campaign shows far less vulnerability than any previous attempts to convince U of A students to join the Student Movement.

In truth, the CFS referendum campaign began in October 1981 when delegates from Canada's universities met in Ottawa, supporting the concept of a national student organization. As the months passed there have been conferences, caucuses, endorsements, and even pull-outs.

That's all been preview. Now comes the main show on Friday. And it had better be a hit.

The focus of the 'yes' campaign is on unemployment, student aid, and cutbacks. They are important issues: The unemployment figures released last week from Statistics Canada show 20.9 per cent of men in the 15 to 24 age group to be out of work; for women in the same category, the figure was 16.7 per cent.

In the area of student aid, with the higher loan ceiling, students face a large debt load upon graduation; for those who consolidated during 1982-83, a lofty 15.85 per cent interest rate is a considerable burden. Cutbacks are a major concern; faculties like Arts and Science and Physical Education face enrollment cuts of up to 35 per cent; quotas have been placed on Agriculture, Engineering, and post-graduate programs in the Faculty of Medicine.

The overcrowding figures at the U of A are distress signals the Alberta Tory government has chosen to ignore: Arts is up 17.75 per cent (3606 in 1982-83 to 4246 in 1983-84); Home Economics is up 20.07 per cent (324 to 389); Science is up 18.10 per cent (3879 to 4581); Physical Education is up 14.22 per cent (598 to 683); Agriculture is up 14.20 per cent (634 to 724).

Total full-time enrollment is up from 21,383 to 23,275. Part-time students enrollment is up from 3642 to 3951.

The dissolution of the Federation of Alberta Students has resulted in the U of A Students' Union executive having to over-extend itself and having to approach the government with vague and ill-defined intentions. CFS is in a better position to analyze government policy in regard to post-secondary education and they could open a dialogue from a stronger position than the SU.

The services side of CFS (Travel Cuts, Student Work Abroad Program, etc.) gets \$1.00 of the \$4.00 fee that students are being asked to approve on Friday. There will likely be a clear split between those voters interested in the services aspect of CFS and those interested in the political.

The idea of CFS, designed to supercede the old National Union of Students and Association of Student Councils, should resolve that split. A referendum victory here will send a clear message to other institutions of the need for representation on a national level.

The current complaints about CFS being too bureaucratic and undemocratic raise some legitimate questions about how well the national office functions in provincial matters; they should not obscure the fact that CFS can operate effectively as shown in the recent, successful lobbying effort to changes in Canada's student aid program.

Is there a more "suitable" moment we must wait for before saying 'yes' to CFS? Must we wait for Ontario universities to give the impression that there's a student bandwagon?

No, we don't have to wait.

CFS needs a fresh injection of confidence. Take the initiative on Friday and vote 'yes' to joining the national student organization. It deserves our vigorous support.

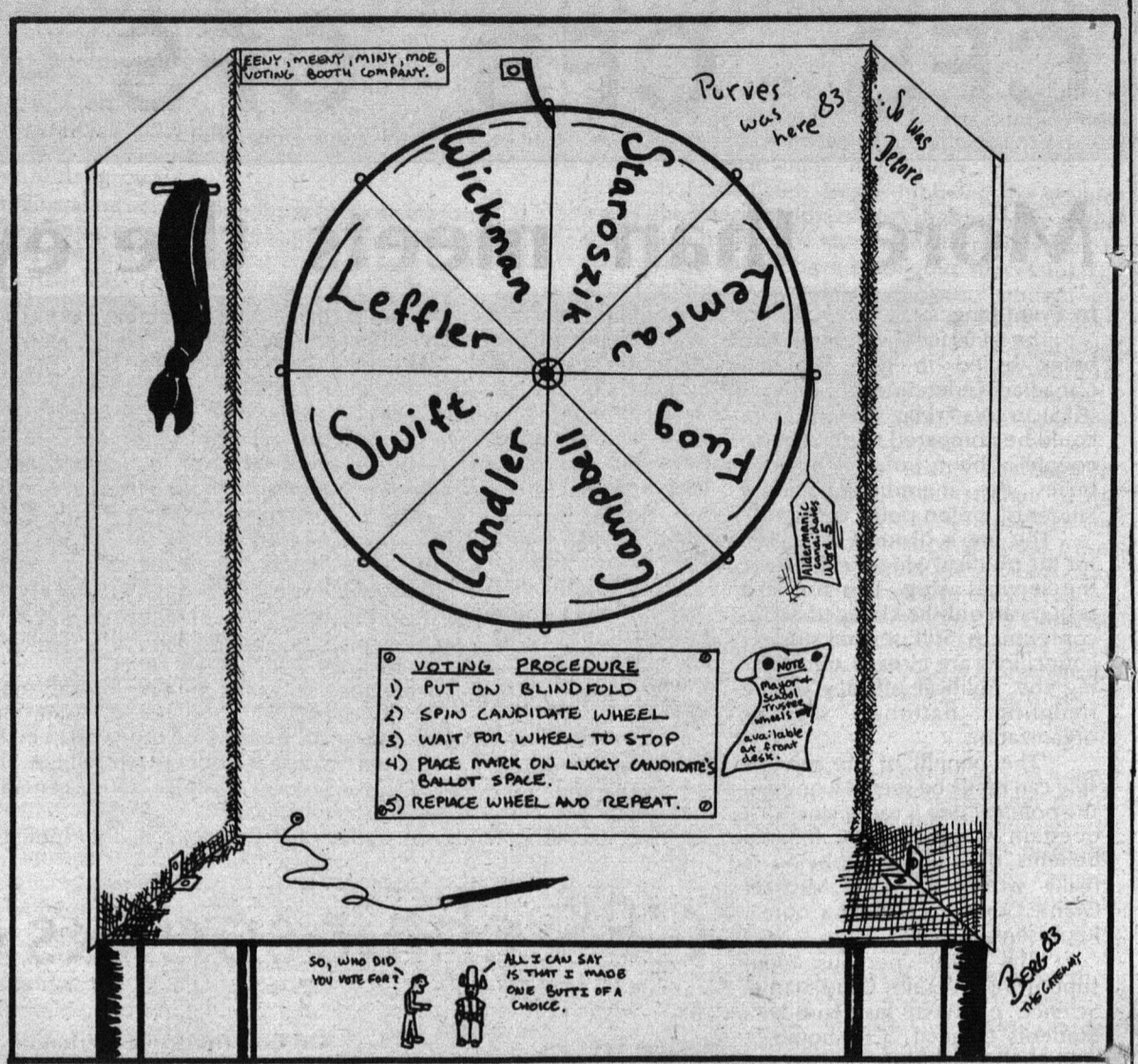
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In the spring a young man's fancy turns to love, while in the fall it turns to lust (a Gilbertologist has to keep warm somehow!) Patrice Struyk, Amlin Gray and Christine Koch were all incapacitated by the greeneyed monster (Shane Bergt), while Bernard Poitras, Georgeann McInerney and Gunnar Blodgett hummed dirty songs under their breath. Martin Shug and Brenda Waddle said they didn't want to fall in love - it takes too much time, while Ninette Gironella, Suzette Chan and Simon Blake said they had all the time in the world. RBJ Williams, David Mohr and Bob Gardner had enough sentimental drivel and went cruising 97th street, while Jim Moore and Algard tailed them, taking notes. Jordan Peterson, George Koch and Kevin Arthur said they don't indulge in casual sex - formal sex is so much better. Ann Greves.

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A Matter of choice?

"If I do (have the baby), it will be much harder on the daughter I now have. I have given up two other children for the same above reasons."

"(Delivering the baby would have been) a threat because I wouldn't be happy for myself or my child."

"I wasn't ready to have a child. I couldn't afford it. (I was) not ready emotionally to go through nine months of pregnancy for an unwanted child plus (it) will interfere in my future."

These are three statements three women gave at the hearing into abortion-related charges against "Doctor" Henry Morgentaler and eight of his clinical staff. My God, are these the reasons for which the anti-life supporters want abortion-on-demand.

The mentality of the anti-lifer is something I will never understand. They refer to an abortion with safe, dinner-table terms like "termination of pregnancy" to conceal the use of strange contraptions that kill unborn children. Children as in *human beings*. Children as in *persons*. All anti-lifers claim that the unborn child is not a person. How do they arrive at such a conclusion? No one knows. They won't tell us. Perhaps they feel that to be a person one must be composed of more cells than a "non-person." If this is the case, I can safely assume that the slimmer anti-lifers would consider Orson Welles to be more of a person than they are.

Sometimes I hear anti-lifers say that they have a right to do what they wish with their bodies. It seems to me it is not *their* bodies that are broken apart and sucked away through a tube to be flushed down the toilet. Enough said on that matter.

Finally, I realize that I have probably been offending the anti-lifers by calling them anti-lifers. Great. Regarding the "pro-choice" label, as far as I'm concerned, they make their choice whenever they decide to have sex.

The Nazis also had an anti-life attitude. It makes me wonder when the anti-lifers will start adorning themselves with swastikas.

Warren Opheim
Arts II

P.S. Jens, I knew you couldn't avoid it. I'm referring to your resorting to sacrilege on page 50 of the 1983/84 Handbook. You make me more sick each time. Do me a favor and lock yourself up in your hole indefinitely.

Yes-men one and all

In accordance with the regulations laid down and made public in your publication, provision was made for anyone who was interested in campaigning for or against the upcoming referendum to make themselves known. It was essential that those interested find the support of one hundred (100)

persons who were SU members. This was to ensure that those who campaigned were both serious and accountable to the Chief Returning Officer. The deadline for such petition was Friday, 14 October. As such, there is only one campaign organization, the Yes side. No No side was constituted and therefore none exists. No campaigning is therefore permitted for a No option for this referendum. Anyone finding such materials about campus should remove them, writing on them the date and time of discovering them, and forward them to this office. I would hasten to add, for the benefit of all campus news organizations, that the abundance of "Yes" campaigning material should not prompt, of itself, a stance on the issue. Rather these organizations should deal with the issue as any other newsworthy item.

Glenn C.J. Byer
Chief Returning Officer

Come back, we're sorry, honest!

We the executive and members-at-large of the HUB Tenants Association (1982) have reached the end of our term in office and we do not function on behalf of H.T.A. ('82) anymore.

On (Oct. 3rd, 1983) an annual general meeting was supposed to be held to elect a new executive as advertised in the newsletter dated Sept. 22nd 1983. Newsletters were distributed at each doorstep. At this meeting, apart from the executive, only one member showed up. Therefore due to a lack of a quorum, the general meeting could not be convened.

Under these circumstances we are returning the keys of the H.T.A. office and the storage (8909 & 9202) to HUB office.

Also we are submitting a financial statement of H.T.A. ('82) to the Office of the Dean of Students and the Students' Union.

In case someone wants to call for a general meeting he/she should consult the bylaws of the Association posted on the door of the H.T.A. office.

In addition we want to mention that meeting notices posted up on all mall doors, with permission of HUB office, were a few hours later torn down by employees of that office.

Secretary, Outgoing HTA (82)

Take the money and run

I found the article on the Windsor Park house-buyings rather intriguing, but also very confusing. Having read it through twice and carefully, I am now quite uncertain of the University's purpose in buying the houses, let alone why the use of a numbered company was attempted. Mr. Phillips' quoted explanations may not be anomalous of themselves, but juxtaposed with the reaction of the Windsor Park residents they are utterly incomprehensible. What does he think he's