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## Students Snobs - Or Slobs

University students are generally regarded as a fairly open-minded group. But a certain sector of the student body sometimes jeopardizes this reputation, and forces the public to conclude that university students are an impudent bunch of punk kids.

These are the students who ridicule people who do not come up to their personal set of standards in social behaviour and appearance. They criticize—but never to the subject of their criticism—the shortcomings of those “below” them.

Not the least of these targets of criticism are the janitors and other members of the university staff, who are often held up to ridicule in a snide and backbiting way, as if they do not rate respect as human beings simply because they are not considered by society as successes.

But it is not to staff alone that our student snobs extend their benign disdain. Many refer to their fellow students in deprecating terms simply because they do not have the short hair cut typical of the in-group, or the fashionable styles of the day.

How many times is the expression “loser” applied to one who just does wish to conform to this group's standards?

This attitude is shallow and superficial. Not only does the “in-group” judge individuals on their appear-

ance rather than personal worth, but the attitude has other repugnant implications as well.

Does not judgement of an individual according to his style of dress smack rather strongly of class discrimination? Surely dress is at least in part a matter decided by one's parents' income.

Surely snickering at the janitors is even more blatant class discrimination. Need we remind our enlightened students that the social standing of a man is a pretty narrow standard on which to judge anyone? This is particularly true if that man just did not have the chance to develop his talent to a full degree because of social circumstance.

The amazing thing about student bigots is that they have not taken the trouble to look beyond their own noses.

They fail to realize that there are various reasons why the majority of students do not go along with their fashions and forms.

Income, motivation, and interests are among these reasons. But perhaps the last reason is most pertinent. Has it never occurred to our fashion plates, our “leaders” in this metropolis of intellect, that the majority of persons really don't give a damn about their preferences or standards at all?

## Science Vote Too Low

Donald Freeland, a second year student, is to be congratulated on his election to the position of science representative on Students' Council.

Freeland has shown a keen interest in student government and other campus activities to date. If his past record is any indication for the future, he will serve the students well.

The science students have not been served well, however, by the persons responsible for running the election. Indicative of the disgraceful handling is the fact that less than eight per cent of the science students cast their ballots. Twelve hundred students are in the faculty.

Natural student apathy is, of course, partly responsible for the very low vote.

But the main reason for the poor turnout is that there was an almost

total lack of pre-election publicity. Many students say, for example, that they did not know where to vote. Others were not sure how to vote.

Authoritative sources state there were very few or no posters displayed to advertise the single polling station.

The returning officer for the election should have ensured that an adequate number of posters were displayed in strategic locations, that notices and other information concerning the election were submitted to The Gateway in advance, and that science students in general were informed of the essentials regarding the candidates and the voting.

Students' Council should demand a report as to why the election was so poorly handled. It must ensure that such a disgraceful situation does not develop again.



“FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS” — REMEMBRANCE DAY 1963

## Looking Back through The Gateway

*Monday is Remembrance Day—a day out of which we should all take a few moments to remember those who lived and died in the horror of war because of the evil desires of some men.*

*Today's Gateway does not carry reports about a war. This was not always the case in The Gateway of the past.*

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1915

“No part of a community escapes the hand of war when the blow falls . . .

“ . . . in coming days some tender memories, some fine emotions may gather round this thing. I see a tablet in a college hall that gives the names of college men who, recognizing as college men the worth of life, made a votive offering of it in a Great Cause . . . ”

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November 7, 1916

“Killed in Action . . .  
Pte. Herbert Joseph Ball, Law, 9th O.B., C.E.F.  
Pte. Barney Barnes, Law, . . .  
Lieut. John Parker, Arts, '16, Royal Flying Corps . . . ”

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December 19, 1916

“Honor Roll . . .  
342823; Mothersill, J. D. O., B.A. '16;  
Pr. Sjt. 72nd Batt, C.E.F. . . . ”

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December 19, 1918

“Like the majority of college papers, The Gateway has been handicapped by the shadow of war. So many and so varied have been the

demands to service that all student activities were closely related to the all-absorbing struggle . . .

“Rather abruptly and sooner than most of us had dared to hope, the shadow is lifted and we are able to resume our normal work . . . ”

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November 10, 1939

“Celebrate Armistice of First War Saturday

“While Big Guns Boom Over Flanders Fields

“Tomorrow is Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918, just 21 years ago, the great guns of the western front were silenced after four years of death and destruction . . .

“ . . . They fought for four years to give us back our freedom; now it is our turn and we must not fail.”

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November 8, 1940

“ . . . Remember our war aim—one and indivisible. That aim is to rid Europe of that ‘Nazi gangster’ and the plague with which he has crippled the continent. This and nothing more. This is what we have to observe then on this Remembrance Day . . . ”

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October 26, 1944

“ . . . Remember that perhaps that elderly man you jostle in your rush for the street car has had a harder day than you have, that perhaps the woman you almost knock over when you're running to cross the street before the light changes may have just had news that her husband, son or sweetheart has been killed ‘over there.’ . . . ”