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## about that letter

Canadian Union of Students campus chairman Owen Anderson has accused students' union president Branny Schepanovich of censoring his mail, and has called for Schepanovich's resignation.

It seems funny that Mr. Schepanovich would prevent Mr. Anderson from mailing a letter to another party on a subject which received Mr. Schepanovich's support, or rather implied support, when the particular item, a \$500 payment to the CUS national office in order that the students' union be placed on the CUS mailing list, was brought before council Oct. 31 when the year's budget was brought down.

If Mr. Schepanovich wanted this to remain a secret, there are more discrete ways of doing this than censoring the mails. Just the title "material from CUS office" could have been changed, acceptably, to "communication."

This could have negated any

comment Mr. Anderson would like to make to the CUS office on the use of this money. This practice of blurry, bureaucratic titles on budget items is not uncommon in the students' union.

Mr. Anderson's request for Mr. Schepanovich's resignation seems to be more defensive in nature than anything else, but it should not be dismissed lightly.

Something approved by council should be brought out for everyone to see, and not hushed up, as is the case here.

Mr. Anderson's remarks will surely cause some consternation in the inner sanctums of the students' union office, and, if Mr. Schepanovich were a vindictive man, he would attempt to abolish Mr. Anderson's position, or, worse, remove Mr. Anderson from his position at the council meeting Monday.

But Mr. Schepanovich has told us on several occasions he is not a vindictive man.

## things we learn from others

A former Simon Fraser University students' council president, as reported elsewhere in this issue, has asked for the impeachment of all present council members there.

He accused council members of not providing leadership, representation or administration.

The charge is a common one at Canadian universities. Even our students' council has not been immune from such accusations.

Councillors, whether they like it or not, are student leaders. Often this attribution is in name only, for councillors at times feel their responsibility ends with their election to office and attendance at meetings.

Other councillors feel if they take an active part in council debates, whether their comments are informed and intelligent or not, they have done their duty in an exemplary

fashion.

But not so.

Councillors must take an active and intelligent part in forming student government policies. And they must also be willing to work actively in implementing these policies.

This often means working in organizations connected with, but not directly a part of, the main structure of student government.

Some of our councillors do this, and we commend them.

Unfortunately, we cannot praise the whole council. If a councillor is not willing to live up to some of the responsibilities we have indicated, he should never have run for office.

We suggest each councillor submit himself to a searching and serious examination of conscience, lest some U of A students also start asking for impeachment of council.

## u of a queen contest

Wednesday, Varsity Guest Weekend organizers will be looking for your opinion on whether or not you would support a U of A queen contest, in connection with a formal ball.

They want to set up a queen contest to end all queen contests on this campus, i.e., give it at least an air of respectability.

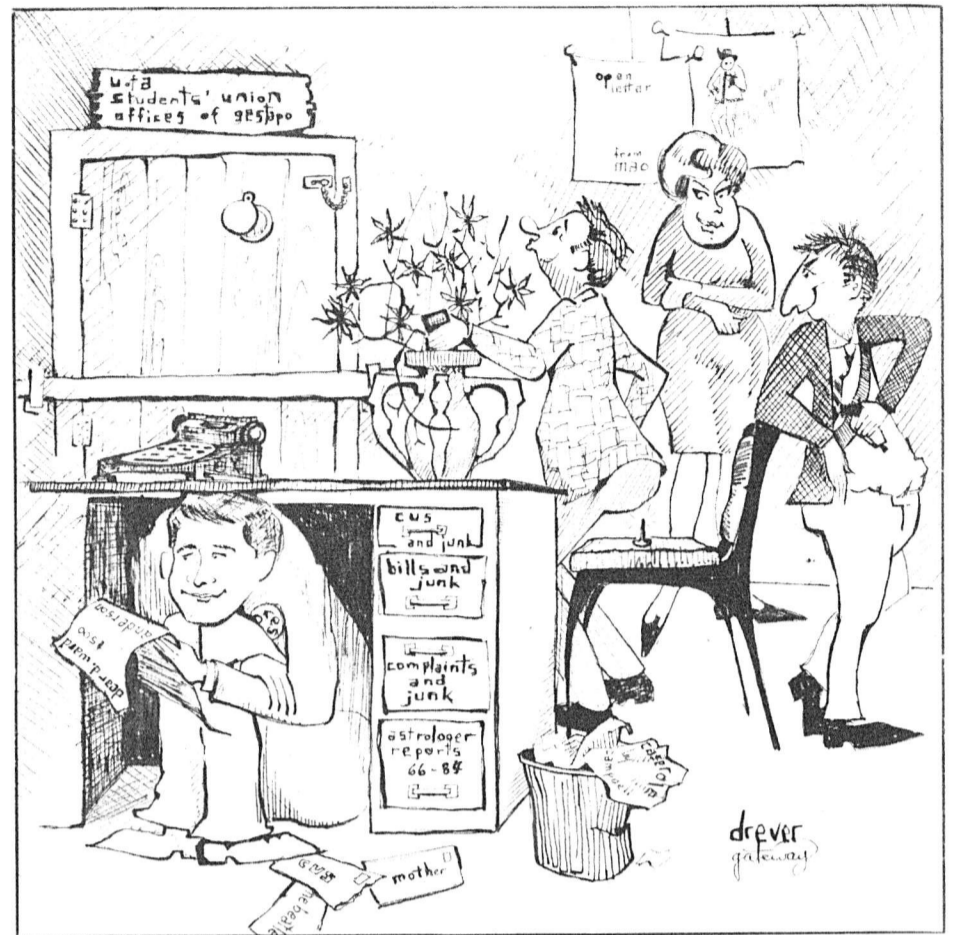
Although it is fitting the commerce queen be fitted out in cowpoke duds for the commerce rodeo,

it is not fitting for an overall campus queen.

The VGW crew would like to set up something that is more formal than cowpoke duds, block A sweatshirts, and all that.

But they can't do anything of this nature without knowing whether it would have the support of enough people to make it worthwhile.

It is worthwhile, and it is even more worthwhile to let them know how you feel. Fill in the questionnaire Wednesday.



is it that too many espionage movies have affected this game of student government?

bill miller

## to go steady or to be celibate?

With the cost of dating in Edmonton these days, there are only two things a young man without a lot of capital can do—become a celibate or go steady.

As a celibate, the cost of dating is nil—obviously.

Going steady is also inexpensive, not quite as inexpensive as the former alternative, mind you, but then it is not as expensive as taking out a different girl every week.

When a couple is going steady, the pressure is off the male partner to keep on impressing his partner the way he would be if he was not going steady.

The couple can go somewhere and watch television or other niceties. Cost of watching TV is nil, but these other niceties may cause problems later.

Let's take a look at how much it would cost you to take out a different girl each week. The most common activity in this field is going to a movie. The basic cost is \$2 to \$2.50, depending on which theatre chain you patronize. Then there are the incidentals. Thirty-five cents for some crummy popcorn, 20 cents for some watered-down soft drinks, and there are also lots of candy bars and such to choose from, especially if the movie is bad.

If you want to take a girl to some other form of entertainment, such as the Citadel or some concert at the Jubilee, your basic cost rises from \$2.50 to \$8 to \$10, depending on how impressive you want to be.

After the show, again depending

on how much of an impression you want to make, your basic cost for an after-show snack ranges from about \$1.50 at a hamburger stand to \$10-12 if you go to some swanky restaurant, and having a drink or two as well as a small pittance of a snack. If you're inclined to do a lot more drinking, your costs rise astronomically, especially when you have one of those \$2.50 jobs that fizzes and sends off sparks in a date-impressing array.

For a date-impresser, the basic costs would be at least \$20, for just one night.

If you allow yourself \$20 a week, which over the 30-week university period would amount to a fantastic \$600, you leave yourself with almost no personal luxuries, like a package of cigarettes, if you like to smoke, a bottle of booze, if you like to drink, or a bar of soap, if you like to smell nice.

As most people are not in this class, a more realistic \$12 per week should be considered. If you go to a show, and then to a hamburger stand, you spend at least \$4 per date, and if you go out both Friday and Saturday, that's \$8 for the week, but what about gas for your car? That should come to at least \$4 for a week, more like \$6 or \$7, and again leaves you nothing for a cup of coffee in SUB on Monday morning.

That leaves only two solutions. Go steady and watch TV on the weekends, and go to a show once in a while, or be a celibate, and spend all your \$12 a week on yourself.