

letters

using sub

Up to this point in the operation of our new students' union building, there have been numerous complaints coming to the Building Policy Board in regard to scheduling of facilities in the building. The point of this letter is to clarify the method of proper scheduling to ensure yourselves of the best facilities.

Before you attempt to schedule any event, you should consult the master calendar in the south-west corner of the second floor of SUB. This will clarify any major campus-wide conflicts that may detract from student participation at your event.

Next you should consult the scheduling office located behind the information desk on the main floor. Here you make formal application for space. The space requirement should reflect the size of group and type of event. At this time a request should also be made for special services such as food or microphone service.

After making this application, if no special services are required, the booking is complete. However, if special services are required, you must further contact the person in charge of such areas; for example, Miss Shaw in the SUB cafeteria for food services, or theatre supervisor Cec Pretty for events taking place in the theatre.

The person in the scheduling office will refer you to the proper people for special services, but the onus is on you to contact these people and make specific arrangements.

The Building Policy Board realizes the involvement of such procedures, but at the same time recognizes the benefits and time saved if booking is done properly. We hope that you can appreciate the problems of operating a new building such that you will bear with us in our moments of trial as we attempt to facilitate your use of the building.

For any further clarification of building policy, please feel free to see me in room 252 at any time.

Phil Ponting
Chairman
Building Policy Board

more than football

Mr. Rybak seems to think there is nothing else on this campus worthwhile except the football team and money for same. It is not enough that they are fully equipped with the best equipment, plane rides, "steaks before games etc.", etc.

Now the student should be clipped for another four bucks to satisfy the winning lusts of this campus.

It is apparent no more than 1,500 students on this campus are concerned with football and hockey.

Is it necessary for the marching band and cheer leaders to go everywhere the team goes? I say no, and if they think they should then

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we have a pile of old letters to get rid of. they cover everything from the use of sub to an 'impartial' look at the death of che, and related subjects. some councillors, who apparently thought we were referring specifically to them, have responded to an earlier editorial, and an old sports editor has responded to a proposed sports fee increase. blitz, pool time, cartooning and old friend brucie fill out the page. thanks again, and keep the letters coming. some of them are real riots.

they should raise their own funds. The student should not be expected to pay \$8,000 for this dribble to go to Toronto.

Do you realize this university could hire a full time publicity director for less than the amount required to send the band to Toronto?

Why should the band go to UBC and not Calgary where it is a far more important game and, so it happens, much cheaper.

I'm sure Moser loves that bit about him. He is so overworked. How many U of A teams have been on the road in the past month? That is the total of his work. Zemrau did more than that last year.

Why should the UAB support excursions to other centres? The students won't even attend the games played at this campus. If a student must go out of town for a drunk, then he should pay for it.

Your booster club? What is that? What have they done? Do you call having the marching band perform at half time a function of the booster club.

Dispense with it. It is a waste of money and has proven so by its utter lack of production. They have done nothing!

Why should the basketball team take a Christmas vacation in Tennessee? Experience? Hah! They can't even beat the senior teams in town. They don't have to go to Albuquerque to be humiliated.

The marching band again. Do they have to go to Toronto to make a big impression. They ought to make an impression on the students of this university first. They won't go out for hockey games and they haven't been out to all the home football games in full dress either.

I say the money is sufficient. Remember, with Telex, we do not have the sports editor anywhere either.

Realize when you are well off, my friend or they may start to cut back in other places.

Rich Vivone
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get the facts

I would like to reply to the "Face the Facts" editorial in last Friday's Gateway. The editorial says that people "should get all the facts before they act". This is the age old argument against activism and one which is basically false because it doesn't recognize that non-activism on any issue involves just as much a decision as activism. And whether you decide to act or not to act you should have the essential facts (no one ever has all the facts). I would not be surprised if most of the students who "martyrize" Che Guevara know more than The Gateway editor about Che's ideas and what they mean in the context of Latin America.

To say that Che was a "murderer" and that "he who lives by

violence dies by violence" is to use a purely pacifist argument and one which can be used to justify the murder of anyone who supports, or fights in, any army. This argument has historically been used with great inconsistency. When Malcolm X was assassinated the American press used this argument against him but when President Kennedy was killed these same writers could find only praise in spite of the fact that Kennedy presided over the slaughter of thousands of Vietnamese.

Really the issue is clear. Do you side with the oppressor or do you side with the people who are fighting against oppression? One does not have to know much about Bolivia or the Barrientos regime to know that it is utterly corrupt and oppressive and uses what the special correspondent to the Journal calls "jackboot tactics". Few people are silly enough to think that this regime, like most other Latin American regimes, can be overthrown by parliamentary means and, this being the case, those who speak out against Che and the Bolivian guerrilla movement are in fact supporters of the status quo. The "facts of life" are that these 'democrats' objectively support the Bolivian oligarchy.

Keith Locke
grad student

council replies

In reference to the Nov. 10, editorial "Shape Up . . . or shut up" we feel we should clarify our position which the editorial so vehemently attacked as being narrow-minded.

The questions first arose when CUS sent us a bill for services rendered from Aug. 1, the beginning of CUS's fiscal year, to Sept. 23, 1966 when they were notified that The University of Alberta had withdrawn from CUS. They demanded this money because at the time we were officially members of CUS.

When this bill was received, our treasurer carefully calculated a compromise sum of \$203.22 on the basis of an 11-day period between the congress and the first fall meeting of students' council on Sept. 19, 1966 at which time the U of A formally withdrew. This sum was brought to students' council on Sept. 25 but it was decided to refer it to our legal advisors. They informed us that there was no legal obligation to pay CUS anything.

Contrary to the suggestion of the Nov. 10 editorial, it was our honest opinion (influenced by facts which we had received from reputable sources) that if we weren't legally obligated to pay any sum whatsoever, we weren't morally bound to do so. In fact, we felt we had a moral duty not to give a donation to an organization which our campus has expressly disapproved of.

We failed to find any logic in refusing payment for the period from Aug. 1 to Sept. 8 and, then

giving it away for an 11-day interval until Sept. 19 and then refusing it again. It was argued that during the 11-day period CUS was led to believe we were part of it. But what about the period from Aug. 1 to the congress? Certainly it was also believed then that we were members (which in fact we were) and there was no indication that we did not intend to remain as such.

However, at the congress, every possible indication of our disapproval of CUS was given. The delegates from the U of A voted against every major policy and financial bill including the budget fee structure. When delegates are sent to a conference they do not have the power to withdraw from that organization but this was done by students' council which has the authority at the earliest possible time, namely the first fall meeting, 11 days later.

When reasons why this particular payment should be made were asked for, the answer given was that "we should preserve our public relations with CUS". We did not support this attempt to buy friends especially when they were "friends" who weren't going to be bought by \$203.22 anyways. Nor did we feel we would be reducing ourselves "to the same level of irresponsibility as CUS" whatever kind of an argument that is.

However, once a majority of the council (7-6 with one abstention) decided to pass the motion we felt we should go along with this new policy. This is neither "not having a clue as to what is going on at (our) meetings" nor being "so narrow-minded that (we) cannot allow (ourselves) to listen to any other views than (our) own". But the very next motion was that we should dissolve the CUS Liaison Committee because "we have had no liaison with CUS since that congress".

It was not that we were "unable to grasp even a vague idea, after having a fact pounded home". We saw the facts and got the idea especially since this was exactly what we had been arguing in the previous motion. If we have no liaison with CUS why had we just voted to send them \$203.22 to preserve our relations with them? It was this glaring inconsistency that we felt was not being grasped.

In talking to our fellow students both before and after the meeting we found that they all understood our stand and were largely in support of it. We would like to see more students attend our meetings to judge for themselves whether we truly do give a "display of genuine, unadulterated ignorance". Maybe they will find out what really does "smell up the council chamber".

Indeed, to use the editors' own words "There is no display of ignorance more glaring or revolting than boorish and unfounded remarks".

J. Darryl Carter
G. W. Sinclair
H. P. Eppel
Sam Hanson

splishtime

I would like to add a few words to Steve Rybak's comments (Nov. 3) regarding individuals vs. team use of sports facilities.

Recreational swim time has suffered a rather drastic pruning to only Monday and Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and week-day afternoons from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings have been cancelled "in favor of water polo".

Recently, to top off the problem, someone has seen fit to relegate recreational swimming in the 5 to 6 p.m. sessions to one-half the pool while the swim team monopolizes the other half.

The result reminds one of the hot springs pool at Banff during peak tourist season. If you manage to fight your way into the pool, it is far too crowded to enjoy swimming

and quite impossible to swim lengths.

I submit that there is not adequate free swimming time and that the interests of the average student swimmer have been completely disregarded by whoever allowed the swim team to take over the pool.

A large number of students are not on campus at night; hence, cannot swim then, and the present situation does not permit them any other reasonable access to the pool.

How can this situation be corrected? There have been rumors of petition circulating in the locker rooms demanding removal of swim team monopoly. However, these cannot reach all, especially the many browned-off would-be swimmers (myself included) who take one look at the melee from the pool gallery door and say "to hell with fighting that mob."

Swim teams have the alternative (if the correct channels are used) of scheduling special pool times such as 6 to 9 a.m., but the recreational swimmer is supposed to be happy with the leftovers after all else is allotted.

The pool was not donated to the university for the exclusive use of any groups—phys ed, swim team, water polo, or what have you—and I feel that the students' council should demand that the recreational swimmer at this university be given reasonable access to this facility.

Stewart A. Jackson
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blitz

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the student's blitz committee, to thank you for the coverage you gave our campaign this year.

Our goal was set at \$9,364.00, and we are pleased to report we are over the top, collecting more than \$10,000.

We would also like to thank all the students who took the time to canvass for the blitz, and a special mention to Lynn Hubbard and her team, who collected the top amount, winning "Emily" for 1967.

Thank You!

Judi Blonarwitz
Dennis Shuler
Co-chairmen
Blitz Committee

thanks, brucie

Today I dropped into the CUP office here in Ottawa, to catch up on U of A news via their copies of the Gateway.

Perhaps a trace of homesickness is colouring my perceptions, but I think you are running a great paper. The content, the writing, and the makeup all point up a first-rate job on the part of you and your staff.

I was especially impressed by Casserole, whose editor has managed to fill with top-quality features and interesting news. Most notable was Richard Vivone's "The Strange World of Campus Dances," which is a masterpiece. He should be commissioned soon by one of the larger publishing houses to do the Revised Edition of the Hustler's Handbook.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Bruce Ferrier
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With regard to Mr. Donnelly's cartoon of Wednesday, Nov. 8, I have one comment: More!

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