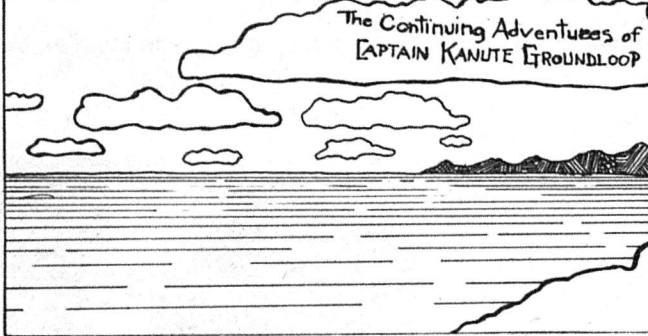


For his insubordination to King Screwdeau, ex-captain Kanute Groundloop is sent to internment in the infamous Chateau D'ief. Forty miles east of Neufyland high atop a craggy pinnacle where the stone fortress (for political prisoners and has-beens) sits, Groundloop surveys the scene and ponders his predicament.

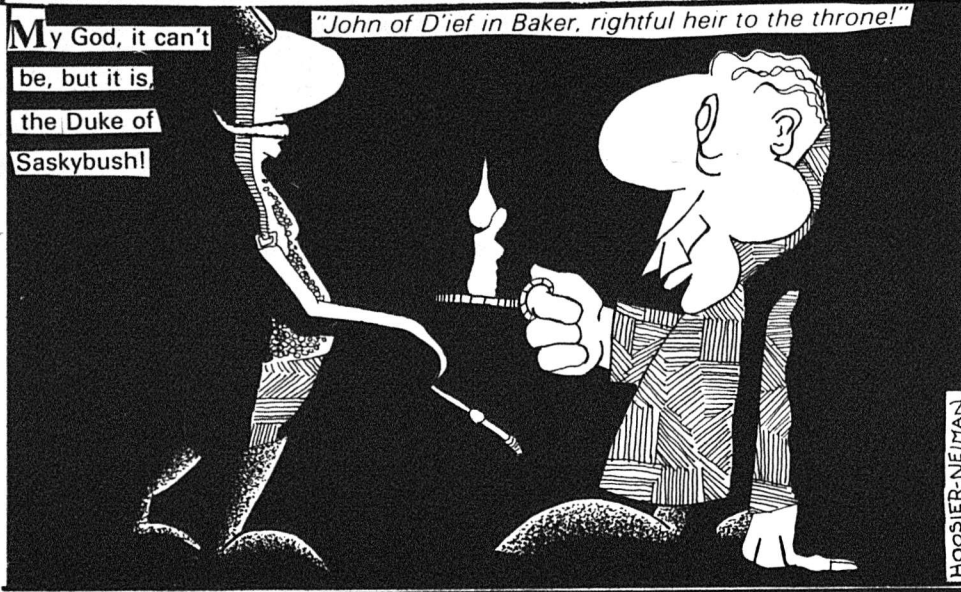


Weeks pass into months with no hope of escape. Then one night Kanute hears a scraping and pounding from within one of the walls of his cell. Astonished he watches as a withered, candle-lit figure emerges.

Clink!
SCRATCH
RUMBLE
THUD

My God, it can't
be, but it is.
the Duke of
Saskybush!

"John of D'ief in Baker, rightful heir to the throne!"



letters

Leaders' 'narrow-mindedness'

I am writing this letter to remind Graeme Leadbeater, *The Gateway*, and other sources of student leadership that there are students on this campus who regard the university's request for increased tuition fees as perfectly legitimate, and who are dissatisfied with the conduct of both *The Gateway* and the student council executive regarding this issue.

The first mistake was to lay too great a portion of the blame for the increase on the university administration. That they are in dire need of funds in order to keep the quality of education here from slipping lower than it already has should be obvious to anyone.

If anyone is to blame it is the provincial government. That they are cutting back on their grants to the universities and hence endangering the quality of our education is really the issue.

Why then all the fuss over an extra \$100??

After all we live in one of the wealthiest provinces in Canada,

and currently pay the lowest tuition fees in the land. I just don't believe that the extra \$100 is as much of a financial burden as you make it out to be.

I am a self-supporting student who works during the school year and two-thirds of the summer. I haven't had to take a loan yet, and I've been able to maintain first class honors, with a sufficient amount of leisure time left over. So where's the financial burden.

Perhaps the greatest single defect with the Leadbeater/*Gateway* approach is the damage it does to whatever remains of student credibility.

As we all know, the people of this province do not have the highest opinion of our student population. They tend to think students have an easy life and that a great number are simply wasting their time (and the province's money).

If we intend to convince people that the Loughheed government is not acting in the best interests of the province by maintaining the ceiling, we are going to have to start acting a far more mature and responsible manner.

We should accept as legitimate the increase in tuition fees, to indicate we are willing to share the burden of inflation and the expense of higher education. We should also vociferously protest the provin-

cial government's hostile attitude towards post-secondary education, and the necessity of compromising our educational quality. Finally we should recognise that we must work in concert (sic) with the university administration on this issue instead of pretending they are our enemies.

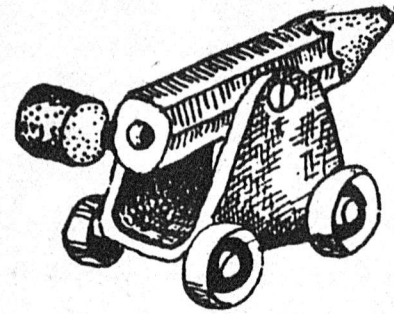
Attempting to make the fee increase the primary issue is a monstrous act of stupidity and narrowmindedness. I expected as much from the average student, but I had hoped for something more from our so-called student leaders.

Tom Barrett
Arts 3

Just a reply from one of the "stupid narrow-minded monsters" referred to in your letter. We've been saying all along that the province's ceiling on education spending has caused the fee increase, and will rot the quality of education we receive.

But it would be equally, if not more monstrous to insist the fee increase is legitimate if it keeps poor people out of school. Your case, unfortunately, is but a laudable exception to the rule. Students may not consider going to university because it costs too much - as has been proven in studies long ago. Increasing costs only increases the injustices they create.

Ed.



editorial

"Farce" image still alive

A lot of people were pleased about the turnout for the election. "A third of the student population!" "Fantastic!" "Who said elections were a farce?"

But it remains to be seen whether or not the election was a loss. Those who are rejoicing should wait until some results are seen before judging the validity of the election.

Promises were made to us in return for our votes, it remains to the new executive to determine the value of the students' choices. Voting alone does not de-farce-ify (sic) the elections, it's the policies that result from students' having voted that do it.

We need a Council that will work more toward seeing that the executive does a good job, and we need student support for the representatives they elect (mostly by acclamation) to their Council.

It was said, only partly in jest, that *The Gateway* staff could occupy every executive and Council position in the Spring and Summer sessions, and thereby divert every single dollar the 1,500 or so students give as their session fees, toward the newspaper. We'd need only fifteen people to do that.

By the same token, *The Gateway* could occupy a good number of Council seats to likewise divert increasing funds to our now poverty-stricken budget. All we'd need is one staff member from every faculty to run for Council seats, and they'd probably all win by acclamation. Or at least we'd have enough to take over the Administration Board.

My point is that students are being led to think voting is enough. It isn't. The Students' Union will continue to be called "a farce" by some, as long as student participation in its activities remains low.

I hope the new executive sees this when they assume office in April, and will strive to kill this only slightly unfounded "farce" image forever. We need more participation, especially in Council. And we need more support and comment from the student body on what Council does. If you don't like what Council is doing, you should at least make your complaint vocal. A vote of non-support needs to be heard just as much as a vote of confidence before the "farce" image will die.

Greg Neiman

Thanks all around

On behalf of myself, Jan Grude, Howard Hoggins, Ken McFarlane and Len Zoeteman I would like to thank Ken Reynolds for the excellent job he did as Chief Returning Officer.

We would also like to comment the other slates for their well run, well fought campaigns.

As well, a vote of thanks goes to all our friends and supporters. But, perhaps most importantly, we would like to thank the 7555 students who voted and proved that the 1976 SU election was *not* a farce.

As we approach the challenge of being your executive and fulfilling our promises to you, it is clear that we need the support of a strong Students' Council and active representation on General Faculties Council. Elections for seats on both these bodies will be held soon. We encourage you to get involved and run.

For more information see one of us, the outgoing ex-

ecutive, your faculty association (re Council reps) or Mrs. Midgley, GFC secretary.

Eileen Gilless
vp-elect (finances and administration)

Political grace

I would like to express my congratulations to Len Zoeteman and the members of his Slate in their election to the Executive offices. Len ran a fine campaign and I believe that this is indicative of the quality of work that we shall see in the next term.

I wish the Zoeteman Slate the best and shall support them in their efforts.

Sincerely
Dale Janssen