

# Editorial

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## Turning the other cheek

Honey, if a professor pinches your bottom turn the other cheek because the Administration of this University isn't going to stand up for your rights.

True, three and a half year ago, The President's Advisory Committee on Sexual Harrassment was created to deal with sexual harrassment on campus. Reviewing this organization's performance, it can only be said that PACSH was only so much oil thrown onto a tsumani wave.

Over three and a half years, all of 47 complaints have been received by PASCH. An incredibly small number given that this university has a population of approximately 35,000 in a given year. Someone isn't talking or they've decided that to speak out would be to no avail. The figures are more disturbing when you look at the number of formal complaints lodged . . . three. Distressing, but not surprising given the university's response to sexual harrassment cases.

When a professor in the Ed Psych department was found guilty of sexual harrassment, he received a six month suspension. His suspension served, this man is back on campus teaching. The administration who'd meted out this punishment deemed it right to

protect the professor involved by not revealing his name. Consequently students are signing up for his classes unaware of the heinous acts he has committed. The administration, determined to protect its own, are leading students like so many lambs to the slaughter into this man's classes.

The responsibility lies with the administration. They created PACSH as a good public relations tool. "Sexual harrassment, yes we're dealing with it. We have PACSH," they can respond.

Unfortunately, the PACSH they have created is virtually powerless. While it serves as an information source and does take part in the investigative process, it has little to do with the disciplining of offenders. PACSH can make recommendations but little more. **This is not enough.**

Until the university takes a genuine stand against sexual harrassment by creating an independent board to review sexual harrassment complaints and met out discipline appropriate to the crime, this university will not have really dealt with the issue of sexual harrassment. The administration's ostrich with-head-in-the-sand attitude does nothing more than exacerbate an already tragic and sordid situation . . . to the detriment of the university of Alberta's reputation as an institute of higher education.

Suzanne Lundrigan

# Letters

To The Editor:

I am shocked and upset that the U of A Food Services continues their policy of purchasing Gainer's products. Their policy is in clear support of Gainer's management. It is impossible in our complex society to be morally neutral. Not to take sides is acquiescence with the status quo. No-one, not even a university administration, is above morality and justice. David Suzuki in a recent address on campus challenged the university to provide the moral framework within which scientific research can be evaluated. The boycott of Gainer's products is a moral issue and the university hides behind a veil of neutrality.

The present policy is repressive toward students whose conscience requires that they support the union cause. A caring democratic society respects the views of the minority. But our Food Services obviously does not care but forces students to eat meat or become a vegetarian. I find this attitude to be a morally reprehensible position. Students should continue to organize, picket, sign petitions, demonstrate, write letters and to do whatever they can to hold the university accountable.

Rev. Bruce Miller  
United Church Chaplain

To The Editor:

RE: Provincial Funding.

Immediately after I addressed the motion on the floor of Students' Council Tuesday, I felt I had not expressed myself clearly. The subsequent press has affirmed this fact.

I spoke in favor of the motion but against the debate at the moment. Several councillors were arguing that maintenance of funding levels were not enough to assure quality education at this institution. This is true. However, the effort to see that money is efficiently spent once it reaches this institution, is to be addressed to the Board of Governors and the Administration.

My point in Council was to draw an analogy to illustrate a necessary versus a sufficient condition. To shoot a person,

one needs both a gun and a bullet. Each of a gun and a bullet are necessary conditions, but neither is sufficient in itself. At this university, both enough money must be obtained **and** it must be wisely spent before one can obtain a degree worth more than a picture frame.

The Students' Council should direct motion to the provincial government for funds, and students should talk to their Board of Governors Representatives, Mr. Oginski and Mr. Shinkaruk, to see that the money is well used.

I hope this explains my position.

Martin H. Badke  
Student Councillor

To The Editor:

RE: Mr. Nichol's letter to the editor on Nov. 20.

In Thursdays' Gateway Mr. Nichol mentioned that he was "wandering aimlessly through HUB". However, what he failed to mention was that his argument was also aimless.

The U of A Progressive Conservative Club does not pretend that the report by the Committee on Tolerance and Understanding is a party publication. Rather, the club feels that this report is important enough to provide to students as a public service. The U of A P.C. Youth has a myriad of objectives. A primary one being to stimulate greater interest among young Canadians in political issues. By making such an excellent report available we are providing a service for people who might not otherwise have obtained such information. Furthermore, this service is provided regardless of what political ideology one may hold.

We are being criticized for taking initiative. The reports were obtained through proper channels of government. Any other club on campus can obtain such reports in the same manner. Therefore, obtaining public documents hardly represents government funding as Mr. Nichol suggests. Rather, it is simply a matter of one club being more enterprising than others.

Mr. Nichol, we are presenting a public service to students. If other clubs have failed to do this is it not these clubs that should be criticized? Clearly you feel that initiative should be criticized — what an aimless argument.

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The bus to Radway left Tuesday evening. Marc Simao, Eric Janse and Nolan Berg agreed to share toothbrushes. Andrew Brooks Glenn St-Germain and K. Kleinberger donned coats and Andrew Rahn, Randy McCoy, Tim Terry and Andrew Ken Dong rounded up horses and beverages. "Recreational activities were planned in detail by Melinda Vester, Sherri Ritchie, Mike Spindloe and Stephen Pandke. "But are they legal" queried the ever conscientious Alex Shetsen and Roberta Franchuk. "Heck", cried Ken Bosman, "I'm trapped in a rumour mill, I could care less." Luffful Kabir Khan shook his head with disapproval and Dragos Ruiu conjured up images of the Radway he remembered. Bewildered, Emma Sadgrove suggested they by Alan Small and Tim Enger muffins to assuage their hunger. Phil Preville just nodded off to sleep.

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