

I appreciate the efforts of Dirk Shaeffer to offer his services to the campus community who feel they've been "screwed" by "the System." I do agree that the need is real and that people require an identified place to turn to. But even an ombudsman can't be all things to all people — it is still necessary for him to be aware of existing resources and to know how to utilize them. This campus has people at all levels who spend many hours of every day trying to get it all together for those people who seek their assistance.

Perhaps the problem lies more in not knowing who to turn

to rather than not having anyone to turn to. The help is available, but on a campus this size it can be hard to find.

By the way, ombudsmen are supposed to be sensitive people and the usage of the word "house niggers" for faculty and "other niggers" for staff is really not being very sensitive. Those expressions have or should have vanished long ago. In fact, the use of those expressions may even cause someone to go to the ombudsman!!

Ruth Groberman
Foreign Student Advisor
and acting Dean
of Students

Council rep challenges SU pres to debate sticky issue...à la mode

Last Students' Council meeting, Len Zoeteman, President of the SU, publicly chastised me for a recent column I wrote in the Commerce newsletter. Evidently, his complaint was not with the tone, substance or validity of my article. Rather he felt that my responsibility as a Faculty representative should be to work with the Executive as a member of a legislative body ... and that my article was not written in such a spirit.

It seems that his view is that my view is not acceptable. What's even worse, his comments were made in Council as an Announcement, which allowed me no opportunity for rebuttal under parliamentary procedure.

I wish that opportunity. As a result, I challenge you, Len, to a public debate on the following motion:

That the final responsibility of a Student Council member is to the Students' Council, as a member of a legislative body and NOT to the students of the Faculty, as their elected representative.

I, of course, will argue in the negative with you supporting the motion. Should you wish to reply, I would like to see it in the columns of this newspaper.

And to add a little excitement

to the affair, the loser will be awarded a lemon-creme pie in the face ... courtesy of the winner.

Dale Janssen
Commerce Rep

Dog exposed as Panther

Like some bloodied Caesar deliriously giddy in victory, U.S. president elect Jimmy Carter today ripped off a latex mask at a Plains, Ga., rally to reveal he is former Black Panther activist Bobby Seale.

Loudmouths

As an invited guest to the Tory lecture given by Mr. Enders, I was shocked by the behavior of a group, later referred to by the *Journal* as a Marxist-Leninist party. From their accents I gathered they were not Canadian born, and one wondered what their fate would have been if they had interrupted a lawful meeting in their home lands.

Their action seemed an abuse of our freedom of speech and of assembly and also a discourtesy to an invited and distinguished speaker.

H.G. Pitfield

I have watched with interest the developing interaction between the SU executive and general students. Unfortunately, in our observations, I have noticed an increasing arrogance of the executive towards the student viewpoint. Recently this has been highlighted by Eileen Gillese's rebuttal to Dale Janssen's concern of the condition of the SU finances.

While not debating the merits of her points, I do question the attitude of her reply. Mr. Janssen had a valid concern. Ms. Gillese would appear to consider his concerns somewhat childish as evidenced by her repeated attempts to discredit Mr. Janssen and his thoughts. (A mature response does not involve adjectives and adverbs such as "grossly misleading and

As journalists sat benumbed amid the pirouetting Seale's halycon mirth, "Walter Mondale" began tugging at his "face."

To the amazement of those gathered, the revealed figure turned, smiled and fulminated, "Got you again you bastards."

Just how Bobby Seale and Richard Milhous Nixon managed to become president and vice-president of the U.S. is yet unknown.

We have learned, however, that the real Jimmy Carter, the mundane ex-Governor of Georgia, died eight months ago, about the time Seale disappeared after running for mayor of Oakland.

It has also been learned that Amy Carter is a former child actress who has been carrying on a brilliant eight-month impersonation.

As the nation recoils in shock, more details are expected.

Hank Luce
Grad Studies

erroneous," "obviously," and "absurd."

I demand a public apology from Ms. Gillese to Mr. Janssen for her attitude towards his concern.

I feel that the executive needs to be reminded that they are there to be responsive to our

needs and concerns as equals. My views are valid and I demand that they be respected. Perhaps it is time for the executive to come out of their air-conditioned office and start listening to the students rather than lecturing to us.

Kim McKenzie

Perhaps a meeting should be arranged?

On behalf of the executive, I wish to respond to a number of the allegations made in this letter. Allow me to begin with the question of Mr. Janssen's letter and the response to it by our Vice-President, Finance and Administration.

Firstly, the intention of the letter was not to discredit Mr. Janssen. However, we felt it was imperative that we set the record straight as inaccurate statements not only potentially reflect negatively upon the Executive but upon Students' Council and the Students' Union as well.

Furthermore, I do not perceive strong statements against another person's arguments as portraying arrogance. Rather, whether someone holds an office or is a student at large they should be free to respond to attacks on their office, activities, etc. Also, it should be noted that the points raised in Mr. Janssen's letter had been thoroughly discussed at the Council In-Service - a point which perhaps indicates why a strong response was in order. The facts, as presented by our Vice-President, Finance and Administration, should speak for themselves.

Moreover, I am uncertain as to why we should "come out of our air-conditioned offices." I believe the authors of the letter are inaccurate in suggesting that

our role is to be somewhere other than in our offices where students can come to us for help. Besides which, when we are in those offices we are working for the students.

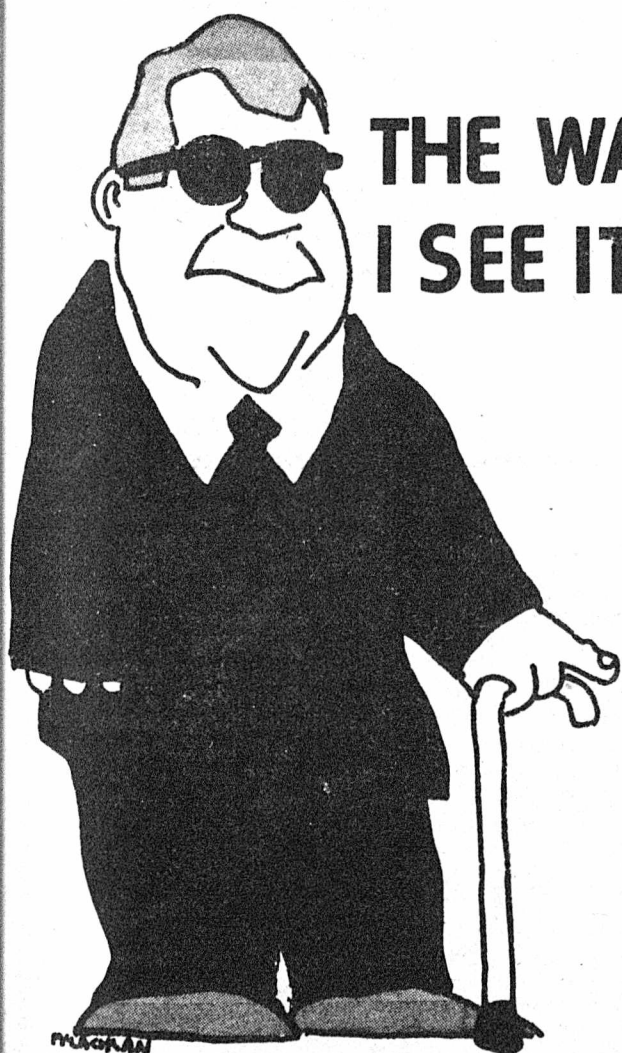
Again, I am uncertain what is intended by the generalization that this Executive is characterized by an increasing arrogance. It has been the goal of this year's executive to become more responsive to students and their needs. I would suggest that such a goal has been at least partially achieved already through grievance sheets, faculty association conference, the inter-faculty society and so on.

Lastly, we are the first to admit that there are two sides to every issue. However, in all fairness when misconceptions arise we must have the same opportunity to clear them up. Similarly, we have a basic right to defend our policies and attitudes. As a responsible Students' Union Executive, we feel this is essential even if it means that someone else's arguments have to be disagreed after they have been made public.

We do not "demand" that our views be respected, we simply ask that you, the students, weigh the facts and decide for yourselves.

Len Zoeteman
President

Frank Mutton



THE WAY
I SEE IT

I was out of town on Saturday night, attending a very special function. Benio Valzinchka, an old and dear friend of mine, was named the Dewberry Man of the Year and a banquet was held in his honour at the Myrnam Livestock Yards and Convention Centre.

The award goes to a man who has served the area for over forty years through his Vermillion River AMC Dealership and Joke Shop. Benio also ran the Dewberry Leader Post Herald Citizen Bugle Express until he ran out of ink in 1948.

I've known Benio since our days together in the P.B.C.L.T.T.R. (Princess Bertha's Canadian Light Tank-Tread Repairmen), but we lost touch after the war. Then one day in 1960 I was driving through Dewberry on my way to Saskatchewan when I accidentally ran over one of Benio's prize chickens. He was on the verge of bludgeoning me with a hoe when he recognized who I was and asked me in for zabalione.

He and I collaborated on a number of journalistic ventures after that — we ghostwrote Harry Strom's election speeches, wrote all the jokes for Wes Montgomery's radio show, and edited Rod Sykes' speeches for family listening.

But tragedy struck last spring — Benio was driving his Pacer over a particularly rough section of Highway 43 when a loose piece of gravel flew up and struck him in the left ear, knocking him senseless.

After being rushed to the Dewberry Medical Centre he was

operated on by a crack team of local pharmacists. To this day Benio cannot hear anything quieter than a jackhammer.

This did not dampen his enthusiasm at the celebrations, however. After dancing to the musical stylings of Bull Murphy and his Half-tons he got up to make a short speech.

At this point, unfortunately, the town's portable generator was shut down and rushed to Vermillion General Hospital, where it was needed for an emergency hysterectomy. Benio tripped in the dark and broke his leg, but managed to drag himself to the stage and thank everyone.

As a final note — was that hysterectomy really necessary at two in the morning?

Travel Alberta has a new plan to convince Alberta vacationers to spend their leisure hours right here in the province.

After failing with inane commercials and glossy brochures, they've decided to take a more subtle approach. Early next year they'll begin posting large signs at every border crossing which explain in no uncertain terms that anyone leaving the province without a damn good excuse can expect to lose their home (and any family members therein).

Those who turn back will be given premium space in one of many provincial parks — beautiful Miquelon Lake, scenic Buffalo Chips, breathtaking Synchrude Beach, or pretty little Highway Two Roadside, to name but a few.

What I really like about the whole plan is the friendly ap-

proach the Travel Alberta boys will be taking — when you're ordered to turn back (giving up two weeks in Arizona and California) and head to Crimson Lake, it'll be done with a smile and a handshake. None of the high-handed bureaucratic fiddle-fadle we're so used to. No sir, not like the spit and abuse I get from Motor Vehicles every time I lose my license. (Hell, I don't think twenty re-issues is excessive!)

The Metric Commission will be converting a number of important items to SI on January 1, 1977. The list includes socks, men's underwear, stayprest pants, boxed chocolates, encyclopedias, adult magazines and chicken salad sandwiches. Old stock currently on the shelf will be converted and/or toasted by the new year ... Don't throw out those Western Canada Lottery tickets you didn't win a quarter grant with — the draw last week was rigged and a new one will be held next month. Barry Boyd, CFRN's morning man, has been charged with attempting to replace every ticket with a copy of his own. Mr. Boyd had made the desperate move only after losing the CFRN Visible Vault \$5,000 in a Scrabble tournament. The station will remain off the air until 9 a.m. while Barry serves his sentence ... Keith Ashwell of the Journal will be covering the First Annual Harvest Moon Stravinsky Festival from Moose Jaw next week. Keith has been warned not to prattle, but Stravinsky does tend to excite his primal sexual urges. Expect some very interesting reading in next Tuesday's paper.