

Conservatism a radical idea

Has the youth of today lost its idealism? All the signs seem to say "yes". In the 1984 Federal Elections 73 percent of the Students in Lister Hall voted P.C. — 73 percent of "radical" university students as young Tories? It must shock the daylight out of Abby Hoffman as he pawns off his new book before yuppie crowds during his \$10,000 a night speaking tours.

What other generation of 18-25 year olds would vote 64 percent for Ronald Regan?

Much of this neo-conservatism can be attributed to simple backlash. Children rebel against their parents — Plato wrote on this 2000 years ago. Not being a long haired, pot smoking, free loving, protest song singing radical is a form of defiance to our radical baby boom parents.

But more than that, ours is a generation which has lost its idealism simply because we have to make the world work again.

The flower children of the sixties were almost guaranteed a bright future. A big car, and 2.1 kids with a house in the suburbs was the norm and not the exception.

This contrasts sharply with today's youth, who will be, statistically, the first generation in centuries financially less well off than our parents.

Idealism, like so much of life, seems to be driven by money.

With high unemployment, high taxes, huge government deficits, and social programs we can't afford, the youth of today is too busy with economic survival to protest about the whales.

It's really a shame our parents ran up such big bills — they had their fun and we have to pay for it.

Too bad, I would have liked to have tried my hand at changing the world.

Ken Bosman

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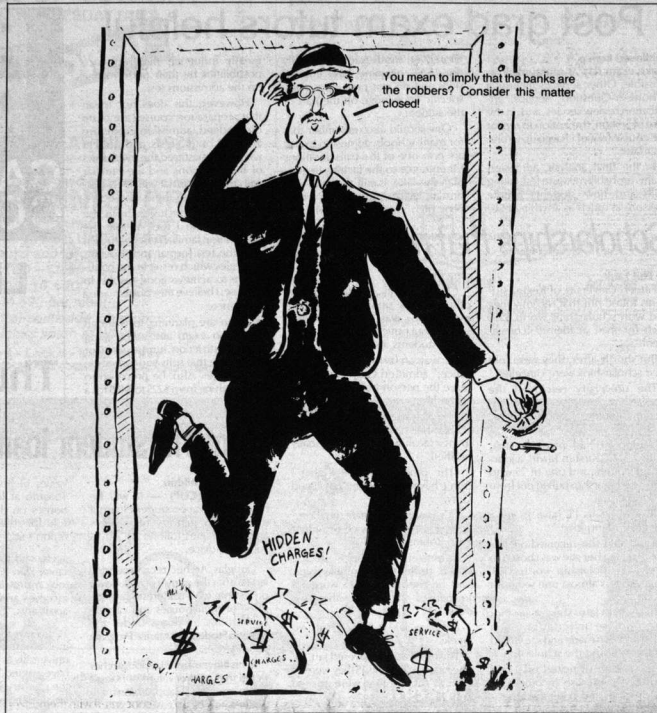
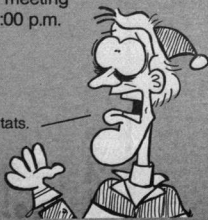
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LETTERS

Letter writers irresponsible

● The University owns HUB Mall, not the Students' Union. Just like Living Earth and Varsity Drugs, the Students' Union is only a tenant of the mall.

● The Students' Union owns two restaurants, one bar and one record store. How do these businesses compete with a drugstore like Varsity? Besides, the University could care less if the SU is being out performed by another business on campus.

● The Students' Union does not own the Bookstore; the University does. We never have owned the bookstore and I am pretty confident that the University is not about to sell it to us either.

It really bothers me when people irresponsibly write into the Gateway to stir up the student body and get all their facts wrong!

Steve Twible

VP Finance and Administration

Geography lesson needed

I was rather disappointed at the obvious lack of geographical knowledge in the Gateway lay-out office. Here we

'sit in the supposed academic seat of society and we still don't know that yes, indeedly, there are two universities in Saskatchewan. The University of Saskatchewan is in Saskatoon, not Regina as stated in your title "AIDS 'Overplayed' in Regina" (March 29). The University of Regina is in Regina (fancy that!). I'm sure your title and subsequent article confused many people, but it also displayed your ignorance. I'd expect if from our American friends, but our neighbor province? Answer the phone, fellow Canadians!!

K. Colvin

Rudeness appalling

I attended an interesting lecture the other day in Ed. Psych 263. We were fortunate to have an interesting guest speaker. To my dismay, about ten minutes before the end of the scheduled time, disturbing rustlings began as many people, anxious to leave early, began packing up. The lecturer continued, but when she came to a pause, there was a mass exodus — everyone got up and left. It was as if someone turned their back and walked away in the

middle of listening to someone's conversation.

I was embarrassed and angry at this display of rude behavior by the students, especially when the class time was not even finished. From the look on her face, it was apparent that the speaker also shared similar negative feelings.

There had been many students arriving and leaving throughout the lecture as well; behavior which has been both criticized and defended in Gateway letters previously.

I realize that there are sometimes circumstances where one has to leave early or arrive late, but this proportion seems to be simply careless disregard for the professor. The situation may be compared to a lecture or show at SUB Theatre. People are not supposed to come and go as they please, as it is distracting and inconsiderate to both speaker/performer and audience.

Student-Professor relationships at the University level should be based on mutual respect as adults. Professors cannot be expected to maintain respect for students that walk out of their lectures.

H. Adler

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