

The way we were...

THE CAMPUS REEKS WITH APATHY... and no bloody wonder.

Take football, for example. Everyone sits on their hands quietly getting stewed and completely ignoring the game.

Even worse are the cheers. This is not the fault of the cheerleaders, who are as well-assembled as one can reasonably expect of a

U of A female to be.

Consider:

- go team go old
- fight team fight ... repetitive
- go bear go Freudian
- rah rah rah . reeks of Ross Shep
- we've got spirit ... mundane

See?

Our cheers should be a little more mature, i.e.:

- maintain that meridian, fellows
- arrest the vacillating kinetic energy of our adversaries
- enfranchise the oblate spheroid
- affray tenaciously
- cause our antagonists debasement
- instigate their apathy
- violate their terminal territory, thereby increasing the tabulation of our achievement.

Pseudonym

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As a result of some defective equipment purchased by myself in the Students' Union Building, my girlfriend is slightly pregnant. Since I bought the used Susafes in good faith, trusting that the students' union would not make available to its members anything which might be termed "sub-standard." I hold you as the responsible party in our dilemma. Be assured you will be hearing from my lawyer (and from my girl's father).

George Stud-ent

— reprinted from The Gateway letter section November 7, 1969.

In the October edition of The Gateway I find a reference to the Engineers as a one-sexed faculty.

I would like to suggest that

they hereby be called the Half-Sexed faculty.

Disappointed Nurse

— reprinted from The Gateway letter section October 19, 1954.

I really don't understand all this fuss about the engineers that the nurses are stirring up. They don't know when they're well off.

Since the beginning of the term, I've gone out with seven law students. I'm beginning to wonder if that faculty has any sex at all.

I refuse to sign myself merely "disappointed." I've given up all hope.

Disgusted

— reprinted from The Gateway letter section November 2, 1954.

Ontario tuition swamp

by Kathy McMullen

LONDON, Ont. — Rising tuition and declining government grants are producing a "crisis" in Ontario universities, according to an Ontario Federation of Students official.

A 5.5 per cent tuition fee increase and declining operating grants are making it impossible to maintain a quality education that is accessible to all people, said Duncan Ivison, provincial student lobby campaign researcher.

The report shows that increases in tuition fees have kept pace with inflation, or even exceeded the inflation rate, in most years since 1978-79. But, at the same time, operating grants have increased at less than the rate of inflation.

The slow growth of operating grants leaves universities "between the proverbial rock and a hard place," said Gord Smiley, Western's VP-student affairs.

The 7.5 per cent tuition fee increase in the 1988-89 school year is "one of the only places" Western can get more money, Smiley said, adding that he does not see "anything to indicate a substantial increase in operating funds in the near future."

Given the below-inflation growth in operating grants to universities, the study says, the tuition fee hikes are "understandable." But higher tuition fees might mean lower accessibility to university.

"Tuition fees reduce accessibility for students from average- and low-income families," the study says. It argues that a low-income student cannot count on the OSAP student-aid program to "neutralize the impact of tuition hikes."

Chuck Hill, Western's director of student awards, says there has been "no appreciable increase in students applying for OSAP" to match the steadily increasing tuition fees at Western.

The University Students' Council, as a matter of official policy, opposes any increase in tuition rates over the rate of inflation.

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ing abilities.

The student scholarships will be awarded on the basis of: contribution to campus life through student organizations, contribution to the athletic program such as Golden Bear or Panda teams, and involvement with the community off campus.

"We wanted to show that (these people) are somehow important to campus," said LaGrange, "to show there is more to university life than strictly academics."

The official kickoff for the drive will take place on February 27, at an opening reception where the private sponsors will be announced.

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