

Ill-mannered, power-crazed bureaucrat

letters

Petty bureaucrats are alive and thriving right here at the U of A! Oh, I don't mean in the Admin building or other university employees. Everyone knows about them and pretty much accepts them as a fact of life. What I'm talking about is some of the people (one in particular) who work for the Students' Union.

I went over the HUB Pub the other night (or whatever its name is this week) for a beer or two. It was 10:30 p.m. and I'd just punched out at the library looking for something to clear the academia from my head. There were five in our little group and as it was fairly lively in there, the best we could get was a four-chair table. No

sweat, thought I, as I borrowed a chair from an adjoining table - all is well. Little did I know the fatal mistake I had made.

No sooner had we seated ourselves in readiness for the pause that refreshes than the manager darted from his sanctuary behind the till to tell me: "You can't move chairs!" The icy glint in his good eye told me this was not a man to be trifled with.

"The chair isn't blocking an aisle or anything. Its against a wall," I replied, thinking he may have been concerned over fire safety or some such regulation.

"No," he returned steadfastly, "You can't move chairs."

"Why not?" I inquired politely.

Brushing my question aside he leaned forward, more intently, more commanding. "Look, I've asked you real nice and you ignored me. OK. If that's the way you want it - you're cut off."

"You can't cut me off," I cried, "I haven't had anything to drink yet." Then, realizing I was not alone, I motioned to the people with whom I had come, "What about these people?"

"They're cut off too!" he quipped with a wit that was now characteristic.

"You can't be serious," I protested but he stood his ground and wouldn't be moved. Realizing all was lost I threw politeness to the wind and in a loud and excited voice requested him to exhale it from his posterior (or words to that effect). We departed soon afterwards as dry as when we had come.

That was last night, and I've cooled off, but the principle involved is still red-hot. It occurs to me as I think of that manager in the HUB Pub that "absolute power corrupts absolutely." And he's a perfect example.

It's no wonder the Students' Union is losing money with someone like that running what is undoubtedly a financial goldmine.

You may think that I'm overreacting. Well, perhaps I am, but I've talked to several people and their responses range from "Oh that little blond prick." "Yeah, I know who you mean" to "That asshole,

somebody should knock some sense into him." The trend is there.

You may think I have no right to slander him. My reply is "The HELL I don't." For the first time in my life it IS my money paying his wages. It's my Students' Union fees. I've been going here for seven years and I think I've paid my dues. There's no reason I should have to put up with such an ill-mannered, power-crazed bureaucrat as the manager in the HUB Pub. Now, is there?

If you have any questions regarding this matter you'll find me in RATT from now on. They run a nice relaxed pub there and if you're really nice they'll let you have six at a table... or seven... or...

Don McCrimmon
Law II

Grub Pub

The Tuck Shop II has been in operation for several months. During these months, many problems have become apparent. Warm beer, poor service, dirty tables, and a climate comparable to the back of a Chinese restaurant are four most undesirable characteristics for a tavern.

These conditions were excusable when Tuck Shop II opened, but now, after the shop has shown a profit, there is no reason why these conditions cannot be alleviated. Tuck Shop II was a good idea and has the potential to become an even more profitable source of revenue, but, if nothing is done to solve these problems, I would suggest that the name Tuck Shop II, be changed to the "Grub Pub". I hope Graeme & Co. will observe and improve the situation.

The Students' Union's talent to manage a tavern must have almost been completely absorbed by RATT, leaving Tuck Shop II with a few drops of tasteless foam.

Dale Somerville
Commerce 2

Getting results

After taking a survey to determine the religious thinking of freshmen at U of A, we have compiled the following results, based on a cross-section of 82 students:

If asked to explain your philosophy of life, would your answer be: Definite 33; Vague 44; None 5.

Does your philosophy of life include a solution for the basic problem of man: Yes 31; No solution 48; Personal solution 3.

Do you believe in a personal God who is infinite? Yes 58; No 16; Not sure 8.

Have you ever seriously read through the New Testament: No 43; Yes: less than half 8; More than half 31.

Who was Jesus Christ, in your opinion: Son of God 40; Teacher, philosopher 10; Man 14; Didn't Know 9; Philosophical Ideal 5; Other 4.

In your opinion, how does one become a Christian - do you know: Yes 24; No 58.

If you could know God personally, would you be interested: Yes 61; No 11; Unsure 10.

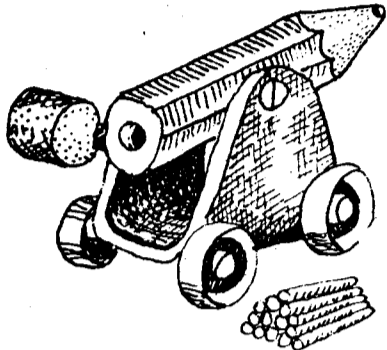
Our thanks to all the students who participated in this survey, for their time and comments.

Crusade for Christ
U of A

Rebuttal to Lam

While I have no wish to associate myself with the coldblooded and deranged positivism that informs John Savard's letter of March 27, I must protest in the strongest terms Hing-Lan Lam's reply to him of April 1. Mr. Lam's letter begins, "Mr. John Savard made the following erroneous statement in his Mar. 27 letter: They (China) conquered the nation of Tibet in 1950, a nation independent since 1911. This is utter nonsense! Tibet has been part

editorial



Negative customer relations

Perhaps the tensions of the approaching exams are mounting and this is causing students to react strongly. Or perhaps the reaction is a valid one against the observed behaviour of the HUB tavern management. At any rate, two concerned students have written letters (today's issue) complaining about the present manager of the tavern. Both felt they were treated poorly and both demand something be done about the situation.

As a student owned and operated business, the HUB tavern provides a valuable social outlet for not only students, but professors, non-academic staff, and visitors to this campus. And as a student owned venture, every student has a direct voice in the affairs of the tavern. It's bad enough that one usually has to fight for a seat without having to fight with the management as well.

Poor customer relations will hurt more than the financial aspect of the tavern; they will add a negative aspect to the whole concept that has a dire need not of negative promotion, but of positive promotion.

Being a students' union matter, these complaints should be investigated before the winter semester ends. The Services Advisory Board (who have unofficially discussed these items before) should meet to hear both sides of these complaints and act accordingly.

If it can be shown the manager was provoked into acting irresponsibly, the matter should be dropped; but if the tavern is suffering a bad reputation because of mismanagement, the manager should be dropped.

Bernie Fritze

ART AND HIS FRIEND ARE SOON SURROUNDED, BUT THEY PUT UP A REAL FIGHT.



WE'RE IN TROUBLE! LET'S CALL FOR HELP.



BUT WHO DO COPS CALL FOR HELP?

GEE... I DUNNO



LEMME THINK...

I KNOW WHO! WHO'S BEEN WITH US THROUGH THICK AND THIN? WHO ALWAYS COMES WHEN WE CALL...



WELL STOP TALKING AND CALL 'EM!

LATER

