

editorial

SUB sell-out

The Students' Union Building on this campus has always been a source of pride and achievement to the students of this campus. Few other campuses have the means to offer what ours does or their own building. SUB houses recreational facilities, a bookstore, conference rooms, a cafeteria, a liquor outlet, a Manpower Centre, office space, a radio station, and guest suites for visiting dignitaries. And until last Monday, we had an exclusive theatre in SUB.

Last Monday Council entertained a motion of denial from the Services Advisory Committee who ruled against allowing the Students' Union Theatre to be used for classroom space. SAC did not want to see university infringement on the only building on campus devoted specifically to students. SAC felt SUB Theatre was not designed as a lecture hall, and that to allow lectures would only rapidly increase the deterioration of the facility. They further pointed out that a rescheduling of the Tory Lecture Theatre timetable would allow the class to be held at the desired time without having to use the SUB Theatre.

The Services Advisory Committee recommendation to not allow this invasion of SUB Theatre was defeated 3-13.

Student president McGhie led the opposition to the recommendation, begging Council to appease the University, rather than deny them their request. He obviously felt the concerns of the University administration were more important than those of the students he represents. The point was finally made by Gordon Mills, medicine rep, that if we must give up our building space, Council should do it for the students rather than for the Dean of Engineering. Council agreed with Mills that the students needs were being served also, and approved the take-over of SUB Theatre for classroom purposes.

The University owns the land SUB is built on, and has a 40% interest in the financing of the building. For this interest, they maintain the cafeteria, the bookstore, and the fourth floor of SUB. Now the university is moving into the third floor, leasing area on the sixth floor, and holding classes in our theatre.

If this rate of invasion continues, SUB will be the students' building in name only. Our politicians are giving it away, with the blessing of student president McGhie.

Bernie Fritze

CKSR rejuvenation

After months of delay, hassles and general lethargy, it appears that the U of A's student radio CKSR is on the road to rejuvenation, after being closed in early summer.

Last week, members of the CKSR staff made a representation to Students' Council in which they outlined their plans for re-opening the station next September. The representation led to a meeting of the radio staff with members of the Executive. At this meeting, a reasonable and functional budget was drawn up, and details and procedures were outlined. The meeting proved successful for both parties and for the first time since September, the CKSR staff feels optimistic about their chances.

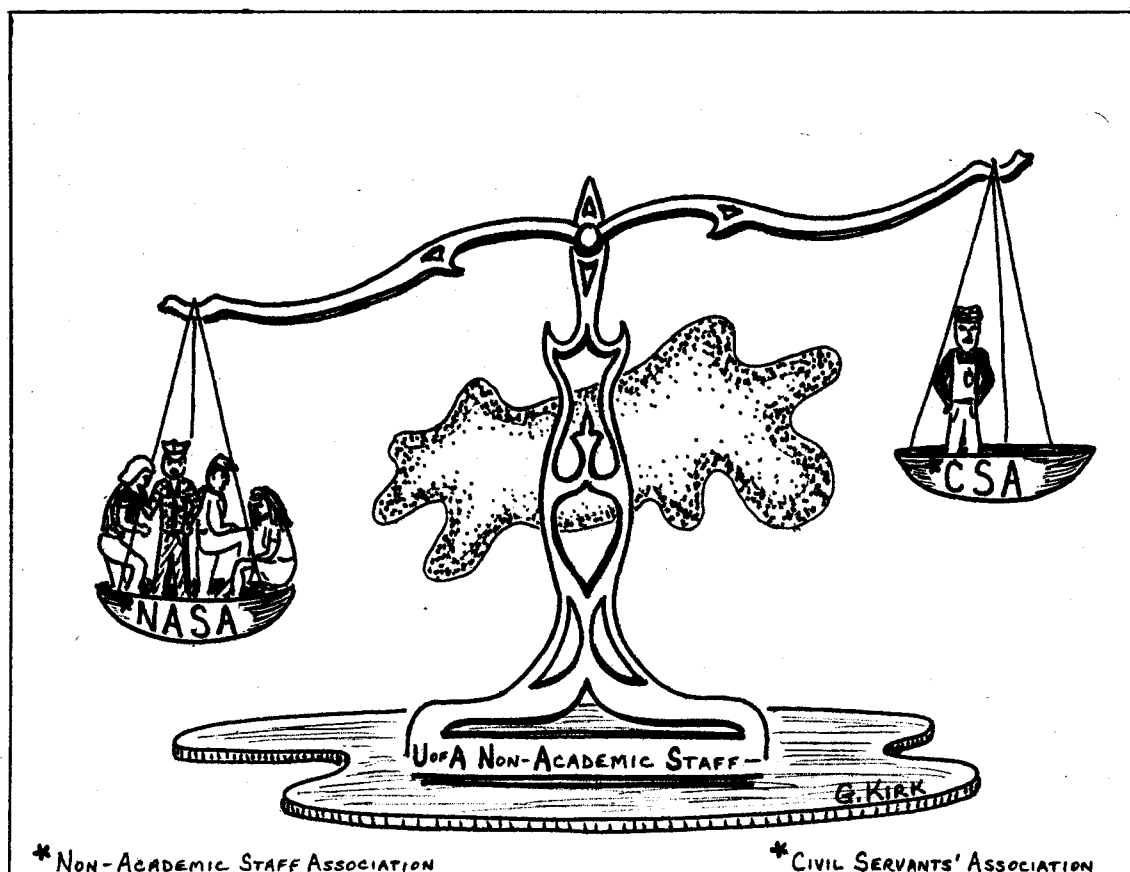
There is a genuine concern for the fate of CKSR and the massive machine of the Students' Union may soon be working again on behalf of the radio station.

Of course, the hardest step to climb will be the actual granting of funds necessary for the operation of CKSR -- a step that will have to be taken by next year's Council. With Students' Union elections rapidly approaching it would be wise for the prospective candidates to look into the CKSR matter and take a definite stance on the issue. The fate of the radio station is an important issue, and should not be swept under the carpet come time for the candidates to make general promises and sweeping claims.

The current Executive, after freezing the CKSR budget last summer, has renewed its interest with the now-defunct operation. It would be disgusting to see the matter ignored by a new Executive. If you as a student are concerned about CKSR, make sure you ask candidates at election time for their views on the issue, and make sure you get an answer.

I have learned that Council is approachable and willing to talk. Let's ensure that next year's will be as well.

Gordon Turtle



letters

Communist appeal

Thanks to the do-nothing-but-make-it-look-good policies of the Trudeau government, "layoff" is now the most feared expression among young Canadian workers.

First, it was the 17,000 woodworkers in B.C. Then the auto workers of southern Ontario. And now, workers in almost every industry have been laid off either temporarily or indefinitely. And the worst is yet to come.

Layoffs are generally carried out on the basis of reverse seniority. This means that young people just starting out in the work force are the first to get the axe.

The present unemployment rate of 5.5 percent of the labor force is completely unacceptable, but the 6 to 8 percent rate of unemployment that Finance Minister John Turner projects for 1975 is criminal.

During the 30's many thousands of young Canadians were forced to ride freight trains from one end of the country to the other in a fruitless search for jobs. Many ended up in government work camps where they were paid 20 cents a day. The government's inaction in the face of growing recession threatens to reduce many Canadian youth to the same sort of aimless, unproductive and unfulfilling existence.

Growing unemployment now goes hand in hand with uncontrolled inflation--12 percent in 1974, and it will probably be higher this year. Again, it's young people, particularly young couples just starting out with no economic security, that will be among the hardest hit by inflation.

Turner has told working people that they should exercise "moderate restraint," but this is like telling a starving man that he should go on a diet.

Meanwhile, the monopoly corporations are enjoying record-high profits.

Unrestrained monopoly profiteering is the basic cause of inflation and unemployment, and of the general economic crisis that is making the future of today's young generation so uncertain. These problems are not world-wide phenomena. The

socialist countries have stable economic growth, without unemployment or rising prices.

Economic crisis is a characteristic of capitalism, but mass resistance can prevent the monopolies from dumping their problems on our backs.

The Young Communist League of Canada appeals to all young Canadian workers, students and unemployed to unite in struggle to force the federal and provincial

governments to:

--Enact emergency legislation that would prevent further layoffs.

--Guarantee all laid-off workers their full incomes for the duration of their unemployment.

--Declare a moratorium on all debt so that no unemployed worker will lose his or her home or personal possessions. This is of particular importance to young families just starting out,

election forum

Hello.

My name is Mr. Wayne Chase. I am 23 years old.

I am your Banana/Cigar candidate for President of the Students' Union.

My Campaign Manager is Mr. Marc Barbeau, who is also 23 years old, and who, although he has not managed a political campaign before, does nevertheless have considerable management experience, which he acquired through summer employment with Poole Construction, where he supervised and managed the operations of the Cook, who cooked the food, the Cook's Helper, who basically took out the garbage and washed the dishes, and the Camp Attendant, who made the beds and swept floors. A man of many talents, Mr. Barbeau, my Campaign Manager, is the inventor of the verb "precisitate", which means "to make (a thing) precise". On the debit side, Mr. Barbeau once got a 2 in French 100. However, he is steadily improving, and has practically no faults other than this one little thing.

As for my own past political experience, let me say this about that: In Grade 6 I was the leader of the Conservative Party at Hazeldean Elementary. In the general election of 1963, the Conservatives tied with Social Credit 13 - 13 but Miss Simon, who supervised the election, refused to vote and break the tie. In Grade 8 I was elected Vice-President of the Ritchie Junior High School Students' Union and was once allowed to count the Treasury money, which was kept in a white shoe-box.

In Grade 9 Mr. Rose gave me the strap for calling him by his first name. He was an NDP candidate in several elections but lost every time. At the present time, I am Treasurer of the Edmonton Folk Club. At the university level, my political experience is somewhat limited, as I have only been in politics for about 10 days and have not had time to effect too much change.

As for my Presidential Candidacy and Platform, let me say this about that: To paraphrase the Hon. Paul Martin, I would not be seeking the presidency of the Students' Union in the first place if I didn't feel strongly that I could not in all conscience not feel that I was taking objection to the meaning of my public life if I did not feel that in view of the emphasis I place on what is the important question, that I have the right, that I would have the right, not the meet it.

Furthermore, if elected, I solemnly promise not only to put a chicken in every pot, but also a cigar in every box, a finger in every pie, an ear in every muff, and a banana in every split.

Cordially yours
Wayne Chase (Mr.)

Students' Union Presidential Candidate