

## more letters

### a succinct summation

In the Dec. 2 issue of The Gateway, I noted with surprise and regret that I and my colleagues on the executive, Al Anderson and Glenn Sinclair, were termed in the editorial column as "syncophants".

Permit me first to point out that no such word exists. The closest word to it, and the one I assume you intended to use but were not familiar with is "sycophant". In case you are as unaware of its meaning as of its spelling, may I also add that the word means "a servile flatterer; a parasite".

Needless to say, I am very grateful to you for this succinct summation of the integrity and responsibility with which Mr. Anderson, Mr. Sinclair and myself have carried out our duties as representatives of the students. But I would like to point out that each member of the executive is an individual and at all times it has been my intention, and I believe the intention of the other members of the executive, to act in the best interests of the student body. We examine issues on their merits; we do not blindly follow Mr. Schepanovich.

Quite often the members of the executive agree, but I submit that when a policy is right and justified, it is natural that all of us will support it.

Responsible editorial comment is usually based on fact.

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### mao's religion

Religion of today's Communist China  
Name of the religion: Red Mao Religion. Founder: Chairman Mao Tse-Tung. Doctrines—Four Commandments: 1. I am the Chairman of China, thou shalt have no other man before me. 2. Thou shalt not dishonor Mao's and Red's names. (No one is allowed to use Mao or Red in one's name). 3. Thou shalt not love thy father or thy mother, but love only China. 4. Any anti-Chairmanists, anti-communists, anti-socialists are bound to get killed.

Bible: The four books of Mao's philosophy of Communism.

Prayers: Chairman Mao's thoughts and slogans. (Prayers must be uttered before breakfast and before bedtime, before and after work, and in other particular circumstances.)

Holyland: The Palace of Peking.  
Mao's soldiers: The Red Guards.

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### objects to plan

As a grad student who is absolutely disinterested in sports and who resents any confusion of 'The spirit of the university' with unspiritual motive activities (see our yearbooks). I object to COSA's plan of making athletic fees compulsory. I intend to withhold payment, and I suggest those in sympathy with me should do the same.

If athletic fees are made compulsory, then by the same token a "cultural fee" of \$7 to go to the Studio Theatre, U of A symphony, the Fine Arts Dept., etc, ought to be introduced.

Since people like myself do not expect the student body to pay for our artistic and intellectual activities, I see absolutely no reason why we should be forced to pay the athletic fees for another minority. Chacun a son gout.

More respect for our side of the coin would seem only justified.

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# SCW to be broadcast across Canada

Part of Second Century Week will be broadcast from coast to coast in living color.

"Up to a month ago we hadn't even considered national coverage. Then we talked to some of the local TV and radio people, and they told us a project this size had all the potential to go national," said Ken Chapman of the publicity committee for SCW.

"Our main problem is to find a focal point in such a big event to serve as a center of attraction. Then we can create short advertising gimmicks around this focal point," explained Chapman. "We can broadcast these as news locally and nationally."

"We believe television coverage will be essential to the cultural activities, as it will be impossible to have a large number of spectators there," said Martin Kay, chairman of the publicity committee.

Locally the committee expects SCW to get a full show on Face the Newsmen, Dimension, On the Scene, Ladies First, and Laura Lindsay. The shows will be either before or during SCW.

The single biggest show, according to Chapman, will be the opening ceremonies. They will be broadcast in Alberta in their entirety by CBC TV, and excerpts may be broadcast nationally.

"CTV will also broadcast as many of the Centennial Debates as we can hold here," said Chapman.

"We believe the Second Century Seminar will be broadcast nationally during or after SCW."

The Second Century Seminar will be a six day bilingual exploration on the theme "Canada: 2?", with two students from each campus in Canada participating.

CTV will broadcast at least one hockey game in color. Wide World

of Sports will probably tape several other sports events for later broadcast as well.

According to Chapman and Kay, SCW is the "third largest national centennial participation project,

exceeded only by Expo and the Pan Am games." There will be 1,100 official participants—600 in Edmonton and 500 in Calgary.

Most of the spectators are expected to be from the local area.

Much publicity is being carried on through provincial government publications, and by speakers to make the secondary level student aware of SCW and what it means to him.

## Co-op housing at U of A fast becoming a reality

Co-operative housing at U of A is becoming a reality.

A committee has been set up under the interim leadership of Glenn Sinclair, co-ordinator of student activities, to investigate the needs and demands of students for co-operative housing.

"The committee is not progressing quickly for lack of a permanent chairman and because of extensive legal work involved," Sinclair said.

Members of the Interfraternity Council are co-operating with the committee in the legal work.

"We want to find out about the interests of the students," said Sinclair. "Perhaps they don't know about co-operative housing or maybe it's not what they want."

A survey of campus opinion will be conducted by Sheila Scrutton.

Howard Adelman of Campus Co-operative Residences, Inc., whose

report 'Student Residences and the University' has sparked interest in co-operatives, will be coming to speak at U of A in January.

Sinclair said Adelman will give a talk to students at a general meeting in Pybus Lounge, and will be available to speak with interested groups afterwards.

"We hope he'll be able to talk with the students who are in residence this year as well," said Sinclair.

### SAVE MONEY

Among examples of co-operative residences on other campuses, Sinclair mentioned Oregon State University, where the administration builds the residences and they are operated by the students. The residents save money, too.

"It is safe to assume the individual students will save at least 25 per cent in room and board by

living in a co-operative," Sinclair claimed.

He talked of a long range plan for the development of co-operatives on the U of A campus.

"Work is being done on the rezoning of the two blocks bounded by 85 and 87 Avenue and 111 and 112 Street," he said. Part of this land will be reserved for fraternities and the rest will be devoted to co-operative housing.

The aim is to buy all this land, tear down the present buildings and build new houses for the co-operative.

"The really 'big thing' about living in a co-operative is the community life enjoyed by the students," Sinclair said.

He is enthusiastic about the project and still invites comments and questions from interested students. Call on him anytime in the students' union office.

### Council vote unanimous

## McGill editor reinstated

MONTREAL (CUP)—McGill University students' council voted overwhelmingly Thursday night to reinstate Sandy Gage as the McGill Daily's editor-in-chief.

The reinstatement came 15 days after the council fired Gage for printing a Nov. 11 story which alleged a McGill professor, Raymond Yong, was aiding the American war effort in Vietnam through research he is conducting at the university.

The council voted 16-0, with three abstentions to accept a recommendation of the Canadian University Press Foley Commission that Gage be reinstated.

The recommendation was contained in the commission's report on its three day investigation of the council-newspaper dispute, which was released late Thursday afternoon. The commission convened in Montreal Monday at the request of the council.

"Describing the controversial story as "poorly written and badly timed", the report said the commission's members "would not, as journalists, have printed the McGill Daily, Nov. 11 story in precisely its original form.

"The commercial press' failure to pick it up was more a reflection on its news value than its accuracy," says the report.

"However, none of these factors, even if true, are necessary reasons for dismissing an editor," the commission concluded.

Evidence from 18 witnesses was heard by the commission which was comprised of chairman Tim Foley, editor of the Dalhousie Gazette and CUP's national vice-president, Loyola News Editor Brian McKenna and Montreal Gazette reporter Nick Auf der Maur.

The report describes the commission's terms of reference as judging "the admirability of evidence" with respect to whether Sandy Gage violated the spirit of CUP's charter and code of ethics in printing the controversial story.

The 15-page document says the commission is "satisfied" that at the time of the story's printing Gage had no reason to doubt information given him by reporters and other sources.

The commission also upheld Gage's actions after the story's publication.

Its report reviews a statement of McGill's engineering dean, D. L. Mordell, that Dr. Yong is not "conducting a research project designed to aid the war effort in Vietnam," but concludes "Gage could reasonably continue to accept as true the original evidence made available to him."

CUP's president Don Sellar is mentioned in the report as having told the commission he thought the story would have created little or no controversy had it appeared on a campus such as the University of British Columbia.

Friday CUP's national office said it is "pleased with the report and the job done by the commission within its terms of reference."

The motion to reinstate Gage was moved by Robert Vineberg, who supported the editor's firing two weeks ago.

"I apologize to Sandy Gage for the improper treatment he was apparently given by this council," he said.

One of Gage's biggest critics, Arnie Aberman, said "I supported the CUP commission . . . a man is only as good as his word . . . so it is incumbent on me to vote for Mr. Gage's reinstatement."

"But if I had a paper I still wouldn't want Sandy Gage as an editor," he added.

Two engineering representatives, Taro Alepian and Murray Segal, and architecture representative Phil Gooch abstained from the voting.

Interim editor, Mark Feifer, was applauded by the majority when he offered the Daily's council seat to Gage.

Gage took the seat amidst greater applause and a standing ovation from about a third of the spectators.

He did not comment.

## UAVAC sponsors bitch-in

Folk-singers, films, poetry reading, and controversial speakers will highlight an all-day bitch-in Friday.

The event, sponsored by the U of A Vietnam Action Committee, will be held in Dinwoodie Lounge from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The bitch-in, as the name suggests, is a forum where anyone can go and speak about anything that displeases or pleases them in Vietnam.

Appearing at noon and at 5 p.m. will be two folk-singer-writers, Rick Fielding and Buddy Walker.

## Annual aggie bash planned for SCW

Bar None, that fantastic bash, is to be held in conjunction with Second Century Week this year.

The announcement was by Ken Chapman of the SCW publicity committee after a meeting with agriculture club representatives Friday.

All visitors to campus during SCW will have the privilege of observing the aggies in action as they promote their event.

In addition, said Chapman, an attempt will be made to get all official SCW delegates to attend Bar None.