

## councillors "unbelievably irresponsible" —West

The abortive budget meeting of Students' Council Tuesday brought into renewed focus the unbelievably irresponsible attitude of various members of council and its executive.

The "concern" demonstrated by council towards the financial operation of the Students' Union is enough to make me throw up. For the second time within 10 days, councillors did not have the conscience to turn out in sufficient numbers to produce a quorum (quorum is 14 voting members). Not even to discuss a 1.2 million dollar budget. I should have, however, suspected that this event would occur; last October, only 14 members found it to their convenience to show up at the meeting to pass last year's final budget.

Council representatives have this year presented their constituents within all time low in conscientious representation. Some councillors have missed as many as 15 meetings. Even a warm body sitting and doing nothing but voting is better than an empty chair.

Enough about council. Let us look at The Voice of Students himself, Gerry Riskin. Our president, as representative of the students on General Faculties Council, has attended one meeting of G.F.C. all of last year and this. Perhaps this explains why Mr. Riskin is unconcerned over council's

poor attendance. Let me elaborate.

At the meeting Tuesday, the budget was made an executive matter due to lack of quorum and this meeting was conducted with those members of council present participating. After 3½ hours of discussion and debates, the motion in the executive that the budget be approved was voted on. Before the vote, however, Mr. Riskin and Miss Kuhnke, servants of the students and council, asked those members of council present to vote their approval or disapproval. The members present approved the budget by a 2/3 majority. Incredibly, then, in a heartwarming display of hypocrisy and stupidity, Mr. Riskin and Miss Kuhnke, supported by Mr. Decisiveness himself, Rob Spraggins, voted against the budget.

This places the S.U. in the position where, if council does not obtain a quorum next week and pass a budget, the Students' Union will be in violation of its constitution, and will not have an operating budget.

Ah, but fear not students, next week is COUNCIL PARTY TIME and no doubt your concerned representatives will turn out in droves to drink beer and have a GOOD TIME.

Has anyone got a barf bag?

Garry West  
V-P Finance and Administration

## limit jobs for foreigners

In reply to Mr. Christopher Wang's letter "Foreign Students and Summer Jobs", I would like to dispute his stand and take a firm position in favor of the government's new regulations concerning applications for landed immigrant status and foreign employment regulations.

As a result of over abuse of the *privilege* of application for landed immigrant status by foreigners in Canada, the government was forced to cease its past policies. As Mr. Wang implied, many visitors come with no intention of returning to the country of their origin. This proves the government's point that many were abusing Canada's Immigration Act. This was not only of consequence to

Canadians, but also unfair to those foreigners who went through the proper channels when not fortunate enough to be able to come to Canada and apply.

In regard to the crack-down on employment regulations concerning foreigners, I would also like to support the government. As most people are well aware, Canada's unemployment is extremely high (6-7%), and many Canadian students will soon be faced with the difficult task of finding summer employment. For every job that is lost to a foreigner, it is a job lost for a Canadian, so why shouldn't the government limit employment of foreigners, and for that matter foreign-students?

I do not believe Mr. Wang's suggestion that most foreign students were lured to Canada in guarantee of jobs. As I am sure anyone who has travelled abroad will tell you, you should expect the worst. Therefore, putting the blame on the Canadian government is a pretty weepy excuse that I am sure most visitors fail to use.

And finally, a good number, not all, foreign students that seek employment, have resources enough to come half-way around the world to exercise their privilege to study in Canada, and then expect not only employment, but automatic rights to citizenship. Canada has to take a stand somewhere.

Greg Noval  
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## taking from the rich

Referring to the statement on page 3 of March 13th Gateway: "The result is that the poor end up subsidizing the schooling of the rich." A ridiculous, irrational statement! The person who wrote that must have no knowledge of the tax system. A person of high income pays out a greater percentage of his income in tax than does a low income person. The quoted statement is based on the idea that poor people pay more taxes than the rich, and that their

children do not go to University. There are people receiving Social Assistance attending University, so it is erroneous to believe that University is a haunt of the rich.

If student fees are raised, there will *not* be any reduction in taxes for anyone, let alone the poor. (referring to "...allowing some reductions in taxes for the poor.") The government will not lower the taxes.

In other words, don't give

me any bullshit that increasing student fees will benefit the poor. The only reason I can think of for raising tuition is to pay for the increases in academic staff salaries.

Pat Dimsdale  
Science

*Note: The objectionable phrase is from an excerpt we reprinted from the Worth Report. I agree but for different reasons that the Report's reasoning is bullshit.*

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## running a well on campus up the flagpole

Spring is here, as we know by the taste of kerosene in the water. Let me tell a short story and make a suggestion.

Last year, when the spring run-off started and the tap water began to stink, I called a city office to ask about the situation. I was told that if one wants sweet water, one should go to the country and ask for this at a farm house with a well. And, I was told, "There is nothing wrong with the city water."

Now that is a matter of taste. I think we can have better water by digging a well on campus. At least during the spring run-off, there would be fresh water for coffee, tea, and cooking.

Some estimates of the cost of this are:

a 210 foot well at \$7 a foot	\$1470
half horse submersible pump with plastic pipe and electric wiring	\$500
cleaning up after the well-digging	\$100
cost of University land	?
cost of masonry pump house with double doors	?
cost of tying in to the sewage line	?
cost of electricity for heat and light	?

There are many question marks, but an estimate could be worked out, if the University would be willing to donate a few square feet of land, and supply the pump house with heat and light. I would guess about \$5,000 to do the job. If many people wanted to contribute, the amount per person would be small.

Perhaps you would be interested in running this up the flagpole. If enough persons are interested, the next step would be an address to which we could send contributions.

Max Mote  
Political Science

## don't discount discounts

In the recent past I have been in contact with many local businesses with the intention of acquainting them with the advantages of offering discounts to students.

The response to this "campaign" has surpassed all expectations.

It seems that there are many businessmen who are glad to offer us a discount in order to attract us in large numbers.

Obviously, these businesses will offer a student discount only as long as it is profitable for them to do so. Many of us are rather careless in our shopping habits and perhaps don't examine prices closely enough. As a matter of fact, many students purchase items at full price without realizing

that at many outlets a discount is available on presentation of their Students' Union I.D. card.

In order that we may encourage more businesses to offer student discounts, we will have to demonstrate the wisdom of such a practice. Please give your consideration to patronizing those who advertise student discounts.

Also, should you find that any of the businesses offering student discounts have in any way mislead students or are anything other than completely reputable, we would appreciate hearing about it so that the appropriate editors may consider excluding their advertising from future publications.

Gerald A. Riskin

## Joe Student — council:

## mutual neglect

I was awakened this gentle Saturday morning by my radio which primly announced to me that George Mantor had been elected president of the Students Union: bully! Predictably the report went on to announce that a staggering 4200 of some 17,000 students had exercised their franchise; that's under a quarter of the student body.

When you sit up and think about it though the impact of the issues of this campaign strike one with about as much force as a bowl of superheated jello smashing into a golden-toasty marshmallow. Given this assertion it is perhaps not surprising that we think so little of the right we have to put our representatives into some fairly important positions which carry more weight than many of us realize.

And yet, Dear Gateway, I am as guilty as the next digit at this university. In all the time I have spent at this University, which is more than I care to admit, I have never attended a Council meeting, never taken the time to find out who my Arts Rep. is, have rarely given the burning social issues of this campus more than a cursory glance. I did vote, but I did so mainly through personal interest in one of the candidates and certainly without a properly intelligent appraisal of the people involved.

I suppose what I'm trying to say is that Friday's sterling showing is as much my fault as anyone's. Yet, perchance how many people running over this letter on their way to the Sports page are in the same boat. Enough, I think, to sink it.

But while I'm at it let's not stop there. Just how complete do you feel your coverage of the issues which have involved the Students Union this year has been? While you and I would probably differ on the question of degree, please accept my personal opinion that as a forum for the affairs of this university, I found your coverage, in a word, lacking.

The main point of criticism however has got to fall directly on the head of the Union itself. Given the resources at its disposal, the recurrent communications gap between the Council and me, Joe Student, indicates perhaps that we are both neglecting each other.

I'm willing to try harder, to put a little more into it. Between the three of us: you, me and the Council, surely we can raise the figure above 4200; surely we can try and improve things so that we won't require three days for something as critical as a liquor referendum. How about it people? Make me an offer I can't refuse.

Rod Ziegler

