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## tokenism? paternalism? ha!

While Second Century Week carries on, so does the problem of French-Canadian representation.

The problem has been kicking around all year, but SCW co-ordinators have been put on the spot this week because everyone expects them to explain the absence of French-Canadian delegates and speakers.

The six Quebec speakers who were invited gave excuses ranging from ill health to previous engagements. Not being totally inhumane, we acknowledge ill health as a reason. But, refusal by a French-Canadian cabinet minister to attend a seminar because an English-Canadian cabinet minister was to appear on the same panel can only be denounced as irresponsibly immature.

As for the French-Canadian delegates not being here, it seems un-

reasonable that SCW co-ordinators should have to explain to critics why the difficulties were not ironed out.

Members of Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec are not here because they were not allowed to play the game according to their set of rules.

UGEQ's demands for "two-nation" or equal representation at the Second Century Seminar were impractical and financially unfeasible. Delegation to SCW was arranged on the basis of number of universities and colleges, not on the basis of linguistics. And there just are not enough French-Canadian universities to warrant their demands for equal representation.

Besides, if what Daniel LaTouche says is true, the French-Canadians are "not against Confederation, just against celebrating it." Since the whole idea of SCW appears to be a celebration, or at least of commemoration, of Confederation, perhaps the French-Canadians should never have been invited.

Pushed by constant complaints, the SCW committee Monday night did some hasty restructuring and arranged to have a UGEQ official flown in to sit on a pinch hit English-French seminar.

Now, several French-speaking delegates refer to this compromise as "Anglo-Saxon tokenism and paternalism toward Quebec."

How can one avoid being paternalistic toward infantile action? C'est la vie!

poor timing

This week, Canada's third largest centennial project, Second Century Week, is on campus.

This week, most students of this campus are writing exams.

It seems a pity that the administration could not or would not see its way clear to postpone exam week for seven days in order that U of A students could attend and take part in SCW's many events.

## participation is important

The spectre of mediocrity will diffuse its deathly visage through the halls of the university, if students here do not take the initiative to apply for the more than 100 students' union positions available to them.

It is difficult to comprehend why, of the 5,558 students who were interested enough in student government to cast a vote in the recent students' union elections, at least 100 do not step forward to fill these positions.

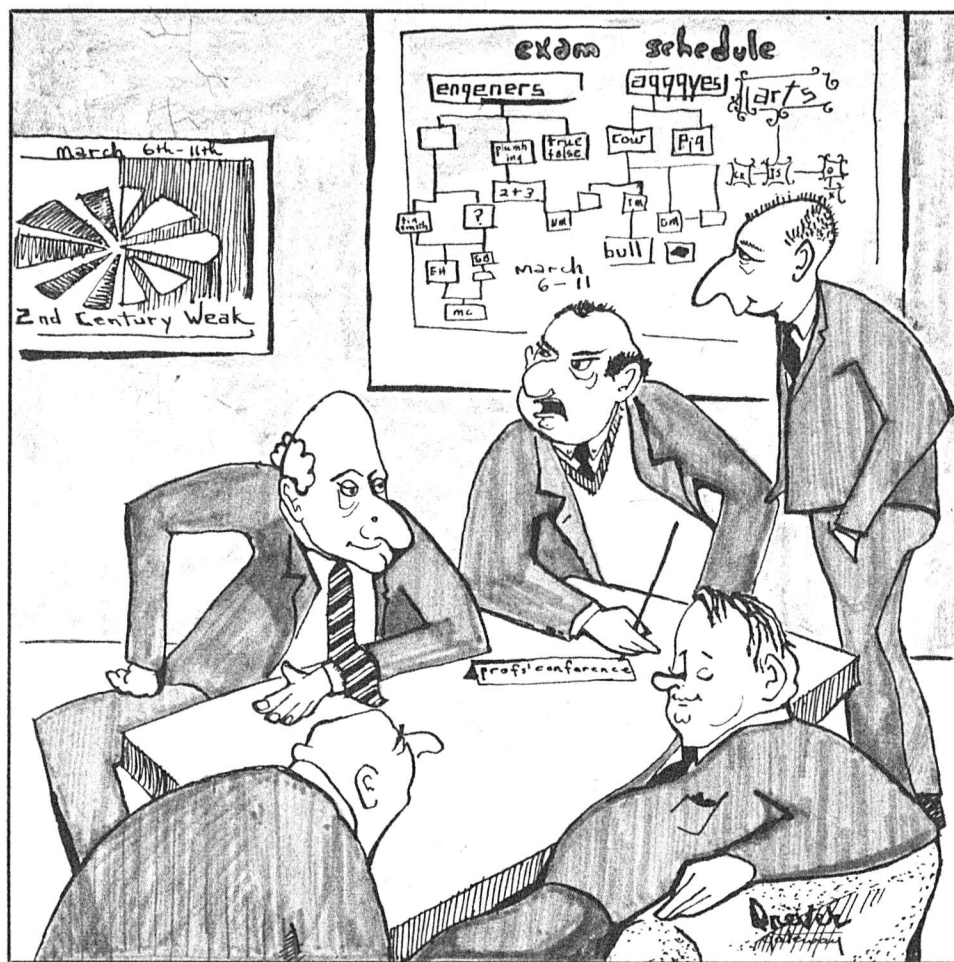
It is commonly assumed that many persons came to university to become educated. Education is not the mere acquisition of academic knowledge. The concept of education involves the development of the

whole person—his mental, physical and spiritual qualities. The lecture halls and study hours take care of mental development. The administration has decided that phys ed 218 takes care of physical development, and everyone has his own ideas about spiritual development.

But man is not a composite of three compact, independent compartments. He is a whole person. And his personality must be developed as a whole—not in independent sections.

The best way to develop the complete personality is through group interaction. The students' union provides an excellent opportunity for this.

Besides that, participation in students' union activities is fun.



"if it was to honor the queen or protest u.s. vietnam policies, we might have rescheduled exams — but for some birthday party?"

ralph melnychuk

how sick  
can you get?

Gentle reader, can you, in 60, 60-stroke typewritten lines, justify the existence of the students' union?

Think about it for a while.

And while the little cogs slowly grind away, may I suggest a few approaches you might consider?

Item: The students' union exists to organize dances and bring big-name entertainers to campus so that we can lose some money.

Wrong. This is not the function of the students' union, but rather is the policy followed by our beloved co-ordinator—Glenn W. Sinclair, Esq.—two-time (timing?) president of GWS Enterprises, Inc.

Item: The students' union exists to provide a justification (philosophical or otherwise) for U of A's withdrawal from the Canadian Union of Students.

Wrong. This exalted duty falls to one Marilyn Pilkington, author of that famous book, "The Customer is Never Right: or, How I Learned to Ward off the Socialists and Justify my AASociation with Schepanovich".

Item: The students' union exists to act as an agent of social change.

This item is dreadfully wrong. The Gateway is an agent of social change. The New Left exists to give The Gateway something to change. Mr. Schepanovich exists to wipe out irresponsible student activism, i.e., the New Left, the Old Left, The Gateway, and other assorted members of the International Communist-Jewish-Negro-Catholic-CIA conspiracy to corrupt the morals of the youth of Alberta.

Item: The students' union exists to harass the Board of Governors and march on the provincial legislature and city hall.

Wrong. This responsibility falls to those students living in residence and to the department of English. These two groups have horribly shirked their duty this year, so there was some talk the students' union might usurp their functions.

But in some circles, such action is considered dishonorable, and Branny is an honorable man—so are we all honorable men; come I to speak at our withdrawal.

Item: The students' union exists to cover Alberta students with an umbrella of protection.

Wrong. This esteemed duty falls to the nose of Al Anderson, which protuberance is of ample magnitude to cover the front beautifully. Did you notice how many nose CUS got?

Item: The students' union exists to provide U of A students with a collective political conscience.

Wrong. Although this is the true role of the political science department, there appears to be a certain amount of overlapping in this area.

Schepanovich has made some big steps forward, but now that we have a King for Vice, the moral direction of our students' union has now been definitely established.

Well, gentle reader, have you figured it out yet?

If not, how does this grab you?

Item: The students' union exists to differentiate the new building across the street from the phys ed building.