

No triple E Senate

Now that there is a free trade deal, the next big issue for Canada will be Senate reform.

Western Canadian politicians have said that an EEE Senate (effective, equal, and elected) will solve the West's political problems with central Canada.

However, unlike the free trade deal, there is little chance an EEE Senate will be established. There is also little chance that EEE will help western Canada if it does occur.

Only one of the E's would do any good for Canada. If we had elected Senators, fewer bigwigs will be appointed to the Senate through patronage deals and loyalty to the party in power at the time.

Senators will finally be accountable to the voter, instead of the person who appointed him.

But that's where the good points stop for the 'EEE Senate. Why should there be "equal representation"? It would mean that one person's vote cast for a senator in PEI would be worth more than one vote for a senator in Alberta, which would be worth more than one in Ontario. This would mean that an individual's vote in a province of smaller population would be more important than someone else's in a larger province. This goes against Canada's sense of equality among its citizens, and probably against the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The more populated provinces (central Canada) would not want to lose any of the power they already have. Since they held most of the present power in Canada, there would be little chance of EEE going through.

Western Canada would be better served if Members of Parliament had the guts to look out for their constituents as their first priority instead of serving their party with undying loyalty. It is alarming that Parliament has to set aside a special free vote so that members may vote as they wish, which they don't do the rest of the time. Canada should look at the example of the Northwest Territories, where only independent members run for elections.

To make this country more streamlined, we do not need Senate reform. EEE looks more like III (Idiotic, Illogical, and Impossible). The citizens of Canada should hire somebody to knock down the east block of Parliament and pave the whole thing. The interests of ordinary Canadians would be better served.

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More censorship

Re: "Censorship" (Gateway letters, Oct. 1)

Mr. Rodomar, it is you who is guilty of censorship — and the worst kind at that — selective fact raising so as to coerce people into agreeing with your point of view.

You should get off of your high horse. Contrary to what you allow yourself to believe, you neither know all about the Central American situation nor do you have the "right" to tell campus clubs how to run their events. The fact that you, alone, want to decide the rules we all live by shows your autocratic nature; and the inconsistencies and immaturities in your philosophy.

Why did you act like a child, and not address your concerns with me after the meeting when I took the time to explain our position. You preferred instead to grandstand like an infant wanting attention. Considering this, how do you expect anyone to take your positions seriously?

Finally, I would address the other various insults you so freely throw about, except that it may lend a modicum of credibility to your outlandish statements. Clearly, you don't deserve that.

M. Hunter
 President, IRSS Society

No friends

Well, someone has got to say it and it may as well be me. Somebody has to tell these first year students that they've got the wrong idea. I'm tired of running into these people in classes who, through their naivete, want to be your friend.

Now listen up kids, you're in University now — that means; no one is your friend. That nice looking guy that sits beside you and asks if maybe you would like to have coffee sometime, avoid him like Lydo take-out food. That girl who went to your high school that

says hi to you in the hallway — she's no more your friend than Peter Pocklington. The reason: the BELL CURVE. It's a dog-eat-dog world here and the more heads you step on the faster you get to the top of that curve.

So next time kids when someone claiming to be your pal says "so did you study for the test last night?" look him in the eye and say "I'll smoke a turd in hell before I'll help you." And when that girl you went to high school with asks to borrow yesterday's notes, tell her forget it.

And remember kids, university isn't about making friends or experiencing new things, it's about getting good marks — and that's all!

Jim Stinert

Get involved

Re: "Miffed at SU Fees" (Sept 22)

In 1962, the Alberta government passed legislation stating that, "For each university there shall be a students' union to provide for the administration of the affairs of the students at the university, including the development and management of student institutions, the development and enforcement of a system of student law and the promotion of the general welfare of students consistent with the purposes of the university."

The council of the students' union is the official medium of communication between the students of a university and the board (Board of Governors) and general faculties council..."

The system and organization is in place and functions extremely well for students as a whole. My advice to Leslie Hicks and to those who may share her sentiments is to take advantage of the many services offered by the Students' Union and get your money's worth.

Here is a list of some of the services that the Students' Union sponsors:

- The Copy Centre
- Students' Orientation Services
- Student Help
- The Gateway
- CJSR FM Campus Radio

- Career and Placement Services
- The Housing Registry
- Exam Registry and Typing Service
- Information Services
- support of over 190 different clubs
- SUB Theatre/Entertainment (\$1 movies)
- the Student Handbook
- Student Telephone Directory
- the Anti-Cutbacks Team! (ACT!)
- academic and achievement awards
- the OmbudService

Your university education does not end when you step out of the classroom. Get involved on campus and use the Students' Union services — you will probably feel a lot better about spending the \$46.

Steve Twible
 Vice-President
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More ACT!

The article by Rod Campbell entitled, "ACT Honchos Scrap" was probably the shoddiest example of "journalism" the Gateway has produced this year.

Not only did the article show an incredible bias towards Wade Deisman and against Andrew Fredericks, not only was it the sensationalism so powerfully written against Ken Bosman (in an issue a few weeks back), but it was also blatantly anti-S.U. The article didn't bother to let Andrew Fredericks defend himself — it just assumed Wade Deisman was correct.

It is also very obvious that the article's author, Rod Campbell, was just looking for a front page story. He didn't bother to find (and print) the real facts — just the sensational backstabbing. Further, the article was written in such a quick, sensationalized manner because it was the Students' Union's internal bickering — if it was the Gateway staff rebelling against Rod Campbell, the campus would never have heard about it.

In future, be responsible, and professional, journalists and print the facts, the real facts, not the grumblings of a group of Marxist-Leninists.

Hassan Irfan