

# Physicists irradiate whole cities by accident

In his column, "A fantastic way to administer scholars" (Tuesday, Sept. 16) Winston Gereluk has done that which he abhors when it is done by the administration; namely, he has "hurriedly thrown together a rationale" in regard to tests and marks. Not only does he use statements without backing ("most professors have taken it as

their sacred first-day duty to impress upon the students that the most important thing that they will receive this year is a "mark") and statements that are demonstrably false ("a good mark is a pass to the economic elite."), but he uses a basic premise that is quite ridiculous: He implies that testing and marking are wrong and immoral. I maintain the opposite. I believe that testing and marking fulfill a moral purpose, which I shall illustrate with an example.

Last year, I knew a student in pre-med who rarely attended classes or studied on his own time. Instead he played a lot of bridge and snooker. He flunked out last April. However, if there was no testing and no marking he would now be in the next year of pre-med, and, in a few years would graduate with a degree in medicine,

despite the fact that all he learned at university was how to play bridge and snooker. This man would be lethal to those unfortunates who would go to him as patients. Would Winston Gereluk go to such a "doctor"? Yet this "doctor" would be an unfortunately common result of Mr. Gereluk's testless, gradeless university.

The university Mr. Gereluk desires would produce doctors who kill; physicists who irradiate whole cities by accident; engineers who build bridges that collapse under very little weight; pharmacists who mix prescriptions incorrectly, and professors who have no knowledge to communicate. Perhaps they could all play bridge, but even bridge players need a doctor occasionally.

Ask my friend.

Simon Segal  
Sci 2

## Slave labor

September is one of those months when money is low. All twelve are bad, but September is always the worst, it seems. For some, the best, or only, answer to this shortage, is a job.

Minimum wage is a provincial matter. In 1968, it was decided by the provincial government that the minimum wage for all part-time workers aged 17 and over is \$1.25 an hour. Dating from 1962, however, any student over 17 of any institution is worth exactly \$0.65 an hour for any part-time work. This is enforced by the Board of Labor Relations inspectors from Sept. 1 to June 30, or what is a high-school, not university, year.

The issue here is not that anyone who works for this wage is a fool, or that few employers take advantage of this statute. The point is that students are on the losing end of the wage scale. Working one's way through school now, besides being not too attractive, is not even feasible.

B. Graham  
Arts 2

## Really?

When opinions are presented as facts, truth is distorted and the cause for which this is done is weakened. In the student handbook under "On Birth Control" Dennis Crowe does just this—his statements about the percentages of campus girls not virgins and taking the pill and based on his "observations(?)" and on the occasional conversation he has had with a doctor. That such an opinion should be made and published by a student representative in a student publication is deplorable.

University students should search for the truth, not create a facsimile of it. I think that Dennis would do well to retract the statements and conduct a valid survey to find out what the truth is.

Carmen Paradis  
Sci 2

## Naive ideas

Someone has to put this Lionel Lizee down (ref. Leadbeater Logic Incoherent) for inflicting his puerile, dog-faced, naive and even stupid little opinions upon us. His naive acceptance of the status quo would set the evolution of a truly democratic university back in the Dark Ages.

Such statements as "Professors are well aware of their shortcomings," etc., are so fatuous that one is forced to consider that the whole purpose of the article was to detract and belittle and that for this purpose common sense and logic were not to interfere unduly.

In effect Mr. Lizee has said that since things will never be perfect (oh damn!) why try to change or question anything at all. Ugh!

J. Humphries

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## Tyndall's open line show

The Editor:

In response to the editorial(?) by Winston Gereluk on p. 4 of Tuesday's Gateway, and in the interest of better communication, I want to advise your readers that the Administration of this University does **not** have to be "forced" . . . to justify what they have been doing." I am (and have always been) willing to meet at any time with any student or group of students to discuss what we are doing. My phone is 432-4776.

Gordon Tyndall  
Vice-President for Finance  
and Administration

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—In an attempt to foster the communication Dr. Tyndall is so anxious to encourage, The Gateway has given this letter the prominent play we feel it deserves. Might we suggest that students take full advantage of the line of communication mentioned by Dr. Tyndall. Let's **all** give him a call. That's 432-4776. Just one more note: an editorial appears under the masthead. We suspected most people knew that. If the editor's opinion appears elsewhere, the opinion is signed with his name or labelled an editorial. Otherwise it is a column and our columnists, at least, have editorial freedom.

## Sci. rep pleads innocent

Concerning my expulsion from council (as science rep.), I should like to point out the fact that a letter was sent to Miss Brown in which I explained my absence from the meeting at which I was expelled. I have assumed that the council executive did not feel that it was a legitimate excuse, since it was not brought before council.

The fact of the matter is that while on my way to said meeting, I was arrested for speeding and evading a police officer, and was not released for several hours. The charge of evasion was later dismissed by the court.

In conclusion I should like to say that, in my opinion, a councillor should not be suspended unless he is present at the meeting to defend himself, no matter how serious the crime.

Robert Zadunayski  
Sci 3

## No obligation to join a frat

Whether you are a freshette or second-year student on campus you are no doubt aware of at least two things—that there are a number of extracurricular activities in which to participate here on campus; and that this is a mighty big community. Therefore, regardless of where you came from and how many friends came with you, it's extremely easy to get lost here.

With this in mind many women students have chosen to join one type of voluntary organization—namely a women's fraternity. Fraternities have been active on this particular campus since 1931 or earlier, and while the goals and purposes of each group have remained about the same, the involvements change each year.

One of the main reasons that fraternity membership is so attractive is that while most of the other groups on campus specialize in just one activity, fraternities work to let you really be yourself and develop your individuality through participation in a number of activ-

ities. Women's fraternities involve sports (intramurals), music (Songfest), politics (speakers and discussion leaders and workshops at the Houses), opportunity for leadership, scholarship, and philanthropic projects (promote northern libraries, help the blind).

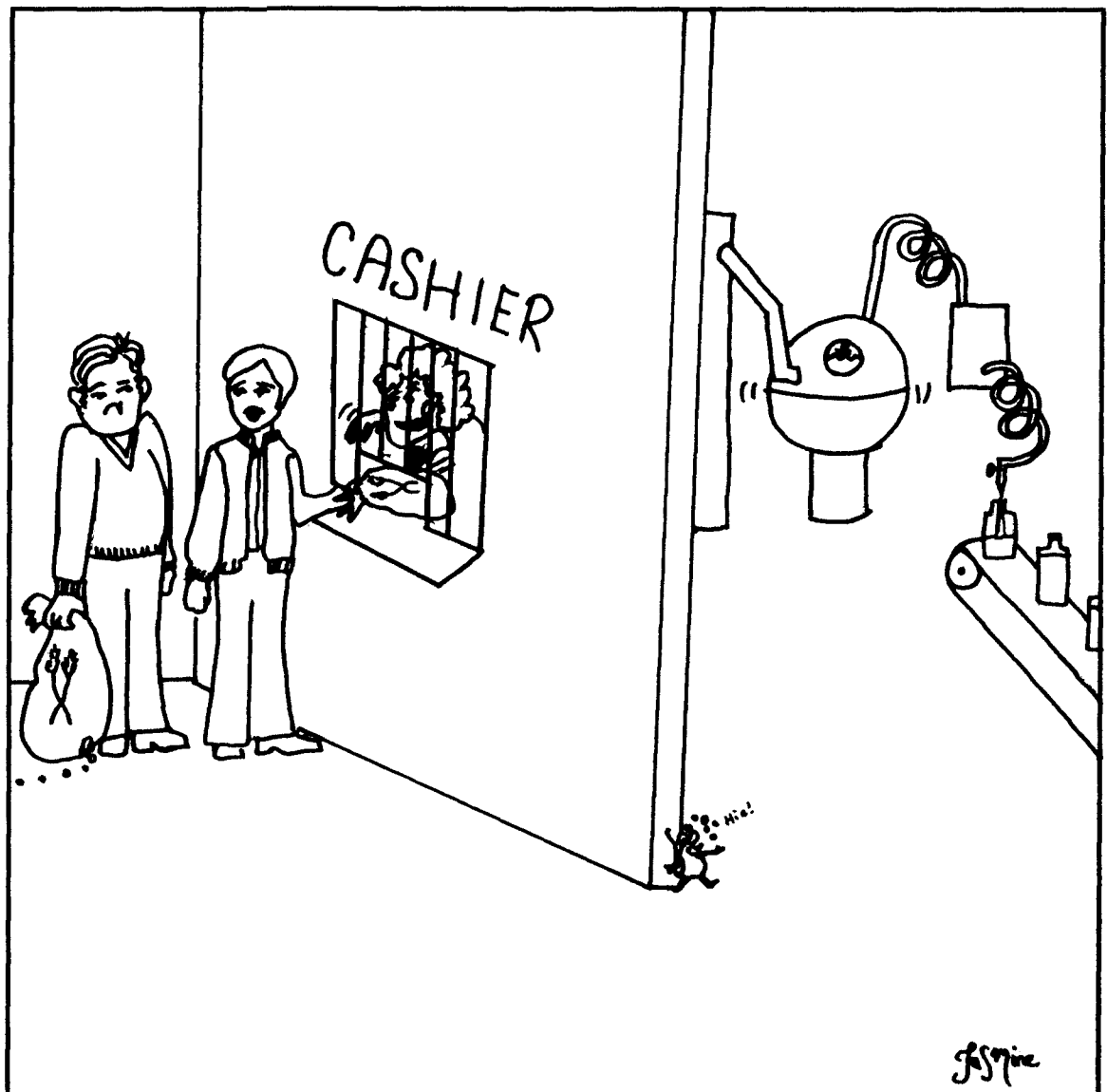
At present the fraternities are looking for new members and they urge every first and second year woman student to come and FIND OUT FOR HERSELF what fraternities are all about. They call this "rush" and while the Hootenanny tonight (Tuesday) at Room at the Top is open to all female students, the rest of the get-togethers are at the individual houses and students must register to attend.

Last opportunity to register is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 355D General Services Bldg. (west of the tennis courts behind SUB) on Wednesday, Sept. 24. There will be no obligation to join a fraternity but "rush" is a great time and you meet lots of new people.

Caenie Pyrcz



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