

Team needs support

After reading the comments of David Sproule and the *Gateway* editorial of November 1, regarding the decision of the Student Council to grant \$300 towards co-sponsoring with HUB Mall the Garneau-Windsor Park bantam hockey team, I believe it is necessary to come to the support of Tema Frank and the External Affairs Board.

The Garneau Community League provides many services to the residents of the community, of which minor hockey in affiliation with Windsor Park Community League is just one. The operating expenses of the minor hockey program are largely provided by the Community League from funds raised by volunteer efforts — bingos, bottle drives, casinos, community league memberships, etc. However the hockey programs of the community leagues have traditionally relied on local private sponsors for uniform costs. The Garneau-Windsor Park area is unique to other community league areas in regards to this for several reasons:

1) There is only one large business or institution in our area — the university.

2) There are a number of small businesses in the community which do contribute to the hockey program by sponsoring trophies and in one case by sponsoring sweaters for a younger team. But none can afford the cost of uniforms for the bantams.

3) There are very few if any private entrepreneurs residing in the area who could and would sponsor a team.

Because the cost of the bantam uniforms was high, we had no alternative other than seeking support from the largest institution of the community — the university. I approached Tema Frank with our predicament in early September. I pointed out that there are large numbers of students in the community — few of which buy community league memberships, help at bingos, etc. Here was a community program in need of financial support. Would the Student Council through the External Affairs Board consider sponsoring it? Essentially, why would the External Affairs Board consider support of boat people programs and others which seem distant to the university community and ignore a community program on its door step.

Tema and the External Affairs Board agreed but thought the \$1,326 price tag was too high. Could we find a co-sponsor from the university community. Thanks to the efforts of HUB manager Ernie Houeft, the HUB Merchant Association and HUB Mall agreed to provide \$700 for a co-sponsorship.

Although the \$1,000 provided by the HUB Mall and the Students' Union does not cover the full cost of the uniforms, it is a major contribution to a community league program. The remainder will be made up from the community's general fund.

It would seem from the comments of Gordon Turtle that minor hockey is no longer an important past time for children otherwise it would be a worthwhile project. Certainly it is important that the community league provide programs for senior citizens, the needy, etc. The fact is the Garneau Community League does provide

programs for these and others and could provide even better programs with more volunteer support from the students in the community. However the fact is the community league considers minor hockey an important function and does seek support for the program from within the community — including the University.

If Gordon Turtle has any concern for community-student relations, the negativism of his editorial of November 1 indicates that he would do the university, the students, the community, and *Gateway* a big favor by restricting his comments to matters of which he is more informed.

Thank you Tema Frank and those on the Student Council who saw fit to contribute to this community program. The community does appreciate it.

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Insult to writer

An open letter to Bernie Williams:

I was insulted by your recent letter to the *Gateway* concerning the article I wrote on fraternities. You implied that I was guilty of spelling errors,

Diamond in the Rough

I am not an avid reader of the *Gateway*; for the most part I find student writing either too didactic or idealistic. However from time to time a column appears that seems to express either a genuine sense of commitment and understanding, or sense of humor, or optimistically, both.

The writer of the column "Rough Cuts," Ms. Diane Young, seems to have an interesting mixture of the above qualities, as shown by some of the views that she has presented lately. I specifically point to the column of Oct. 25, in which she shows two sides to the problem of the misrepresentations of the commercial world (downtown) and the educational one in direct response to one another. I only hope that she further illuminates this situation.

Well done, Ms. Young. Please continue

Bonita Ulm
Arts III

presenting a shallow view of fraternities and mis-naming existing frats on campus.

Let me point out that typographical errors do sometimes occur (as in your letter), and that a lot of editing is necessary to fit news articles into the *Gateway* format. My original story was longer than the form that was finally printed. I merely elaborated on information that another student had investigated and reported to be fact. This I apologize for, and I have learned my lesson on using information gathered by others. (Ed. note: so have we.)

Your article itself makes no effort to set the facts straight, by pointing out the specific errors made. Furthermore, your sense of self-importance is incredible. Who really cares about fraternities, beyond those actually belonging to them? You are lucky that the *Gateway* gave the fraternities any exposure whatsoever. It is not the *duty* of the paper to "clear up the myths and misconceptions of fraternities."

Lastly, I object to being referred to as "whoever he is". Obviously, I am a student at this university, as you are, presumably. Also, in my heart of hearts, I think the movie *Animal House* is not too far from the truth, but I had to write impartially.

John Lear
Gateway staffer



Quixote

by David Marples

At the north end of HUB, one will frequently encounter two well-dressed gentlemen sitting at a table, which is adorned with posters, proclaiming the virtues of Technocracy Inc. Nearby, a small office, the windows of which resemble a bulletin board, serves as the headquarters of the Technocrats. Despite the apparent intensity of the campaign, it is doubtful whether more than a handful of the students who walk down HUB have any idea what Technocracy stands for, let alone know the identity of its poker-faced advocates who propound their odd philosophy to any who might care to listen.

Technocracy originated after the First World War, which led to an interest in the benefits of a planned economy. Its founder was an American engineer named Howard Scott, who, in 1919, organized a Technical Alliance, founded on the dubious premise that only engineers could provide the solution to the problems of an industrial society. A second, but no less important opinion of Scott was that production could be regulated in terms of energy expenditure, rather than by using the price system. The latter was seen as the root cause of the 1929 economic crisis.

Born in Virginia in 1890, Scott was a huge and unpleasant figure. A fellow engineer commented that "he was too much like Hitler to be a good leader". He nonetheless refused to be anything other than leader. Lacking in any kind of tact, this arrogant gun-carrying figure made it his personal mission to develop a society run by those with "knowledge of operation and direction", that is by technocrats. In 1932, he and Walter Rautenstrauch, head of the Department of Industrial Engineering at Columbia University, formed a Committee on Technocracy, which conducted an "Energy Survey of North America".

The committee however lasted less than a year. Rautenstrauch soon recognized the anti-democratic nature of Scott's proposal to hand over control of America to a group of engineers. After a disastrous radio interview by Scott, the Technocrats were formally censured by the American Engineering Council and roundly condemned by the press. In January 1933, Scott and his associates were discredited and largely friendless. Why then, one asks, has Technocracy Inc. survived to the present-day? Why do members of this organization sit in HUB handing out literature inspired by this very same Howard Scott?

Technocracy Inc. purports to provide a solution to the problems of North America today. The Technocrats see themselves as the only people capable of providing this solution, by means of their scientific knowledge. They seek an end to democracy (indeed one of their leaflets bears the headline "The Statue of Liberty — it's time to tear it down"), the deportation of all recent immigrants and the return of all U.S. troops from abroad so that they might guard the borders against foreign intrusions. The aim is to mobilize the population to develop natural resources for the benefit of North American citizens.

If one disregards the sheer inhumanity of the proposed order of deportation, two points strike one immediately. First, Technocracy Inc. advocates a policy of "survival of the fittest", perhaps a hangover from the Thirties and Nazi influence. The suggestion is that North America, the richest continent in the world, should protect her resources like a bear sheltering her cubs, whilst the countries of the Third World are left to the wolves. Thus the rich of the world get richer and the poor presumably die off as nature takes its course.

Secondly, the assumption that Technocrats alone have the knowledge to lead countries is facile. Given that Technocracy Inc. is disillusioned with the rule of politicians, it nevertheless provides no proposals as to how the Technocrats are to take power. Are we to imagine that Congress and the Commons will simply stand aside, mesmerized by the breath-taking logic emanating from Scott's sheep-like followers? Future visitors to the hallowed office in HUB might ask one further question: should science, as a fallible discipline, not be used to serve the people, or should we be harnessed to its yoke, the prisoners of faceless technocrats such as Howard Scott?

SCIENCE PAGE STARTING SOON

The *Gateway* will soon be starting a biweekly science page. Persons wishing to write on any aspect of science and society are welcome to contribute. The language used however, should be in laymen's terms. Contact Julie Green at Room 282 SUB, 432-5168.



They'll never learn

The recent Safety Expo displayed in CAB was in my view excellent, but it was interesting

to observe that in spite of the display depicting smoking as a fire-hazard, affecting the smoker's health, and a nuisance to others, a great number of the other booth operators including our own U. of A. fire and safety officials and campus security staff were smoking. Is there not room here for practicing what we preach? Especially in a higher learning institution? Peace

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