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## a poor excuse

The Board of Governors moved unwisely when it decided not to back a student attempt to have Garneau rezoned for student housing.

The members of the august body would have to be blind not to realize that there exists on this campus a critical housing shortage.

And, if anything is to be done about the situation, student groups have found out they cannot go far without the support (not necessarily financial) of the university administration and the B of G.

At this point, it would do no one any good to embark on a lengthy discussion of the advantages and

disadvantages of fraternities or of co-op housing. The fact is that both exist, and quite probably will continue to exist.

Be they bad or good, it is an indisputable fact that in their own way, they present some minor solution to the housing problem.

The Interfraternity council, the co-op housing movement, and the students of this campus need every benefit that could be derived from rezoning the Garneau area.

We also need co-operation from the Board of Governors.

We maintain the reason given for refusing to back students' council, that of "not wishing to interfere with matters outside the university," is a very lame excuse.

This university is not a solitary island. Someone has to deal with outside organizations and legislators.

And, in cases such as the issue on hand, it is the Board of Governors who should do this communicating.

Furthermore, if the university is going to have to solicit funds to offset the current deficit in its capital budget, it is going to have to "interfere" in matters outside the university.

Going to city council to back a student request would be a good start.

## laurels

Students' council is to be commended for taking a stand against the provincial government's inadequate grant to the U of A.

It is time students took action on matters of direct concern to them, rather than merely complaining after some power legislates to the disadvantage of the student body.

The drafting of the brief to the provincial government will provide for the students involved an excellent opportunity to find out what makes the university tick at the top level.

## a waste of time

Model Parliament, in what seems to be an attempt to justify its existence, is running into a brick wall.

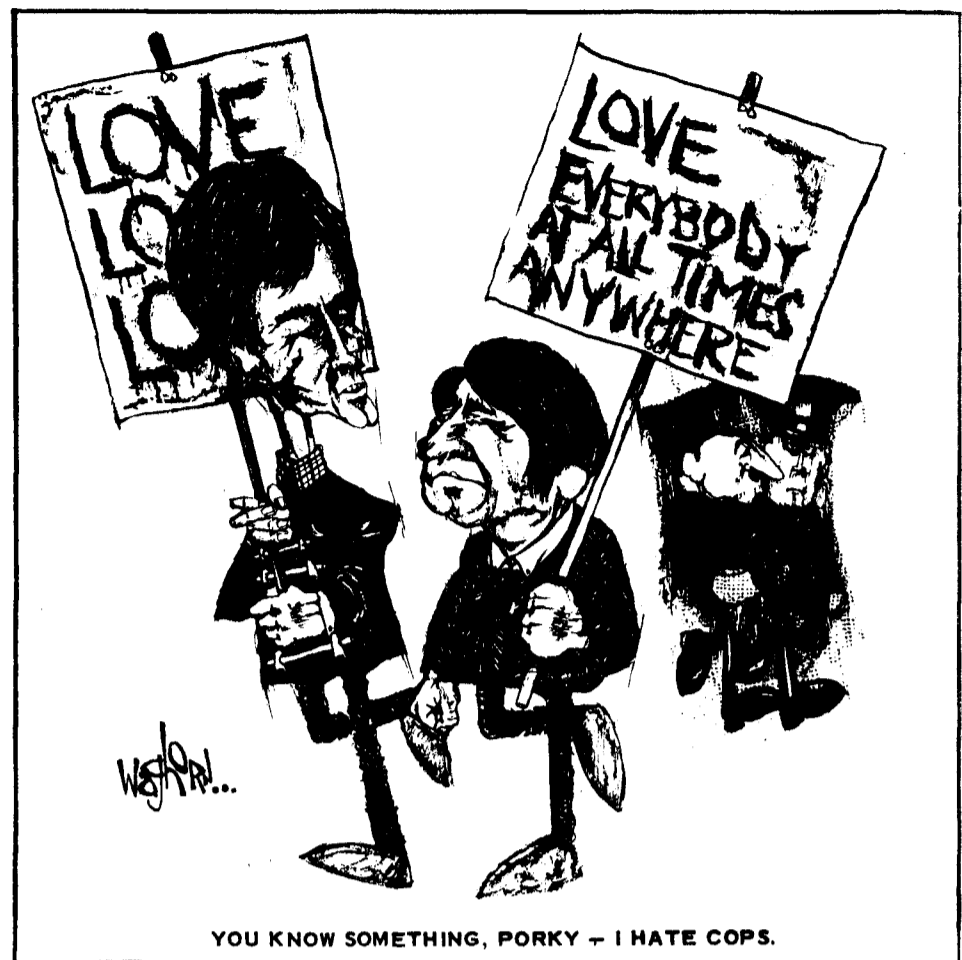
The Gateway Tuesday provided equal space for all three party leaders to outline their platforms. This, members of the editorial board and members of the Inter-Party Committee agreed, was a fair and reasonable arrangement.

However, in the past two days, we

have received five letters to the editor which appear to be written by friends of the party leaders. At any rate, they are plugs for a particular party.

In fairness to all parties involved in Model Parliament, we have decided not to run these letters.

We regret that the writers of the letters have wasted time which could have been more valuably spent out campaigning verbally for their party.



—reprinted from the peak

## a problem of identity

What is a Canadian?

The students at Lethbridge Junior College seemed to think they knew when they were asked by English 240 professors in 1966. Here are actual student concepts—complete with errors—of a Canadian.

A Canadian is—

1. —is a free soul who chooses to live under the influences of other peoples in surrounding countries.
2. —is loyal to Canada and works to make it large and prosperous. Is a person who would stand up and fight for his country.
3. —is a person who lives in Canada and functions as a citizen of the country.
4. —is loyal to the nation of Canada, not to Hungary, France or any other country. He is someone who wants to see Canada flourish.
5. —is part American I think.
6. —is a snobbish person who feels only he is superior to any other nation. Someone who is always making himself known and being a fool at it.
7. —is partly British or French with a lot of American mixed in.
8. —is merely a classification of a group of people living within Canada's borders. However, it should be more than just this.
9. —is the most distinct, free and confused nationality of people in the world.
10. —is a practitioner of Democracy.
11. —is proud of his country and is proud to live in it.
12. —is Molson's Canadian beer. The CBC.
13. —is mixed up with customs of British and American. One that is unable to really stand up and be able to say he is a mixture.

14. —has lived in Canada for over five years. One that is proud of his country and would even fight for it.

15. —has unlimited resources in which to make his career. A lucky person.

16. —is living in Canada, has citizen papers, and who believes Canada to be the best place in the world.

17. —is a citizen of Canada regardless of color, race or creed.

18. —is a person who sees everyone else's faults but sees and does nothing about his own faults.

19. —is one who truly "loves" Canada. Not one who just lives here or has papers that say he is a Canadian.

20. —is free government, enough food, (not worried about starving as in other countries).

21. —is a "Heinz mixture." Every nation is represented to a person living there. There is no true blooded Canadian.

22. —is one whose parents and grandparents, etc., have lived in Canada for over four generations.

23. —is a person who can speak the English language to at least some degree and who lives in Canada for a reasonable time.

24. —is a person that lives in Canada and is loyal to the Queen and Great Britain.

25. —is being born in Canada by officially noted Canadian parents and not speaking with any accent.

As definitions go, these are quite varied, quite poor. They are bigotted and they are super-patriotic. Some were probably written in jest, but most are probably quite serious.

It does make you stop and think, though, about an innocent-looking, simple question. What is a Canadian?