

# As the pendulum swings

Campaigning for student union office on this campus has in recent years come to put such a strain on time, studies, friends and prestige that some sort of reaction was inevitable. This year's slate of acclamations was regrettable, but perhaps predictable.

The lack of competition is only partly due to increasingly heavy demands on student executives. It may be even more due to the excessive emphasis which has been placed on campaigning, resulting in students fearing to risk academic failure, or the loss of face which accompanies a "losing image"—or both.

As a result, many capable students stay clear of the whole business; others engage in behind the scenes manipulations and "scares" designed to settle things without the necessity of going before the electorate.

All of this is unnecessary. There is no

reason why Gateway publicity, plus two or three speeches at public rallies, can't give everyone a chance to see the candidates, without putting anyone under excessive strain. To cover a campus this size with posters is perhaps a too-expensive luxury. Kicklines are fun, but out of place if candidates come to feel that there can be no campaigning without them.

Or is this year simply one end of the pendulum? Campus elections seem to run in cycles—famine to glut. Does this mean that next year matters will right themselves and a host of candidates will appear—as they did following the Louis Hyndman acclamation three years ago?

Regardless, ability to put on a fancy campaign is not necessarily a prerequisite for good work in student government, and we should let our candidates know that we understand this.

# Campus spirit

Rah rah campus spirit in the frigid climate of Edmonton jells into a semi-frozen torpidity. At least this is the picture presented on the surface.

If campus spirit means getting people to follow their leaders, carrying on the traditions of a by-gone era, or waxing hysterical over model parliament campaigns; then this campus would appear to be lacking in spirit.

But people do turn out, things do get done and not all students are frozen lumps of protoplasm. Ample evidence of this can be seen if one only looks behind the facade of the smoothly running machinery of the largest open house in Canada: the U of A's Varsity Guest Weekend.

To the visitor on campus, blue blazered students displaying official buttons appear to be the sole evidence of an organized student effort. Varsity Guest Weekend, however, is actually a synthesis of many students brought

into contact with the Weekend—either through their own initiative or the decision that serving Guest Weekend would be a good fraternity pledge project.

Long cold evenings went into the ice statues on campus. Intricate displays were constructed by students who could better have been spending their time on projects not designed for a jaded high school mind. Guides stood in drafty buildings or sat at registration booths. Tickets for a student-run show were sold by volunteer ticket sellers. The show's performers spent months rehearsing.

Every facet of the Weekend required long nights of work and much volunteer effort on the part of many. There is somehow something gratifying about the occasional unified student effort where the results are not the drunken orgy of banner waving and simultaneous card flashing that typify what is traditionally identified with "campus spirit."

# Vision and value

Amazing it is how many of us will stand for so long in such cold to watch a great man walk by, to glimpse that famous face, perhaps to press close enough to brush the expansive coat tails, or to hear that practiced voice murmur

a memorized "How do you do?." Amazing it is to realize then, with something of a shock, that this man too is capable of losing a rubber, something like you and me brother.

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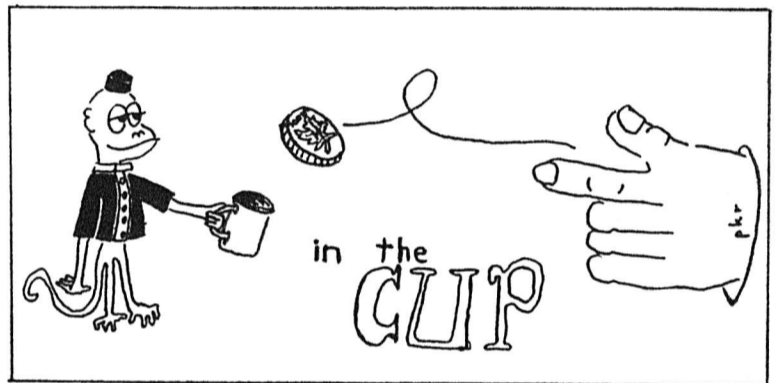
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... IT ALL STARTED BACK IN 1961-62 WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION DECIDED TO CHARGE FOR PARKING SPACE ...



by Penny Meisner

By Nickel Miser

A challenge of note has been received from Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick. The Gateway pledges coverage of any attempts to reply to it.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

At the recent Mount Allison Winter Carnival, the event of heaviest importance was the Canadian Intercollegiate Eating Championship between the undersigned, Don "Big Daddy" Roberts, 303 lb. middle guard for the varsity football team, and John "Garbage Gut" Baker, 202 lb. halfback for the varsity soccer team. The contest was a two division affair—main course and dessert.

**Baker showed remarkable gluttony in devouring five steak dinners in 22 minutes. Roberts was on his third steak when he conceded the main course title.**

The gargantuan Roberts swept the dessert division by demolishing ten pieces of apple pie. Baker threw in the towel after a mere eight, thus losing his margin and establishing a co-championship.

In the unofficial side orders battle Roberts outguzzled Baker six pints of milk to two. Baker redeemed himself in the coke category out-drinking Roberts 8 to 1. For their victory Baker and Roberts were declared co-champions and awarded four free steak dinners apiece at a local restaurant.

The match was called off after four minutes of outstanding gluttony, as both participants had banquets to attend.

As a result of their victory, the contestants have been acclaimed Canadian Intercollegiate Eating Champions and have formed a Mount Allison varsity eating team. They are now willing to receive challenges from any worthy university eaters and will travel anywhere in Canada to defend their title provided their

expenses are met. But as the 303 lb. Roberts stated, "It is doubtful if any non-Allisonian would be foolhardy enough to challenge gourmets of our stature!"

For any foolish enough to still think of challenging these ponderous champions their statistics are enclosed and a reminder to one and all from the poet Shelley; who said: "Look on our pots, ye mighty and despair."

### Eating Champs—Tale of the Tape

Don Roberts	Name	John Baker
"Big Daddy"	Nickname	"Garbage Guts"
6'2"	Height	6'4"
303 lb.	Weight	202 lb.
21	Age	20
Montreal	From	Moncton
54	Chest	34
22	Waist	40
60	Hips	38
13.5 cu. ft.	Stomach	unknown
44-0-1	Record	33-0-1
Only man ever to eat Ruby Foo's out of business.	Records held	Only man ever to eat second helping of Mount Allison spare ribs.