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## Committee Investigates Yearbook

A conflict between the director of Evergreen and Gold and Students' Council has led to the establishment of a committee to investigate the yearbook.

The incident which led to the investigation was really very trivial. Bob Game, the director, decided not to include hometowns under student "mug shots." Kirk Miller, Co-Ordinator of Student Activities, moved that Game be directed to include the hometowns. And thus the debate began.

Council at this late date really has no right to interfere in the internal operation of the yearbook. They had their chance to make appropriate suggestions and conditions in March, April, May, June, and July. They fumbled the ball. And now that they find they have a \$38,000 yearbook which doesn't meet their particular desires, they are trying to throw a monkey wrench in the entire operation.

The frame of reference of the investigating committee is much greater than the question of hometown names appearing with the faculty pictures. Its recommendations, of course, will not be binding on this year's yearbook staff, but will serve as a guide in determining next year's yearbook policies. The question of

the independence of the yearbook director will have to be given careful consideration.

The present bickering is only symptomatic of a general criticism of past yearbook policies.

We have reached the stage where we must stop and analyze our yearbook needs. We must ask ourselves what we want in a yearbook. We must ask ourselves whether it is still possible to include all undergraduate pictures on a campus which is expanding as fast as ours.

We must investigate the possibility of producing two yearbooks, both on a voluntary basis, much the way other Canadian universities do—i.e., University of British Columbia. One yearbook could cover student activities, the other graduate and undergraduate pictures. In this way both needs would be fulfilled at a minimum cost to the Union, without the necessity of a 400-page yearbook.

What pride is there in having the largest yearbook in Canada, complete with serious organizational and typographical errors? Would not two more professional books, incorporating a more artistic approach, better serve the needs of the students? Past yearbooks have failed to grasp the purpose of yearbooks.

We, the students, must make our wishes known.

## Another Look At UAB

Reaction to a viewpoint appearing on The Gateway's editorial page Oct. 23 has been swift.

Dave Cragg, President of Men's Athletics, replies to the viewpoint elsewhere on this page.

The recent controversy over the University Athletic Board originally began as an attempt to increase the channels of communication between Students' Council and UAB. It has more and more involved a more serious reorganization.

Given the reinstatement of the Presidents of Men's and Women's Athletics, given the additional student councillor on UAB, what more is needed?

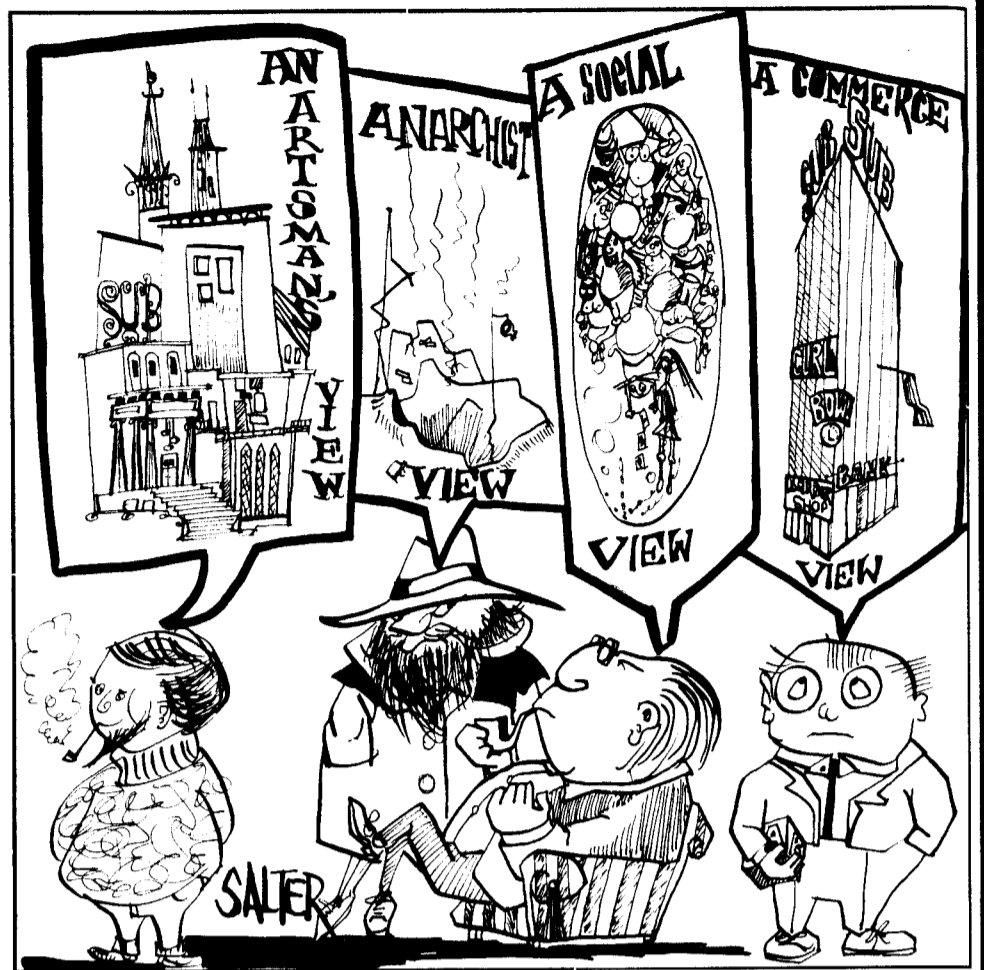
Perhaps a reorganization of the present student membership of UAB is the answer. In the past students apathy has usually resulted in acclamations to the positions of UAB. The position now known as the Vice-President of Men's Athletics should be abolished—it rarely attracts enough student interest to hold an election, and for the most part is merely a title. This member could

be easily appointed from applications submitted to Students' Council.

If the argument is one of effective student control, then perhaps it is time Students' Council regained some control over the UAB budget. There is provision in the present constitution for Council to inspect the budget before it is presented to the Committee on Student Affairs. This practice is usually overlooked and is a mere formality at any rate.

What is needed is the establishment of a finance commission similar to that which prepares the Union budget. This commission could have four student members, none of whom are members of the Board, with the president of Men's Athletics as chairman and the permanent business manager of PEB as advisor. All requests for money would be first channelled through the commission for a recommendation. The idea has proved very successful within the Students' Union.

The University Athletic Board is not so perfect it cannot stand some investigating.



"A BUILDING OF MONUMENTAL PROPORTIONS, AN UNFINISHED SYMPHONY"

### A Viewpoint

## Cragg Defends Athletic Board

I am replying to your point of view, Mr. Editor, as outlined in the Oct. 23 edition of The Gateway, entitled "UAB Needs More Student Voices." There was much concern expressed in this article—enough as the editor thought, to justify a complete and sudden reorganization of the University Athletic Board. As your president of men's athletics, I would briefly like to comment on the biting criticisms which were aimed at those members representing you, the student on the UAB.

The ratio of student members to faculty members of UAB is 7:3. Actually there are four faculty members counting Dr. Van Vliet—but in the two years I have been associated with the UAB I have yet to see him vote on a single motion. If athletic boards of other Canadian universities were studied, I am sure ours would have one of the highest student-faculty ratios of any university in Canada. I think that this fact alone, should dispel the growing concern of students' council that the UAB is overly controlled by the administration.

The seven students that sit on the board, are all elected by students. The president of women's and men's athletics and the vice-president of men's athletics are voted into their respective positions in the annual student election.

The representatives of the intercollegiate committee and the intermural council, the women's athletic association are all elected from their particular groups. The remaining student is a representative from Students' Council which of late has been the president of Students' Council.

Are the student members on the UAB then not representative of the students of this university. As four of these seven students happen to be graduates of physical education, and the remaining students (with the ex-

ception of the president of the Students' Council) with their past record of intercollegiate athletic experience—the editor claims that the quality of leadership does not meet the "status quo" of the standard leadership which he thinks should be there.

He even took the liberty (in poor taste) to label these students as such, which certainly didn't do justice to any of the board members, especially to our capable president of women's athletics. The article inferred that because the members of the board were so convinced of the inherent good of athletics, the present administration of athletic policy would not be in the students' best interests.

Of course we are aware of the value of intercollegiate activities, or we would not have taken the necessary time and interest to vie for a seat on the UAB.

Intercollegiate athletics offer not only an outlet for creative expression but also a desire to attain athletic achievement and ultimately athletic excellence. I could expound on the merits of intercollegiate sport at great length—but this is not the intention of this article.

The editor strongly suggested that the athletic program would be in the students' best interests. Have you taken the time, Mr. Editor, to carefully scrutinize how the athletic program at this university has grown and developed. The calibre and proficiency of our intercollegiate and intramural programs has been the envy of our fellow universities in the West. The credit for an athletic program of such excellence is in part due to the dedication of the UAB members of the past, despite their athletically-oriented interest. Most of the credit stems from the efforts of the present dean of physical education, Dr. M. L. Van Vliet.

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