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a most significant project

The high school visitation research project engineered by Dale Enarson is the most significant thing to come out of the students' union this year.

Last year students' council embarked on an "education action program" which generally affirmed the principle of universal accessibility to post-secondary education and arbitrarily decided that the elimination of tuition fees was the first step in achieving this goal.

However many people have doubted that fees are much of a barrier to higher education. Enarson's project should throw light on some of the real barriers.

The provincial government's interest in the program is very gratifying. The government has an obligation, not only to provide finances for higher education, but also to ensure that educational services offered are put to the best possible

use. And this includes guaranteeing that as many Albertans as possible will avail themselves of the higher education so needed in today's society. The government's generous financial contribution to the project is a very encouraging sign to those of us who have had reason to be disenchanted with general education policy in Alberta.

It is essential we make full use of Enarson's project. We hope he will be able to provide the data upon which the students' union can base a large-scale visitation program.

The government, too, should be very interested in the project. We expect Enarson's study will show one of the main reasons for lack of interest in higher education to be the intellectually-stifling atmosphere of the Alberta public school system.

We are glad the government supports the project.

Let us hope the government uses the project.

the poopers' union

Thought afoot of formation of a union for Canadian Union of Students dropouts sounds, at the least, interesting.

But without McGill University and at least one more "big" university, the new organization will meet an early demise. What good is a union composed of three small universities and one large one? In order for the union to be effective, it needs students to represent—lots of students.

If the new group offers a definite alternative to CUS, it will give other universities an opportunity to align with the organization it agrees with, and as membership ebbs and flows from one to another, so will the rise and fall of either union, and their respective ideologies.

It will supply competition for ideas, for programs, for new research into higher education—providing, of course, politicians do not play off one union against the other, which is apparently happening in the United States.

Both unions must be aware of this and prevent it from happening if they want to be effective in projecting the aims and objects of their respective members.

If this sort of playing-off occurs, both groups will fall flat on their

faces and will be as effective in helping students and higher education as the boy scouts' mothers' auxiliary.

revision needed

One of several projects students' union president Branny Schepanovich sees for his proposed poopers' union is a focusing on academic relations.

Perhaps he should take a look at his own academic relations committee before he goes much farther in his plans.

The committee here is so poorly structured that it is utterly useless, its scope so broad that it cannot even start to do the work assigned it. In its present structure, it cannot function as it should.

At the very next council meeting, students' council should dissolve the committee and set up several new ones, each with one specific project, such as membership on the GFC, course structure, teaching methods, ad infinitum.

Then, maybe, for the first time in years, council will get somewhere in academic relations.



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ralph melnychuk

the prince -- a la student government

The following column is satire, and thus is not to be taken seriously, unless, of course, it comes too close to the truth, in which case it is successful satire.

After years of silent observation, I finally discovered the key to success in student politics. Anyone who adopts the following principles is not only assured of success in the student political field, but is also well on his way to a successful career in the big time.

1. Aim for the top job. If you accept a lesser position, even though it be a prominent one, you will be unable to escape being called a sycophant, unless you raise such a ruckus and disrupt normal operation of the union to such an extent that you are labelled an irresponsible idiot. In either case you are finished.

2. Near the beginning of your term of office make a radical move based on unassailable principle. Do not be concerned if the consequences of your action are bad—what is important is consolidating your influence. If the principles you choose are strong enough, the idealists around you will support you to the hilt, despite their disagreement with the end result of your scheme.

3. Publicly denounce all criticisms of your policy as personal attacks. The student masses dislike personal viciousness, and by making yourself appear victimized, you will gain their undying sympathy.

4. If you encounter any substantial opposition, choose one antagonist upon whom you can isolate all criticism. It is important this antagonist be an utter fool, so people who may disagree with you will be forced either

to support you or be associated with said antagonist. It might be helpful if you intimate he is a mental incompetent, although if you play your cards right, he will do this himself.

5. If you are efficient, you will be able to destroy all harmful opposition by utilizing points three and four above. If these fail, make it appear that there is a conspiracy afoot to destroy you. It is better not to say this yourself, so get one of your friends, henchmen, tools, etc., to do this for you.

6. Whatever you do, shun all types of compromise. Reduce all issues to a black and white, right or wrong, situation. Not only will this greatly ease decision-making, but will give you the rational image and aura of infallibility indispensable to a serious politician.

7. Be careful not to destroy your opposition entirely. Your image of greatness will vanish if there is nothing to contrast it with.

8. Seek out the diplomats around you, for they can unwittingly be of great use. In an effort to obtain a consensus, they will talk to you about anything—in confidence, of course. By dropping relevant portions of these conversations to the right people, you can create any number of desired impressions. These people will not show you up by revealing the whole conversation, for they have moral principles. Besides, they would never be believed. Do not worry about destroying the character of the diplomats. Politics is no place for a man with a conscience.

So, aspiring politician, you now have the key to success. I wish you the best of everything in your chosen profession.