

## But it had nothing to do with his politics

The Editor;

I found out only after the Wednesday noon meeting that my name had been used in a leaflet circulated by the SDU, in the content, if implying quite clearly, that I had been refused a sabbatical year of absence next year on account of my criticisms of the university administration. I wish to state categorically that I have no information and have made no speculations to the effect that the rejection of my application for a sabbatical next year has anything to do with my political views; much less would I have given my approval to the use of my name in this context.

To set the record straight on this issue, I want to state that according to my understanding I was not under present rules entitled to be granted a sabbatical leave for next year; the decision against granting my application probably would have been a routine one except for the fact that some people in the administration were well enough disposed toward me, or toward my contributions to the university, to feel that it perhaps might be possible on this occasion to stretch the rules a bit in my favor. These circumstances make it doubly embarrassing for me to have this decision now used as ammunition with which to prove that this university's administration is oppressive.

The situation in the Department of Sociology in my judgment quite a different matter, but I have felt and I still feel that there is good hope that justice will be vindicated at a higher level for Professors Fisher and Whiteside, even though these cases have been allowed to drag on for an indecent length of time.

I am glad to confirm that I share many of the strong moral and political concerns of the leading SDU people among the grad-

## Noon Show can use them

The Editor;

I would like to address Mr. Bordo and the SDU group. As one of many students who witnessed your display in the phys ed gym on Tuesday, I would like to offer some advice.

Usually one goes to a circus to watch a clown act, however you succeeded in bringing your comic show to our campus. Although the performance was not well received, do not give up hope, Mr. Bordo. By an incredible stroke of bad luck, you desired audience arrived too late. Shortly after 1 p.m. a group of elementary school children arrived at the main gym. Here is the ideal audience for your show. No one enjoys clowns more than kids.

Perhaps all is not lost, Mr. Bordo. I understand that CRFN-TV is always searching for talent suitable for the Noon Show. With the presentation you and your capable group gave us Tuesday, you stand an excellent chance of becoming a full time comedy act.

Good luck.

Cam Stilwell  
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uate students in my department. I, too, am a champion of a democratic university, run by an administration responsible to faculty and students. But in my view this goal is not advanced by way of accusations not based on careful inquiry. Militant action is no substitute for taking the trouble to get the facts straight.

I continue to admire SDU for many accomplishments; this group has done much to make this a livelier campus, on which at least significant minorities now develop an intellectual and political consciousness. At the same time I must give this university's administration much credit for having, according to my best information, steadfastly defended the traditional academic liberties against pressures from the outside.

I confess I am worried about whether the defenses of academic freedom will remain equally strong, once the university now has decided to get involved in campaigns to raise funds from private and corporate sources. In this situation I think that organizations such as the SDU are more necessary than ever before. And I have enough faith in some of the leaders of this group (though not in all of its followers) to believe that they will learn from their mistakes.

Dr. Christian Bay,  
Department head,  
Political Science

## Why don't they just grow up?

The Editor;

This is an open letter to the SDU and their sheep.

If it was your goal to make a farce of the elections on our campus—you well succeeded. If it was your goal to make the public look down on us—you well succeeded there too.

I've heard say you want people to realize changes need to be made at this institution—but yet you offer no real methods of making these changes. Violence seems to be your means of getting what you want—I shudder to think of our society in another 20 years when some of you will be the leaders. You use words like "Student Power" but when asked to elaborate on them you just mumble a bunch of words that have no meaning. Why don't you grow up and like maturing young adults we are supposed to be?

Some of you—I'll grant—have a little to say that is worth listening. But most of you impress one as being the height of stupidity.

Don't you realize that the public just see your long hair, your outlandish clothes, and your child-like behaviour and think you are representative of the whole university. This is not the truth, but the mass news media never show a typical university student—YOU ARE AN ATTENTION ATTAINER.

Sit down and re-evaluate yourself truthfully. Maybe you'll then see how useless you are.

Trudy Pekar



"What do they know about what counts? They're Establishment."

## Leadbeater appreciates all the work they did

The Editor;

Many thanks to my friend and superb campaign manager Frank Macinnis, to a fine team of campaign workers for a great deal of time and effort generously given, and to those who supported me at the polls. It was their effort that made success possible.

A year of hard work and planning lies ahead of the Students' Union. The participation of all those involved in the elections regardless of their particular loyalty is needed. In the near future, I

hope to be able to get together with the other candidates and discuss ideas for the future development of the Union. But this is only a prelude to changes in which greater numbers of students must help.

I very much appreciate being given the chance to work as President, an opportunity to lead towards a more responsive and open Students' Union. Once again, I would like to thank those who made it possible.

Sincerely,  
David Leadbeater

## "I can't believe it . . ."

# SDU asked for dialogue later

The Editor;

Once more university students in spite of their mature minds and their overwhelming need for respectability, managed to put on a disgusting and sickening exhibition.

But what better way to fill a lunch hour than with 'bread and circuses'?

The SDU proclaimed Students' Union elections a mockery, a theatre for the absurd and, with their painted faces, banners and honors, they were out to make sure that no other students took it seriously.

They were not disappointed. Bands of students from the bleachers were only too willing to descend to scapping over a poster of Ho Chi Minh. They threw down lunch bags. And the two groups kept the assemblage amused by shouting malicious comments.

Yes SDU, it is true that the campaigning period is too short. But you needn't have made an issue of that. It was already an issue and part of the platform of the contestants.

It is true, two and a half minutes is not enough time to hear respective student officers. But at this point it was all we had and you managed quite successfully to obliterate any good it might have done.

You SDU had enough candidates in the presidential election to have made some relevant and coherent points in your collective time. Did you want to?

No matter how much of a farce you may have thought the rally you had no right to ridicule the candidates and deny them their human dignity. Because, disregarding appearances everyone in that gym is a human.

I know I had my doubts when

## Fitzgerald says "thank you"

Dear Sir;

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all those people who worked on my campaign and made it such a success.

I had a chance to meet many people who devoted a lot of time and effort to a job that was at times very difficult.

In particular I would like to express my thanks to my campaign manager, Mr. Bev Bayer and all those people who helped coordinate and run the campaign.

Once again, thank-you

Dennis Fitzgerald,  
Treasurer-elect

## Our language is not the best

The Editor;

Knowing that I shall be condemned by my friends and not allowed eating privileges in SUB Cafeteria I still feel it is necessary to retaliate and air my complaint against Gateway and Casserole. It is noted that I am a puritan and because of this I don't drink, smoke, swear, or date girls; well at least I don't date girls (only women).

My complaint is against some of the language used in our newspaper. I have a full years subscription and take advantage of it by reading from page one to whatever, but I cannot get accustomed to the swearing. I will tolerate some swearing by use of the vocals but in print there is no excuse. The article by Brian MacDonald in Casserole Jan. 23/68 was finally it. It met all of the standards set for a university article. It was one-sided and contained foul language. Was it really necessary to use the word "screwed"? We know what was intended and a journalist (of which he obviously is not) worth his weight in articles should not use nor find it necessary to use wordage of that sort.

But this is a university, a place of "higher" education and all facets of a "higher" education must be accepted, I guess.

George Bell  
Commerce 1

I heard the malicious laughter as one girl hurled an orange at the demonstration on the floor. I had my doubts when I saw so many turned on one because he was carrying a flag.

And when it was all over, most of the people had taken their ball and gone home. Then you SDU asked for 'discussion of meaningful dialogue'.

Then you wanted to sit down in SUB and drink coffee and talk.

Could I believe those white painted lips?

Could I trust the words that suddenly tripped so lucidly from them?

Only a few moments before those mouths had been laughing at me as a fool. Close up I could see that they were human. But no, I could not believe them.

E. C. Sinclair  
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