

the Students' Union should be an adequate representation of as many views as possible. Policy should be formed on the specific issue in a manner which accommodates these diverse interests without compromising group goals.

Slate voting directly conflicts with the theme of independent adversarial representation. The group basis of a slate implies an agglomeration of like-minded individuals. Thus we would have a Student Council which may not be responsive to minority interests, and possibly group interests. The responsive focus becomes extremely important when we consider that the University student has failed to perform the "watchdog" function so necessary for a representative system. As we all know, the SU President should be the mediator of the conflicting views put forth by the councillors. Wouldn't it be logical to have a President who mediates the conflicting interests to develop policy suitable to the conflicting groups while preserving the goals of the student body? The SU President must demonstrate his advocacy for the group. He must put group interests before his own. A nice way to demonstrate this selfless nature would be a voluntary, symbolic paycut. Unlike Andrew Watt's idea of a pay increase on the basis that Presidency is a JOB, the President must understand his/her position is more in line with a DUTY. (Take note, Floyd.)

In the past I have seen a number of instances where our SU leaders have failed in their representative function. Such brilliant statements as "We shouldn't rustle leaves... just to see them fall" (Paul Alpern), would cause me to ask if we don't rustle leaves, and even trim unproductive branches, won't we end up with lots of leaves and small fruit? Maybe Paul should leave the gardening to the gardener, the analogy to the writer, and the politics to the politician.

Unfortunately, the problems run much higher than VP External. Floyd's failure to demand clarification from Dr. Ford for his statement, "... they (students) spend \$50 on a weekend on entertainment and drinking..." only proves that Floyd has not served his advocacy function very well. His failure to demand an apology in essence condemns the student body to Dr. Ford's stereotype. I wish I could reverse this trend of Mulroneization (the complacent surrender of one's advocacy function), but this task belongs to the student body in their selection of leaders.

Ten months of tortuous agony is more than I can stand. I beg every student to take the time and examine those in our presence for demonstrated leadership skills. If you find someone who will provide good, strong leadership, nominate him. Now is the time to choose a responsive, representative student government. Let's not be forced to make a choice of "the lesser of two evils" for Student Union President, again.

In hopes of critical analysis,

Andrew L. Zebak
Arts III

CFS 1, Gord 1

In Gord Stamp's last letter we were treated to yet another priceless insight into just how far out of touch Gord Stamp has become from the real situation that exists at the U of A. Gord claims that "the library system is one of the few areas where this university is under funded". I must wonder whether Gord is serious or whether his brain has frozen while he stands out in the cold waiting for the new bus shelter doors. If he can't recognize it himself, any ordinary student will tell him how badly this university needs funding in a number of crucial areas. The physical plant of the university is decaying. Labs are outdated and underequipped. Shortages of staff have meant that courses listed in the calendar are not being offered and many offered are grossly overcrowded. Lack of funding has meant that many professors cannot hire needed T.A.s. Unfortunately, as this list grows, it has been the students who have been forced to pay for these shortages as incidental fees increase and the quality of our education declines.

These issues, while of no concern to Mr. Stamp, are being addressed by CFS. CFS has been actively lobbying along with the Candian Association of University Teachers to establish a system of Guaranteed Tied funding, to ensure that funds allocated by the federal government to the provinces for the purpose of post-secondary education are actually spent there. Furthermore, this policy would provide

incentives for increased provincial grants to colleges and universities by promising more federal funding. CFS has also recently met with Flora MacDonald, Minister of Employment, and with officials of the Ministry of Youth to recommend programs for student summer employment.

Students' Council's gift to the library, while commendable is not going to eliminate any of the long-term problems facing our university. If Gord Stamp is so prepared to ignore these problems, I am all the more glad that one organization on campus, CFS, is not.

Dave Blatt
Arts Rep,
Students' Council

Right busters

To Peter (Business I) Beach and other "somewhat" right-wing orientees who might lay claim to "right" in a literal sense when describing their worldview: Left isn't synonymous with wrong, duped, or controlled by Vodka-city. In fact, to insist that political reality is bipolar, simply consisting of us and them, and thank god we're free to be us and not them, reflects a colonial attitude toward the world.

I applaud that articles on pressing world concerns appear in the Gateway (and other papers.) We middle classers need to become aware that we are living well beyond our means. Our demands are a quantum leap above our fair share.

International conglomerates play their often deadly business games, exercise free run of the world, taking what they economically can, and laying these at our feet (for a fee) and we like it, and think it only right?

Our interests differ from the earth's and from many of her people's. We want peace, right? How can peace exist where there is injustice? Justice can't exist where the strong slap the weak around so their wants don't go wanting. For us, justice means cutting back our demands, allowing for a fairer distribution of stuff among people inside and outside our turf.

As for Business? I don't say "collectivize" — just humanize it a little. Surely there's some middle ground between grabbing the bull by the bag, squeezing for all you're worth, and committing suicide.

Kurt Klingbeil
Grad Studies

Bok, bok, ba-bok

There has been a lot of talk on campus about the meaning of Psyko Chicken. This letter is to enlighten the public about this wonderful chicken. We, the citizens of 8th Mac, feel the student body should know of the local, but extremely charismatic, coordinator of our floor.

The Psyko Chicken was born in a small farm in Sask, in 1962. After 22 years of his life a startling transformation occurred to the charismatic leader of 8th Mac, Ted Zarowny. Ted, however, is not totally ignorant of his heritage. This can be seen in such works of art as the Psyko Chicken Shrine located at 830 Mac. At present the Psyko is looking for his long missing right hand chicken, Kaptin Kluck, as he/she is needed for the unholy war being waged on Psyko by the Chicken Busters on 5th Mac.

We hope this has clarified the situation for the public.

D.C. and Typhoid
Science I

No shame in mistake

Calm down Paul. I think you're getting a little bit excited because you didn't get the joke in the first place, and because Skip made you look like an idiot to everyone who reads the letters page. Why don't you just admit you didn't get the joke and stop your hysterical screaming for vengeance. Hey, we've all done embarrassing things at one time or another, there's no shame in that.

Terry Yakymyshyn
Science II

Bear Country

by Shane Berg



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