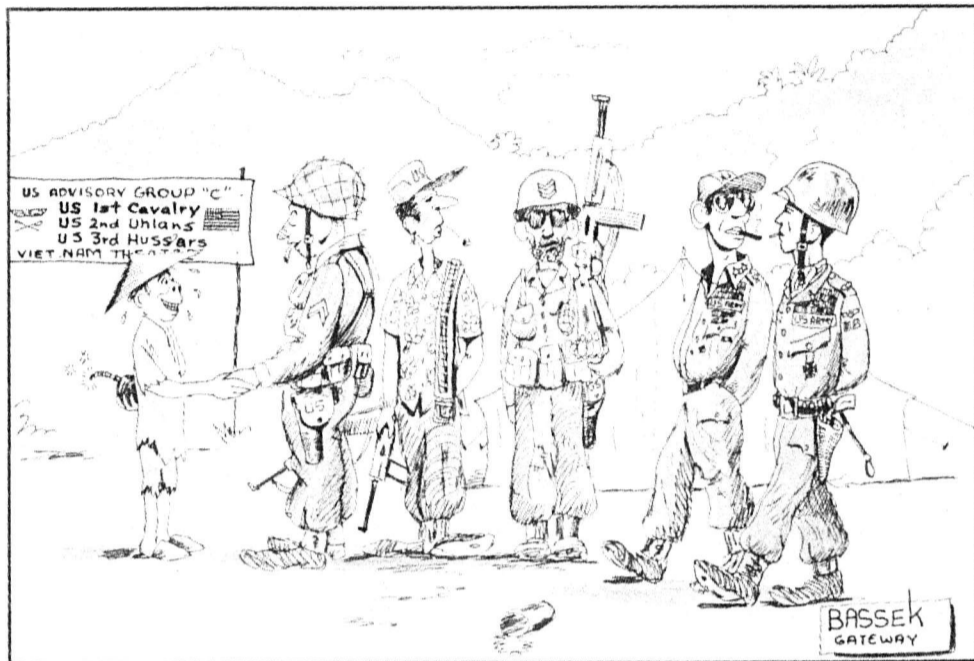


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as i was going up the stair  
i met a man who wasn't there.  
he wasn't there again today.  
i wish, i wish he'd stay away.  
—hughes mearns.



"how the hell did we win last time??"

## letters

### sick humor

To The Editor:

I have noticed your editorial, "a brand of humor," aimed at the so-called "sick" humor spreading on this campus. What puzzles me is why you have selected to call this sort of humor "Ukrainian jokes." You seem to be disturbed about this "narrow, cutting brand of humor," you claim that such humor "is nurtured by human bigotry and roots in human prejudice"—yet you refer to this type of humor in the same way one would refer to "Ukrainian literature" or "Ukrainian culture." On top of that you end your "brilliant" fight against "sick" humor in no other way, but by quoting one of what you call, "Ukrainian jokes."

Really, Mr. Editor. What is it? Are you against "sick" humor or are you for it by providing space for such humor in your editorial? How do you define prejudice and bigotry, then? And then, maybe, is it really the Editor of The Gateway who leaves a "choking cloud of garlic" when it travels at a speed of 2,000 miles and not the Superuke?"

Please print this!

Igor Shaikovsky  
dep't of slavonic languages  
and studies

### a canadian?

To The Editor:

Some of Mr. P. Portlock's paranoia in last Wednesday's Gateway rubbed on me. The very next morning, through the "rising" cloud of garlic and sleep-clouded eyes, I could swear I saw French written first on my box of crunchies.

My God, I hope it wasn't my prejudice against minorities that caused this. I agree, every landed immigrant should speak English within six months at the latest and try hard as hell to forget his former tongue. Hell, I have managed to forget two languages already, two more and I will be Canadian.

Oleh Niniowsky  
arts 2

### by canadian university press

The United States National Student Association is top-dog among the student unions of the Western world.

Its power in the American-financed International Student Conference is comparable to that of the U.S. government in NATO.

Though its actions are little known in Canada, its external policies can be of considerable importance, especially in the developing countries where student politics are often of immediate national significance.

The \$13,000 a year international program of the Canadian Union of Students, also little known in Canada, comes face to face with the external policy of the American union at many points.

NSA, as it is called, concentrates its energies on international affairs, raising the bulk of its annual budget of several hundred thousand dollars from American foundations and even from the American government. It collects only \$20,000 from its 287 member schools each year.

The association recently moved its headquarters from Philadelphia to Washington. A Washington Post article quotes NSA President Phil Sherburne as saying the move was made to bring the organization closer to the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Peace Corps and the State Department.

The Post points out that a benefactor—NSA won't say who—has paid the association's rent for the next 15 years and has put up \$20,000 to furnish the new Washington offices.

NSA works closely with the State Department, says Mr. Sherburne, to contact foreign student leaders and bring them for tours of the U.S.

He explains that it is often easier for his association to establish relations with foreign students than for the local U.S. embassy.

NSA, since its foundation, has emphasized international affairs almost to the exclusion of everything else. Each year the organization holds an International Student Relations Seminar that brings together student leaders from all parts of the U.S. for a nine week cram course on the world student scene.

The main external forum for NSA is the International Student Conference. The ISC, with its headquarters in Leiden, Holland, receives most of its funds from the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs of New York, also a supporter of NSA.

NSA has always dominated the ISC since its foundation in 1950, both through its own resources, which are enormous relative to those of other national unions of students, and through its influence with American foundations.

The ISC, of which the Canadian Union of Students is a member, struggles for supremacy against its rival, the East European dominated International Union of Students.

The ISC and the IUS with their respective Washington and Moscow lines seek to gain the adherence of student unions in the developing world.

In recent years NSA has moved to make its leading role in the ISC more overt.

When NSA was campaigning last summer to have its past president Ed Garvey elected secretary-general of the ISC, a conflict arose with the CUS representative in the United States.

Bob Rabinovitch, a graduate of McGill University and a post-graduate student in Philadelphia, doubled as CUS ambassador to NSA last year.

As the guest of NSA at a dinner with two representatives of New Zealand's student union, Mr. Rabinovitch was asked which candidate

CUS supported for ISC secretary-general.

When he replied that the Canadian union favored Mr. Garvey's opponent from India, his hosts considered this a direct rebuff.

Mr. Rabinovitch learned later that his action had earned him the label "childishly anti-American" in the U.S. student world.

Now persona non grata in Washington student circles, Mr. Rabinovitch explains the incident as follows: "I think NSA acted out of shock and anger that the 'Canadian lackeys' talked out of turn, and when they did talk they chose not to support the big brother's line."

To no one's surprise, Mr. Garvey was successful in his bid for the top ISC post. Past executives of NSA also enjoy several other positions in the higher echelons of the ISC, including the editorship of the international body's magazine The Student.

Partially as a result of such developments, many delegates to the recent CUS congress were concerned that American control was insurmountable within the ISC and that the body could never attain the stature of a true international forum.

The Canadian union was mandated to study the viability of the ISC and to reconsider its membership in the organization.

While the power of NSA internationally is not questioned, there appears to be curiously little effort made to acquaint American students with its policies.

"Internationally NSA does not represent its schools at all," says Mr. Rabinovitch, currently a CUS consultant on education policy.

He claims that last March Norman Uphoff, the international affairs vice-president of NSA addressed a seminar of the General Union of Palestinian Students, an Arab exile group with headquarters in Cairo.

# Viewpoint

Bruce Ferrier has a point. In his column "Piling it High" that is, he has made some very valid comments about students' council, and the university.

There is an attitude of general dullness on this campus, and to me it seems to stem from the Board of Governors, and whatever force it is that shapes their policy.

This institution is run as a factory. Every decision of the Board reflects the principle of "Let's maximize profit." The product of the factory is "homo sapiens with sheepskin," the raw material is "homo sapiens with senior matriculation." The direct labor is non-unionized, which means they must be worked as hard as possible and paid as little as they will accept.

by  
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chessor

The Board ignores the fact that students drive cars, and wish to park them near their place of work, because parking space costs money, money costs money, and overhead must be kept to a minimum. Unused space, like the ag lawn, is also expensive, and thus must be eliminated.

New buildings are designed by one criterion, and one only, "Produce the maximum number of usable square feet with the money available." Architectural beauty costs money; it increases overhead; and there is no tangible return on it, so it has no place in this business.

This university is the victim of poor management. We are cursed with a directing body which shows no feeling for the intangibles, the qualitative factors in management. They pay no attention to the effectiveness of the product in the community, or its ability to enjoy and improve civilization, but choose to maximize the quantity of output.

Thus we have a campus founded on the principle of "maximum number of students for minimum number of dollars." Architectural and artistic beauty cannot be considered, because no payout can be shown, but professors and students continue to complain about an attitude of "general dullness," a lack of enthusiasm and inspiration. The connection is qualitative and intangible.

Where does students' council fit in? Why are they so seldom effective in aiding the student body in the intangibles? They appear to the student body to be something other than leaders. Rather they are something of a self-styled elite, involved in student government for what they hope will be valuable experience and "status" that will help them through life. The student body expects them to strut and say "Look at me, look at me, I've got a GOLD KEY," and too many of them do. But the reply is not "Congratulations, we're proud of you" but rather, "Well HOO-RAY, and who gives a damn?"

Perhaps the environment stifles both the ability to lead, and the willingness or desire to be led.

Mr. Chessor is in fourth year mechanical engineering.

unknown to american students

## the nsa is internationally powerful

Mr. Rabinovitch, who later read the speech, says Mr. Uphoff's remarks were "designed to impress the hosts."

"To the best of my knowledge the speech was never released to NSA members," he maintains. He speculates that NSA feared the loss of several member schools had the speech been published.

In May, when Mr. Uphoff was a guest of CUS at the union's Seminar of International Student Affairs in Montreal, he told his Canadian audience in answer to a question that copies of the speech would not be made available.

Other international observers have made the same observation, that NSA faces the world but rarely looks at its own students.

Dennis Altman, a past executive of the National Union of Australian University Students maintains that NSA does not relate closely to its own campuses.

An observer at the recent congress of the Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec, he is now a student at Cornell University.

"Most American students are not sure if their school is in NSA or not. Nobody in America has heard of NSA," Mr. Altman says.

The Chilean student federation in an open letter also seized on the claim that NSA is out of touch with American students when it refused an invitation to attend the American union's congress last summer.

NSA has lost the adherence of over 50 schools in the last two years, and officially represents just over one million of the country's five million students.

Whatever the strength of the American union, as long as CUS continues to invest some \$13,000 annually in the international student game, NSA will remain an important factor in the Canada union's external policy.