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a special letter on major hooper's retirement and others on treasure van, athletic fees, schepanovich, murray and williamson, the weather and pulpinside.

study of foundations

Mr. Sun King Exalted Editor-in-Chief The Gateway (The Campus's Finest Newspaper) and Chief Placement Officer, S.U.B. Construction Project, and Santa Claus (jr. grade)

Exalted Sir:

It is to the second of your responsible offices that I direct this my final, I regret, report on my work as Chief Superintendent (sidewalk division) and with it I request severence.

As any fool can plainly see in a glance from The Gateway Throne Room, I have been carrying out my duties diligently and with dispatch. Sad to relate however the facing has now been completed on the east side of the building and I have shut myself off from the job. Perhaps it is just as well as my main interest is in foundations and piles.

The study of foundations is girdled with difficulties but embraces fascinating subjects. Without a proper foundation shock waves may be set up which will cause undulations of sizeable proportions.

This will give you an idea of the importance of this subject not only to me, but to many engineers as is evidenced by a perusal of the recent issue of the "Gateway-post" and other engineering journals.

It is to be hoped you will take cognizance of my technical services in the granting of a bonus commensurate with the retainer which you have paid me in the past.

May I say it has been a pleasure working with you and your technical staff on this project with whom harmonious relations have always been maintained.

I have the honour to be, Sir your obedient servant, r. c. w. hooper dean of men

letters

disappearing

The other day I noticed the names of professors Murray and Williamson were not present on the main directory in the lobby of the Tory building. This intrigued and puzzled me, and I set myself to figure out the reason.

First it occured that the deletion might be the result of petty resentment in the philosophy department, but this explanation was rejected as a contradiction in terms. Then I thought the name plates might not have been printed as a small measure of economy by the administration, in view of the imminent departure of the two professors.

Further reflection convinced me, however, that the present air of transience in the philosophy department would have suggested to a prudent administration, had they considered it, the advisability of printing no name plates at all for members of this department at that present time.

No, the rational and necessary interpretation of the omission is as a benevolent attempt to ease the jolt of departure of professors Murray and Williamson by gradually denying them existence here; as an attempt to have them fade away in the manner of the Cheshire cat in Alice, rather than to suddenly null them at the end of the academic year.

Two objections seem to me to mitigate against the success of this attack, well intentioned as it may be.

The first is the impossibility of negating the existence of a subjective being by omitting his name from boards, doors, and directories. As Camus has shown, even giving a man the physical form of a beetle does not affect his essential human existence, and one recalls the Cheshire cat faded only at his own volition.

However, even if their existence could be denied, piecemeal, complex ontological problems would arise: the difficulties associated with assigning the correct degree of existence to a man with his name on the thirteenth floor directory, but not that of the main floor seem insurmountable.

I believe the correct solution, perhaps more brutal, but more honest, is to grant professors Murray and Williamson full existence here until late spring, then delete them completely in one courageous erasure.

It could be done after the students had left. Even this may not be sure, as the ineradicable smile of the cat could not be made to disappear, but remained to offer its inscrutable comment. The above solution, imperfect as it is, has nonetheless the virtue of consistency with basic principles of human existence.

john elliot

fee hike

Recent letters regarding a proposed seven dollar fee hike for grad students in support of the University Athletic Board suggest this idea needs some selling.

Certainly the handling of the fee raise by the Committee on Student Affairs appears too heavy-handed to remain unchallenged by the concerned student body. Mr. Lou Helbig's criticism of the proposed action

must be considered in light of his argument, which is concerned with individual preferences for extra-curricular activities, rather than with irrelevant details of his personal anatomy.

G. R. Liivam feels he is able to support the planned subsidy by:

●establishing a necessity "to mold a student body in a unit";

●vigorously attacking Dr. Van Vliet's empire for loading the dice too heavily in favor of spectator sports at the expense of participating activities of not-so-perfect amateurs;

●tossing in a dream of reversing this trend as he was running away from his typewriter.

At the risk of offending the intelligence of the reader I wish to rebut these arguments point by point.

Graduate students should be considered past the rah-rah stage. And even at the undergraduate level there is little evidence that might make molding the student body into a unit all that vivable.

Admittedly the present state of the UAB empire does not deserve of additional student support. Thirdly, any change to the better should be realized before a raise in subsidy can be considered.

Finally, the point of Helbig's argument remains unchallenged to date. As a graduating student I cannot but sympathize with him.

e. w. kottke grad studies

treasure van

I would like to express my thanks to all who have helped in the staffing of Treasure Van this year. A good deal of the credit for this year's outstanding success belongs to them.

For the work done by residence on Monday; IFC on Tuesday; Panhellenic Society on Wednesday; House Ec'ers, Aggies, and VCF Thursday; nurses, Steve's, and St. John's on Friday, as well as the many others who individually stopped by to assist whenever possible, a big thanks.

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for the pres

Ever since U of A withdrew from the Canadian Union of Students' a small vocal minority on this campus have tried to discredit the actions of

students' council and in particular the actions of the president, Branny Schepanovich.

Dissent from the majority view is a normal by-product of our way of life and when used responsibly will bring results. However, contrived dissent can do nothing except bring scorn upon those who dissent.

On Dec. 7, The Gateway carried two letters and an article on page 5 all attacking Branny Schepanovich. The letter by Bill Winship, former Gateway editor, is what I would call contrived dissent. These are the facts and you may judge for yourselves:

1. Dec.2 a Gateway reporter phoned Schepanovich and asked for his comments on the CUS-IUS link.

2. The reporter stated the comments were needed by 3 p.m. of that day. (Gateway deadline is Sunday.)

3. When the reporter was questioned as to the reason for the deadline, the reply was Bill Winship had to see the comments.

4. It was later ascertained that Bill Winship was going to write an editorial based on the comments.

5. Schepanovich's comments about the CUS-IUS link were received by The Gateway on Sunday in plenty of time for the Wednesday edition.

With regards to the Viewpoint written by Dave Estrin, he has since admitted that his allegations were based on erroneous Gateway reporting. As for John Green all that need be said is he is a Gateway staffer.

If Dave Estrin or for that matter anyone else, does not feel students' council is heading in the right direction then I would suggest they quit flying kites and on March 3 run the flag up and see if anyone salutes.

Since The Gateway does not see fit to publish all the facts and get both sides of the stories it prints it might be in order to point out the Pro-CUS committee selected the time for the general meeting that was held on the CUS issue.

ronald c. mcMahon grad studies

Editor's note—As for Mr. McMahon, all that need be said is that he is executive assistant to Mr. Schepanovich.

weather machines

Last week saw the establishment of a new link between the university and the Meteorological Service of Canada. This link is in the form of

a teletype machine and a weather facsimile recorder.

These two machines, installed within the Department of Geography, are linked into the weather circuits of the Meteorological Branch.

The teletype machine brings into the university area hourly reports from about 60 stations in western Canada, north to the Arctic circle, as well as from a number of central Canadian and American stations.

It also brings in the public weather forecasts, airway's forecasts, and other miscellaneous weather data. The hourly reports are in a simple code, and significant data, such as temperature, can be readily discovered.

The facsimile machine brings in analyzed weather maps, and prognostic maps from Dorval, Winnipeg and Nisku. Some of the prognostic weather charts give the expected pressure patterns as determined by electronic computers at the central analysis Office, Dorval, Quebec.

Others, more intelligible to the layman, show temperature anomalies, temperature changes and cloud cover.

These two machines are located in rm 2-95 Tory Bldg. At present they run from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The analysed surface charts are posted at the head of the east stairs, 2nd floor.

On the same bulletin board are found the hourly weather reports and the most recently received public weather forecast. On the bulletin board in the north corridor, are the

prognostic charts for those who wish to examine them.

richmond w. longley associate professor geography department

mathew's letter

I protest your printing of Prof. Robin Mathew's letter on the Williamson-Murray case in The Gateway of Dec. 14. Prof. Mathews clearly stipulated his letter should appear after the CAUT report had appeared. I reinforced the point by suggesting to you that you should print the report or excerpts from it in conjunction with the letter.

It was certainly discourteous of you, and perhaps improper, to ignore the wishes of the letter writer.

noel parker-jarvis english dept.

pulpinside

I feel that John Thompson, editor of Pulpinside, deserves at the most, an opinion for his, current effort. Here it is:

the book disguised in the fact it's dying, weary, worn, lost and cold—a death knell spits and cries at night. —a chicken burps and it's published inside the minds of you and it.

r. a. kawalik arts 1

