

**Scroll a plea**

When students initially pass a "Scroll" campaign table, the prospects of more government spending on University is appealing enough that most students stop and sign their John Henry. Why not? Things at the U are just as the Scroll campaigners suggest they are. Classes are overcrowded, buildings need upgrading, and resources are dwindling.

Yet I see two problems with this campaign that I don't see most students recognizing.

Primarily, I don't think students realize where the government will have to find this increased revenue. Being in a deficit position, the government has one of two options: either cut spending somewhere else, or raise tuition among those who will reap the benefits of better education. The second option is likely the way the government would go. Were you giving them the go-ahead to do this when you signed "Scroll"?

This brings me to the second problem. Some will look at the last paragraph and realize that, through an ACT petition in prior years, the government is committed to a freeze raising tuition fees. Therefore, there is the suggestion that the government won't be able to carry out a tuition increase. This is an irresponsible action on the part of university students — demanding lower tuition fees and increased spending on the part of government. This, I believe, ties the hands of the government, and makes them less responsive to the demands of students.

So, when SU comes back to you, asking to be released from the ACT petition so they can bargain with government, will you sign as freely as you did this week? Or, will the government even look at the scroll with their backs to a wall? Probably not.

We should approach them with a policy. One that allows the government to increase tuition 7-9% IF spending goes up 4-6% at the U, along with a subsidy package at the Education Minister's discretion. Scroll has no policy, just a plea, and therefore becomes an ineffective bargaining chip.

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**Commitment commended**

Re: Attitude "masturbatory" (Nov. 1)

Writing about Christianity (or Christians) in *The Gateway* seems to be the latest trend, so I thought I'd throw my five cents in.

Mr. McClure seemed to be upset at the "arrogant" attitude of Christians; i.e. they think they have the only true answer and like telling people about it. He calls this attitude illogical, narrow, and self-serving.

I disagree with Mr. McClure on this point. I cannot see why thinking you are right and others are wrong, and telling other people your right answer, is considered arrogant and narrow.

Let us use Free Trade as an analogy. Suppose I disagree with free trade, I don't feel it will help

our economy or our culture; indeed, I feel it is a bad policy for Canada. Suppose my friend likes free trade; she thinks it will help our economy and culture. I cannot think that she is "right", at least not "right" in any significant way. For the good of my friend and my country I may try to persuade her to change her mind. I may in fact be morally obligated to do so.

Back to Christianity. I believe Christianity is true (many others do not). If someone holds a conflicting or contradictory world view, both views cannot be "right". ("Two men say they're Jesus, one of them must be wrong" (Mark Knopfler)). I believe some people are going to hell and some to heaven, not because I want them to, but because I think this is true. (I have some good reasons for believing Christianity is true. Not believing in hell is not going to make it go away.)

As well, because of the eternal consequences the Christian world view holds, I feel I have a moral obligation (as well as being commanded) to tell others about the claims of Christ.

But, for some reason I am allowed to think I am right as far as politics is concerned, but if I believe I am right in regards to religion, I am labelled a fanatic. It is unfortunate that people are not more open to hearing other peoples' views. I think Miss Howard should be commended for her commitment. If more people would stand up for what they believe, the world would be a much better place.

Jeffrey Schneider

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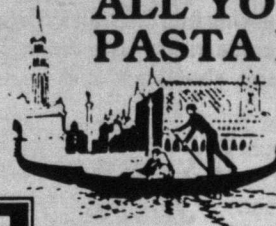
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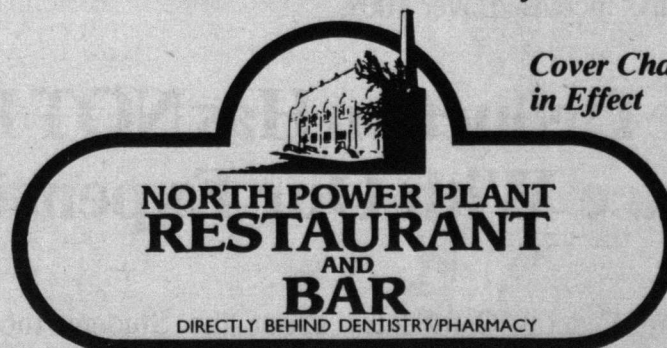
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