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STAFF THIS ISSUE—In my heart I know there are just thousands of people out there just dying to work for The Gateway. Where are you? The following loyal souls desire some company: Mad Marion Conybeare, Bernie Goedhart (Gateway boomer), Tom Budd, Ronnie Yakimchuk, Elaine Verbicky, Wayne Burns, Rick Millican (academic assistant), Stevie Rybak, Butch Treleaven, Al Yackulic, Perry Afaganis, Rae Armour, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt.

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what's good for one ...

Students' council is experimenting with a new type of government.

It is called government by personality appeal.

By awarding the co-ordinator of student activities, Glenn Sinclair, remuneration for unauthorized expenses incurred on a trip to Waterloo last summer, council affirmed the principle that being a nice guy is more significant than proper administrative procedures.

Proper procedures demand that a students' union official obtain authorization for any expenses he may incur while travelling on union business.

Naturally, extenuating circumstances can arise whereby unforeseen expenses may arise, and procedures should be flexible enough to cover these occasions.

But it is questionable where Sinclair's expenses can be termed "extenuating".

As we understand, Sinclair went east a week early for personal reasons. To justify certain financial arrangements, it was suggested he might visit universities in any city he happened to be going through.

When the rail strike broke out, Sinclair should have realized it would be improper for him to incur additional expenses by travelling around. It would have been different if he had been specifically sent down to make these visits.

fraud in student loans

Possibility of fraud involving student loans in Quebec comes as no surprise to us, although we were surprised something along the same scale was not going on here.

Apparently, some Quebec students are lying about their own and their parents' earnings in order to get a government loan. They are quite good at it too, as an estimated \$2 to \$3 million is involved in the fraud.

Some noble soul will naturally scream of the deceit and dishonesty of this practice and condemn students for this questionable practice.

But, noble soul, ask why this is being done.

Ask why students lie about their earnings in order to get a loan. Ask

We grant that students' union officials are notoriously underpaid for their work. But these officials choose to donate their time and efforts to the union, and until the union departs from its present stringent financial policies, they should be willing to accept their positions for what they are worth.

We also grant that Sinclair's visits were probably beneficial to the students' union. But Sinclair is not personally running the union—he is one member of an elected body, and thus he should refrain from taking such action without more explicit approval from his colleagues.

Two members of The Gateway's editorial board, also down east last summer on students' union matters, took advantage of the relative proximity to visit Ottawa and conduct some Gateway business. Our expenses came out of our own pockets. Being human, we too would appreciate some remuneration.

If the current criteria are followed, we, along with many others in similar situations, could also claim remuneration, and chaos would result in the union administration.

Students' union president Branny Schepanovich expressed strong dismay at council's decision. Although our opinions frequently differ from those of Schepanovich, this time we feel he was justified.

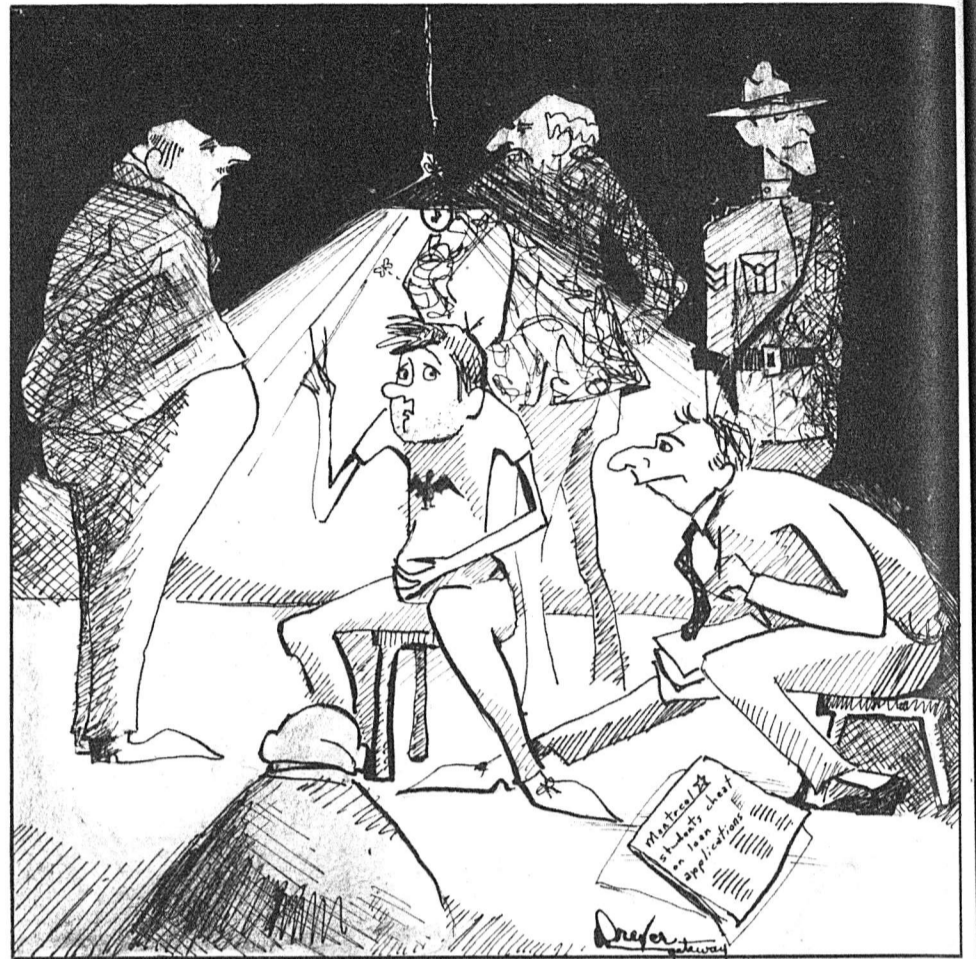
why students want to get a loan in the first place.

Better yet, ask the government why they set such a low ceiling on earnings in order to qualify for a loan.

If a student makes \$1,200 during the summer, and damn few do, that gives him exactly \$100 a month for the year. Out of that he has to buy books, pay tuition, buy clothes and live. At U of A, he would not make it without a loan or some other financial help.

The low ceiling has forced these students to be dishonest if they want to get through the year without resorting to outside help other than a student loan.

The government is so stingy with its loans, it would be just as well if they were abolished.



yes, i swear, my father is unemployed, my mother drives a beer truck, and i only made \$27.50 salting peanuts.

gabor mate let's play universopoly

The editors felt Gabor Mate, of UBC's Ubysey, had invented an interesting game some of you might want to play. We have localized the terminology to make it easier.

A group of us have invented a new game. It's called Universopoly, and it's based on the familiar children's game.

Some of the rules:

The players (any number from two to 11,500, but preferably about five) all sit around a grey, wooden board.

This is the Board of Governors. This name has nothing to do with the actual game, and each player has to figure out why the Board of Governors really exists.

Players advance on the Board of Governors by tossing dice. The dice have letters and numbers on them. For example, you might get combinations like Eng. 210, Hist. 350, and so on.

The more meaningless are your combinations, the further you advance. If your first toss is successful, you get to pay \$339.50, and throw again. If you don't have the money, you can't play the game.

As you advance on the Board good and bad things can happen to you. For example:

"Go to Assiniboia Hall and

tell your English prof that he talks irrelevant nonsense. If you pass the library collect two hundred dollars."

"Become a students' union president and transform yourself into a human tape recorder. Make the same speech a thousand times, no matter what the topic. Do not collect two hundred dollars. You are already collecting your monthly cheques."

"Go to Lister Hall and eat the dinner there. Collect two hundred dollars. You will need it for the doctor's bill."

"Become the math-physics fountain, and get people thrown into you. You may not like it. Neither do the people who get thrown in."

"Become The Gateway editor, and lose your mind. Or better still, lose your mind and become The Gateway editor."

"Become an engineer and yell 'I am, I am!' People will say you are crazy. Do not collect any money. Now become a crowd of engineers and yell 'We are, We are!' People will no longer say you are crazy. They will be afraid of you. Collect all the money you want."

So, as you see, the game is very simple. The winner gets a degree and a job collecting garbage in high-class neighborhoods.