

New party dominates Fraser releases final VGW figures

Those who follow student politics on this campus may have noticed a trend in the system of political parties.

The long-standing predominance of the Services Party is well-known. But for a few years it has been challenged with increasing regularity by the Acclamation Party. This year, the Acclamation Party fielded the winning candidates for all four UAB positions, and all six GFC positions for the Arts Faculty. These were only the more outstanding of its many victories.

In a *Getaway* interview, Randy Read explained the at-

traction to potential candidates of the Acclamation Party. "I have run six times on the Acclamation ticket, and it has never failed me." Remarkably, no candidate fielded by the Acclamation Party has ever lost.

But the most astute observers of the campus political scene say that a new challenger is on the horizon — the Vacancy Party. In a startling upset this year, it captured all twelve student seats on the Science Faculty Council, and five of the six Science GFC seats. Science had become a stronghold for the Acclamation Party, yet it won only the two Students Council

seats and one position on GFC.

Superficial similarities would suggest that the Acclamation and Vacancy parties are the result of a schism in the Apathy Party — traditional rival to the Services Party. The Acclamation Party is, indeed, the successor to the Apathy Party, but the Vacancy Party appears to have arisen instead from a nostalgic wish to return to former years when students had no voice in university government. However, when questioned by the *Getaway* on this, a spokesperson for the Vacancy Party had absolutely nothing to say.

Final attendance figures for Varsity Guest Weekend were announced by VGW coordinator Ian Fraser today. According to Fraser, 140,000 guests attended the University's open house in early March.

"I know my original estimates were considerably smaller," said Fraser, "but I forgot a zero when we were doing our final count. The figures were 140,000 all along."

The attendance figure makes this year's VGW the most successful ever, easily surpassing the next most successful VGW, in 1963, which was attended by 20,000 people.

Fraser says VGW officials used a complex and precise

statistical means to determine attendance this year. The method involves an "informal head count" by VGW organizers, the volume of water used in each building divided by the number of students involved in student council, and other statistical data which Fraser said were confidential.

"I know that, to the untrained observer, there may not have appeared to be 140,000 guests on campus," said Fraser. "Many people are not taking into account the 8,000 who attended the hockey finals in the ice arena, or all the caretaking staff in each building." Fraser concluded his statements by saying, "Trust me."

Fenna sizzling again

"That's just prima facie bullshit, patently absurd, morally bankrupt bread and circuses for the plebians," said Alan Fenna at last night's council meeting after arriving late and interrupting a vote on the adoption of the minutes for the previous meeting.

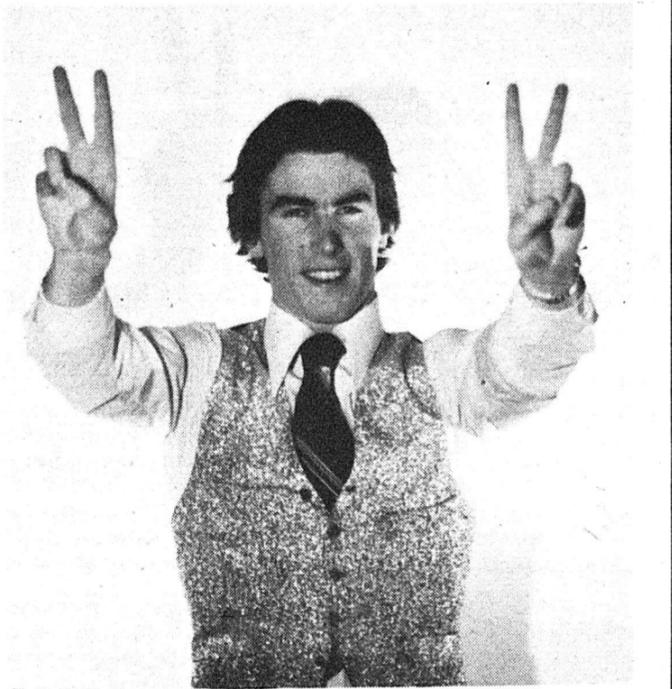
Willie Gruber rushed to his old buddy's defence, saying, "I don't know what prima facie means, but I agree with Fenna!"

Fenna, obviously hurt by the remark, continued undaunted, decrying the vote as spurious and a "complete miscarriage of justice!"

At this point, observer Kaysi Eastlick cried out from the gallery, "You're impugning my motives."

Fenna, in his most debonair voice, sauvely replied, "Tell that whore to shut up and sit down!"

In an interview after the meeting, ex-SU president Cheryl Hume said, "I don't know what could have happened to the dear boy. Maybe Stephen Kushner got at him!"



Big Al gives the high sign.

Qualified judges needed

New faculty coming

Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower James Horsman has announced the establishment of a new faculty at the University of Alberta.

Horsman claims that doctors, lawyers, politicians and judges are among the most important elements in any society.

"A community must generate talented and dedicated people to fill these essential positions," he said at a news conference yesterday.

"Presently the University of Alberta has faculties of law and medicine and a department of political science. However there is no mechanism to insure the development of competent judges," he added.

For years the proper method of selecting judges has been hotly debated in legal and

political circles. Presently all judges are government appointees. It has been suggested that the selection could be made by groups of lawyers or even by the public via open elections.

Horsman believes he has discovered the ideal solution; the creation of a faculty of Judicial Science. Students will receive thorough training in all aspects of their future profession. Courses will include preliminary and advanced sentencing, as well as correct judgement. Bert Hohol, former minister of Advanced Education, has been hired to teach an optional course, An Introduction to Wisdom.

Only 50 students will be admitted to the prestigious new faculty. Due to the huge number of applications that are expected Progressive Conservative cabinet approval will be a requirement for acceptance.

So far at least three students, Len Thom, Bruce Webster and Joe McGhie, have already received approval and been accepted into the new faculty.

Real hot dope from the Pope

VATICAN CITY (CUP) - Pope John Paul II prayed for an end to racial hatred and advocated the inception of celibacy in mixed marriages yesterday.

The Polish-born pontiff claimed that although many of his close friends were "Dagos, I have no intention of marrying or seducing one of the Sisters."

As the result of his example several of the 13 onlookers in St. Peter's Square went directly home and expelled their mates from the house.

One man, R.C. Chapelli, told reporters later his wife, born in the south of Italy, had been difficult to deal with for a number of months. The fact that Chapelli's wife was nine months pregnant and that he also was a native of southern Italy, did not seem to bother him.

"My wife and I have a difference of opinion when it comes to racial matters," he said, "but we have always been tolerant of each other. My only

complaint about my wife racially is that she believed in propagating the race while I did not. Don't get me wrong, I don't believe in birth control, just sex without babies."

Chapelli told reporters that he planned to take holy refuge in the mountains near Switzerland with the Sisters of Fulfillment Covenant (Physical branch).

Pam does about face

The Pamela Price "sex for grades" court case took a remarkable turn yesterday.

Price, a Dartmouth College co-ed, decided to drop the case after receiving a doctor's confirmation that she was indeed pregnant.

"I decided to give up this feminist's crap, and get married to my professor," she said. "What I really want is to settle down in the suburbs and have 2.2 kids. Marrying a professor is the best way I know of to reach this goal. Besides, it was probably him who knocked me up anyway."

Price also made one other precedent-setting demand.

"I asked for, and got, straight A's," she said.

"After all, I put out just as hard as anyone else, and I shouldn't be penalized simply because I enjoy my work."

The settlement has infuriated men's group across the country.

"We think this ruling is a step backwards," said Leroy "Killer" Svenson, a spokesman for the Men's League. "It means we'll all have to take courses from women, or turn into fags to get marks."

Olmstead still campaigning

They may have won the election, but the Olmstead slate are not about to stop their campaigning.

Dean Olmstead, whose slate swept the student union executive elections, said, "We promised to keep in touch with the people when we got elected, and we've found that we met more people out campaigning

than when we've been in our offices."

The first series of campaign materials will come out during exam week. The posters will say, "The Olmstead Slate: The winning team", and the pamphlets will have an updated platform.

The executive will be going through classrooms and cafeterias next year during the school week. Two nights a week

they will go through floors of residence and meet students.

When asked if this would interfere with the business of running the students union, Olmstead said, "Sharon Bell will assume all the duties of the day-to-day operation of the students' union. Although this was her idea she was still willing to make the sacrifice and stay behind. We're all quite grateful."

New fee structure for Ontario

(CUP-OTTAWA) - Ontario Education Minister Bette Stevenson today announced a new differential fees structure for Ontario Universities. The new format, to be used in the 1979-80 term, involves a three-tiered structure.

"First, we want to discourage all jigaboos, kikes, gooks, rug riders and Albertans from attending our universities ... They contribute absolutely nothing, so they will pay the full costs of their education; about \$5200," she said.

The second tier of the plan will see non-Ontario Canadians pay extra for their education in Ontario universities.

"We obviously have better schools in Ontario," said Stevenson.

These students would pay 60% of their education costs; about \$2600.